



Town Council Meeting

January 26, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Via: Zoom (Virtual Meeting)

Agenda

Call to Order

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Town Council Meeting, December 15, 2020
- b. Special Town Council minutes, December 18, 2020

3. Comments from the Mayor

4. Public Input / Question Period

PLEASE NOTE:

- Public Participation is limited to 30 minutes
- Each Person is limited to 3 minutes and may return to speak once, for 1 minute, if time permits within the total 30-minute period
- Questions or comments are to be directed to the Chair
- Comments and questions that relate to personnel, current or potential litigation issues, or planning issues for which a public hearing has already occurred, but no decision has been made by Council, will not be answered.



5. New Business

- a. DR 001-2021 - Request for Direction on SPP/ CPP (Process and Renewal of Agreements)
- b. RFD 050-2020 – PACE Bylaw - Second Reading

6. Motions/Recommendations from Committee of the Whole, January 12, 2021:

- a. RFD 001-2021: Appointment of By-Law Enforcement Officer – Valley Waste Resource Management
- b. RFD 003-2021: Review of Inter-Municipal Service Agreements

7. Correspondence:

- a. Allen Hume – Road Water and Ice
- b. Andrea Schwenke Wyile – 5G Installations on Main St.
- c. Andrea Schwenke-Wyile – Please sign International Declaration to Halt FCC Satellite Program
- d. Andrea Schwenke Wyile – Resources to Consider
- e. Barbara Blanchard – I would like to Know if there is a moratorium on 5G
- f. Carol MacKinnon – Waste-Water Treatment Facility Upgrade
- g. Clayton Fairn – Beached Boat
- h. George Lohnes – Willow Bank Cemetery Corporation
- i. George Lohnes – Re: Willow Bank Cemetery Corporation
- j. Hobard – Re-Designing -Rate List
- k. Irmgard Lipp – Untitled
- l. Janine Verge – Age Friendly Grant – Improving Accessibility for People who are Hard of Hearing
- m. Joel Stoddart – Personal Development Opportunity for Older Adults in Wolfville
- n. Kaitlyn Watson – RE_BIM Project Management



- o. Kevin Gildart – Project time-line update- Latitude 45 Suites_292 Main Street_Wolfville
- p. Thomas Clahane- Consideration of 5G Technology Implementation
- q. Valley Drama School – Summer Outdoor Theatre Proposal
- r. Vicki Bennett – Feb_6 Proclamation Request

8. Adjournment to In-Camera under the Municipal Government Act Section 22(2)(g):

- a. Legal – Charles Thompson

9. Adjournment of In-Camera

10.Regular Meeting Reconvenes

11.Regular Meeting Adjourned

DIRECTION REQUEST 001-2021

Title: Grants to Organizations
Date: 2021-01-19
Department: Parks and Recreation/ Financial Services



1) CAO COMMENTS

For discussion and direction.

2) LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

Wolfville Policy no. [710-003 Grants to Organizations](#)

3) REFERENCES AND ATTACHMENTS

Not applicable

4) PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is being sent to Council to seek direction as it relates to our Grants to Organizations policy and specifically to our Strategic Partnership Program (SPP) and Community Partnership program (CPP).

1. Do we continue with the SPP grants?
2. Do we add or reduce the number of SPP grants?
3. Do we change the maximum value of the SPP grants?
4. Does the current amount budgeted for CPP grants increase or decrease?

Our current Strategic Partners have come to the end of their four-year funding agreements and need to be either renewed or a new application process needs to be established. The current SPP agreements support the following groups:

Acadia Cinema Co-op (\$4,500)
Wolfville Curling Club (\$4,500)
Wolfville Lions Club (\$2, 850)
Acadia Performing Arts (\$5,000)
Deep Roots Music (\$5,000)
Devour! (\$5,000)
Valley Harvest Marathon (\$5,000)
Wolfville Farmers Market (\$5,000)
Wolfville Historical Society (\$10,000*)

Apple Blossom (\$2,000) is noted but not as part of the SPPs. Same for the support the Town provides Acadia through the MOU.

* note: the amount included to the Wolfville Historical Society include both a SPP grant plus an amount used in support of the Museum building itself.

If the decision is made to renew the above partners, does Council want to allow for any adjustments to funding levels and/or see the addition of new partners? In terms of new partners, our previous Council

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had a presentation from Kings County Senior Safety Society, and although Council wanted to support beyond the Community Partnership Program they had to wait until the end of the current term of the SPP grants. There may be other worthy groups that could benefit from this sort of funding, such as the Community Oven, the Acadia Community Garden, or the Blomidon Naturalist Society.

In terms of funding levels, policy defines the maximum amount awarded at \$5,000. Requests to increase this amount have happened. Does Council want to increase the maximum allowable award?

The Community Partnership Program is different in as much as they are applied for each year. The budget allows for a dollar amount of \$12,250. Staff receive applications and allocate awards up to a maximum of \$2000. Is Council in agreement of the budgeted amount of \$12,250? Staff decisions related to awards can be appealed to Council based on our Policy. For context, based on recent years, it would be hard to think of an application that was not funded if it had met the criteria. It may have been funded at a lower level than asked, but still funded. The promotion of these grants has been limited (website notice) and this may be in part why the budgeted amount and dollars awarded are somewhat similar. There is, if you look for it, a section on the website related to grants provided, with dates and the application process.

5) CONSIDERATIONS

As Council considers their response in seeking direction for the next reiteration of the SPP grant program it is important to consider the very nature of the grants. These are named *strategic* for good reason and Council needs to ensure that both current recipients and potentially new recipients will directly provide benefit to the Town and its residents. An open application may not necessarily be in the best interests of Council if they are: a) content with current partners; or b) have specific groups they see as strategic to the Town and would want to include.

Any increase in allowable funding will impact budget. See next section.

6) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Grants such as the SPP and CPP programs are supported within the capacity of the annual tax levy; however, there are numerous other demands on property tax revenues for services provided directly by the Town and grant dollars going out may directly affect current and future service levels.

The SPP and CPP programs typically touch on events or community space that augment the Town's own services. This lends to the budget allocation fitting within the annual tax levy/structure. Although these dollars go to outside organizations, those groups/entities are viewed as contributing towards Town related services that we might otherwise carry out inhouse IF we had the resources.

The financial pressures looking forward is mostly around the SPP's. At least one, Devour, has requested a higher annual contribution. Current Policy maximum per entity/group is \$5,000. Council may want to

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consider raising the per grant maximum, but that would also effectively require increasing the overall budget allotment.

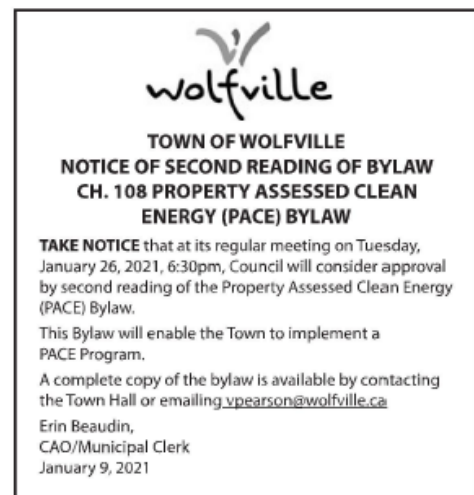
As discussed during the Council's early budget deliberations and as part of orientation, there are significant pressures on the Town's funds in the upcoming years, including ongoing infrastructure needs, proposed new Library, Accessibility Plan goals, and climate change mitigation efforts. This does not mean that each of our strategic partners do not provide a service above and beyond what the Town can provide, it just means dollars allocated out are not used for direct town business.

If Council feels it is not in a position to support the SPP or CPP programs, because of other budget demands, please advise staff. If the opposite is true, and Council wishes to support the SPP and CPP program please define to what extent (recipients and dollar values) so it can be included in the budget process moving forward and staff can begin their work on these.

To: Town Council
From: Planning & Development
Date: January 26th, 2021
Re: Supplemental Memo to RFD 050-2020 Request for Decision PACE BYLAW Dec 2020

The purpose of this memo is to update council on the PACE By-law process – moving from First Reading to consideration of second reading and adoption.

- Staff have had a legal review on the proposed by-law - suggested edits improved the formatting and clarity of the bylaw but introduced no substantive changes. A copy of the updated bylaw is attached for adoption.
- As per section 205(5) of the Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act, staff provided notice for a public hearing by advertising the second reading of the PACE bylaw in the Chronicle Herald newspaper on January 9th 2021. A copy of the advertisement is shown to the right.
- Staff have struck an internal working group to guide further development of the Town's PACE program. The working group is developing a PACE Program Policy for the Town that lays out the detailed structure and operations of the PACE program.
- Staff continue to work with PACE Atlantic CIC and staff from the other municipalities involved in the program funding application to FCM on areas of common concern, including governance, financial forecasting, branding and promotions.



Draft Motion:

THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING TO THE PACE BYLAW, AS ATTACHED TO RFD-050-2020 – SUPPLEMENTAL MEMO

REQUEST FOR DECISION 050-2020

Title: Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Bylaw

Date: ~~2020-12-15~~ – 2021-01-26

Department: Planning & Development



SUMMARY

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Bylaw

In order to implement a PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program, the Town of Wolfville must adopt an enabling Bylaw, as per section 81A of the Municipal Government Act, which holds that:

81A (1) The council may make by-laws imposing, fixing and providing methods of enforcing payment of charges for the financing and installation of any of the following on private property with the consent of the property owner:

- (a) energy-efficiency equipment;
- (b) renewable energy equipment;

Work is ongoing on key elements of the proposed PACE program itself, including securing funding, developing program details, and working with partners and stakeholders; council will be kept apprised of this work through presentations and Information Reports, and have an opportunity to inform and approve the development of the Town's PACE program, in the coming months.

~~DRAFT MOTION: Dec. 15, 2020~~

~~That Council give first reading to the attached PACE Bylaw and direct staff to prepare the notice of intention and set a date for second reading.~~

DRAFT MOTION: Jan. 26, 2021

That Council give second reading to the attached PACE Bylaw.

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1) CAO COMMENTS

At the June Council Meeting, Council passed the following motion:

11-06-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL:

- **CONFIRM ITS APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PACE PROGRAM FOR WOLFVILLE;**
- **APPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF A PACE BYLAW, UNDER SECTION 81A OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, TO FINANCE CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS ON PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND OUTLINE THE PROCESS FOR DOING SO; AND**
- **FORMALIZE WOLFVILLE'S ENTRY INTO THE PACE ATLANTIC CONSORTIUM, AFFIRMING THE TOWN'S INTENT TO WORK WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM TO DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED PACE PROGRAM AND DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A JOINT FUNDING APPLICATION TO FCM, THROUGH SIGNING THE *MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: PACE ATLANTIC – MUNICIPAL REGIONAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.***

CARRIED

This RFD deals with the second part of this motion and provides a draft Bylaw for Council's consideration. As noted in previous discussions with Council, this Bylaw is a requirement to move forward with the PACE program. This is also an opportunity for the new Council to re-affirm their commitment to this project, as moving forward with the Bylaw brings Council one step closer to having a PACE program established in the Town.

By way of update, last summer the Towns of Berwick and Kentville opted not to participate in the program, but the City of Charlottetown and the Town of Stratford continue to be strong partners and participated in the joint application. Wolfville was part of submitting to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

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2) LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Under section 81A of the Municipal Government Act, council may make by-laws imposing, fixing and providing methods of enforcing payment of charges for the financing and installation of energy-efficiency equipment and/or renewable energy equipment on private property with the consent of the property owner.

The By-law adoption process is shown below, in Figure 1:

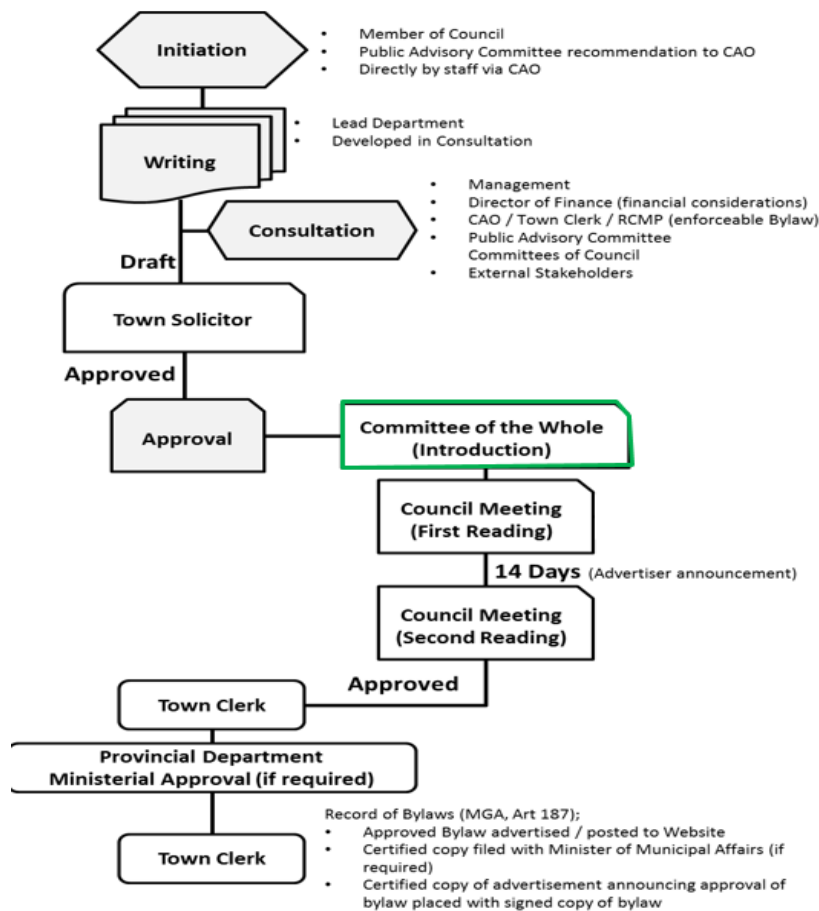


Figure 1 – By-law Adoption Process (from NS Department of Municipal Affairs)

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3) STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This is staff's recommendation to Council that Council give first reading to the attached PACE Bylaw and direct staff to prepare the notice of intention and set a date for second reading.

