

9.1. Janet Clarkson  
Re: New Food Pantry Proposal

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[New Food Pantry Proposal](#)

Background comments from food pantries reviewed in Orillia and Newmarket

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Completely stand alone except for electric

One is outside a church the other a library

in speaking to both no problems identified

these are both open 24 hours

Supported by municipality, grocery and local volunteers

Jeff Cheshier has offered to build the pantry

Doors donated by FCI windows

Local citizen to donate frig and freezer approx.

Size are 6 X8 8X10

the larger has a separate wooden door for dry goods.

One is in Orillia and the other Newmarket

Now

Looking at putting up a stand up which is 8 x 10 needing nothing but hydro.

"Clarkson has people to go ahead and do something more specific in terms of building. Snow removal and garbage pick up is what is needed from Municipality.

Lambert said that some are very tiny built on a skid and movable.

The Orillia structure had two sections. One end with an open cupboard with dry goods. And small one on the right hand side with products needed to clean that pantry, Refrigerator is in the middle.

Armstrong – support the idea of having idea of pantry. Wanting to see a proposal. What do you want us to approve?

Clarkson – All of those things that you are talking about are things that will fall into place. The BCC is okay. The lease is not in our sphere of influence. The lease takes place once the object is approved.

Proposal is the food pantry. We need you to say yes, good idea. The idea needs to be embraced by the township. We need the lease and we can't do that. The Food Handling situation we don't

Braybrook – I support the idea and echo Armstrong's comments to a point. My concern is the feed back from Trent Lakes outreach and Comm Care which is why I support. I like the portability of the pantry. It could be transported to different locations. I was looking for was a decision is which one you wanted to go with. Coordinate with staff as far as Parks and Rec location and our building department as far as the logistics of hooking of it up and the design which would include Ptbo Public Health and staff. Do these things before you build.

Clarkson If there is nothing permanent about this then all these people are concerned that the food is kept at proper temperature and food is safe. What more can we done. Nobody will be caught inside of it.

Braybrook – IN favor but I am not talking about building permits but will the usage of that building draw other departments in?

Clarkson – These are happening but not in Ptbo County. Why here? If there was a problem with these then you wouldn't see these everywhere. Let's feed the people.  
I would like to see Council say yes, It is a good idea and work with people and come up with an idea.

Braybrook – I want to move forward but were the other municipalities asked about what they had to go through, Talk to, etc to get these done. What were the processes undertaken by that municipality to see these things come into being?

Motion – Move this forward with the Lions Club consulting with staff to determine which design they go with, and also reach out to Newmarket and Orillia to see what their processes were and to see what the coordination is needed between Lions Club and staff. Come back with a report and ready to build.

Armstrong – Good motion but whose project is this? This is not a municipal project this is a Lions project.

Clarkson – Why can't this be a partnership?

Armstrong – Maybe when we discuss with Orillia and Newmarket we will find out that is what they do.

Lambshead – I think when we contact Orillia and Newmarket it will all be clarified.

Adjusted motion - Staff will liaise with Newmarket and Orillia to assess their processes in allowing these pantries to exist. Share results with the Buckhorn Lions Club President, Janet Clarkson, or her designate. This will be included in a proposal coming back to the Council.

Second- Lambshead

Cadigan – I like this motion. I am not sure that BCC is the place for it. I am wondering where else it could go where it is not as visible without the traffic.

Lambshead - the other sites are very visible.

Armstrong – I think Cadigan's question is valid. What would be other sites?

Clarkson – we have looked at other sites years ago. There really aren't any. We are looking at people on minimum wage, stopping to pick kids up from school. Those are the people we are looking for. The people next door are very willing to look after this thing on a 24 hour basis.

Braybrook - I agree with you Janet regarding the location.

Cadigan – any consideration at having it at the BCC medical Centre.

Clarkson- There is no space.

Lambshead – great idea but not as visible.

Vote

Braybrook – yes, Cadigan – yes, Franzen – yes, Lambshead – yes, Armstrong – yes,

9.2. Brian Hamm and Phil Hornak  
Re: Farming in Trent Lakes

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### [Farming in Trent Lakes](#)

Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG) is a not-for-profit organization. Formed in 1967, representing approximately 170 members who grow greenhouse tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers on over 4100 acres in Ontario, Canada. Our growers span from Windsor to Niagara and as far north as Ottawa. Annual production exceeds 500,000 tones.

Controlled Environment and Seasonal Farming • Issues Facing Growers • Pests and diseases eliminated • Labour shortages minimized • Extreme weather addressed with controlled environment • Faster growth cycles • Market volatility minimized with 12month availability of healthy crops

Markets Served • Vegetables • Microgreens • Fruits • Tree seedlings • Peat moss • Vermiculite

Ontario is North America's largest producer of greenhouse produce.

Franzen – cost effectiveness? High end or premium restaurants

Hamm – day to day groceries corner store to grocery store to an upscale operation

There is no seasonality to it as it is open 12 months a year.

