

TOWN OF PARRY SOUND

2016
ANNUAL
REPORT

PARRY SOUND

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of Council and staff, I am pleased to present you with the 2016 Annual Report. The end of 2016 marked the mid-point of Council's 2015-2018 Strategic Plan.

In May, 2016, Council held a priority planning session. A number of priorities were set at that meeting, focusing direction and efforts on becoming development and investment ready in support of the 'Growth and Development' Strategic Initiative, specifically related to infrastructure upgrades and waterfront development.

We are very fortunate to live in a giving and generous community; volunteer time and energy has helped us advance Council's Strategic Priorities such as 'Our Community' and 'Active Living'. The Treetops Community Forest and the Tower Hill Heritage Garden are examples of the impact volunteers can have on a community. Thank you!

I hope you find the 2016 Annual Report informative and encourage you to contact us if you have questions.

Jamie McGarvey, Mayor



OUR COMMUNITY

2016 Highlights

- Emily Street Reconstruction - The most southerly section of Emily Street was completed. All roadwork in this area is done. For 2017, the section from Parry Sound Road to Fowlers Drive will be completely rebuilt, including all underground infrastructure.
- Beatty Street School Access - The School Board redesigned the access to the new school, including increased parking. Staff have been monitoring this new design, and we have not heard of any issues to date.
- Fitness Trail Link Extension - The Town is still waiting for approval of funding from FedNor. Design for the trail is complete, including estimate for the work to be completed. Hopefully we will see something in 2017. Municipality of McDougall completed their section in 2016 with funding approval.
- Great North Road - The Engineer has completed a detailed survey of Great North Road, from Bowes Street to Emily Street. A preliminary design has also been completed. Further study of the adjoining properties is taking place to ensure that all aspects of the underground infrastructure are reviewed.
- Fluoride - The Town shut off the fluoride system. All required ministries were notified. The future plan is to include the question of fluoride in the area drinking water as part of a referendum in the 2018 municipal election.
- Transfer Station Review - This project is ongoing. Staff is reviewing the workings of the transfer station to find more efficiencies. The new changes to date have significantly improved the process, including new bin placement, increased signage, as well as 2 new garbage tag dispensing machines which allows the ratepayer to buy garbage tags right on site.



2016 Highlights Continued...

- Cascade Street Generation Project - Work is progressing well on this project.
- Wastewater Standard Operating Procedures - Wastewater staff continue to work on this important project. This will allow for easier training of new and existing staff on the inner working of the Town system.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Maintenance Management Program - The Manager of Wastewater Systems completed this project. This allows staff to have a detailed analysis of all wastewater equipment, what is required to maintain it, schedule of maintenance, etc. This will improve efficiencies at the plant.
- WWTP - Sludge Removal - Staff are continuing to review this process. Research has found a new and innovative system which is entirely portable. The system will be arriving in 2017 for testing and we will see how successful it is. Further investigation is ongoing.
- Water - Drinking Water License Renewal - The License Renewal for the Tony Agnello Water Treatment Plant was completed in 2016. Staff prepared all the required documentation, which was approved by the Ministry of Environment.
- Community Decoration Challenges - The contests invited all residents and business owners in the Town of Parry Sound to show their community pride by decorating their front yards and storefronts in the spirit of the season.

William Street Reconstruction

William Street reconstruction is essentially 90% complete. All of the underground infrastructure is complete. Paving of first lift is complete on 100% of the road, second lift of asphalt is half complete. The new sidewalk has been poured. In 2017, the remaining asphalt will be completed, as well as any unfinished landscaping. We are hopeful that the entire project will be completed by May of 2017. The road will have lines painted, and include bike lanes on both sides.

Champagne Street and Sewage Pumping Station #2

The Engineer has completed a detailed survey of Champagne Street, from Emily Street to the water's edge. A preliminary design has also been completed. Further study of a new location for Sewage Pumping Station (SPS) #2 is underway, as the plan is to eliminate SPS #13 on Great North Road, and have a gravity system to the new SPS #2, which will include any new waterfront development in the immediate area.

Water – Fire Hydrant Flow Testing and Rating

A detailed review of all fire hydrants owned by the Town of Parry Sound was completed. This included a flow test for each hydrant, to update the previous fire flow testing of 2007. As the Town has been working very hard at upgrading their water infrastructure, it is important to perform this type of review. As expected, the conveyance of water to the harbor area has improved considerably due to the installation of a new and larger water pipe on Forest Street. And if the Great North Road project advances, it will also improve the conveyance in the area.

Water – Drinking Water Quality Management Systems (DWQMS)

This is an ongoing project, which will continue every year. Staff are to continually review all elements of the DWQMS, which also includes understanding all aspects of it. Detailed analysis is required during certain times of the year, which is also a requirement of staff.

Park Development & Revitalization

The revitalization of the Great North Road parkette continued in 2016 with improvements made by the Horticultural Society and the Town's Parks Department, expanding and continuing to develop the beds in the spring and by planting tulip bulbs in the fall in celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday. The changes to the garden have livened up the parkette and made it more inviting to visit the gazebo.