4) REFERENCES AND ATTACHMENTS

1. PACE Bylaw, 2020 draft (attached)
2. Original PACE RFD 030-2020 (attached)

5) DISCUSSION

Exploring a PACE program was proposed to Council, via a project charter, in early 2020. In June, Council passed a motion confirming its approval of the development of a PACE program and formalizing the Town's entry into the PACE Atlantic Consortium.

In July, the Consortium submitted a funding application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Community Energy Financing (CEF) program for \$13M in loans and grants to establish and finance the first ~3 years of a joint PACE program. That application has passed the first round of consideration and is scheduled to go the Green Municipal Fund's board for final approval in January 2021.

In order to be eligible for CEF, as per program eligibility requirements, applicants must have "a municipal program by-law or similar resolution, which authorizes the use of the specified mechanism in accordance with relevant provincial/territorial legislation". In August, a CEF program officer communicated via email that the program was "making exceptions to process some applications without bylaws, but [that applicants without them] may be penalized when it comes to program readiness."

The proposed PACE Bylaw is an enabling mechanism, nothing more: adopting it will make the Town of Wolfville to be eligible to participate in the Community Energy Financing program, enable it to implement a PACE program, and allow it to finance the installation of energy-efficiency or renewable energy equipment on private property with the consent of the property owner; it does not compel or require the Town to do any of those things.

6) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As noted in RFD 030-2020 there are no immediate financial implications to the motion contained on page 1 of this document. Council can refer to RFD 030-2020 for information related to future financial implications associated with a PACE program.

With regard the draft Bylaw, it should be noted several issues around financial aspects would expect to be covered under the eventual Policy referenced in the draft Bylaw.

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7) REFERENCES TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN AND TOWN REPORTS

The attached PACE Bylaw was produced at the **direction of Council**, which on June 30th, 2020 passed a motion directing staff to develop a PACE bylaw to enable the Town to finance clean energy projects on private buildings and outline the process for doing so.

A PACE bylaw would allow the Town of Wolfville to implement a PACE program, which adheres to the following elements of the Town's **Strategic Plan**:

- The Principles of: Affordability, Community Capacity Building, and Environmental Sustainability
- The Strategic Direction of: Improving Quality of Life for All through supporting energy efficiency opportunities throughout the community and fostering economic independence, inclusion, and dignity through more affordable and diverse housing options.

A PACE bylaw would allow the Town of Wolfville to implement a PACE program, achieving the following objective of the Town's **Municipal Planning Strategy**:

- To promote clean energy and reduce greenhouse gases (Climate Change Mitigation) by maximizing energy efficiency through conservation, local renewable energy opportunities, partnerships, and the use of sustainable infrastructure and green building design.

A PACE bylaw would enable the Town of Wolfville to implement a PACE program, in keeping with Council's stated policies in the Town's **Municipal Planning Strategy**:

- To educate, encourage, empower, and enable the Town's residents, businesses, and institutions to reduce their energy use and environmental impact.
- To work toward a future where all residents can better afford energy for their homes, businesses and transportation needs.
- To recognize that the transition towards low-carbon energy sources can aid in issues of wellhead protection, ecological sustainability, and long-term economic growth.
- To collaborate with regional and federal partners in energy efficiency and climate change mitigation efforts.

8) COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

As per section 168 of the Municipal Government Act, at least fourteen days before a by-law is read for a second time, notice of the council's intent to consider the by-law shall be published in a newspaper circulating in the municipality. The notice shall state the object of the by-law, the date and time of the meeting at which the council proposes to consider it and the place where the proposed by-law may be inspected.

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9) ALTERNATIVES

Council may consider alternative options to the recommended decision as follows:

- Not approve the bylaw,
- Approve portions of the bylaw and send back to staff for amendment, or
- Approve the bylaw with other specific conditions.



1 Title

This bylaw shall be known as Bylaw Ch. 108 and may be cited as the *Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Bylaw*.

2 Background

The Nova Scotia *Municipal Government Act* (NS MGA), Section 81A(1) gives Council the specific authority to establish Bylaws *imposing, fixing and providing methods of enforcing payment of charges for the financing and installation of any of the following on private property with the consent of the property owner: (a) energy-efficiency equipment; (b) renewable energy equipment.*

The purpose of this Bylaw is to enable financing of energy and water efficiency, renewable energy, or greenhouse gas reduction upgrades to Qualifying Properties within the Municipality.

3 References

- 3.1 Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act (NS MGA)
- 3.2 Municipal Planning Strategy
- 3.3 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

4 Definitions

In this Bylaw:

“Director of Finance” means the Director of Finance of the Municipality;

“Director” means the Director of the department of the Municipality responsible for energy, sustainability or the environment, and includes a designate or person acting under the supervision and direction of the Director;

“Energy Efficiency Upgrade” means any installation that is permanently affixed to the property and which will result in any of the following:

- (a) improved energy efficiency and reduce energy use;
- (b) reduced greenhouse gas emissions;
- (c) achievement of an environmental sustainability goal of the Municipality;

“PACE Program Charge” means the property assessed clean energy improvement charge levied on a property pursuant to s.81A of the *Municipal Government Act*;

“PACE Program Policy” means the policy that lays out the detailed structure and operations of the PACE Program;



“**PACE Program**” means the program established by the Municipality under which owners of Qualifying Properties may apply for and obtain financing for Energy Efficiency Upgrades;

“**Municipality**” means the Municipality of Town of Wolfville;

“**Participation Agreement**” means the written PACE Program Participation Agreement between the owner of a Qualifying Property and the Municipality for financing of an Energy Efficiency Upgrade to the property, approved in form by the Director, which identifies the type of equipment, administrative fees, financing costs, and general terms and conditions that the owner agrees to prior to the installation commencing;

“**Program Administrator**” means the department of the Municipality responsible for operating the PACE Program or a designated 3rd party administrator approved by the Director;

“**Qualifying Property**” means a property located within the Municipality.

5 Application and Approval

- 5.1 An owner of a Qualifying Property may apply for Municipal financing of the cost of an Energy Efficient Upgrade to the property.
- 5.2 Approval of financing shall be subject to the following:
 - 5.2.1 Approval of the Qualifying Property and the Energy Efficient Upgrade by the Director and Program Administrator;
 - 5.2.2 The execution of a Participation Agreement by the owner of the Qualifying Property and the Municipality;
 - 5.2.3 The owner being in compliance with all terms of the Participation Agreement;
 - 5.2.4 The owner not being in default in payment of any municipal taxes, rates or charges;
 - 5.2.5 All conditions set out in the PACE Program Policy being met.
- 5.3 Financing shall be made available upon receipt by the Director of Finance of notice by the Program Administrator that the agreed Energy Efficiency Upgrade has been completed in accordance with the Participation Agreement and the requirements of the PACE Program Policy.
- 5.4 Energy Efficiency Upgrade financing shall be limited to 15% of the assessed value of the Qualifying Property or less as approved by the Director of Finance and subject to any other limitations or requirements set out in the PACE Program Policy.

6 Payment of Charge



- 6.1 The PACE Program Charge may consist of the following:
 - 6.1.1 The cost of the Energy Efficiency Upgrade, including all labour costs for installation, permitting fees and applicable taxes, less any federal, provincial or other funding;
 - 6.1.2 Interest accrued on the charge including any additional interest arising due to any default of payment.
- 6.2 The PACE Program Charge shall become payable in full on completion of the installation of the Energy Efficiency Upgrade in accordance with the Participation Agreement.
- 6.3 The Director of Finance shall ensure a separate account is kept of all monies due for PACE Program Charges, identifying:
 - 6.3.1 The names of the property owners and assessment, PID and civic address information of the subject property;
 - 6.3.2 The amount of the PACE Program Charge levied on the property;
 - 6.3.3 The annual interest rate and amount of interest charges included in the PACE Program Charge;
 - 6.3.4 The amount paid on the PACE Program Charge; and
 - 6.3.5 The balance due on the PACE Program Charge.

7 Lien

- 7.1 A PACE Program Charge shall be a first lien on property on which an Energy Efficiency Upgrade is installed.
- 7.2 A PACE Program Charge may be collected in the same manner as taxes under the *Municipal Government Act* and, at the option of the Director of Finance, is collectable at the same time and by the same proceedings as taxes.
- 7.3 The lien provided for in this Bylaw shall become effective on the date on which the Program Administrator files notice with the Director of Finance that the agreed Energy Efficiency Upgrade has been completed in accordance with the Participation Agreement.
- 7.4 The lien provided for in this Bylaw shall remain in effect until the total PACE Program Charge, including interest, has been paid in full.

8 Interest

- 8.1 Interest will be charged on PACE Program Charges at a rate calculated in accordance with the PACE Program Policy and as agreed in the executed Participation Agreement.



- 8.2 Interest shall accrue on any PACE Program Charge or portion thereof which remains outstanding from the date of billing.
- 8.3 Interest is payable annually on the entire amount outstanding and unpaid, whether or not the owner has elected to pay by installments.

9 Installment Payments

- 9.1 The owner of a Qualified Property may elect to pay the PACE Program Charge by equal installment payments over a period or not more than 15 years, in accordance with the PACE Program Policy and as set out in the Participation Agreement.
- 9.2 If there is a default in any payment due to the Municipality, the outstanding balance of the PACE Program Charge shall be immediately due and payable. Interest shall accrue on the amount then due and payable at the same rate as applied by the Municipality for unpaid taxes.

DRAFT



Clerk's Annotation for Official Bylaw Book

Date of first reading: _____

Date of advertisement of Notice of Intent to Consider: _____

Date of second reading: _____

Date of advertisement of Passage of By-law: _____

Date of mailing to Minister a certified copy of By-law: _____

I certify that this **Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Bylaw Ch. 108** was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.

Town Clerk

Date

DRAFT

REQUEST FOR DECISION 001-2021

Title: Appointment of Valley Waste Resource Management By-Law Officer
Date: 2021-01-12
Department: CAOs Office



SUMMARY

Appointment of Valley Waste Resource Management By-Law Officer

The Solid Waste-Resource Management By-Law approved by Council at the end of 2020 authorizes the Valley Waste Resource Authority to apply and enforce Directives for the effective and efficient management of Solid Waste within the jurisdictions of the municipal unit parties to the *Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Intermunicipal Services Agreement* or *IMSA*.

Section 3.2 of the By-Law states that “The Authority shall recommend to the Municipality the appointment of a By-Law Enforcement Officer to assist with the administration and enforcement of this By-law. Municipal Council shall consider the recommendation and may approve the appointment by resolution”.

“By-law Enforcement Officer”, under the By-Law, means a person with Special Constable Designation per ss 89 and 90 of the Police Act, employed by the Authority to administer and enforce the By-Law.

DRAFT MOTION:

That Council appoint Dale Roberts, Valley Waste Resource Management By-Law Officer, to enforce the Solid-Waste Resource By-Law in the Town of Wolfville.

REQUEST FOR DECISION 001-2021

Title: Appointment of Valley Waste Resource Management By-Law Officer
Date: 2021-01-12
Department: CAOs Office



1) CAO COMMENTS

The CAO supports the recommendations of Staff.

2) LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 3.2 of the Solid Waste-Resource Management By-Law states that “The Authority shall recommend to the Municipality the appointment of a By-Law Enforcement Officer to assist with the administration and enforcement of this By-law. Municipal Council shall consider the recommendation and may approve the appointment by resolution”.

3) STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint Dale Roberts, Valley Waste Resource Management By-Law Officer, to enforce the Solid-Waste Resource By-Law in the Town of Wolfville.

4) REFERENCES AND ATTACHMENTS

N/A

5) DISCUSSION

The Solid Waste-Resource Management Bylaw approved by Council end of 2020 authorizes the Valley Waste Resource Authority to apply and enforce Directives for the effective and efficient management of Solid Waste within the jurisdictions of the municipal unit parties to the *Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Intermunicipal Services Agreement* or *IMSA* (i.e. the Municipality of the County of Kings, and the Towns of Annapolis Royal, Berwick, Kentville, Middleton, and Wolfville (collectively, the parties), or any other municipality who enters the IMSA to contract or designate the Authority to enforce their Solid Waste By-law and Directives

Section 3.2 of the Solid Waste-Resource Management Bylaw states that “The Authority shall recommend to the Municipality the appointment of a By-law Enforcement Officer to assist with the administration and enforcement of this By-Law. Municipal Council shall consider the recommendation and may approve the appointment by resolution”.