Hornak – Letters of intent worth 250 Million with govt There are always ghosts and bugs in the machine. Ontario provincial crown mining claims that these places cover. Variance on leases to grow vegetable needed from MNR Because peat and vermiculite are growing mediums we don't think it is much of a stretch for the province(MNR) to allow for this. Presently, it is coming from California and Mexico and it needs to come out of Trent Lakes

Cadigan – how will vermiculite be mined. (Map for area covered is on the presentation site on the online agenda.)

When you mine peat and vermiculite We drilled some ten thousand holes near the permitted area, all the assaying work. You have an excavator, dig it out from the ground, screen, the affluent goes back into the hole, product goes up to the plant for bagging, rest goes back into the hole. Two years later you have no idea that anything ever happened there. As we follow the veins of peat and vermiculite through the area we are clearing area for animal. No degradation.

Hornak - Phil is presenting a process that is clean safe about as clean as you can do anything.

Cadigan - Curve Lake is also building a large aquaponics area. Are you familiar?

No we are not.

We need to get Crown claims converted to Crown leases.

Braybrook – Thanks to Brian and Phil. Echo Cadiogan's comments. It is exciting. I was looking for this time of operation.

What financial benefit for Trent lakes other than the 20 full and part time jobs.?

Answer – The local and regional benefit on your service industries - trucking, HVAC, concrete, You have an older population here. That is what we want to work here. Of course, the young that wants to play. 20 h/ours a week will not overtly affect their life style. That is a big one.

Braybrook - Share Franzen's comments.How much of the vegetables will stay here?

Ansert – as much as you want. It is all markets.

If this does get off the ground, do you see a potential for a Scotch facility?

Armstrong – Thanks! This is huge and exciting! Mentioned Dave Smith MPP touting this idea.

Do you already have operations like this? Okay! Where? Opne in Cambridge which was shut down because of Covid and one in Toronto. Next – from today until when would ground be broken. We

are going to stop the mining peat and vermiculite this summer. Signed the deal this morning. Drain Bros. wants the peat. What are the downsides of operating business like this? What do do with all the money. AS a municipality we are limited in terms of what we can support, we have appetite to move this along, ...what can we do?

Write letters for us. It is all about us moving up the money chain from provincial to federal. I have funded countries all over the world.

Letter creates the flow of private capital into the enterprise.

Cadigan moves that we write a letter to support , Armstrong seconds.

Franzen – we(staff) need to investigate this project on more than just a presentation before we write letter.

Cadiogan - Council would like to see findings..

Accepted as a friendly amendment.

Motion carried.

- 10.1.1. Matt Wintjes, Supervisor of Waste/Public Works Coordinator  
Re: Expanded Organics Program

### [Expanded Organics Program](#)

Recommendation: That Council approve the installation of Moloks at the Bobcaygeon Transfer Station; and further

That Council approve the use of Service Delivery Reserves in the amount of \$26,000 in 2025 for the purchase of the Moloks; and further

That Council approve an increase to the annual Waste Diversion budget in the amount of \$15,000 starting in 2026.

#### Background:

It is estimated that within 10 years Ontario will have exhausted all its landfill potential and will be forced to consider alternative options for the disposal of waste.

Currently, the only site in Trent Lakes that accepts organic material (beyond leaf and yard waste) is the Buckhorn Transfer Station. This site uses Moloks (Figure 2), permanent waste bin substitutes that store most of the material underground.

Installation of the Moloks involves the use of heavy equipment to excavate the site that the Moloks are placed in. Molok installation at the Bobcaygeon Transfer Station can be completed using Municipal equipment and personnel.

Staff recommend the purchase and installation of 4 Moloks at the Bobcaygeon Transfer Station with associated costs to be taken from Service Delivery Reserves. Staff request that an additional \$15,000 be included annually in the Waste Diversion budget, starting in 2026. This would provide residents with another location for disposing of organic waste, moving the Municipality one step closer to a comprehensive, Municipality-wide organics program.

Franzen moves to receive and support.

Cadigan seconds.

Armstrong would like to see in motion that we direct staff that we expand our outreach and diversion program

- 10.1.2. Evan Grieger, Director of Public Works  
Re: Schryer Parking Lease Agreement

#### [Schryer Parking Lease Agreement](#)

Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the Director of Public Works regarding Schryer Parking Lease Agreement; and further That Council support entering into an extended Schryer Parking Lease Agreement for 10 years.

Background: Roger and Brenda Schryer have an existing parking lease agreement on a section of Municipal property near Crystal Lake. Legally the property is described as Part 1 on Registered Plan 45R16064, Geographic Township of Galway; municipally it is located between 9 and 11 West Peter's Island Road. This property is utilized for parking to access their island property which can be described as 804 Island 8 (see Attachment 1). This existing agreement expires in July of 2025 and staff have been requested to extend this agreement. Staff are in support of this extension as there have been no concerns raised during the previous 10 years.

Motion received report and supported long term lease agreement.

- 10.5.1. Donna Teggart, CAO/Treasurer  
Re: 2025 Budget Overall

#### [2025 Budget Overall](#)

Motion on budget was deferred to the next meeting.