Garden Beautification

In 2016, there were 847 volunteer hours dedicated to Civic Beautification thanks to the efforts of the Tower Hill Gardeners, Muskoka Parry Sound Master Gardeners and the Parry Sound Horticultural Society.

Fundraising continues for the Treetops Community Forest. The property is located adjacent to Parry Sound Public School on Beatty Street. With funds raised by Treetops Community Forest the Town of Parry Sound purchased the property in December, securing the land for development of the park. Fundraising is ongoing to raise the required funds to pay the outstanding balance on the land for the Town, develop the trails, parking, trail head and park amenities.

Francis Pegahmagabow Memorial Statue

On June 21st, National Aboriginal Day, Parry Sound was host to the unveiling of the Francis Pegahmagabow memorial statue. The sculpture stands at the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts in Parry Sound, in view of Parry Island, Pegahmagabow's home. Francis Pegahmagabow served overseas for almost all of the "Great War" as WWI was called, seeing action in some of its most horrific battles. A skilled sniper, he was awarded the Military Medal three times - no other Indigenous soldier in Canada's history has ever received as many battle awards.



The unveiling saw tributes from Chief Perry Bellegarde, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, from Lt.-Gen. Marquis Hainse, Commander of the Canadian Army, and many tributes from surrounding First Nations Chiefs, from Mr. Pegahmagabow's family and from Parry Sound's Mayor McGarvey.

Lieutenant Governor Visit



On July 15th, Parry Sound received a visit from the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. She visited the Town of Parry Sound where she saw the Francis Pegahmagabow statue, toured Art in the Park, met with Town Council, area First Nation representatives, community members, and took in a Festival of the Sound concert.

Town of Parry Sound Mayor Jamie McGarvey invited Lieutenant Governor Dowdeswell to Town and was her tour guide for the day. McGarvey says he's pleased she accepted the invitation and was able to hear about some of the things our area is working on.

Town of Parry Sound Civic Scholarship

Council is pleased to offer the first of an annual \$500 scholarship to students whose home residence is in the Town of Parry Sound and who are entering their second year of a Canadian university, college or similarly recognized post secondary institution. Full criteria and the application documents for the scholarship are available at www.parrysound.ca.



Complimentary Parking

On June 7, 2016, Council passed a resolution to amend the Traffic Bylaw to permit the continuation of free parking. Throughout the summer of 2016 parking meters were removed.

Time limit parking is still in effect for on-street parking on James, Seguin, Miller, Gibson, Mary, McMurray and Bay Streets and municipal public lots. On-street parking spaces will be regulated by a 2-hour parking time limit and the municipal public parking lots will be regulated by a 4-hour parking time limit, Monday to Saturday. Re-parking rules have been implemented. Re-parking means it is not permissible for the same vehicle to return and park on the same street or in the same lot. The re-parking rule was implemented to discourage individuals from abusing the complimentary time limit parking.

Feral Cats

Six cats were trapped, neutered and released through the 2016 feral cat program. This program has been suspended, however the Town of Parry Sound will offer humane cat traps for a 14-day rental period. The rental fee is free for the 14 days, however, if the trap is returned damaged or in unsanitary condition a fee will be applied. The traps are only to be used for the trapping of feral cats. The renter is responsible for the quality of the feral cat's life once the trap is engaged. The municipality will pay for the surgery of a feral cat if released back into the community.

Spay/Neuter

Approximately 50 cats were altered through this program. The program will continue in 2017. To help with the overpopulation of community and unwanted cats please ensure you spay/neuter your pet.

ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

2016 Highlights

- Departmental training plans developed for all staff.
- Staff training completed on maintaining current information on the Town's website.
- ATM agreement approved by Council for ATM installation at the Stockey Centre.
- Fire Prevention Officer and facility managers updated Fire Safety Plans for Town facilities to ensure they are compliant and up to date.
- Review of fire department standard operating procedures completed. Staff working with Mutual Aid partners on joint procedures.
- Water – Staff Licensing - Completed and ongoing.

Strategic Priority Setting Council Meeting

On May 19, 2016 Council and senior staff held a public Strategic Priority Setting meeting to identify and prioritize significant, long term priorities. Council discussed, assessed and rated several major potential projects and development opportunities.

Of the highest priority was the waterfront and ensuring that it is 'development ready' meaning that the water and wastewater pipes and plants can handle additional flows generated by growth. To that end, Council authorized engineering design work to be undertaken immediately along Great North Road and Champagne Street. When a major waterfront development proposal is approved by Council, tenders can be called immediately for the required infrastructure work.

Also of high importance to Council is the establishment of an in-Town business innovation park which would be located on Town-owned property on Parry Sound Rd, close to the West Parry Sound Health Centre. Council's goal is to move forward with as many of these important projects as possible in 2017.