Currently, Dale Roberts has been hired in the By-Law Enforcement Officer role by Valley Waste, and his appointment needs to be confirmed by Council under the By-Law.

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Date: 2021-01-12
Department: CAOs Office



6) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Valley Waste By-Law Officer will be employed by the Valley Waste Resource Management Authority as part of their operating budget.

7) REFERENCES TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN AND TOWN REPORTS

N/A

8) COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

Communication to residents regarding the new By-Law, the appointment of the VW By-Law Officer and the implications of not following the By-Law will be shared by the Town and the Valley Waste Resource Management Organization.

9) ALTERNATIVES

To not appoint Dale Roberts as the By-Law Enforcement Officer.

REQUEST FOR DECISION 003-2021

Title: Review of Inter-Municipal Service Agreements

Date: 2021-01-12

Department: Office of the CAO



SUMMARY

REVIEW OF INTER-MUNICIPAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS

In 2018, the municipal partners (parties) in several intermunicipal service agreements agreed to complete a number of initiatives and made a financial contribution to enable the work to be completed. These intended deliverables included:

- Assist Kings Transit with accounting procedures and year end processing (complete).
- Assist Valley Waste Resources with accounting procedures and year end processing (complete).
- Develop business/transitional plans for the Valley Community Fibre Network (business plan complete, transition plan on-going).
- ***Update the structure of sharing agreements and incorporation documents – the origin of this report and recommended Memorandum of Understanding.***

This report provides a path forward to undertake the outstanding deliverable from the 2018 direction.

DRAFT MOTION:

That Council approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding outlining the organization and work program for a joint review of Intermunicipal Service Agreements and authorize its signature by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer.

That Council, per Section 2 of the attached MOU, appoint Mayor Wendy Donovan to serve on the Working Group.

REQUEST FOR DECISION 003-2021

Title: Review of Inter-Municipal Service Agreements

Date: 2021-01-12

Department: Office of the CAO



1) CAO COMMENTS

See below for CAO recommendation and discussion.

2) LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 60 of the *Municipal Government Act* allows for the Town to partner with other Municipalities for the provision of municipal services.

3) STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding outlining the organization and work program for a joint review of Intermunicipal Service Agreements and authorize its signature by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer.

That Council, per Section 2 of the attached MOU, appoint Mayor Wendy Donovan to serve on the Working Group.

4) REFERENCES AND ATTACHMENTS

1. Memorandum of Understanding – Inter-Municipal Service Agreement Review (attached)

5) DISCUSSION

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- ***Update the structure of sharing agreements and incorporation documents – the origin of this report and recommended Memorandum of Understanding.***

The Municipal Government Act provides several different mechanisms for the sharing of municipal services among separate municipal units, and various arrangements and Intermunicipal Service Agreements (IMSA's) are in place for the four units within Kings County and their municipal partners beyond the County boundaries. When the Valley REN is included, there is another important partner, the Glooscap First Nation.

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As was identified in 2018, and is still the case today, the original agreements for IMSA's provide a complex mix of governance, administration and financial arrangements that could benefit from a fresh review by the parties involved.

In developing a Presentation for a Joint Councils Meeting of the municipalities within Kings County, which was held in December, the Kings CAO's group identified several issues that could form part of a comprehensive review of the existing IMSA's. This list is not exhaustive.

These include:

- Situations where Council representatives vote on an IMSA proposed budget and then have to consider it as a component of their overall municipal budget, and the two may not align well.
- IMSA corporations can be very large but as a single purpose organization they may lack the human resources, financial and communications support in a typical municipal unit.
- The IMSA financial statements need to be consolidated with some partner municipal financial statements and if there are delays by the IMSAs, the municipal financial statements are also delayed.
- Municipal partners are required to guarantee the long-term debt of IMSA corporations, and this could impact municipal borrowing capacity if legislation were to change.
- Fresh off the experience with the withdrawal of Annapolis County from VWRM, it is apparent that different IMSA's have different dispute resolution provisions.

To provide a mechanism to review and update the IMSA's collectively, the Joint Councils meeting of December 15, 2020 provided guidance to the individual Chief Administrative Officers of the units in attendance at that meeting (municipalities within Kings County) to come back to Councils with a draft Memorandum of Understanding to organize and commence a review. This Memorandum of Understanding would create a Working Group of Mayors and CAO's and follow the work program outlined in the MOU to complete a review of the IMSA's by June of 2021.

Additionally, direction was also provided to reach out to the municipalities that are party to the IMSA agreements outside of Kings County (Middleton, Annapolis Royal and Windsor-West Hants Regional Municipality). These municipalities were all part of the original 2018 direction, but their Councils have not yet received the same presentation that was provided to the Kings municipalities in December. Since that direction was given, the CAO's have suggested that Glooscap First Nation also be engaged as they are a signatory to the REN IMSA. An effort is being made by the CAO group to present to these four parties in January with the same information that has been provided to Kings municipalities. For information, I will be presenting to Middleton Council on January 18th.

6) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As part of the research into this issue, the Kings CAO's determined that funds already collected for the initiatives identified in 2018 are sufficient to allow this process to begin without additional funding requests to the municipal partners.

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7) REFERENCES TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN AND TOWN REPORTS

In preliminary Strategic Plan discussions with Council, it is clear that partnering with other municipalities and striving for sustainable service delivery options are desired.

8) COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

Ongoing communication with the impacted IMSA organizations will be critical. Additionally, regular reports back to council via the CAO report to COW will be provided.

9) ALTERNATIVES

Council can decide to not become a signatory to the attached MOU.

IMSA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This MOU dated the _____ day of _____, 20____

Between:

TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

and

TOWN OF BERWICK

and

TOWN OF KENTVILLE

and

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS

and

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

and

WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

and

TOWN OF WOLFVILLE

and

GLOOSCAP FIRST NATION

Collectively the Parties

WHEREAS the Parties have received and reviewed a presentation dated December 15, 2020 entitled “Updating of Shared Service Agreements and Municipal Corporations” (the “Presentation”) *and* wish to implement the work plan as outlined in the Presentation.

The Parties agree as follows:

1. Each party agrees in principle to the recommendations contained within the Presentation.
2. The Parties agree to form a Working Group, comprising the Mayors and the Chief (or designates) of the Parties, and the CAOs, Band Manager (or their designates).
3. The Working Group will review the existing Intermunicipal Service Agreements (IMSAs) referenced in the Presentation and, for each IMSA, prepare either recommended amendments to the IMSA or a new draft ISMA to replace the existing ISMA.
4. In addition to the existing IMSAs, the Working Group will also prepare IMSAs for only additional services that may be offered by shared service organizations composed of some or all of the parties, including but not limited to IMSAs for climate change and diversity.
5. The recommendations of the Working Group will include standard provisions to be common to all IMSAs and IMSA provisions specific to the individual IMSAs under consideration.
6. The Working Group will provide recommendations for incremental supports to the shared service organizations referenced in the Presentation.
7. The Working Group may authorize one the Parties to contract on its behalf for services described in provision 8 of this Memorandum.
8. The Working Group is authorized to retain legal counsel and any other third-party resources as the Working Group considers necessary to complete its work.
9. The parties agree that the costs incurred by the Working Group will be paid from funds held by the Municipality of the County of Kings that are related to a modernization initiative entered into by the parties to this MOU in March of 2018.
10. The Working Group will complete its work and have updated IMSAs prepared for the parties' review and consideration by June 30, 2021, or such later date as the Working Group considers necessary in order to properly complete its work.
11. This MOU may be signed in counterpart by the parties.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of

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Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: Road Water and Ice

From: allen.hume

Sent: December 28, 2020 9:40 AM

To: Erin Beaudin <EBeaudin@wolfville.ca>

Cc: Kevin Kerr <KKerr@wolfville.ca>; Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>

Subject: Re: Road Water and Ice

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Hi Erin,

The front of our drive way is a skating rink. If work cannot change the situation until spring, I wonder if some salt could be spread on the icy area. I am very concerned that someone is going to be injured like our newspaper man who delivers every morning.

Thanks for anything that can be done.

Allen Hume

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: 5G installations on Main St?

From: Andrea SW

Sent: January 14, 2021 3:33 PM

To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>

Cc: Glen Pavelich

Subject: 5G installations on Main St?

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Dear Wolfville Council,

I received a note from someone who noticed that cables and small antenna boxes were being installed throughout Main Street earlier this week--are you aware of this? If that is the case it means that putting a moratorium on 5G really needs your URGENT attention. I hope you'll ask some questions of the service providers and inform them that you are in the midst of some kind of decision process.

Sincerely,

Andrea

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: Please sign International Declaration to Halt FCC Satellite Program

From: Andrea

Sent: December 14, 2020 9:58 PM

To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>

Subject: Fwd: Please sign International Declaration to Halt FCC Satellite Program

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Dear Wolfville Town Council,

There have been some important, informative, and inspiring communications from Stop 5G International and others, so I'm sharing a few with you:

<https://stop5ginternational.org/a-technology-future-we-can-live-with/>

<https://stop5ginternational.org/why-say-no-to-5g/>

<https://stop5ginternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Open-Letter-to-the-United-Nations-5G-November-6-2020-.pdf>

There is also an excellent series of letters to Greta, that should be of interest to both your study of the 5G question and for Climate Change mitigation efforts:

<https://www.deargreta.com/letter-9/>

Lastly, below is info about

1. the Canadian Environmental Law Association's webinars regarding Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) and environmental toxins, which should include EMFs.
2. A Medical conference coming up in January, and after that
3. the info about the petition regarding Satellites that I'm forwarding.

Stop 5G International is also asking people to organize vigils on Dec. 20th: <https://stop5ginternational.org/candle-lantern-vigils-for-safer-technology-december-20-2020/>

I would have liked to organize something for that, but am isolating once again, this time with my out of province visitor. Wishing you all a good December and pleasant holidays,
Andrea

1. The Right to a Healthy Environment - Advocating for Inclusion in CEPA

"The right to a healthy environment is crucial" – it directly impacts people's lives as it encompasses health, food, water, sanitation, property, culture, and non-discrimination, among others.

150 countries around the globe currently recognize the right to a healthy environment – Canada is excluded from this list. While some provinces in Canada recognize environmental rights to a limiting degree through environmental statutes, such as regulatory contexts, participation rights, and certain procedural opportunities, a fulsome and clearly articulated substantive right to a healthy environment has not so far been adopted in Canada....

It has been over 20 years since the 1999 amendments to CEPA, and the most recent parliamentary review process that began in 2016 is the first real opportunity since then to make changes to longstanding issues such as environmental rights, chemicals policy, public engagement and decision making, as well as highlight the protection of vulnerable communities...

Among the **key amendments that CELA is advocating for** include changes to how people can undertake legal action under CEPA. CELA is proposing a new Section 22 that allows for legal challenges and enforcement mechanisms by the public to be put in place. This proposed section would provide another opportunity to hold the government accountable for decision making."

<https://cela.ca/advocating-for-inclusion-in-cepa/>

Webinar Series

"CELA recently concluded a series of webinars focused on the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA), our country's main environmental legislation used to evaluate and manage substances. In this webinar series, we explored how CEPA can be strengthened to protect vulnerable communities, including children, women of childbearing age, workers, people of low income, and Indigenous communities from toxic exposures, using improved, modern approaches to advance prevention strategies from hazardous substances."

https://cela.ca/changes_to_cepa/

2. Vimeo link to new EMF Medical Conference 2021 Trailer

Please share with medical doctors and other healthcare providers. As healthcare providers become more informed, our legal actions calling for safer technology will gain greater traction.

Post and share widely.

<https://vimeo.com/473134021>

The EMF Medical Conference 2021

Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of EMF Associated Illness

January 28 - 31, 2021

A Virtual Conference

The EMF Medical Conference (EMFMC) 2021 will convene leading physicians, clinicians, and scientists for a series of presentations on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of EMF associated illness. Experts in EMF assessment will present proven methods that can prevent or limit EMF exposure hazards.

<https://emfconference2021.com>

And #3:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Stop 5G International** <team@stop5ginternational.org>

Date: Mon, Dec 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Subject: Please sign International Declaration to Halt FCC Satellite Program

To: <andrea.schwenke.wyile@gmail.com>

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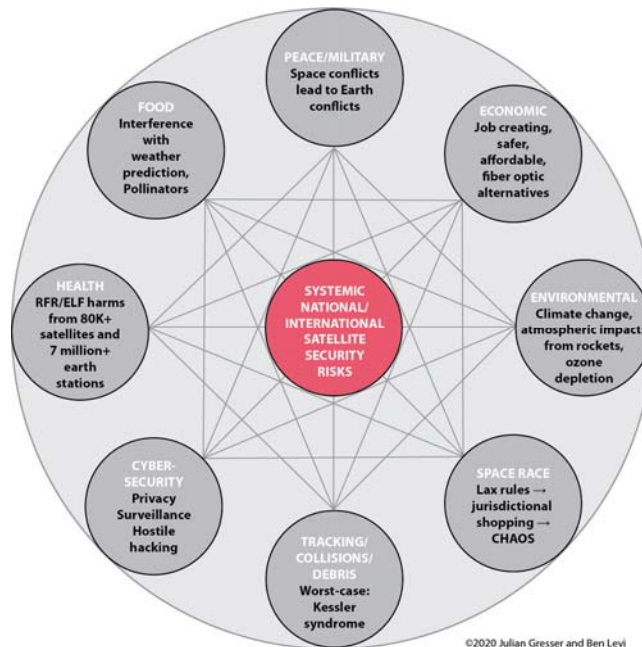
News Updates and Announcements from Stop 5G International offer resources, actions and insights to counter 5G and call for a safer, wired technology future.

