

INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending June 30, 2017

REPORTS

1. None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

1. 2016 Review of the Accessibility Transportation Standards
2. Addressing Food and Organic Waste in Ontario
3. Bill 139 – The Proposed Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017
4. Low Impact Development (LID) Stormwater Management Guidance Manual

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal re: Download of Enforcement Responsibility of Rental Maintenance Standards
2. Municipality of West Nipissing re: Bill 68 Changes Pertaining to Out of Court Payments
3. Township of Lake of Bays Resolution re: Tax-exempt Portion of Remuneration Paid to Local Officials
4. Crime Stoppers, *The Informant*, Summer 2017

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

1. Guelph Public Library Annual Report 2016
2. Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2017

ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

1. Committee of Adjustment – Resignation received from Martin Bosch
2. Water Conservation and Efficiency Public Liaison Advisory Committee – Resignation received from Bill Mullin

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
2016 Review of the Accessibility Transportation Standards	Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment	July 19, 2017	<p>The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) is expected to achieve an accessible Ontario by 2025 through the development, implementation and enforcement of accessibility standards that apply to the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.</p> <p>The Transportation Standards under the Act set out requirements to help transportation and public transit providers as well as municipalities, universities, colleges, hospitals and school boards make their transportation services and vehicles accessible to people with disabilities.</p> <p>The Standards came into effect on July 1, 2011. The Act requires the review of each accessibility standard five years after it becomes law to determine whether the standard is working as intended and to allow for adjustments to be made as required.</p> <p>Topics of the draft changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conventional transit• Specialized transit• Duties of municipalities that license taxicabs• Accessible Parking Spaces• Coordination between specialized transit services• New and emerging technologies	Staff and Accessibility Advisory Committee will review the recommendations and provide feedback via the online survey.	A coordinated staff level response to the Ministry survey is considered appropriate in this case	Transit	https://www.ontario.ca/page/2016-review-accessibility-transportation-standards

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Addressing Food and Organic Waste in Ontario	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	July 30, 2017	<p>An EBR notice has been posted (013-0094) as a Policy Proposal Notice. This discussion paper, "Addressing Food and Organic Waste in Ontario", serves as the basis for preliminary discussion with stakeholders to inform the development of the Food and Organic Waste Framework.</p> <p>The Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy, released on February 28, 2017, commits the ministry to a Food and Organic Waste Action Plan with a key action being the possible banning of food waste from disposal.</p> <p>The Food and Organic Waste Framework will aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce the amount of food that becomes waste• Remove food and organic waste from the disposal stream• Reduce greenhouse gas emissions that result from food and organic waste• Support and stimulate end markets that recover the value from food and organic wastes• Increase accountability of responsible parties• Improve data on food and organic waste• Enhance promotion and education regarding food and organic waste <p>The intent of this Discussion Paper is to offer an early opportunity for Ontarians to provide input towards the development of a Food and Organic Waste Framework.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	<p>Staff response on the proposed Discussion Paper will be consistent with comments provided at Ministry Food Waste Consultation Sessions.</p> <p>The City of Guelph has a vested interest in diverting food and organic waste from landfill through the operation of our Organic Waste Processing Facility, thereby reducing our carbon footprint and increasing our diversion rate.</p> <p>Further, should the Ministry ban food waste from disposal, there may be considerations related to City operations, capacity, promotion/education, etc.</p>	Environmental Services	Environmental Registry

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Bill 139 – the proposed Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017	Ministry of Municipal Affairs	August 14, 2017	<p>Bill 139 proposes to introduce new legislation to replace the Ontario Municipal Board with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, and make amendments to existing legislation, including the <i>Planning Act</i>, to give communities a stronger voice in land use planning.</p> <p>If passed, the proposed changes to statutes dealing with land use planning would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give more weight to local and provincial decisions by changing the standard of review – the grounds for appeal on major matters would be limited to their failure to conform or be consistent with provincial and local policies• Give municipal elected officials greater control over local planning by exempting a broader range of municipal land use decisions from appeal.• Support clearer and more timely decision making• Support government priorities on climate change	Staff-level comments will be submitted on the Environmental Registry (EBR) based on the Council endorsed comments from the December 2016 consultation, and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	Upon initial review, the draft legislation responds to many of the City’s major recommendations. Council endorsed comments from the prior consultation provide a detailed basis for responding to the proposed legislation.	Legal Services Planning, Urban Design and Building Services	EBR Registry Number: 013-0590 https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-municipal-affairs