Incident Command System (ICS)

The West Parry Sound municipalities recognize that large scale emergencies do not recognize political boundaries. With area cooperation and effective emergency management in mind, critical emergency management staff from the West Parry Sound area are training together in the Incident Command System to effectively manage large scale emergencies. The Incident Command System is an organizational tool to make sure that decisions are made in a timely manner by the person most capable of making that particular decision. The ICS system ensures timely communication between all personnel working to mitigate an emergency.

The Emergency Plans for these municipalities including the Town of Parry Sound will be amended to seamlessly work together and allow for the sharing of resources during an emergency. The effect of this change will streamline decision making for the greater good of the entire area.

Data Management

Part of making the Town an exceptional organization is through organization itself. The processes involved in accomplishing the Data Management Project require all Town staff (who work with computers) to go through years, of files and to reorganize them. Through a collaborative process, staff determined the best structures to follow for data organization and structure. When our data / information is clean and well organized it allows us to serve both each other and the public in a higher, more efficient capacity.

Asset Management Plan

The Town worked with Public Sector Digest to develop an update to the Asset Management Plan. This Asset Management Plan builds on the previous plan by including all assets owned by the Town, not just roads/sewers/water assets.

The Town received the financing requirement of the plan in November 2016 and this was incorporated into the 2017 budget deliberations. The adoption of a 1.8% capital component each year for the next 20 years will allow the Town to fund infrastructure needs without relying on debt once implemented.

The Asset Management Plan will be used to determine a long-term financial plan which is anticipated to be completed in the first half of 2017.

ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

EMERGENCY SERVICES

6,419 District Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Responses in 2016

Urgent - 3,648
Life threatening

57%

Prompt - 1,161
Serious/Important but
not life threatening

18%

Other - 801

12%

Non-Urgent - 546

9%

Scheduled
- 263

4%

By-Law Department Reorganization

As recommended by the Downtown Steering Committee, the complimentary parking program for Downtown Parry Sound moved from a trial program to a permanent function in 2016, making coin collection and meter maintenance no longer required.

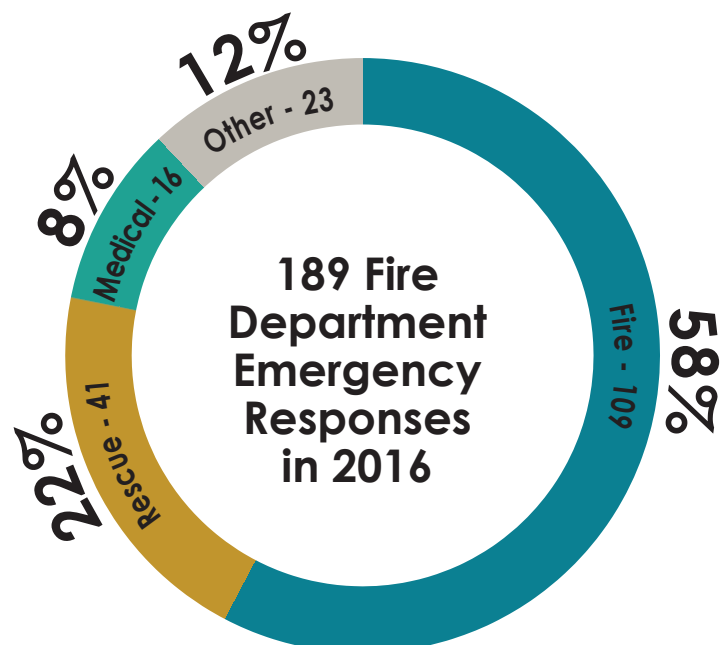
These occurrences necessitated changes to the organization of staff, reducing part time hours. After-hours request for services are now handled by contract officers. The By-law employees have been moved to the Fire Hall. By-law payment process and dog tag pick-up are still handled out of the Municipal Offices however all other activities will now be managed through the Fire Hall. Lifetime dog tags have been implemented to reduce administration.