For more information, please visit www.stop5ginternational.org,

Facebook: Global Action to Stop 5G, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/548912049259423/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Stop_5G_Intl,

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stop5ginternational/>



"The Heavens, our planet's last precious frontier, are not a commodity to be bought and sold and degraded for private commercial gain; but rather, they are Sacred and held in public trust; and we stewards here on planet Earth, are legally and ethically responsible for their wise and careful exploration."

Dear Colleague and Friend,

Please consider signing the [Healthy Heavens Trust Declaration](#) written by International attorney, Julian Gresser. The legal team from *Healthy Heavens Trust* is seeking to gather signatories from well-established organizations and individuals that support the message. The Declaration will become part of the *Expedited/Emergency Petition for Rulemaking* being submitted to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding their permissive regulatory vacuum on the Satellite Licensing Program.

To read the Declaration, watch a short explanatory video interview of Julian Gresser, and to sign the Declaration as an organization and/or individual, go to <https://www.5g-ilan.com>. Please also read the following short summary by Julian of the *FCC Petition for Emergency/Expedited Rulemaking*.

Summary:

The legal proposition to be tested in the Petition for Emergency/Expedited Rulemaking, and in the subsequent judicial appeal, is whether five FCC Commissioners acting arbitrarily and capriciously can legally approve blanket licenses for 80,000+ low orbit, non-stationary satellites and millions of earth stations, for the benefit of a few powerful satellite companies — in flagrant disregard of international and federal law, and the national and international security risks — and to do so without any requirement that the satellite companies indemnify the U.S. government or the international public, or provide reasonable insurance covering the increasingly likely harms.

The Petition proposes new rules and procedures to restore Balance. It requires, before any further licensing, comprehensive and systematic assessment of eight domains of national and international security risks, illustrated above. It reaffirms that NASA, other U.S. government agencies and several Congressional committees have already recognized some of these risks as critical to the national interest, yet the FCC is consistently ignoring them in its piecemeal licensing program. It requires the FCC to develop new rules and procedures based on this systematic risk assessment through a collaborative consultative process with other federal and state agencies, international organizations, and national governments, and to hold regular and timely hearings to ensure informed public consent. No such effective consultation has happened to date. There is a permissive regulatory vacuum.

In demanding a moratorium on all new licenses, the Petition for Emergency/Expedited Rulemaking will reaffirm a deep principle embraced by most indigenous peoples and many nations: that the Heavens, our planet's last precious frontier, are not a commodity to be bought and sold and degraded for private commercial gain; but rather, they are Sacred and held in public trust; and we stewards here on planet Earth, are legally and ethically responsible for their wise and careful exploration.

Although satellites threaten many areas of our lives, this Declaration highlights collisions, debris, and cybersecurity risks, areas where other U.S. government agencies have already warned of an immediate threat to national and international security, and yet the FCC has no plan in place to address these risks. or to require satellite companies to mitigate them as a pre-condition of licensing.

As we know all too well, the launchings are being approved at breakneck speed, and so this action is time sensitive. We ask that organizations and individuals

wishing to sign on in support of the Declaration do so as soon as possible.

Again, the Declaration, Explanatory Video, and signing can be found [here](#).

We hope you will sign and share widely with other 5G/EMF collaboratives, environmental organizations, and all groups and individuals working to safeguard our future.

With much gratitude to all for your tireless efforts on behalf of all living beings.

Kate Kheel

team@stop5ginternational.org.

Julian Gresser

Healthy Heavens Trust Initiative

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Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: resources to consider
Attachments: WolfvilleCVLetter-Final.pdf

From: Andrea SW
Sent: December 21, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>
Cc: Glen Pavelich; Uli Schmitt
Subject: resources to consider

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Dear Mayor Donovan and Council,

Attached please find our letter and curated list of resources on cv19 and related measures.

Wishing you all a happy Solstice and the promise of good things to come.
Season's Greetings,
Andrea, Glen, Gene, and Uli

Mayor Donovan, and Council Members for the Town of Wolfville,

Preamble:

We have been debating how best to present you with some alternate evidence as to what is going on regarding the ongoing lockdowns, “case” numbers, and vaccines. We are so happy that you are willing to look into the serious matter concerning the health hazards of existing non-native electromagnetic radiation (EMR) levels and the 5G rollout, that we’ve been hesitant to risk having you feel that we are suddenly no longer credible because as soon as anyone goes off-script from the narrative promoted by mainstream media and political spokespersons they get labelled as conspiracy theorists and dismissed as having somehow lost their sense of judgement. However, after spending many hours learning about how we’ve come to be in the position that we are in relation to EMR, it is quite easy to see what is going on with the current corona virus is another variation of the same playbook in which the vested interests of industry/corporations have infiltrated all the positions of power and are calling the shots. One of the most compelling background articles on the matter is Robert F Kennedy Jr’s recent [“It’s Time to Find Our Common Ground and Fight the Real Deep State”](#).

This article is not about the virus at all, but gives an excellent overview of the many players in industry and government who have brought us to this point of planetary crisis. This article makes the very important point that we have to look beyond labels and camps in seeking out common values to unite around, if we are to bring into being the cooperative world that we want. Every day the evidence of deception and corporate control mounts, as do further means of suppression and fear. So, we are facing our own fears of being ridiculed and possibly ostracized by bringing this information to your attention. We feel our only hope to restore the Wolfville we all love is to have open dialogue and to come to decisions that enable us to stand strong at the local level.

We hope that you will take the time to look through several of the many sources we have collected together here, and will sit with them for a bit to consider whether you might also have doubts about what the so-called health experts in charge of our collective wellbeing are publishing. Are the measures and means being asked of us warranted, and are they based on legitimate scientific evidence? Various individuals on this list of ours have purportedly been “discredited” by the [“fact checkers”](#). As with the matter of EMR, industry funded science is unlikely to be the most credible precisely because of its vested interests, and those trying to keep them in check will be the most rigorously attacked. Please don’t automatically dismiss some of the source websites. Most articles are linked to peer reviewed research that you can follow up on.

We recognize that we are sending a lot of information, but that is because there is a lot out there. We have curated our points as best we can, and decided it is better to send you more rather than less so that you can come to your own conclusions following thoughtful investigation.

We were tempted to write to each of you individually to broach these high-strung matters, but in the end have opted to make our letter public in the hope that others with skepticism, and doing their own research, might also find the courage to voice their questions and concerns. We live in a small place where it can be more tempting not to rock the boat, but surely there are more than four of us wondering how we’ve all come to a place where we have become wary or fearful of healthy people and are keeping families and friends apart. We also hope that people who might at first glance think this information is “nuts,” will at least have a look and a listen. We come from a place of love for our Earth Mother and for humankind; our desire is to live respectfully and reciprocally with all Beings—all our Relations,

Signed by Wolfville and Ridge Residents:

Andrea Schwenke Wyile, Ulrich Schmitt, Glenda and Gene Pavelich

Our letter to you and other governing and public bodies in Nova Scotia:

By presenting the information below we do not wish to presume you are unaware of much of it already. It is very disheartening nevertheless to see how thoroughly mainstream and social media have been censoring any dissenting voice who dares to speak out against the reputed narrative on COVID. Doctors, scientists and researchers ostensibly have no right to raise debate based on indisputable evidence. The end result of such censorship is a public uninformed, and aligned with the propaganda that feeds fear.

The Great Barrington Declaration alone has, so far, been signed by 702,586 Concerned Citizens, 12,943 Medical & Public Health Scientists, and 39,027 Medical practitioners. Thousands and millions have demonstrated and petitioned against injustices and government power grabs that use COVID as the justification. It is clear we can no longer marginalize and disregard those who assert COVID is not the global threat it is being sold as.

Aligning with the notion that the sooner we give up our freedoms the sooner we get them back is completely naïve, to state it quite plainly. When it becomes overwhelmingly evident that, short of complying to a potentially harmful, mRNA experimental vaccine, there is no plan to restore any rights, liberties and freedoms that are successfully sequestered, that masks mandates will continue long after the virus has all but disappeared, that restrictive policy will continue to impose forced lock downs, that contact tracing and invasion of privacy are intended to become the norm, and that the Great Reset is, in fact, a reality being implemented by multiple governments, including ours ...it would be heroic indeed if some of our politicians would openly stand up for the people against tyranny.

Listed below are some of the key points that are well supported by the items in the 3 documents linked below. More studies, responsible journalism, and intelligent skepticism surface daily.

- Only 1 in 300,000 under 65 die of COVID yet the world is still in reaction (led to remain in reaction) as if the original misguided S.A.G.E. projections were correct. This virus hasn't made any significant impact on the national death rate compared to any other year.
- Lockdowns have not made any difference in the overall death or infection numbers, and the infection rate was well on its way down, following the course of every other viral cycle, before any lockdowns or masks mandates were put in place.
- The SARS-Cov2 virus is 80% similar to the previous SARS virus. It is not the antibodies that enhance our long-term immunity but our memory T-cells, and therefore it is estimated that 30% to 50% or more of the population was immune very early on. These people therefore got the virus and fought it off without symptoms, just as a good percentage of the population does every year for the seasonal flu.
- The genie is out of the bottle; a virus cannot be stopped only *slowed down* and it will infect a certain number of the population regardless of the measures taken.
- Children and healthy adults are rarely adversely affected by this virus, with statistical numbers approaching zero.
- Healthy, asymptomatic people do not spread the virus. A certain viral load is required and the virus has to be actively infecting cells and in the reproduction stages before any excess virus is shed from the body.
- Guidelines for protecting the elderly and vulnerable make very reasonable sense as always. No one wants this virus if they are susceptible to serious symptoms. However, we who are vulnerable need to accept responsibility for protecting ourselves, as we do every year, and we must not demand that society and businesses be locked down because of our susceptibility.
- Notice we are not hearing anything about the highly effective treatments that are being successfully used and 'could be' widely available. Would it not be advantageous to help the public realize that in

the past 8 months much has been discovered and the condition is very treatable, especially in the early symptomatic stages?

- Engineered public panic has been shaped by the exaggerated numbers resulting from PCR tests of which 50%-90% are false positives, depending on the amplification cycles used. Governments across the world are being sued for basing policy and public measures on these tests, and for allowing the media to promulgate fear based on them.
- In Northern climates the death rate, resulting from any virus, increases in the spring and fall and decreases in the summer. COVID-19 is following the same path DESPITE masks and lockdowns. There is no second wave that warrants pandemic status, and there are no excessive deaths, only the proclamation of false positives when high cycle threshold (CT) rates are added to the publicized 'case' numbers.
- The fact that a high percentage of the general public is now prepared to punish and discriminate against those not willing to get a potentially dangerous vaccine is terrifying. Beyond the above noted points, a healthy individual does not need a vaccine especially when only 5 in 10,000 people are at risk. With infection numbers so low, studies cannot possibly prove a vaccine's safety or efficacy because there isn't sufficient comparison population to show a statistical significance. There is real and solid reasoning, based on conflict of interest, failure of proof, and absence of long-term studies, for investigating the push for these vaccines. Most vaccine injury does not occur until at least a year has passed.

Please review the comprehensive documentation below:

[Addendum 2 - December 20th, 2020 \(Important Item *Start Here\)](#)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hFYAYGoGX4DsZIKxUdVbewkF6117en0v/view?usp=sharing>

[Addendum 1 - December 8th, 2020](#)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/17Ze_7IjugeMX-vB7HuUs6rr8Fr7GyiQN/view?usp=sharing

[Original Letter and Document – November 27th, 2020](#)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16TP2PTF9MRu-9TEiyUmoVqPBGKdgKmth/view?usp=sharing>

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: I would like to know if there is a moratorium on 5G. I presented at a meeting some weeks ago to oppose 5G.

From: barbara blanchard

Sent: January 15, 2021 11:57 AM

To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>

Subject: I would like to know if there is a moratorium on 5G. I presented at a meeting some weeks ago to oppose 5G.

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Please let me know.

Thank you

Barbara Lake

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: Waste Water Treatment facility upgrade

From: c m

Sent: December 10, 2020 1:37 PM

To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>

Subject: Waste Water Treatment facility upgrade

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To whom it may concern

We own a house on Oak Avenue and am interested in understanding more about the upgrade happening on the waste water treatment facility.