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Low Impact Development (LID) Stormwater Management Guidance Manual	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	July 15, 2017	<p>MOECC is seeking public input on two consultants' reports; a jurisdictional scan of international stormwater management requirements for controlling rainwater volumes, and potential runoff targets.</p> <p>The ministry is proposing to work with all partners in a stepwise, science-based process to update its LID guidance. Following public comments on these two reports, a draft LID guidance manual will be developed and posted for public comment on the Environmental Registry. Finally, these public comments would be used to finalize the LID guidance.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline. Furthermore, Staff will be monitoring this work to ensure an understanding of the significance to the City's programs.	MOECC's proposed LID Stormwater Management Guidance manual is an additional document related to stormwater management practices. The recommendations of the draft material have implications for the City and, in fact, may contradict the City's Sourcewater Protection Program. Accordingly, this matter is of importance to the City and it is imperative that the City's considerations be contemplated in the document.	Engineering	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMwOTcz&statusId=MTk4NDg3&language=en

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

June 26, 2017

Resolution Number: 2017-209

Moved By: [Signature]

Seconded By: [Signature]

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal has received the staff report "Bill 7 – Property Standards Downloading", dated June 12, 2017.

AND WHEREAS Schedule 5 of Bill 7 prescribes that local municipalities shall assume enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards (O. Reg. 517/06) under the RTA on July 1, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Housing currently enforces residential rental maintenance standards in municipalities that do not have a property standards by-law, or that have a "partial" by-law that does not address the interior of rental buildings;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry currently receives complaints from tenants respecting residential rental maintenance standards and appoints inspectors to provide this service to municipalities on an as needed basis, for a cost-effective set fee of \$265 for each inspection or re-inspection;

AND WHEREAS the download of enforcement responsibility will require each municipality to receive written complaints from tenants, cause an inspector to make an inspection to determine whether the provincial standards have been complied with, issue work orders to landlords who have not complied with a prescribed maintenance standard, monitor compliance, investigate allegations of failure to comply, and where circumstances warrant, to prosecute landlords for non-compliance;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario intends to download these responsibilities with no compensatory funding, leaving municipalities that do not currently enforce residential rental maintenance standards with the significant fiscal challenge of providing this service cost-effectively;

☐ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Unanimous

Mayor: _____

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor M. Barrett		
Councillor G. Morrell		
Councillor K. Smail		
Deputy Mayor P. Taylor		
Mayor Sayeau		
TOTAL		

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

June 26, 2017

Resolution Number: 2017 _____

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls on the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Housing to halt the download of enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of Bill 7, in light of the significant fiscal challenge each municipality will face to provide this service to the public in a cost-effective manner;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, Member of Provincial Parliament in the Province of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and to all Ontario municipalities.



☐ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Unanimous

Mayor: 

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

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Councillor M. Barrett		
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Councillor K. Smail		
Deputy Mayor P. Taylor		
Mayor Sayeau		
TOTAL		



**The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing /
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ouest**

Resolution No.

2017 / 239

JUNE 20, 2017

Moved by / *Proposé par*:

Seconded by / *Appuyé par*:

WHEREAS the Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing received resolution no. 17-198, attached hereto, from the Municipality of Killarney, requesting that the Minister of Municipal Affairs reconsider the proposed changes under Bill 68 pertaining to out of court payments;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports Municipality of Killarney, in their request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to reconsider the proposed changes under Bill 68 pertaining to out of court payments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs, local MPP's, FONOM, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

	YEAS	NAYS
BRISSON, Denise		
DUHAIME, Yvon		
FORTIER, Guy		
LARABIE, Roland		
MALETTE, Léo		
RESTOULE, Jamie		
ROBERGE, Normand		
TESSIER, Guilles		
SAVAGE, Joanne (MAYOR)		

Carried:

Defeated: _____

Deferred or tabled: _____



Municipality of Killarney

May 18th, 2017.