DOG POUND

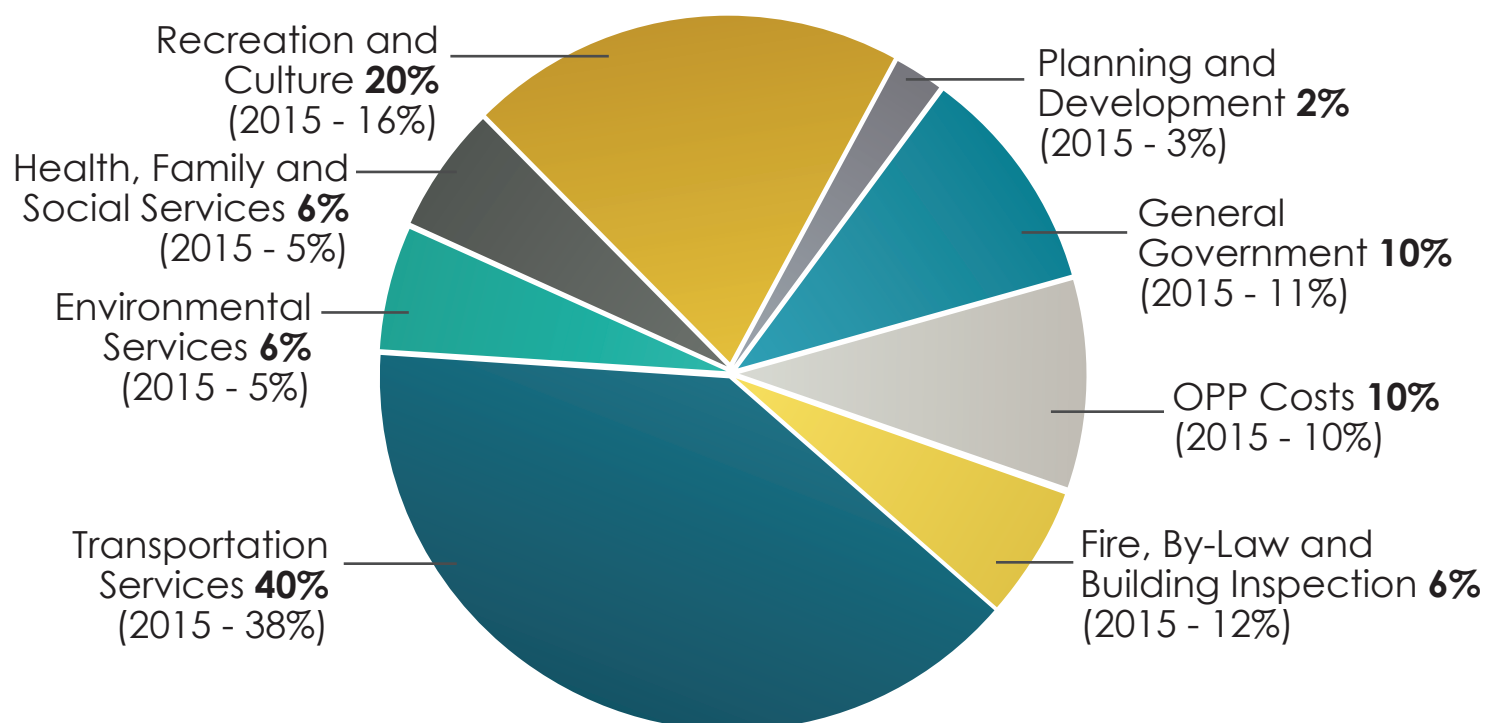
The Municipal Pound located in Parry Sound is operated as a joint effort between five local municipalities.

Dog Pound Count

Returned to Owner	58
Transferred	6
Adopted.	1
Other.	1
Euthanized	0
Total Dogs:	66



CASH OUTFLOWS (Disbursements)



Excludes: Water, Wastewater, POA, Land Ambulance and Amortization of Capital Assets

BUDGET SUMMARY - CASH OUTFLOWS

	2016	2015
Council	\$ 243,300	\$ 233,450
Corporate Services	\$ 1,742,881	\$ 2,146,191
OPP	\$ 1,837,059	\$ 1,994,007
Fire, By-Law & Building Inspection	\$ 1,162,757	\$ 2,384,407
Transportation Services	\$ 7,524,857	\$ 7,878,735
Environmental Services	\$ 1,085,309*	\$ 1,032,752*
Health Services	\$ 643,428*	\$ 684,283*
Social & Family Services	\$ 469,750*	\$ 436,172*
Recreation & Culture	\$ 3,845,544	\$ 3,391,429
Planning & Development	\$ 430,585	\$ 635,456
	\$ 18,985,470	\$ 20,816,882