I am trying to find this on the Town of Wolfville website information. Specifically detail of the changes that are happening and what the end facility is going to look like including building size/lights etc. Can you please provide the link as I can not find.

Kind regards
Carol MacKinnon

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: Beached boat

-----Original Message-----

From: clayton fairn

Sent: January 20, 2021 3:04 PM

To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>

Subject: Beached boat

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Hi to anyone to which this might fall on, curious about what's going on with the boat that has washed up near the access road to the dykes (gazebo/skatepark area) is there any desire to have it taken away or any issue with it being taken ? Thanks Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: Willow Bank Cemetery Corporation

From: George Lohnes
Sent: January 10, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>
Cc: Devin Lake <DLake@wolfville.ca>
Subject: Willow Bank Cemetery Corporation

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Dear Mayor Donovan and Councillors,

I read with interest the Staff report relating to the request from the Willow Bank Cemetery Corporation and Staff's recommendation.

Willow Bank to my knowledge is a public cemetery and not affiliated with any religious denomination.

Has Staff considered the existing obligations the Town has assumed relating to the Old Burying Grounds? I understand the cemetery is a Municipal Heritage Property. Councilor Elliott lead a public discussion on the history of the Old Burying Grounds in February 2019.

I understand that there are two active cemeteries in the Town: Willow Bank Cemetery and the cemetery of St. John's Anglican Church.

Assuming the continuing viability of the Town, two hundred years from now and beyond, Town residents will still need burial arrangements. It would therefore appear reasonable to adopt a long-range approach in considering the request coming from the Willow Bank Cemetery Corporation. As Mark Twain once observed: "Buy land, they're not making it anymore". I am surprised that the Corporation and Town Staff would consider the cemetery divesting itself of Willow Bank's land reserve as a means of generating funds. I am not privy to the assumptions that were made in concluding ample land was available going forward without the land reserve.

As an aside, the environmental benefits of preserving 3.8 acres of "green" land in the Town's core is something that should not be overlooked.

I appreciate attitude toward burials are changing. Some cemeteries now include columbariums as an option for those who have adopted cremation. Elm Grove in Steam Mill and Holy Cross in Kentville are examples. See also discussion re "Green" burials as noted in the Ecology Action Center website and as precited locally by the Burlington Cemetery Society: <https://burlingtoncemetery.ca/>

As to financial pressures faced by cemeteries see: <https://themillbrooktimes.ca/ownership-of-local-cemeteries/>

I would submit there is an important public interest at stake in Willow Bank's request and Council's decision.

Yours respectfully,

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: Willow Bank Cemetery Corporation

From: George Lohnes
Sent: January 12, 2021 10:07 AM
To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>
Cc: Devin Lake <DLake@wolfville.ca>
Subject: RE: Willow Bank Cemetery Corporation

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Quote from Sire William Gladstone:

“Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideals.”

From: George Lohnes
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Towncouncil@wolfville.ca
Cc: Devin Lake <DLake@wolfville.ca>
Subject: Willow Bank Cemetery Corporation

Dear Mayor Donovan and Councillors,

I read with interest the Staff report relating to the request from the Willow Bank Cemetery Corporation and Staff's recommendation.

Willow Bank to my knowledge is a public cemetery and not affiliated with any religious denomination.

Has Staff considered the existing obligations the Town has assumed relating to the Old Burying Grounds? I understand the cemetery is a Municipal Heritage Property. Councilor Elliott lead a public discussion on the history of the Old Burying Grounds in February 2019.

I understand that there are two active cemeteries in the Town: Willow Bank Cemetery and the cemetery of St. John's Anglican Church.

Assuming the continuing viability of the Town, two hundred years from now and beyond, Town residents will still need burial arrangements. It would therefore appear reasonable to adopt a long-range approach in considering the request coming from the Willow Bank Cemetery Corporation. As Mark Twain once observed: "Buy land, they're not making it anymore". I am surprised that the Corporation and Town Staff would consider the cemetery divesting itself of Willow Bank's land reserve as a means of generating funds. I am not privy to the assumptions that were made in concluding ample land was available going forward without the land reserve.

As an aside, the environmental benefits of preserving 3.8 acres of "green" land in the Town's core is something that should not be overlooked.

I appreciate attitude toward burials are changing. Some cemeteries now include columbariums as an option for those who have adopted cremation. Elm Grove in Steam Mill and Holy Cross in Kentville are examples. See also discussion re "Green" burials as noted in the Ecology Action Center website and as precited locally by the Burlington Cemetery Society: <https://burlingtoncemetery.ca/>

As to financial pressures faced by cemeteries see: <https://themillbrooktimes.ca/ownership-of-local-cemeteries/>

I would submit there is an important public interest at stake in Willow Bank's request and Council's decision.

Yours respectfully,

George Lohnes

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: Re-designing..Rate list

From: Hobard
Sent: January 15, 2021 6:17 AM
To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>
Subject: Re-designing..Rate list

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Hi, www.wolfville.ca

I belong to a Web Development Firm from India.

We have a big portfolio of many webs like: Create new website, Website Design, Logo Design, Graphic designs, E-Commerce. And bunch more.

We are a professional Website Development company.

Re-designing - Brand New Design as per latest market trend.

Functionality - CMS, News Letter Subscription, Ecommerce, Shopping Cart, Payment Get way etc.

Landing Pages - Highly Optimized Landing Pages for better Conversion.

Responsive Designing - 100% Compatible with all the devices like mobile, iPod, laptop, desktop and all the web browsers.

My rates are very affordable.

If you are interested, I can send you more details on the action web packages/portfolio/details.

I am waiting to hear from you.

Best Regards,
Hobard

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW:

From: Irmgard Lipp
Sent: January 15, 2021 10:49 PM
To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>
Cc: glenpavelich
Subject:

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Dear Wolfville Town Councillors,

I am writing in support of the recent 5 G presentation to your council by Andrea Schwenke-Wyile, and the proposed moratorium on 5G within the town of Wolfville. The same request will soon be before Kings County Council, which I support just as strongly.

I first became aware of possible negative EMR effects in 2019, when I stumbled upon an article about Dr. Debra Davies, a long-time researcher of the effects of cell-phones on the human brain and body, especially on young children. Since we have three grand-children I wanted to inform myself and my younger family members and started to investigate the subject very thoroughly.

While the “facts” were very confusing at first, swinging wildly between “very safe” to “not-safe-at-all”, I was soon able to discover where the “safe” messages were coming from, and that they had a very poor foundation for that so-called “safe” label. In contrast, all the dire warnings came from long-term researchers, well-respected scientists in their field, and were so much more credible and consistent. I was soon convinced that I had to re-wire my router, keep the laptop in one place, not carry the cell- phone on my body, and put it on airplane mode when driving - and so were our daughters.

Now these are some of the measures one can take to lower the present 3G and 4G radiation in ones own environment. With 5 G that will not be possible! 5 G will give us an additional new layer of untested mmwaves which are not at all seen as benign by the majority of scientists all over the world. Every living organism on this planet will soon be exposed 24/7 – no escape! People who study this are very alarmed, and we should be as well.

“The European 5G Conference 2019 Effectively Admits 5G is a Massive Biological Experiment” This statement led many of the participants to the **Nuremberg Code**, which says: **“It is unethical and illegal to perform experiments on humans without their informed consent.”** According to this code, 5G should be illegal since people are NOT informed about this technology, and have definitely NOT consented to the level of radiation they will be exposed to.

There is also the most recent appeal: [The 2020 Consensus Statement of UK and International Medical and Scientific Experts and Practitioners on Health Effects of Non-Ionizing Radiation \(NIR\)](#), signed by more than

3500 medical doctors, scientists, and organizations, calling the current situation an emergency, asking governments for immediate technological changes that are not biologically harmful, including hard wiring instead of wireless, and asking for a moratorium on 5G.

Since the 2019 5G Conference numerous small and larger jurisdictions world-wide have opted out of 5G and declared a moratorium. Most of them are using the “Precautionary Principle” as the main reason.

It is now on You – the Wolfville Council to take that step and declare Wolfville a 5G free zone a.s.a.p. **before** the 5G infrastructure is deployed. While we live in rural Kings County, our whole family loves coming to Wolfville, enjoying the shops, restaurants, and open spaces. We implore you to be the progressive leaders we need at this time.

We are asking you to opt out of 5G and to also press Health Canada for a moratorium on the wireless roll-out of 5G. Silence is acquiescence! With all the known facts today, we must not allow this.

Thank You for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

Irmgard Lipp and Family

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: Age Friendly Grant - Improving Accessibility for People who are Hard of Hearing
Attachments: UP37002-10-Talkperfect-options (1).pdf; age-friendly-grant-guidelines.pdf

From: Janine Verge

Sent: December 27, 2020 10:24 PM

To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>; Erin Beaudin <EBeaudin@wolfville.ca>; Vanessa Pearson <vpearson@wolfville.ca>; Amanda Brown <abrown@wolfville.ca>; Kelton Thomason <kthomason@wolfville.ca>; Alisha Christie <achristie@wolfville.ca>; Nick Zamora <NZamora@wolfville.ca>; Karen Outerleys <KOuterleys@wolfville.ca>

Subject: Fwd: Age Friendly Grant - Improving Accessibility for People who are Hard of Hearing

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Hi,

My name is Dr. Janine Verge, I am an audiologist and president of **Accessible Hearing Solutions** – a local business devoted to improving accessibility for people living with hearing loss.

Covid-19 has increased barriers for workers and people in the community living with hearing loss, especially with the introduction of masks and plexiglass at points of counter service. This decreases the volume and distorts the quality of speech on both sides of the counter.

To improve accessibility, consider using a **speech transfer system** with a built-in hearing loop system. This provides microphones and speakers on both sides of the plexiglass to improve communication for everyone. The hearing loop provides extra supports for people who wear hearing aids or cochlear implants by allowing those with integrated telecoils the ability to directly link with the microphone on either side of the plexiglass to reduce the effects of background noise on understanding what is being said.

Speech transfer systems with hearing loops for counter service areas are in line with Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act: <https://novascotia.ca/accessibility/access-by-design/>

Recently, a speech transfer system was installed at Access PEI. Here is the CBC article link for more information:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-access-hearpei-speech-transfer-1.5827321>

I have attached a brochure describing one of the speech transfer systems we provide below. Each speech transfer system with a hearing loop is about \$3200 each. I recently came across an **Age Friendly Grant** that is open to municipalities to apply to:

<https://novascotia.ca/age-friendly-grant/>

I e-mailed them to find out if they were still accepting applications and they said they were until February 1st. I've included some information attached below if you are interested. This grant goes up to \$10,000 so would cover the purchase of up to three of these systems, if accepted.

If you do decide to apply and want an official quote or have any questions - just let me know.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Janine Verge, AuD, Aud (C)

Doctor of Audiology

President - Accessible Hearing Solutions

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TalkPerfect DX Speech Enhancement System

The TalkPerfect DX Speech Enhancement system is designed to improve communication at fixed screen counters. Based on proven, reliable and patented technology, the full duplex system amplifies speech for both customer and staff whilst minimising background noise and actively reducing acoustic feedback.

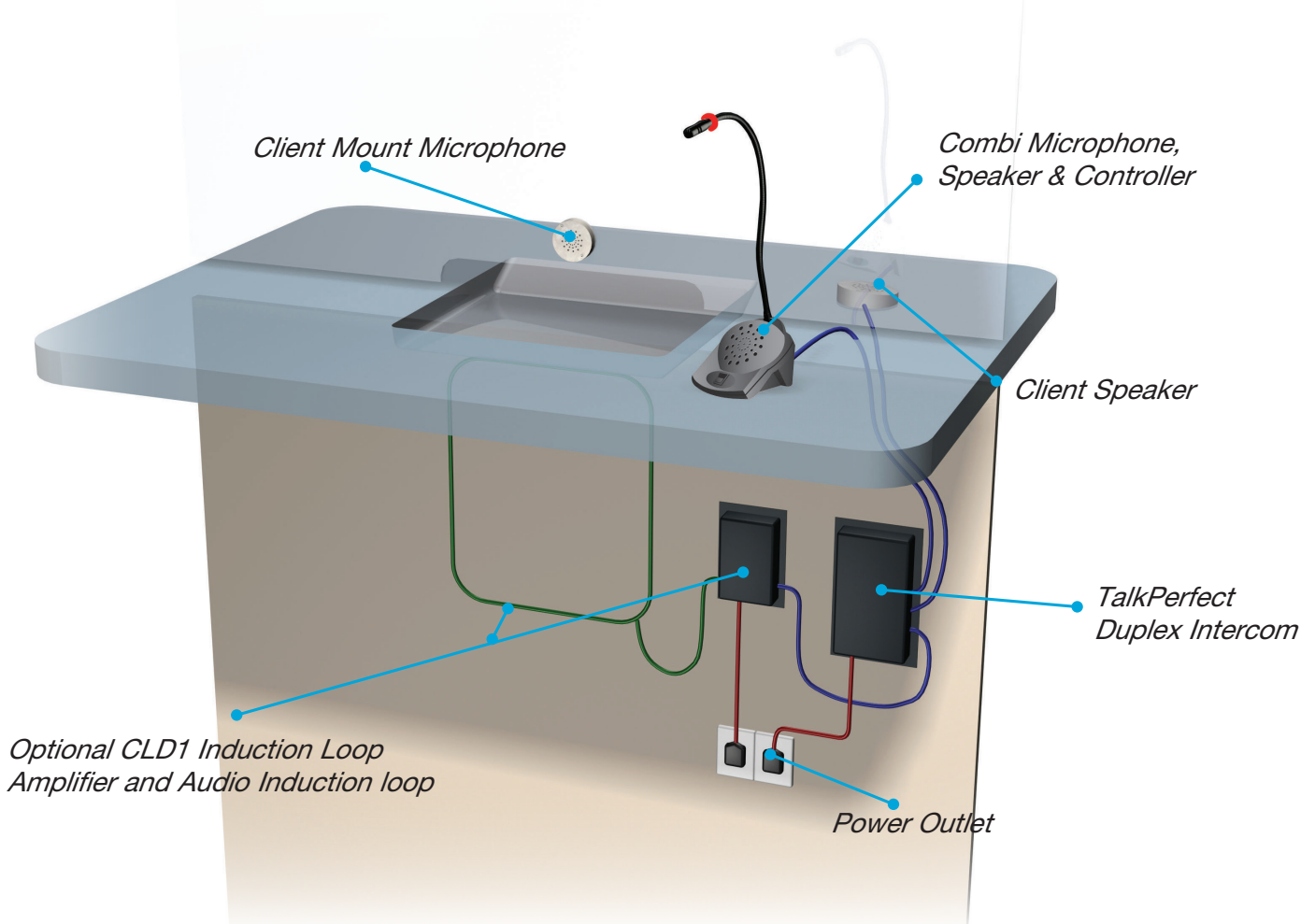


The modular design, contemporary styling and wide range of accessories means the TalkPerfect DX system is always easy to install and never looks out of place with the aesthetics of the building, whether it is for a retrofit or new build application.