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website:
www.municipalityofkillarney.ca

The Honourable Bill Mauro,
Minister of Municipal Affairs,
777 Bay Street – 17th Floor,
Toronto, Ontario.
M5G 2E5

Dear Sir:

RE: Changes Under Consideration to the Municipal Act, 2001
Re: End to Payments Out of Court for Municipalities

It is our understanding that Bill 68 – Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act is proposing changes to the tax registration proceedings which would end payments out of court for municipalities. The proposed amendment to Section 380 (8) and (9) would see out of court payments revert back to the Crown.

The Municipality of Killarney at their Regular Meeting of Council held May 17th, 2017 passed Resolution No. 17-198 as this proposed change will have a significant impact on small municipalities.

The Council for the Municipality of Killarney hereby appeals to you Honourable Minister, to reconsider this proposed change for the reasons outlined in the attached resolution.

Your consideration of this request is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY


Mrs. Candy K. Beauvais,
Clerk-Treasurer.

cc: Hon. Kathleen Wynne; Premier of Ontario
Local MPP's, FONOM, AMO, OSUM,
Ontario Municipalities



*The Corporation of the Municipality of Killarney
32 Commissioner Street
Killarney, Ontario
P0M 2A0*

MOVED BY: Pierre Paquette

SECONDED BY: Nancy Wirtz

RESOLUTION NO. 17-198

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Killarney appeal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to reconsider the proposed change to the Municipal Act, 2001 as a result of Bill 68 regarding tax registration procedures which would end payments out of court for municipalities. The proposed amendment to Section 380 (8) and (9) would see out of court payments revert back to the Crown;

FURTHER THAT tax sale proceedings involve a significant amount of staff time which is an expense to a municipality and it is only fair that municipalities continue to be eligible for these payments out of court;

FURTHER THAT tax sale revenues assist municipalities with various expenditures which to some extent alleviate the burden of the reduction of revenues of various Provincial grants/programs and the continual "downloading" upon small municipalities.

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, our local MPP's, FONOM, AMO, Ontario Small Urban Municipalities as well as all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

I, Candy K. Beauvais, Clerk Treasurer of the Municipality of Killarney do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Resolution #17-198 passed in a Regular Council Meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Killarney on the 17th day of May, 2017.


Candy K. Beauvais
Clerk Treasurer



COMPRISING - THE FORMER TOWNSHIPS OF FRANKLIN, MCLEAN, RIDOUT, SINCLAIR AND FINLAYSON

Township of Lake of Bays

RR#1, 1012 DWIGHT BEACH RD., DWIGHT
MUSKOKA, ONTARIO P0A 1H0

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June 21st, 2017

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building - Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

**Re: Resolution of Support Requesting the Tax-Exempt Portion of Remuneration
Paid to Local Officials be Reinstated**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays at its meeting held on June 20, 2017 passed the following resolution:

"Resolution #6(a)/06/20/17

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays supports Resolution #2017-174 passed by the Municipality of East Ferris requesting that the tax-exempt portion of remuneration paid to local officials be reinstated;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, MP Tony Clement, MPP Norm Miller, Municipality of East Ferris and MP Cheryl Gallant.