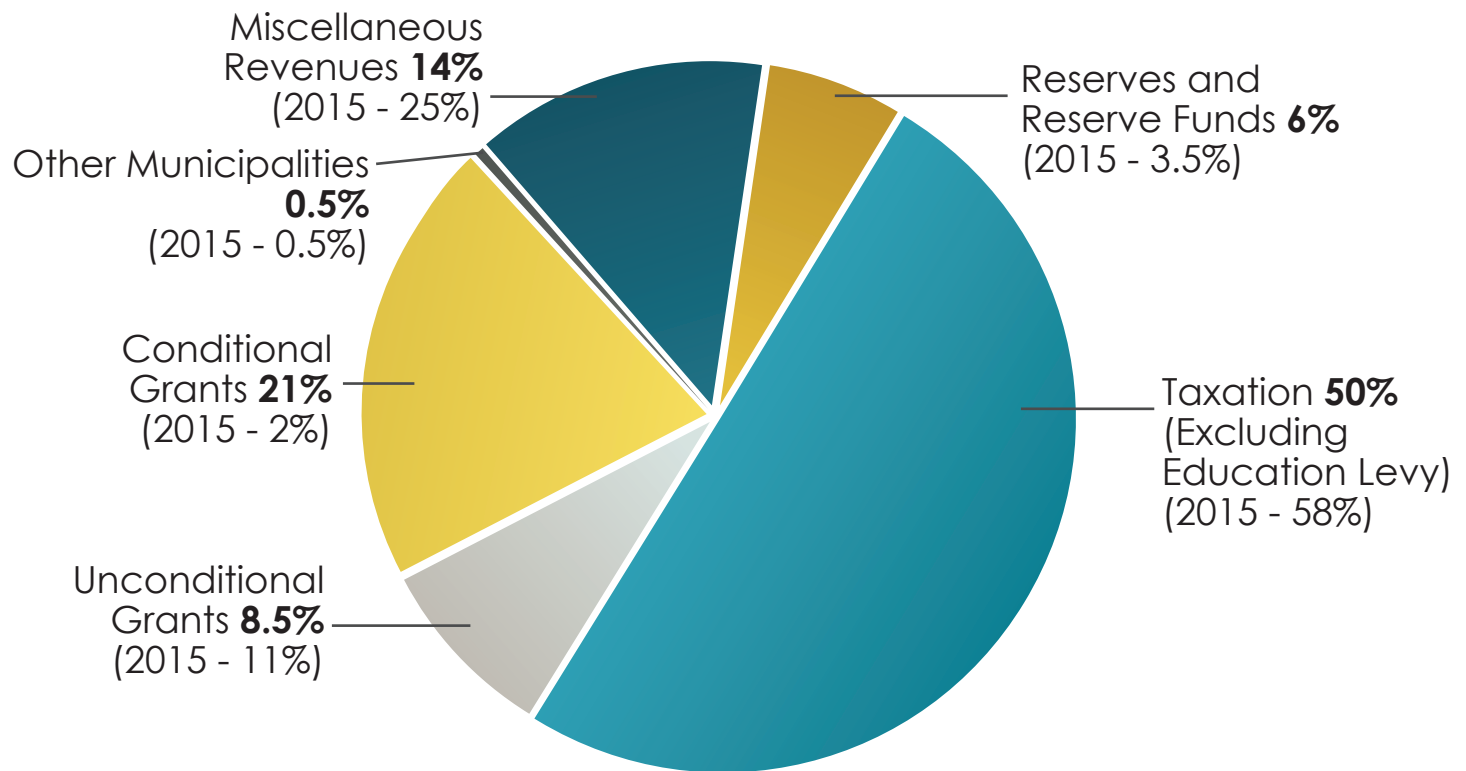
* Figures exclude budgetary requirements related to "Water and Wastewater Services"; as well as only the net effect of Land Ambulance Services and the administration of the Provincial Offences Act.

Tax Collection Procedures

The Town has been working on formalizing tax collection and accounts receivable policies to ensure modern best practices are being followed.

In the fall of 2016, the Province of Ontario announced several proposed changes to the Municipal Act which will have an impact on property taxes and collection. These proposals were enacted in January 2017. The Town will be reviewing these changes and implementing them into the Tax Collection policy.

CASH INFLOWS (Revenues)



Excludes: Water, Wastewater, POA, Land Ambulance and Amortization of Capital Assets

BUDGET SUMMARY - CASH INFLOWS

	2016	2015
Taxation (Excluding Education Levy)	\$ 10,081,524	\$ 9,420,674
Unconditional Grants	\$ 1,720,700	\$ 1,784,900
Conditional Grants	\$ 4,196,963*	\$ 371,291*
Other Municipalities	\$ 87,400*	\$ 86,993*
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 2,750,186*	\$ 4,080,449*
Reserves & Reserve Funds	\$ 1,271,975*	\$ 566,000*
	\$ 20,108,748	\$ 16,310,307

* Figures exclude budgetary requirements related to "Water and Wastewater Services"; as well as only the net effect of Land Ambulance Services and the administration of the Provincial Offences Act.

Accessibility - Annual Public Status

The Town's Accessibility Plan details:

1. How the municipality will prevent and remove barriers to customer service, information and communication, employment, transportation and the built environment.
2. The municipality's achievements in making our community more inclusive and to reach compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with a Disability Act (AODA).

2016 Accessibility Highlights

- Mobi pad installed at Waubuno Beach
- New Audible signal at Seguin Street/James Street intersection
- Customer Service feedback tracking system implemented

The Town's 2013-2018 Accessibility Plan is available on our website www.parrysound.ca

WEST PARRY SOUND AREA COOPERATION

2016 Highlights

- Tourism Summit Report completed by the Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC). The report identified recommendations related to regional tourism. Terms of Reference were approved by the Town for a Tourism Steering Committee.

Regional Marketing Plan

With support from FedNor and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, the Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC) undertook the development of a Regional Marketing Plan. Working with a team of consultants, community stakeholders were asked for their input through surveys, interviews and workshops.

