

**AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
August 30, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.**
(See Augusta Calendar for the Link to the Meeting)

REGULAR COUNCIL – SPECIAL SESSION

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
- D. North Augusta Labour Day Festival Road Closure
- E. Correspondence & Petitions
 - Ontario Association of Optometrists Request for Support
- F. Adjournment

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP

REPORT NUMBER: 2021-072
REPORT TO COUNCIL: August 30, 2021
RE: North Augusta Labour Day Festival Road Closure
AUTHOR: Annette Simonian, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize a road closure for Mill Street from County Road 15 to Main Street from 8:00am to 5:00pm September 6, 2021 for the North Augusta Labour Day Festival; and

THAT Council authorize a road closure for Main Street for the Labour Day Festival Parade from 12:00pm to 1:00pm on September 6, 2021.

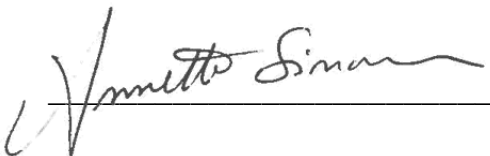
BACKGROUND:

North Augusta Recreation Centre is hosting a Labour Day Festival on September 6, 2021. They would like to request a road closure on Mill Street from 8:00am to 5:00pm to hold the Festival Activities.

Without a delegation of authority By-Law, road closures must be authorized by Council for insurance purposes. Staff will bring a Road Closure By-Law to Council at a future date to delegate the authority to the Public Works Manager.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

No financial consideration associated with this Agreement.





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August 26, 2021

To: Augusta Township Council
Re: Labour Day Road Closures in North Augusta


Hello Council,

This is a request from the North Augusta Education and Recreation Committee to allow us to close Mill St. from County Rd. 15 to Main St. from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Monday, September 6th to safely allow pedestrians access to festival activities on Recreational property.

Main St. will also be closed from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for the parade.
County Rd. 15 will also be closed from the soccer field to the south end of Mill St. to accommodate the parade. This request has already been submitted to the Counties.

We request this be brought before Council at the next meeting for approval.

Thanks,



William Tennant
President,
North Augusta Education and Recreation Committee

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Dear Mayor Malanka

As a local optometrist, I am writing to request that the Augusta Township Council call on the Ontario Government to address the chronic underfunding of eye care.

For more than 30 years, previous Ontario governments have ignored our requests for a sustainable funding system.

Did you know in 1989 the Ontario government paid \$39.15 for OHIP-insured eye exams? Did you know that today, 32 years later, the government only contributes an average of \$44.65 per exam? That's a 14% increase over three decades! With over four million services performed annually under OHIP, this level of funding is not sustainable.

If the government doesn't act before September 1st, 2021, millions of Ontarians are at risk of losing their access to eye care. I'm concerned about what this will mean for my patients and my community. We know the ones who will be impacted most are children, seniors and adults with diabetes or certain eye diseases. Due to this lack of funding, optometrists are also limited in their ability to invest in their practices and access to eye care in rural areas is especially threatened. This is not acceptable.

As the most populated province in the country, compared to other provinces with publicly funded optometry services, Ontario is by far the lowest funded. For example, the funding for seniors' eye exams would have to increase more than 60% to reach the next lowest-funded province, Manitoba, and by more than 125% to reach the next lowest-funded, Québec.

Although it is the province that needs to fix the issue, the underfunding of eye care affects municipalities too.

Optometrists are located in over 200 communities, making us the most accessible primary eye care professionals in the healthcare system. In many of these locations, we are the **only** providers of comprehensive general eye care. This is why municipalities must stand up for their residents and help protect access to OHIP optometry services.

So far, five municipalities (Town of Oakville, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, City of Cambridge, Municipality of North Perth) have passed motions in support of OHIP optometry services. I'm requesting that my municipal council stand up for eye care by asking the provincial government to commit to reforms so that optometrists are compensated fairly compared to their colleagues all across Canada. Please pass such a motion as soon as possible so that residents can continue to access the quality eye care that they deserve.

Should you have any questions, or would like more information, please let me know. My patients and I hope that we can count on your support.

Sincerely,

Dr. James A Holmes

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Moved By:

Date: August 30, 2021

Seconded By:

Resolution No 2

WHEREAS the Ontario government has underfunded optometric eye care for 30 years;
AND WHEREAS the government only pays on average \$44.65 for an OHIP-insured visit - the lowest rate in Canada;
AND WHEREAS optometrists are being forced to pay substantially out of their own pocket to provide over 4 million services each year to Ontarians under OHIP;
AND WHEREAS optometrists have never been given a formal negotiation process with the government;
AND WHEREAS the government’s continued neglect resulted in 96% of Ontario optometrists voting to withdraw OHIP services beginning September 1, 2021;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta supports the Ontario Association of Optometrists request that the Ontario government commit to legally-binding, formal negotiations to ensure any future OHIP-insured optometry services are, at a minimum, funded at the cost of delivery in order to ensure that our residents can continue to access the quality eye care that they deserve.

RECORDED VOTE:

	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Bowman	—	—
Councillor Henry	—	—
Mayor Malanka	—	—
Councillor Schapelhouman	—	—
Deputy Mayor Shaver	—	—

CARRIED _____
Mayor

DEFEATED _____
Mayor

Declaration of pecuniary interest by: _____

Nature of interest: _____

- Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest
- Vacated His/Her/Their Seat
- Abstained from discussion & did not vote on the question

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA BY-LAW NUMBER 3533-2021

A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA AT ITS MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 30, 2021

WHEREAS section 5(1) and 5(3) of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 c.25 states that a municipal power including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9 shall be exercised by By-Law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta hereby enacts as follows that:

1. The action of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta at its meeting held on August 30, 2021, in respect of each recommendation contained in the report of the Committees and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by Council of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta at its meeting be hereby adopted and confirmed as it fall such proceedings were expressly embodied in the By-Law.
2. The Mayor and the proper officers of the Municipality are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required, and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and the Clerk are hereby directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf, and the said Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal of the Municipality to all such documents.

Read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 30th day of August, 2021.

MAYOR

CLERK