Carried"

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carrie Sykes, Dipl. M.A., CMO
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Encl. Resolution #2017-174 Municipality of East Ferris and Letter MP Cheryl Gallant

cc: MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Tony Clement
MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller
MP Renfrew - Nipissing - Pembroke, Cheryl Gallant
Municipality of East Ferris, Monica L. Hawkins, Clerk
All Ontario municipalities

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Email: municipality@eastferris.ca

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD May 23rd, 2017

No. 2017-174

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Rochefort

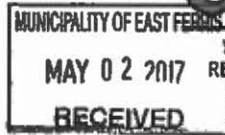
THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter from Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament regarding the Trudeau Liberals removing the tax-exempt portion of remuneration paid to local officials from their 2017 Federal Deficit Budget;

AND FURTHER that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Premier of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne, Local MP, Anthony Rota and Ontario municipalities.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2017-174 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 23rd, day of May, 2017.

Monica L. Hawkins, AMCT
Clerk



April 12th, 2017

Clerk-Treasurer
East Ferris Township
390 Highway 94
Corbeil, Ontario, POH 1K0

Dear Clerk-Treasurer,

As you may be aware, the 2017 Federal Deficit Budget raises personal taxes by targeting all municipal politicians, school board trustees, and elected members of municipal utilities boards, commissions, and corporations.

On Page 208 of the budget, the Trudeau Liberals removed the tax-exempt portion of remuneration paid to local officials.

Introduced in 1947 under the federal *Income Tax Act*, the purpose of the one-third tax-free expense allowance was to provide "an allowance for expenses incidental to the discharge of the person's duties as an elected officer."

Unlike some elected officials in cities who receive office budgets, car and expense allowances as well as six-digit salaries, this is not the case with most municipal politicians I know, with a majority of our councillors receiving a base salary of less than \$20,000.

As it was described to me by a local Mayor about this tax grab:

"Most municipal Council members in rural areas are already very poorly compensated for the work they do in their communities. As Mayor my hourly compensation is well below minimum wage. I make far less than any other municipal staff person working similar hours on behalf of the municipality. It is extremely difficult to attract good candidates into municipal politics now. Removing the 1/3 tax exemption on Council remuneration without compensating for that loss will make it nigh on impossible."

It is the expectation of debt-obsessed Ottawa that remuneration will be "grossed-up" (increasing the salary to offset the increased tax payment) so as not to impact the take-home pay received by a mayor and councillors. This in turn will boost individual tax bills for elected officials as well as costs to ratepayers, who are already struggling with increasing property taxes.

Rather than curbing the abuse of taxpayer money this tax grab claims to stop, by eliminating the tax-free provision, Municipalities will no longer be required to review their remuneration by law at a public meeting once during their four-year term.

Municipalities will now be forced to divert funds which would be spent on roads, bridges or clean water to reimbursing elected officials. This, along with the increased borrowing costs associated with the federal government's infrastructure bank scheme, will place increased pressure to raise property taxes, making home ownership more unaffordable.

This tax grab is an unfair burden on Canadian Municipalities and local ratepayers. The Trudeau Liberals need to be told their spending problem cannot be solved on the backs of home owners struggling to make ends meet.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gallant, M.P.
Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke
CG:sf

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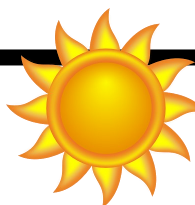


It's
YOUR
Community
... MAKE THE CALL!



CRIME 
STOPPERS
GUELPH WELLINGTON
1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

THE INFORMANT



SUMMER 2017

YOUR TIP could be the missing piece of the puzzle!



IN THE NEWS

2016 AWARDS FOR CSGW

CSGW received **three awards** at the provincial level during the recent 2017 OACS Conference.

The first award for **Online Excellence** is a new addition. CSGW was chosen for its website: www.csgw.tips and social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. The second honour for **Best Radio Feature** (under 300,000 population), was shared with **88.7 FM The River**, a new radio station out of Mount Forest. The third award for **Marla Moon Award of Excellence** is given for overall program performance which includes tip volume, crime resolution, community outreach, media engagement and volunteer hours. We are thrilled to announce we won (under 300,000 population category), for a second year in a row!!



BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

CSGW is currently seeking members from the Guelph community to join our active Board of Directors. Visit our website at www.csgw.tips to learn more about what we do and how you can help. As fundraising is a major source of income to pay rewards to Tipsters and promote awareness for our program, we need people who are well connected and have experience in leadership roles. Become involved by helping to make your community safer. Email info@csgw.tips for an application.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

Guelph and Wellington County stats since 1988 through May 2017

Arrests	1,525
Charges Laid	4,224
Narcotics Seized.....	\$27,169,227
Property Recovered	\$10,180,546
Authorized Rewards	\$163,620

The numbers speak for themselves...
Crime Stoppers works!

FUNDRAISING AND AWARENESS

MULCH SALE FUNDRAISERS



CSGW held two mulch sales this past spring. On April 29th we held our second annual event in Mount Forest in partnership with Young's Home Hardware. We raised \$2,423.00 in sales. Additionally, **SCOTIA-BANK** donated \$2,000.00 through their matching program. Our 8th annual event was held in Fergus at the CW Sportsplex which raised \$9,012.00.

THANK YOU to our volunteers, our repeat and new customers, the OPP, and Fleming Fast Freight. We express our gratitude to the media and our community members who helped in promotion of our events.

CSGW CHARITY BBQ



CSGW hosted a charity BBQ at the County OPP Property Auction on Thursday June 15th. The event took place at Parr Auctions, Hwy 6 north of Fergus. We received \$654.90 in donations! **THANK YOU** to the community and to Pillers for their donation.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday June 28th, 10-9pm

CSGW will have a **Human Trafficking Awareness** table at Stone Road Mall in Guelph. Please stop by and speak to one of our representatives about this ever present crime that is happening in our community.

SHREDDING EVENTS

**Saturday in September –TBA,
9am–noon–Guelph**

7th annual shredding event in partnership with **FILEBANK** mobile truck at **Stone Road Mall**. We will be located in the parking lot near Sears, off of Edinburgh Road. **Continue to check our website for further details.**

**Saturday October 28th,
10am–1pm–Mount Forest**

3rd annual shredding event will be held at the **Fire Hall** located on Main Street.

We request a donation of \$5 per banker's box size. Bring your personal paper material to be shredded and help protect yourself from identity theft.

NEW— CSGW T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER



We will have t-shirts available at all possible fundraising events for \$20. Available sizes are **XXL, XL, L M, S - first come first serve.**

PROGRAM UPDATES

CSGW has a **new** partnership with **City of Guelph Bylaw Enforcement** and you can now submit tips and remain anonymous through our program. Call 1-800-222- TIPS (8477) or submit a tip on line.

Rogers TV has cancelled their segment "Inside Guelph". However, CSGW will now be featured on "Guelph Life".

Check out our website regularly for the latest news and events. **www.csgw.tips**

We are also on social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.





Guelph Public Library
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ANNUAL REPORT 2016

www.guelphpl.ca

In March of this year, we lost one of our most eloquent voices, First Nations storyteller Richard Wagamese. He was also a great champion of public libraries.

Several years ago I attended an author event with Richard, where he startled the audience with the comment that, “Librarians don’t care.” He went on to describe his life as a homeless 16-year-old in St. Catharines. Displaced, frightened and alone, he followed a group of people into the public library. He found safety, quiet, compassion, and books. He went on to explain that, in fact, the librarians didn’t care that he was unfed and unwashed. They welcomed him anyway, encouraged his curiosity, and provided a safe home for learning that led to a career in journalism and later, as a celebrated and respected Canadian author.

In a CBC interview, Richard explained the impact that the library had in those early days. “I read works of fiction and poetry, but also books about astronomy, philosophy, geography, history, geometry, rocket science, all kinds of different things. I got an entire education for free. I didn’t even have a library card. Because in order to get a library card, you had to have an address, and I didn’t have one.”

Libraries matter. And the work of libraries is passionately carried out in Guelph by our librarians, at all of our branches throughout the city.