The Plan identifies the following:

- A 'going forward' economic development brand and vision.
- Stakeholders and related roles for improved role clarification.
- Parry Sound Area's competitive advantages.
- Target market potentials.
- Comprehensive marketing strategy with actionable recommendations that collectively target: industrial, residential, commercial, tourism investment and attraction, and seasonal residents – encouraging them to become permanent residents.
- 'Quick wins', and mid and long-term strategies.
- Development of a measurement tool.

The Regional Economic Development Officer will be using the plan for business attraction and investment strategies and implementing the recommendations.



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Business Plan

The Town of Parry Sound is responsible for the delivery of Land Ambulance Services to the entire District of Parry Sound. A strategic priority for 2016 was the development and approval of an EMS Business Plan and 5 Year Financial Forecast. This living document will strengthen our fiscal position and provide an indication of future funding levels required to all the District's municipalities.

The Strategic Initiatives identified are;

- Non-Urgent Patient Transportation (NUPT) reductions
- Night Staffing West Side
- Community Paramedicine (CP) Initiatives
- Cost Control
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

The 5 Year Financial Forecast reflects these initiatives as priorities. Efforts to reallocate available resources and when required, assigning new resources to pursue these initiatives will occur when appropriate. The Business Plan and Financial Forecast will be reassessed each year prior to budget setting to ensure that the initiatives continue to reflect the priorities of the District of Parry Sound residents and that progress is being made on the initiatives.

Community Paramedicine (CP) Initiatives

Community Paramedicine can be identified as the non-traditional use of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff. During 2014 and 2015 a trial of the use of EMS staff in the Argyle area was implemented to conduct home visits, vital signs clinics at community events and remote health monitoring among other non-emergency duties. The intent is to limit the number of emergency responses and emergency room visits by providing proactive health care by EMS resources.

The small trial area of Argyle provided positive results indicating that broadening the program to the entire District would benefit the quality of life of residents. A CP Coordinator was hired and progress in the form of more programming has occurred. Regular community visits occur at a number of locations throughout the District. The remote monitoring program has been expanded to the entire District with positive effects for the residents enrolled. Progress continues to be made in touching more residents through these programs.

ACTIVE LIVING

2016 Highlights

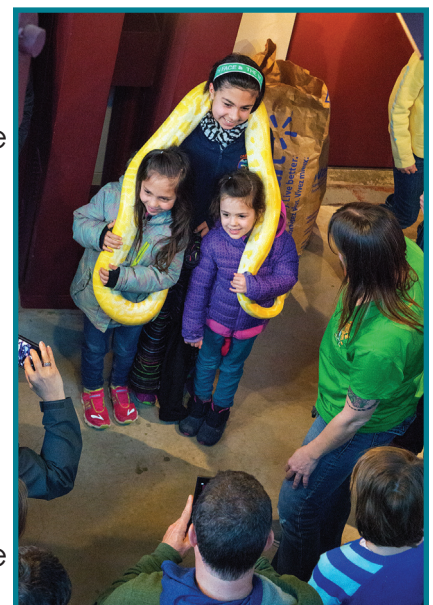
- Trail signs for Tower Hill, Sail Parry Sound, ATV's and the Fitness Trail were installed as part of the implementation of the Trails Master Plan.
- ATV's permitted on all Town of Parry Sound streets.
- Stockey Centre rental rates revised to encourage rentals during regular operating hours.
- NOHFC Funded Intern, Community Recreation Programmer hired.
- \$40,000 budgeted by Council for increased community programming.

Stockey Centre & Bobby Orr Hall of Fame

The Stockey Centre and the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame continued to be a centre of activity in Parry Sound all through 2016. With over 30,000 visitors this year, we are one of the most visited attractions in the area.

The Stockey Centre presented both Canadian and International performers in the intimate and acoustically perfect Performance Hall, including headliners like The Trews, Chantal Kreviazuk and Raine Maida, The Mudmen, Garnet Rogers, Autumn Hill, Collabro, Brent Butt and The Next Generation Leahys. We also continued with our several series and annual performances, like Classic Albums Live, Radical Reels, The March Hare, the Toronto International Film Festival Circuit films, and of course, Bands on the Bay. This year we introduced a new feature for Bands on the Bay: the Battle of the Bands on the Bay. Patrons were invited to vote for their favourite band of the summer, and the band with the most votes came back for a full concert in the Performance Hall. Our inaugural winner was The Pacifists, and they presented a hugely successful concert in the fall. We're very glad to say that all these recurring events will be back again this year.

The Stockey Centre owes a debt of gratitude to our Volunteer Team, who make so much of what happens here possible. This year, our team gave 4,290 hours collectively of their very valuable time to make your experience here the very best it can be.



Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Celebrating Youth

On Saturday, May 28th, 2016 the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame hosted the first ever 'Celebrating Youth Awards'. After receiving over 80 nominations, 36 lucky boys and girls were given 'Celebrating Youth Awards' by Bobby Orr himself in front of a full audience at the Charles W. Stockey Centre. Nominations for the 2017 Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Celebrating Youth Awards are now open and nomination forms are available online at www.bobbyorralloffame.com or at the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame.