The TalkPerfect DX system not only comprises a full duplex intercom system, reinforcing communications from staff to customer and customer to staff with high quality amplified sound, but is also simple to install, does not require an external computer or software to set up, and once installed it is designed to function without further intervention.

The Ampetronic Talkperfect amplifier is typically installed below counter in conjunction with an optional CLD1 induction loop, providing a fully integrated intercom and control module, with a host of features for integration and versatile use.

Through Screen Communications



Features & Benefits

For the user:

- Full duplex communication - allows natural conversation
- Patented technology - minimises acoustic feedback
- Proven reliability - low maintenance costs
- Noise cancelling microphones - high rejection to background noise
- Volume boost control - always be heard
*Optional support switch for Combi Unit
- Independent volume controls for both channels - comfortable listening for staff and client
- Combined speaker, microphone & control model - easy to position and saves counter space *when installed with Combi Unit
- Red LED ring signal - attractive indication of system operation *when installed with Combi Unit

For the installer:

- Modular and compact - flexible to install and unobtrusive
- All connections are made on the rear panel of the control unit - simplifies and speeds installation
- Stainless Steel or RAL colour finish speaker PODs - complimentary to any decor or required aesthetic
- Compatible with Ampetronics's CLD1 induction loop system (optional)- benefit the hard of hearing via the system

Applications

Ticket and service counters with fixed screens or physical security barriers including:

- Security reception desks
- Prison visitor desks
- Customer returns points
- Benefits agencies
- Banks & Post Offices
- Police stations
- High cash counters
- Petrol forecourts

Interfaces

- Client - Microphone/speaker connections
- Staff - Microphone/speaker connections
- Induction loop signal output - Connects to CLD1
- Staff I/O port - Connection for external headset

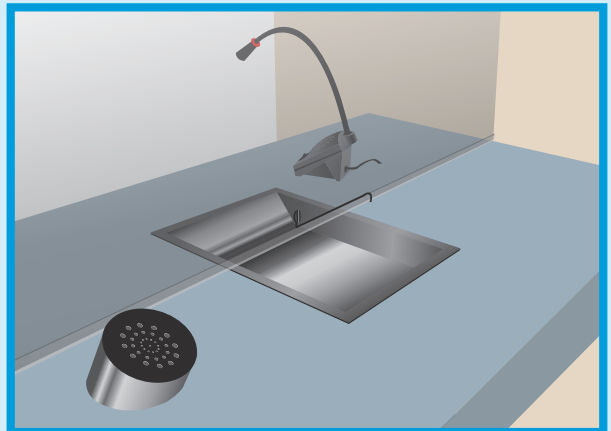
Standard Installation Kit Combination - Option 1 TP-K1

Recommended for optimum audio clarity for both client and staff. This combination is the least likely to suffer from accidental microphone or speaker obstruction

- 1 x POD Speaker - Client Side
- 1 x Glass Mount Microphone - Client Side
- 1 x Combi Unit - Staff Side

Optional

**1 x CLD1 Hearing Loop & Amplifier*



Installation Kit - Option 3 TP-K3

Optional use of the POD microphone and POD speaker on the client side for aesthetic reasons.

Client Side:

- 1 x POD Speaker
- 1 x POD Microphone

Staff Side:

- 1 x Combi Unit

Optional

**1 x CLD1*



Installation Kit - Option 4 TP-K4

Optional use of the POD microphone / POD speaker on both client and staff sides for aesthetic reasons.

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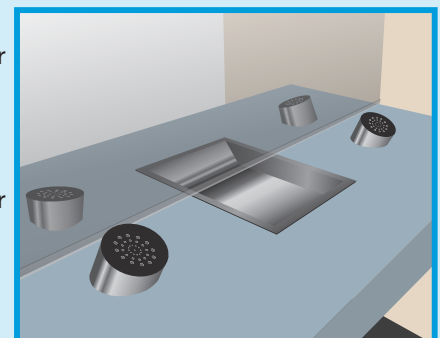
- 1 x POD Speaker
- 1 x POD Microphone

Staff Side:

- 1 x POD Speaker
- 1 x POD Microphone

Optional

**1 x CLD1*



TalkPerfect DX Accessories

Combi Unit 400mm Gooseneck & LED *TP-CMB400LED*

- Staff side Combi microphone and loudspeaker

The standard unit comprises two elements. First, a rugged black plastic housing mounted on a separate desk mounted clip, which houses the staff loudspeaker and audio switch. Second a professional quality gooseneck microphone 400mm long with LED illumination to indicate audio operation.

Combi Unit Options: Subject to volumes, different lengths of gooseneck can be supplied, with or without LED illumination option. Other colours of housing can be provided in quantities of over 150 pieces.



POD Loudspeaker *TP-PDS*

- For rugged vandal proof applications
- Client or staff side
- Applications with a horizontal mounting surface

The loudspeaker is contained within a steel POD, angled to suit the typical application when mounted on the horizontal surface in front of the window. The POD is very robust in its design for mounting.



Glass Mount Microphone *TP-GMM*

- For client side mounting by adhesive on the vertical panel or window
- Directional mounting for optimal audio quality

The glass mount microphone is designed for installation at the base of a glass panel or similar vertical surface. The directional nature of the microphone is ideal for pickup of the client voice when installed at the base of the window. However the microphone must not be angled toward the client loudspeaker, which would cause increase pickup and feedback.



POD Microphone *TP-PDM*

- Client or staff side, for rugged vandal proof application

The POD microphone is in an identical enclosure to the loudspeaker POD. This is very robustly fixed to a horizontal surface and is therefore ideal for tough environments or where vandalism is a significant concern. The POD microphone also creates a symmetrical layout on the counter, with identical enclosures on each side. As with the loudspeaker POD, the microphone POD can be supplied in brushed stainless steel or painted, subject to volume requirements.



Other Options

Other Speakers: Other loudspeakers can be used with the TalkPerfect system, subject to matching to the amplifier and careful design in conjunction with microphone and installation design. Ampetronic can support the design and selection of loudspeakers where required.

Other Microphones: Other microphones can be used on the client side, however the performance of the microphone/speaker combination is critical to the system performance and should therefore be trialled in conjunction with Ampetronic.

* Please state whether the CLD1 Hearing Loop is required when placing an order or asking for a quotation.

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Age-Friendly Communities Program 2020–2021 Grant Program Guidelines

Introduction

Nova Scotia has one of the oldest aging populations in Canada. By 2030, there will be close to 260,000 Nova Scotians aged 65 or older in a population of less than a million people. This demographic shift is an opportunity for communities to recognize the important role that older adults play in the social, cultural and economic life of their communities, and to take action to ensure their continued participation.

The Government of Nova Scotia released **SHIFT: Nova Scotia's Action Plan for An Aging Population**. www.novascotia.ca/shift

The plan has three broad goals:

- Value the social and economic contribution of older adults
- Promote active, healthy living
- Support older adults to age-in place, connected to community life

Age-Friendly Communities (AFC) is an internationally recognized best practice and approach to ensuring that the physical and social aspects of a community are designed to improve the health and well-being of older adults, to overcome social isolation of older adults, and to help them stay active, healthy and engaged in their communities. By recognizing and valuing the contribution of older adults to community, supporting them to age in place, and creating the conditions for them to live healthy, active lives, AFC planning and implementation address all three pillars of Shift: Nova Scotia's Action Plan for an Aging Population.

1. Grant Overview

The Age-Friendly Communities Grant program, administered by the Nova Scotia Department of Seniors, provides funding up to \$25,000 for initiatives that lead to more age-friendly and inclusive communities and help advance the goals outlined in SHIFT.

The grant has two funding streams: planning and projects

Planning stream: The planning stream funds initiatives that lead to more age-friendly communities, as per established pan-Canadian guidelines that support policy and action at the local level (see Pan-Canadian Age-Friendly Communities Milestones and link to Resources in Appendix 2)

Planning initiatives engage stakeholders, develop action plans, and monitor and evaluate improvements to policies, services and structures within eight domains:

1. communication and information
2. housing
3. transportation

4. outdoor spaces and buildings
5. social participation
6. community support and health services
7. respect and social inclusion
8. civic participation and employment

Initiatives must be in partnership with local government and include consultation with and engagement of older adults, the broader community, and key stakeholders.

Projects stream: Collaborative, innovative projects to develop and /or implement programs, services, resources or events that:

- support active, healthy living
- help older adults to stay connected to community life
- maximize the economic and social contributions of older adults
- increase social interaction and community involvement among older adults.

Applications for projects that create mutually supportive, intergenerational experiences that help to alleviate social isolation among older adults are encouraged.

How much funding is available?

Funding is available for up to \$25,000 per initiative.

Requests for the **maximum contribution** must involve a large-scale province-wide initiative or an Age-Friendly Communities planning or evaluation initiative.

Smaller-scale projects receive a maximum contribution of up to \$10,000 per initiative.

When is the deadline for applying?

Applications will be accepted until February 1st, 2021, depending on the availability of funds.

- Applications received by 14 September 2020 will be reviewed and approved by end of October
- Applications received by 2 November 2020 will be reviewed and approved by early December
- If funds are still available, applications received by 1 February will be reviewed and approved by end of March 2021.

Who can apply?

To apply for a grant, you must be a:

- municipality
- Nova Scotian Mi'kmaw band
- registered non-profit organization, registered charity, or registered association based in Nova Scotia
- university based in Nova Scotia

Partnerships with local government and between two or more organizations are encouraged.

Businesses and individuals can't apply.

Planning stream initiatives require written approval from municipality's CAO or Nova Scotian Mi'kmaw Band Chief.

How are applications assessed?

Applications are assessed based on the following criteria: inclusivity, engagement and partnership, capacity and sustainability focus and impact, measurability; best practice and innovation and budget. (See Assessment Criteria outlined and the maximum number of points that will be allotted for each in Appendix 1)

- Applications need to show effective engagement of older adults in planning and all aspects of decision making and development of the idea.
- We encourage applications that are intentionally inclusive and aim to enhance healthy aging among at least one of these populations. These will be prioritized for funding:
 - African Nova Scotians
 - racially visible persons
 - persons with disabilities
 - Aboriginal persons
 - and persons of the LGBTQ+ community
- Initiatives that help advance the pan-Canadian Age-Friendly Communities Milestone approach will be prioritized for funding (see Appendix 2).

2. Budget and Contribution Guidelines

Funding is for new activities and not for on-going operations or regular planning activities. Funds can not be used for infrastructure or capital costs.

- Budgets must indicate proposed expenditures and align with the activities outlined in the application.
- Project costs will be assessed based on the scale and scope of the project and cost estimates provided. Some items requested may not be funded.
- In kind support is necessary. Letters of support from partners indicating their cash or in-kind contribution and how they will work with you are required
- Any other grant funding for the same initiative needs to be identified.

Eligible project costs include:

- salaries/wages and honoraria
- professional fees
- materials
- meeting convening expenses

Ineligible project costs include:

- existing program costs (i.e. on-going operations)
- regular planning activities
- infrastructure: construction/renovation costs

3. Grant Management and Applicant Responsibilities

Notice of Decision

- Eligibility does not guarantee funds being awarded. Applications may be approved for some, or all, of the funding being requested.
- Funds will be awarded based on assessments and available, approved funds.
- All applicants will receive written notice from the Department of Seniors
- If approved, the amount of funding being provided will be confirmed in the letter from the Department along with the Terms and Conditions of the funding agreement.