Recent studies done by the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries confirm that 85% of Ontarians believe that our

libraries are important to community vitality and strength. And we know that the tax dollars entrusted to librarians are well spent, supporting our communities in myriad meaningful ways. Libraries build community resilience by:

- promoting literacy and a love of reading
- providing free access to materials and resources; playing an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed
- improving the quality of life in a community

As we reflect back on the Guelph Public Library’s accomplishments this year, it’s important to recognize our dedicated staff, who create rich and diverse programming that touches every sector of our community. The majority of library resources are available without user fees, supported by the commitment of our city to the public library system. It’s a commitment that we are proud of, and one that our library staff lives up to every day, as they work to enrich, educate, connect, and empower the citizens of Guelph.

Looking forward to 2017, there are some exciting opportunities for citizen involvement. We will be engaging the community as we plan for our next 5 years of library service, and we’ll be asking for your input. We’re also hoping to build stronger connections with our community partners, and will be looking for volunteers to work beside us on our outreach efforts. And at any time, I encourage you to let your librarians know how the library is working for you. Our programs and collections are shaped by your thoughtful feedback.

On behalf of the Guelph Public Library Board, I extend appreciation to our committed and hard-working staff for continuing to creatively and passionately do the excellent work expected of an outstanding public library system!

Katie Saunders



STEVE KRAFT,
B.A., M.L.I.S.
CEO



KATIE SAUNDERS
2016-2017
Board Chair

BY THE NUMBERS

2016

7,877 NEW MEMBERS

ACCESSED OUR RESOURCES AND SERVICES FOR THE FIRST TIME



55,927 MATERIALS WERE DELIVERED TO



OR CHECKED OUT BY HOME-BOUND AND SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS



2,314,454 ITEMS

WERE BORROWED, EQUIVALENT TO MORE THAN 6,340 ITEMS A DAY!



42,746 ATTENDEES



TOOK PART IN 1,526 CHILDREN AND ADULT PROGRAMS



122,880 MEMBER QUESTIONS

WERE ANSWERED BY OUR LIBRARIANS AND STAFF

3,363 AVERAGE DAILY VISITORS

WERE WELCOMED AT OUR LIBRARY



64,133 NEW ITEMS

WERE ADDED TO BRING FRESH EXPERIENCES TO MEMBERS

3,375 AVERAGE

DAILY VISITS

TO OUR WEBSITE AND DIGITAL RESOURCES

574,600 CHILDREN'S MATERIALS



WERE CHECKED OUT, SUPPORTING AN EARLY LOVE OF LITERACY



MARCH BREAK



WAS OUR BUSIEST WEEK (CIRCULATION) AND AUGUST 2 OUR BUSIEST DAY!



SUMMER READING SNAPSHOT

FINANCIALS

2016

2016

FROM JUNE 25 TO AUGUST 27...

798 KIDS
(AGES 3-12) 

 **READ** 

28,740 BOOKS



106 TEENS
(AGES 13+) 

 **READ** 

1,832 BOOKS

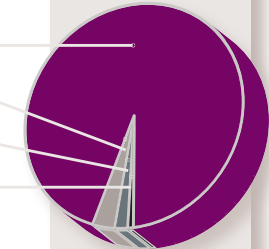
EXPENDITURES: \$9,090,840

Salaries, Wages and Benefits	62%
Purchased Goods	18%
Financial Expenses	18%
Internal Charges	2%



REVENUES

City of Guelph	93.9%
User Fees and Service Charges	3.5%
Grants	1.8%
Donations	0.8%



LIBRARY FUNDING AS PROPORTION OF CITY BUDGET

City-Delivered Services (fire, transit, waste, etc.)	65%
Local Boards and Shared Services (police, long-term care, etc.)	35%
Guelph Public Library	3.9%



GRANTS AND DONATIONS HIGHLIGHTS & PARTNER RECOGNITION

2016

The Guelph Public Library plays a critical role in the community, serving as a safe haven for some, a valuable resource for others and a vital connection for many more. We are proud to be supported by many visionaries whose contributions allow us to more effectively serve the residents of Guelph – here we highlight just a few of our supporters and partners:

Our **Annual Giving Campaign** raised \$16,436 (to date), its most successful yet, with a largest individual donation of \$2,000.