In addition to the Youth Event, the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame (BOHF) had a very successful year. This year the hall received 4,600 total visitors, a record number, and the BOHF also saw above-average revenues. The annual Celebrity Golf Classic was a huge success and had some surprises in store, including visits on the golf course from local wildlife as well as a hole-in-one from the M&M Food Market team!

Community Recreation Programming

In August 2016 with the support of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC), the Town hired a Community Recreation Programmer Intern following which a variety of organized recreation programs were introduced in the Town of Parry Sound. These programs sought to engage all ages of community members in recreation and leisure activities. Programs offered included: Drop-in Youth Ball Hockey, Art Classes & Wine Glasses, and Community Decoration Challenges.



From September to October 2016, 117 people took part in Town-operated community recreation programming. Through the collection of feedback from participants and the community at large, Town staff have identified ways to improve access to recreational opportunities for all members of the community, and have begun planning the delivery of new recreation programs in addition to further enhancing existing programs. The Town would like to thank the support of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) and their funding for the Community Recreation Programmer Intern.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

2016 Highlights

- Announcement by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) that they will be relocating.
- Community Improvement Plan reviewed.
- Tax Increment Equivalent Grant (TIEG) approved for Trestle Brewing Company.
- Business Stimulus Plan adopted by Council June 2016.
- Business Welcome Team established. The terms of reference were approved and three citizens were appointed.
- Zoning Bylaw Update began, consultant hired. Public meetings will be held in 2017.
- Support in principle given by Council for a waterfront casino and hotel/conference centre.

Visitor Information Centre (VIC)



In May 2016 the Town of Parry Sound welcomed the opportunity to provide Visitor Information Services in the Stockey Centre lobby.

Set up as a seated area with brochures and comfortable furniture, visitors quickly appreciated the ample parking, accessible services and availability of staff to answer

questions. Over 900 people visited the VIC seeking information.

Through the winter season VIC services are offered Monday through Saturday 10am to 4pm with a change to our summer hours effective Victoria Day weekend through to Thanksgiving weekend of 7 days per week 10am to 6pm. You don't have to be a visitor to drop in; local residents are always welcome and our visitors always appreciate the opportunity to chat with 'locals'!

Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario (CiINO)

CiINO is a three-year economic development partnership funded by FedNor and the Municipality of McDougall, Municipality of Whitestone, Town of Parry Sound, Township of the Archipelago, Township of Carling and the Township of Seguin.

The goal of CiINO is to increase private sector investment and sustainable full-time employment in our community. The Town is a funding partner in this initiative and provides representation on the CiINO Steering Committee.

A Regional Economic Development Officer was hired in 2016 and tasked with a number of business investment and attraction projects.

Business Stimulus Plan

In April, 2016, Council adopted the Business Stimulus Plan. The Plan included a number of recommendations that will stimulate development momentum in Parry Sound with a goal of creating good quality, year-round employment.

Cost estimates were prepared for infrastructure upgrades to Great North Road, Champagne Street, Parry Sound Road to Oastler Park Drive and Emily Street to ensure the waterfront is development ready.

Preliminary investigation has begun on an in-town serviced Innovation Park on the 25 acres owned by the Town on Parry Sound Road.

Terms of Reference for a Business Stimulus Team were approved and three members of the business community were appointed as members.

Staff is working with West Parry Sound Geography Network to enhance the Town's web page to feature properties that are suitable for commercial or industrial development, and for sale.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town and the owner of Beatty Big Sound property was approved. The MOU ensures requirements for access and future servicing are considered.

The current Community Improvement Program (CIP) was reviewed and no changes were recommended.

An application was submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs requesting that approvals for Official Plan Amendments be delegated to the Town.

218

Bobby Orr
Hall of Fame
Triathlon
participants

162

Waubuno Beach
Swim Program
participants

207

Bobby Orr
Community
Centre Room
Bookings

\$25 Million

Local Impact
from filming of
'Eyewitness'

\$1.5 Million

Local Impact from
filming of
'The Dark'

Downtown Sustainability Plan

In May 2016, the Town and Downtown Business Association (DBA) adopted a Downtown Sustainability Plan. A Downtown Steering Committee was appointed by Council. The Plan identifies a number of recommendations that when implemented will contribute to the vitality of the downtown.

- Downtown Parry Sound is a priority
- Downtown Neighbourhoods
- Vacancy
- Parking
- Signage/Built Environment/Façade
- Rethink/Reinvent the DBA

One of the key recommendations was the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town and the DBA. A MOU has been drafted and identifies responsibilities such as standard of care for the downtown, events, and communication. An ad hoc committee has been established and is reviewing the Town's Sign By-law and will recommend revisions as necessary.

The Downtown Steering Committee recommended to Council that the Façade Improvement Program be reintroduced. Council supported this recommendation. Funds are in the 2017 budget for the Façade Improvement Program and an ad-hoc committee will review the program criteria.