Final Report

The recipient will have up to one year from the time they receive funding to complete their project and **submit a final report with coinciding receipts (using template provided by the Department of Seniors)**. Failure to submit final reports will impact future funding applications.

- Proper fiscal management, including acceptable accounting records (receipts must be kept, and copies must be provided).
- Sharing of all findings and reports with the Department of Seniors.

Does my organization have to acknowledge that we received funding?

Yes. You must acknowledge the financial assistance of the province of Nova Scotia on all announcements, advertising, reports and products.

What if the initiatives change, cannot proceed, or are cancelled?

If you need to change the initiative significantly from what was outlined in your application, you must make a written request to the Department of Seniors. Written permission to reallocate funding is required from Department of Senior's staff prior to doing so.

If your initiatives are cancelled or you do not need the entire grant to complete your project, you must return all remaining funds to the Department of Seniors. This must be done using a cheque addressed to the Minister of Finance.

4. How to Apply

Send completed application with supporting documents via email to:

agefriendly@novascotia.ca

Electronic applications are preferred. If needing to submit paper copy instead, mail to:

Age-Friendly Communities Program
Department of Seniors
Barrington Tower, 15th Floor,
1894 Barrington Street,
Halifax, NS B3J 2A8

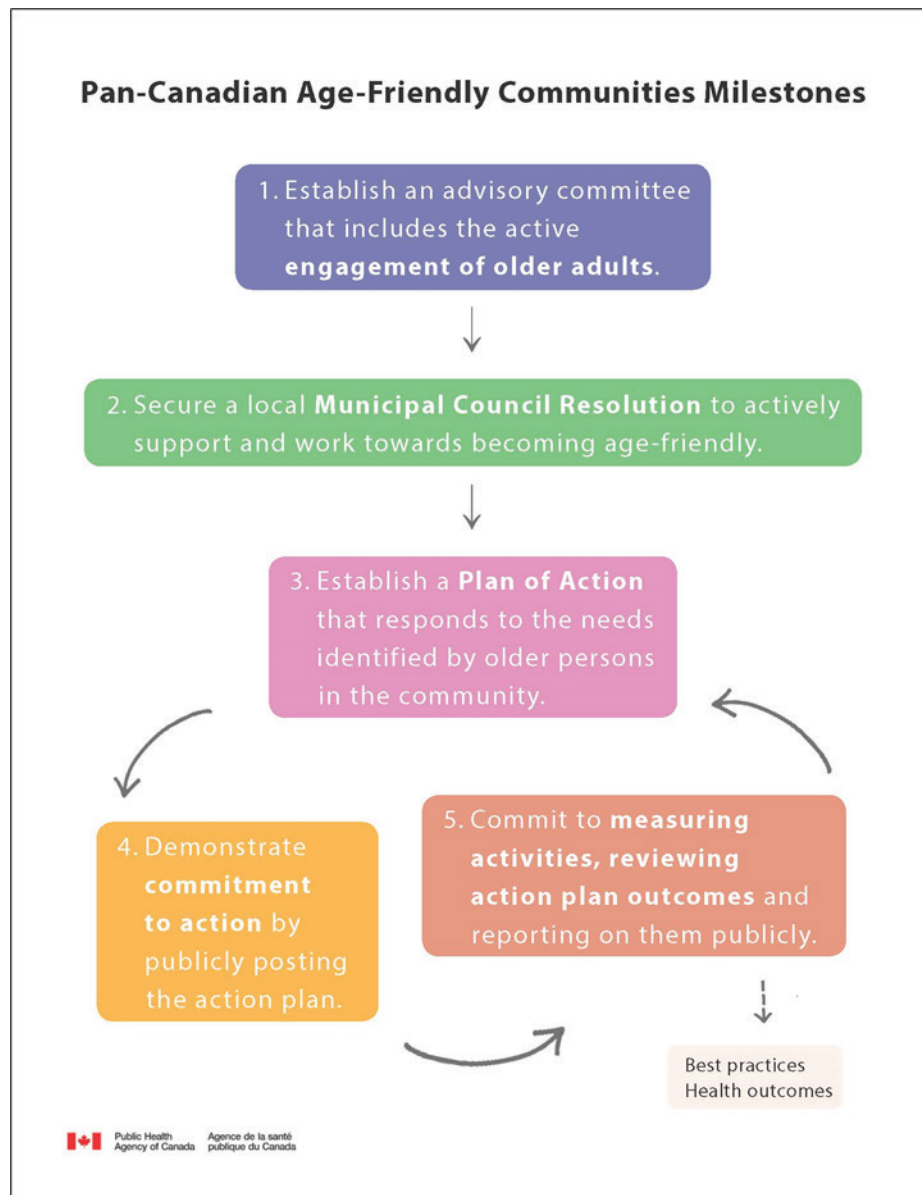
Appendix 1: Assessment Criteria

The Evaluation Committee will assess and score all eligible applications based on the funding goals and on the extent to which it meets the criteria outlined below.

Criteria	Scoring
<p>Focus and Impact:</p> <p>Does this planning initiative or community project address an identified need in the community?</p> <p>Does it compliment one or more of the Age-Friendly Communities Grant goals? <i>(For more information see SHIFT: Nova Scotia's Action Plan for An Aging Population www.novascotia.ca/shift)</i></p> <p>Does it authentically involve the participation of older adults in all aspects of decision making and development?</p> <p>Is the project intentionally inclusive and aim to enhance healthy aging among at least one of the following populations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Nova Scotians • racially visible persons • persons with disabilities • Aboriginal persons • and persons of the LGBTQ+community <p>Will the initiative advance the pan-Canadian Age-Friendly Communities milestone approach in Nova Scotia?</p> <p>Does the project address urban-rural disparities?</p> <p>What is the geographic area covered by the project and number of people involved?</p> <p>Has the application demonstrated the potential for a lasting impact on communities resulting from the project/initiative?</p>	<p>30 points</p>
<p>Evaluation and Measurability</p> <p>To what extent is there a clear plan to assess impact and success of the project?</p>	<p>15 points</p>
<p>Best Practice and Innovation</p> <p>To what extent is this project based on a best practice that will facilitate the creation of Age-Friendly Communities?</p> <p>Does it test or advance an idea or concept that will benefit other regions of the province, or groups in the future?</p>	<p>10 points</p>

Criteria	Scoring
<p>Engagement and Partnership</p> <p>How have you engaged the community and/or target population in the development of this idea? How have you shown their support?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent has there been meaningful engagement and listening and responding to the needs and interests of all citizens including older adults? <p>To what extent will the project involve working cooperatively with groups, organizations, associations and local governments that have a stake in addressing the issue? (e.g. health authority, school districts, First Nations, older adults, senior-serving organizations and municipalities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you identify the partners and describe their role? • What are the identified partners contributing to the initiative / project? • Did you include letters of support from them? 	<p>20 points</p>
<p>Capacity and Sustainability</p> <p>How will the project/initiative be assessed, adjusted and sustained over time, including after funding from the Department of Seniors ends?</p>	<p>25 points</p>
<p>Budget</p> <p>To what extent is the use of resources efficient? Are the cost estimates reasonable? Are quotes from suppliers included?</p>	

Appendix 2: Pan-Canadian Age-Friendly Communities Milestones and link to resources



Growing Evidence: There is a growing body of research and “how-to” information available to support policy and action at the local and individual levels. See link below for resources:

- <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/aging-seniors/friendly-communities.html>

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: Personal Development Opportunity for Older Adults in Wolfville (Redefining Retirement)
Attachments: Social Image 1 of 5.png; Social Image 2 of 5.png; Social Image 3 of 5.png; Social Image 4 of 5.png; Social Image 5 of 5.png

From: Joel Stoddart
Sent: January 12, 2021 7:01 AM
To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>; Erin Beaudin <EBeaudin@wolfville.ca>; Kelton Thomason <kthomason@wolfville.ca>;
Subject: Personal Development Opportunity for Older Adults in Wolfville (Redefining Retirement)

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Good afternoon everyone,

My name is Joel Stoddart, and I am a facilitator and trainer with the Acadia Entrepreneurship Centre here on campus.

Over the past three years, I have been involved in a provincially-funded program called Redefining Retirement (www.redefiningretirement.ca). Redefining Retirement is a 5-part workshop series that helps older adults (typically 55+) answer the question: *what am I going to do when I retire?* In contrast to the many retirement programs that focus solely on finances, this program is about enabling older adults to determine how they will engage with their communities, deploy their skills, and connect with like-minded people once they 'retire'. The program helps participants live fully and purposefully in their later years, to the benefit of all.

The Redefining Retirement program will 'go live' again (virtually across Nova Scotia) on February 24, 2021. **Given your leadership role and influence within the community, I am wondering if you might consider helping us spread the message.** If you feel this is something your stakeholders or constituents might benefit from, we have attached to this email several 'social-media-ready' images that you can post or share in e-newsletters, etc. Your help would be profoundly appreciated. If it is not a fit, we understand.

Two other things to quickly note:

1. **Registration fee subsidy:** recognizing that the program registration fee may be prohibitive for some Nova Scotians, the NS Department of Seniors has generously provided us with funding to offer a registration fee subsidy – the application for this subsidy is on our registration page (<https://redefiningretirement.ca/register-here>.)
2. **Free 30-minute preview webinars:** for those interested in considering joining the program, we are pleased to offer a series of 30-minute preview webinars. All dates are posted on the registration page of our website and the registration link can be found here: <https://interceptum.com/s/en/RR2021>

The sessions will be facilitated by the Acadia Entrepreneurship Centre (www.acadiaecentre.com) and Third Sector Enhancement Ltd. (www.thirdsectorenancement.com),.

I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Joel

PS you can also find the program on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/redefiningretirementprogram>

Joel Stoddart

Business Counsellor, Consultant, and Trainer

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Are you retired? Approaching retirement?

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BEGINS ONLINE FEBRUARY 24

**To register or for more information visit
www.redefiningretirement.ca or call (902) 877-7683**





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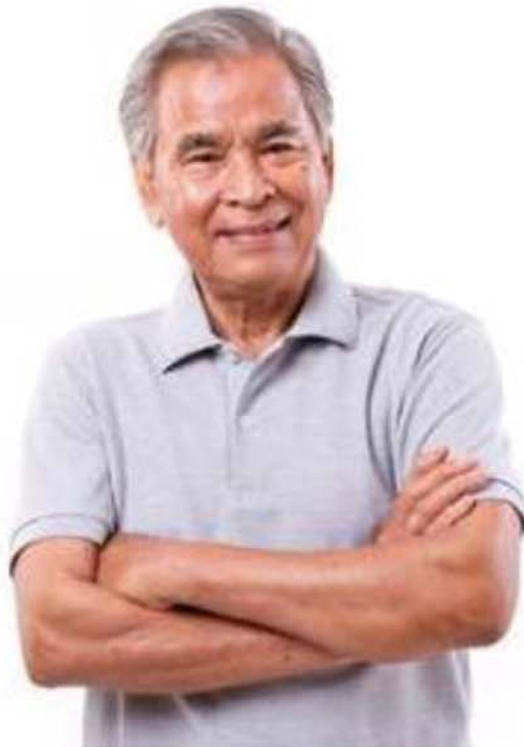
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Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: BIM Project Management !!

From: Kaitlyn Watson

Sent: January 11, 2021 9:31 AM

To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>

Subject: RE: BIM Project Management !!

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Hi!

Our firm specializes in the following BIM services.

BIM – ACS

- Construction Documentation
- 3D BIM & Point Cloud Modeling
- 4D Construction Sequencing
- 5D Cost Estimation
- Material Takeoff (MTO)

BIM – MEP

- MEP Coordination & Clash Detection
- MEP Shop Drawing Services
- Point Cloud Modeling

Please let us know if you are interested. We will share further details accordingly.

Regards,
Kaitlyn

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: project time line update- Latitude 45 Suites, 292 Main Street, Wolfville.

From: kevin.gildart

Sent: January 18, 2021 11:58 AM

To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>

Cc: Devin Lake <DLake@wolfville.ca>; Kelton Thomason <kthomason@wolfville.ca>; Kevin Kerr <KKerr@wolfville.ca>; Marcia Elliott <MElliott@wolfville.ca>; Emodi, Thomas; MacVicar, David

Subject: project time line update- Latitude 45 Suites, 292 Main Street, Wolfville.

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Dear Mayor Donovan and Members of Wolfville Town Council:

As a follow-up to my December 5th, 2020 update e-mail, I wish to share our most current timelines.

A final design element was subjected to Geo-Technical review in early January. This review involved how best to deal with our concrete floor elements in both commercial tenant space and our enclosed parkade area.

Our previous design included grade beams, a series of poured concrete beams linking our piles together in a checkerboard fashion. Using grade beam design required us to fill the spaces between all beams with an excess of gravels to approximately one meter above finished grade levels. The excess gravel would have sat in place to "pre-load" all soils during the entire construction period, to essentially force an accelerated settling of soils. These studies are to insure we lessen or eliminate the potential of floor settling in the years ahead. All excess gravel would be removed as a final stage process before we pour our finished floor near the end of the build.