Corporate Sponsorships were gratefully received from **Omni Basement Systems** and **Sleeman Breweries Ltd.**

There was increased use of **Canada Helps** as a giving tool to support the Library.

Friends of the Guelph Public Library, through its Giant Book Sale and ongoing support, helped to furnish the interior of our new bookmobile.

Additional grants were received from:

- **Oak Tree Project**, Mactaggart Team participation
- **Ontario Library Capacity Fund** towards technology equipment (\$15,128)
- **Public Libraries Operating Grant**, Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (\$167,774)
- **Rotary Club of Guelph** towards Viewscan (microfilm scanner and reader) project (\$1,000)
- **The Mowbray and Doris Sifton Family Foundation** towards accessible equipment (\$26,031)
- **Young Canada Works** (summer students)
- **Youth Internship Program** – IT Intern (\$12,842)

Our Valued Partners

- Chartwell Retirement Residence
- Creative Encounters with Science
- Domino's Pizza
- Fantescapes
- Guelph Community Health Centre
- Guelph Storm Hockey Club
- Immigrant Services of Guelph-Wellington
- Jobs. Opportunities. Enterprise. (JOE)
- Nature Guelph
- Planet Bean Coffee
- Sleeman Breweries Ltd.
- Stratford Shakespeare Festival
- Sylvan Learning
- The Anderson Difference
- Upper Grand District School Board
- Visit Guelph Tourism
- Vocamus Press and Friends of Vocamus Press
- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
- University of Guelph: Let's Talk Science



"I love books and this was the first place I could go by myself."

Patricia, Library Member

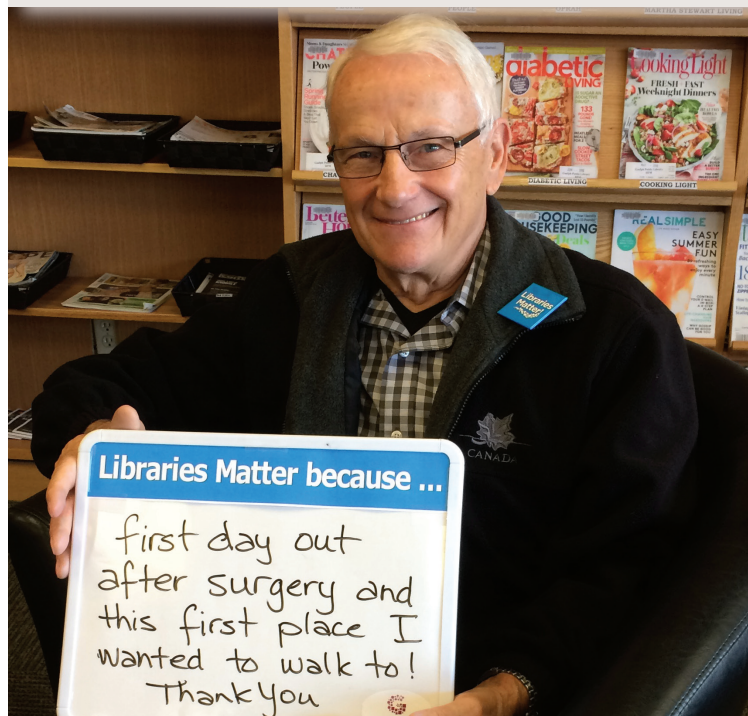
Libraries Matter!

2016

In 2016 we launched our year-long **Libraries Matter!** campaign. Members of the community are invited to engage in a discussion of why libraries matter to them. We are pleased to share a few snippets of the feedback we've captured:

"This morning was the first time that Luciano Capovilla, a regular Bullfrog branch visitor, had stepped out of his house after having emergency surgery. He was determined to come to the library to read today's newspaper..."