The Downtown Steering Committee also recommended that the Town and DBA share in the cost of hiring a downtown custodian for the 2016 summer. This was approved by both the DBA and Council and a summer custodian was hired.

The Town would like to thank the many volunteers who contributed hours to the development of the Downtown Sustainability Plan as well as those who volunteer on the Downtown Steering Committee:

Jim Beatty, Kathy Dyer, Chris Pettinger, Dan DiNicolo, Daryl McMurray, Matthew Derouin, Gail Burrows, Cathy Downing, Susan Hrycyna, Heather Murch, Cllr. Paul Borneman and Greg Mason.

Cruise Ships

2016 was a busy year for the Parry Sound port with 10 cruise ship visits by the 'Pearl Mist' and one visit by a new ship the 'Victory 1', a 286 foot, 202 passenger cruise ship.

The cruise ships brought approx. 2300 new visitors, plus crew to our area.



Power Generating Station Progress

Lakeland Power demolished the existing 97 year old power generating station on Cascade Street and began construction of the new generating station in 2016. The upgrades valued at \$17.5 million will allow the plant to produce up to 3.4 megawatts at capacity, enough power to provide electricity to the entire Town.



DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION STATUS REPORT

Applicant	Development/Subject	Status
Parry Sound Mall 70 Joseph Street	Severance application & Site Plan Control application to permit 44 residential units.	Approved by Council. Construction is underway.
Parry Sound Affordable Housing Corporation 82 Gibson Street	Severance application, Rezoning & Site Plan Control application to permit 45 residential units.	Approved by Council. Construction is underway.
Home Hardware 31 Joseph Street	Site Plan Control application to allow for the addition of retail/retail storage space.	Approved by Council. Construction complete.
Parry Sound Public School - 21 Beatty Street	Site Plan amendment to improve parking lot arrangement.	Project Complete.
Granite Harbour Phase 2 11B Salt Dock Road	Site Plan Control application to permit 32 condominium units.	Approved by Council. Construction is underway.
11 Ansley Street Inc.	Site Plan Control application for 14 Townhouse units.	Application coming forward to Council in 2017.
Kerr 13 Georgina Street	Rezoning to permit a second dwelling unit.	Approved by Council.
Sanderson 14, 18 & 20 Bowes Street	Rezoning to permit a retail store in addition to the permitted Automobile Sales Establishment.	Approved by Council.
Breault 84 Bowes Street	Rezoning to permit two additional residential units.	Approved by Council.
RBC 1 Pine Drive Unit D9	Official Plan Amendment & Rezoning to permit a bank.	Adopted by Town Council. Under review by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Housing.
Trestle Brewery 9 Great North Road	Application for a tax increment equivalent grant to assist in the development of a restaurant, microbrewery and retail store.	Approved by Council.
Minor Variance Applications	6 Oak Avenue 10 Hanna Road Granite Harbour - 11B & 11C 1 Claude Street 3 Melissa Street Parry Sound Inn and Suites 36 River Street 93B Isabella Street 114 William Street	Approved by the Committee of Adjustment. Denied by the Committee of Adjustment.
New Zoning By-law	An update to the previous zoning by-law is underway.	On Going.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION STATUS REPORT

Applicant	Development/Subject	Status
Major Building Projects Completed in 2016	Parry Sound Health Team Facility 60 Bowes Street	Building is complete and occupied.
	Metal Tree Inc. - 4 New Apartments 34 Seguin Street	Apartments are complete.
General Development	New residential building permits approved in 2016.	6 Single detached homes, 1 Semi-detached home 90 apartments and 32 condo units. 130 units in total.

Parry Sound Area Planning Board

The Parry Sound Area Planning Board consisting of the Town of Parry Sound, the Municipality of McDougall and the Townships of Carling, McKellar and Whitestone was reorganized in 2016. The Board makes severance and related decisions on behalf of the participating municipalities with consideration given to input from the respective municipality. In response to the retirement of the Area Planning Technician, planning services have been transferred from the office at the Town Fire Hall to the offices of John Jackson Planner Inc.

The transition has been relatively seamless. Planning Board related inquiries and applications can now be made at: John Jackson Planner Inc. Phone: (705) 746-5216
Address: 70 Isabella Street Unit #110, Parry Sound, P2A 1M6 E-mail: psapb@cogeco.net

Building Permit Statistics

Permit Type	Description	Total Permits 2016	Total Permits 2015	Total Project Value 2016	Total Project Value 2015
Major (A) Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential projects over \$50,000 Non-Residential projects over \$250,000 	13	9	\$11,089,617	\$5,753,500
Minor Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential projects under \$50,000 Non-Residential projects under \$250,000 	95	95	\$1,228,218	\$1,999,112
Other Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs Other permits not counted in statistics 	12	12	\$113,800	\$110,500
Total		120	116	\$12,431,635	\$7,863,112



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