Floor settling, while non-structural in our building (building is supported on piles), can create unsightly cracks and in a worst case scenario, a tripping hazard.

After careful consideration, we have changed our methods to encompass a structural slab. In simple terms, we will pour a steel reinforced floor directly on top of all piles as an early stage construction process.

The structural slab involves significant amounts of steel. We were advised by our steel supplier that there will be a 20% increase in steel prices effective February 1, 2021. We have placed advanced orders for our entire steel component for the building as of last week. Typically, these items would be requested as part of scheduled deliveries, but in these COVID impacted times, we are adjusting to the New Realities.

Is there a Silver Lining in our revised approach? Yes !

- the previous design approach of grade beams and pre-loading of weights, is labour intensive and rendered our main floor area as essentially non-useable during the settling process.

- the structural slab carries a modest extra cost. The benefit is this will allow us to use the main floor square footage at an earlier stage for material storage and makes for a less cluttered construction zone.

- We further believe this approach will shave several weeks off of our overall time lines and result in some total cost savings due to reduced site labour component .

Summary points:

- All building permit design drawings are completed, with the exception of the minor revisions to show structural slab in-lieu of grade beams. The structural engineers are currently making this change.

- Structural steel is ordered and enroute

- concrete tenders are awarded

- service orders are placed (NSPI connections)

- we are very close to having equipment on site.

We thank you for the continuing cooperation with town administration and I trust this update is beneficial to staff and council.

Yours truly,

Kevin Gildart

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: Consideration of 5G Technology Implementation

From: Thomas Clahane
Sent: January 14, 2021 3:53 PM
To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>
Subject: Consideration of 5G Technology Implementation

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Tom Clahane

To members of the Wolfville Town Council,

It is my understanding that you will be reviewing the Town of Wolfville's position on the implementation of 5G technology in our community and I would like to have my position noted and considered.

I am not totally opposed to the introduction of all new technologies and recognize that as much as we may wish our community to be fixed in time that growth and progress are inevitable. However, it is the responsibility of council to ensure that these are managed in a safe and thoughtful way with the long term physical and mental health of our citizens as the highest priority.

There appears to be substantial anecdotal evidence already that 5G Technology is harmful to living things (trees, plants, animals, and people) and growing numbers of people are already experiencing health issues as the duration of their exposure grows.

Unfortunately once the genie is out of the bottle it is almost impossible and exceptionally expensive to turn back the clock. Therefore I am requesting that the Town of Wolfville puts in place a four year moratorium on any implementation of this technology and town staff be directed to monitor scientific studies of implementations elsewhere, reporting back to council prior to the next municipal election and before any installations proceed in our community.

The report can then be made public, and counsellors can make an informed decision which can be defended based on the objective scientific evidence available, rather than the assurances of technology companies. I do not think it is prudent or fair to allow this potentially dangerous technology to be forced upon us without a long term evaluation of the effects.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this issue before it is too late to reverse our position.

Yours truly,

Tom Clahane

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: Summer Outdoor Theatre Proposal

From: Valley Drama School

Sent: January 8, 2021 2:35 PM

To: Wolfville VIC <tourism@wolfville.ca>; info@wbdc.me; Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>

Cc: Wendy Donovan <WDonovan@wolfville.ca>

Subject: Summer Outdoor Theatre Proposal

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Dear Wolfville Tourism, Town Council, & WBDC,

I am writing to you with an exciting new proposal to enhance further the vibrant scene which is summer in Wolfville! Outdoor Theatre in Clock Park will feature young, local actors as they perform free, short and engaging family shows about the history and culture of Wolfville and the Annapolis Valley. Below I will outline details of this proposal and what we are asking for, and why this project would be a wonderful addition to Wolfville's summer scene.

First, a little bit about us. Valley Drama School was opened in September 2020, and in its first year has taught over 70 incredible students of all ages. We experienced the most positive opening term, despite the pandemic, and were so grateful for the warm welcome into the Wolfville business community. With such a big opening year, I can only see us expanding further; Wolfville is an amazing place for theatre, music, and culture, and we are so excited to be part of this generous, artistic community.

We are proposing an outdoor summer theatre project and asking for your support and funding. This would allow me to hire 4-5 of my talented Senior Acting (high school) students, providing local young people with an exciting and rewarding summer job. These summer students would collaborate (under my direction) and create a variety of short, family plays featuring the history of Wolfville and the Annapolis Valley. Themes and topics would range from culture, the arts, agriculture, diversity, education etc. The stories would be suitable for all

ages and carry a light-hearted, comedic tone, with substantial, underlying themes! Families would be encouraged to bring a picnic blanket and local food to enjoy during the show. The plays would be half an hour long and be performed outdoors around lunch time, in Clock Park on either Monday, Wed. & Fridays, or Tuesday's & Thursdays (depending on what you deem appropriate), through July and August (preparation and rehearsals in June). We would also perform the occasional Saturday, tapping into the already bustling downtown market crowd!

This kind of summer project has huge precedent in other towns. I grew up in Fredericton, and the Calithumpians are a long-standing outdoor theatre troupe who perform family shows in Officer's Square, downtown, drawing huge audiences of locals and tourists daily. I remember fondly as a child attending these shows several times per summer, and always making a day of it- going for ice cream or lunch, and shopping around the local, downtown boutiques. Families adored these experiences, especially tourists and parents looking for engaging and new ways to spend the summer days. This project can be hugely beneficial in drawing families and newcomers to the downtown core. They will experience some local history and comedy from Wolfville's young students, and perhaps be inclined to shop or eat at any of the local businesses nearby. Even for parents and children outside of Wolfville, it will provide an exciting afternoon and fun excuse to come to Wolfville from anywhere in the Valley.

The funds for this summer tourism project, as I said would allow me to hire student actors, and pay them for their time and creative efforts. Funding would go toward their pay for writing, rehearsal, and performing, my time for directing, marketing, costuming and other preparations. I have calculated hours for each task (if you would like to see a full break-down), as well as summer pay (\$14/ hr.) for the students, and would be asking for \$12,750.00 in order to fund this project. I am open to discussion and any ideas you may have.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read and consider my proposal. I believe this to be an exciting new opportunity for students, locals, and tourists in Wolfville and if you were to go forward in supporting it, I assure you we would not disappoint! The students will also create a catchy name for their summer theatre troupe- something which would represent Wolfville, and Valley Drama School. Thank you again, and I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Emily Burton
Owner & Artistic Director
Valley Drama School

Amanda Brown

Subject: FW: FEB. 6 PROCLAMATION REQUEST
Attachments: what is end fgm canada network (1).pdf; Sample Declaration Proclamation .docx

From: Vicki Bennett
Sent: January 12, 2021 10:25 PM
To: Town Council <towncouncil@wolfville.ca>
Subject: Fwd: FEB. 6 PROCLAMATION REQUEST

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Dear Mayor and Council,

For the second year in a row, the End FGM Canada Network is running a Canadian campaign to have February 6th recognized as the official day to honour survivors of female genital mutilation and those who are fighting against it. Last year your Council and City kindly supported us and issued a Proclamation; we are hoping that you will do so again this year. This year's theme is: No Time for Global Inaction: Unite, Fund and Act to End Female Genital Mutilation.

Last year 22 cities from coast to coast and 4 provinces joined in the campaign and proclaimed the day, from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Victoria, B.C. This year, we are looking to double the number of proclamations that were issued last year, and we hope we can count on you to help us reach that goal.

Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) is a gross human rights abuse perpetrated on girls and women every 10 seconds, every day, somewhere in the world. There are currently more than 200 million survivors worldwide, and **upwards of 100,000 in Canada**. There are also **girls at risk in Canada**, as confirmed in federal government documents. Female Genital Mutilation is extremely traumatizing, debilitating, and even causes death. There is evidence that girls in Canada are being taken outside of Canada for 'vacation cutting,' and that cutters may be being brought into Canada.

See the moving account from [Maryam Sheikh](#), a survivor who lives in Newfoundland and who brought her daughter here to save her from FGM/C. Maryam, who is on our End FGM Canada steering committee, is urging Canadians to break the silence on this topic.

FGM is not a question of religion, ethnicity, or nationality. It's a question of human rights. FGM is practiced among many religions including Christianity, Islam, and Animists. It happens in Africa, the Middle East, South America, Asia, and the West—in short, it's an issue on **every continent except Antarctica**. A recent [Equality Now report](#) indicates that there are more than 90 countries worldwide where Female Genital Mutilation is an issue. See our recent campaign highlighting a few [surprising countries](#) where FGM /C is an issue. And the effect of COVID19 has been devastating. The UN estimates that an additional 2 million girls will be cut as a result, in addition to the previously estimated 4 million girls at risk.

February 6th has been proclaimed by the UN as the day where we focus attention on FGM, and we hope that this year it will be celebrated across Canada. With these Canadian proclamations we are hoping to draw attention to this world-wide problem, and to raise awareness that this is an issue in Canada as well. In every Canadian province we have immigrants from communities that practice FGM, including from countries in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

The suggested proclamation and information on the non-partisan End FGM Canada Network are attached below.

Thank you for considering our request.

Yours truly,

Vicki M. Bennett, member FGM Canada Network



International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation

February 6, 2021

Whereas International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is observed around the world and provides an opportunity to honor those women, girls, boys and men who are actively and courageously working towards an end to this harmful practice.

Whereas this day invites us to reflect on the fact that 4.1 million girls are still at risk of mutilation each year, including girls in Canada.

Whereas on this day, we acknowledge that female genital mutilation is an issue in more than 90 countries and on every continent except Antarctica, and that there are at least 200 million FGM survivors in the world, including more than 100,000 in Canada.

Whereas we acknowledge that FGM has no basis in any religious text and is recognized by the United Nations and other world bodies as child abuse and an abuse of a girl's fundamental human rights.

Whereas we acknowledge that FGM has no benefits and causes only harm, including death, difficulties with urination, menstruation, sexual intimacy, post-traumatic stress disorder and increased maternal and child mortality.

Whereas on this International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation, we acknowledge and celebrate all national and international efforts being made, especially at the grass roots level, to achieve United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #5, which calls for the elimination of FGM and other harmful traditional practices by 2030.

Whereas on this Day of Zero Tolerance, we call for increased, concerted global and Canadian action to end female genital mutilation, and ask all governments-international, national, and local- to fully uphold the human rights of women and girls so they can live a life free from the violence that is female genital mutilation.

NOW THEREFORE, I , **XXXXXXXXX** on behalf of the government of **XXXXXXX**, do hereby declare February 6, 2021, as International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM in **XXXXXXXXXX**.

The End FGM/C Canada Network



Our Mission

The End FGM/C Canada Network is a non-partisan group of individuals and organizations working to end female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) both in Canada and abroad. We focus on urging the Canadian government to acknowledge that FGM/C is an issue here too, and to create a National Action Plan to support survivors and to protect girls at risk in Canada. In addition, we work to encourage the Canadian government to take a lead internationally and focus more development aid on the human rights battle to end FGM/C worldwide. To do this, we bring together our members and other stakeholders to collectively influence the policies and practices of the Canadian government.

Our Values

Human-Rights Approach: The End FGM/C Canada Network is grounded in a human rights approach. We consider FGM/C to be an extremely harmful practice, a form of gender-based violence, and a violation of the fundamental rights of girls, women, and non-binary children/adults. We are aligned with the United Nations' policy of zero tolerance for FGM.

Diversity: We are an inclusive organization and value diverse backgrounds, experiences, ethnicities, services and sectors.

Respect: We believe in solidarity between organizations and we respect one another and engage in respectful and thoughtful dialogue.

Anti-discrimination: In our efforts to end FGM/C, we believe in approaching the issue with sensitivity towards individuals and communities, and we reject any form of discrimination and racism.

Supporting empowerment: We deeply value listening to, prioritizing, and honouring survivors of FGM/C and girls at risk, and we are committed to elevating their voices as Network members. We value the voices of youth and grassroots organizations and support their work through the Network's collective efforts.

Collective efforts: We bring together individuals and organizations to stand together to end FGM/C, to share information, exchange promising practices, amplify our efforts and voices, and work together to urge the Canadian government to take effective action.

Trauma-informed: We work with an awareness of the varied physical, social, and emotional impacts of trauma caused by FGM/C on individuals (including survivors, activists and professionals) and communities. We value self-care and community care of our members and volunteers.

Membership

Membership is open to organizations and individuals who are

- based in Canada
- actively engaged in working on the issue of FGM/C or intending to be actively engaged
- aligned with and committed to supporting the Network's values

Each voting member is eligible to participate in member listservs, access member-only events and materials, participate on working groups and discussion groups, and serve on the Steering Committee when vacancies arise.

Organizations with multiple members shall appoint one voting representative for the organization.

International Membership is open to organizations and individuals who are

- not based in Canada
- actively engaged in working on the issue of FGM/C
- aligned with and committed to supporting the Network's values

International members may participate in member listservs, access member-only events and materials, and participate on working groups and discussion groups. International members are not eligible to vote in Network elections.

There is no membership fee.

Alignment with the Network's values is critical. For example, organizations that tie the FGM/C issue to an anti-immigration or religious discrimination agenda are not appropriate members of the Network.