Bullfrog Library Staff



We are proud to offer programs, such as our Breastfeeding Café in partnership with Women Everywhere, that allow people to discuss their struggles, share their stories and learn about available resources:

"Very welcoming and inclusive."

"I learned that we all struggle and support each other."

"So nice to be able to talk with other moms going through the same thing."

Program Participants at East Side Branch

"... Thanks for the work you do and the very apparent understanding you have of people like me who use the Bookmobile. Having access to the Bookmobile has changed my life for the better, and in fact, has saved me from too much time with myself."

Cynthia Stuart, Library Member



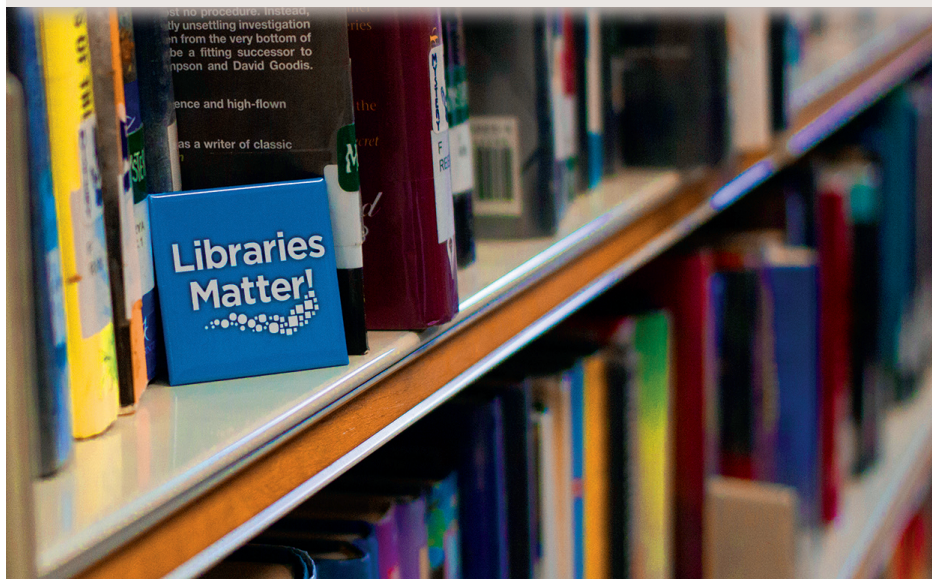
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"... Manuel spent two months looking for work and came to the Library nearly every day. In a note he sent to us he calls the Library, 'more than a building with books and DVDs; it was a safe place to stay, read and look for a new job.'"

Main Library Staff

"I have taken many children to the Library to learn and share as toddlers, puzzle things out as preschoolers, and feel excited about learning as JKs and SKs. By the time they are in the primary grades, the confidence they have internalized about the possibilities ahead is gratifying to witness. All of these stages of personal growth in the context of community resource is facilitated by our wonderful library."

Alice, Library Member



THANK YOU

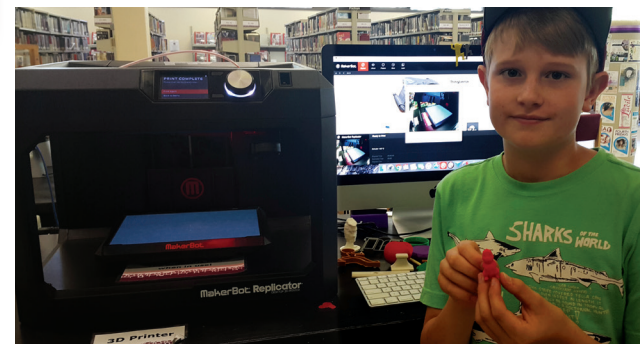
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Lisa Maslove **Vice Chair**

Anne MacKay **Past Chair**

Members: Aaron Blair, Councillor James Gordon, Getu Hailu, Jennifer Mackie, Gertrude Robinson, Chantal Vallis and Eileen Watson



It's easy to smile in here."

Tony, Library Member