

February 13, 2023

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Mr. Jason Trottier
Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer
Municipality of East Ferris
390 HWY 94
Corbeil, ON P0H 1K0

Dear Mr. Trottier:

Re: 2023 Municipal Levy

Your **2023 Municipal Levy Information Package** is attached. The 2023 cost-shared budget was prepared based on the 2022 provincially approved funding including provincial mitigation funding for 2023, with an increase of 1% in the levy. The allocation between municipalities has been adjusted based on the 2022 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation population numbers, so individual municipalities may have increases or decreases based on how their population changed relative to the other municipalities.

The mitigation funding from the province is intended to cover the additional municipal cost due to the change in the cost-sharing formula to 30% municipal / 70% provincial and some previously 100% provincial funded programs which became cost-shared. This change would have resulted in a 42% increase in the levy. The Province provided this transition funding to eliminate the 2022 increase for municipalities. It also covers the reduction to the base funding of \$369,710 that was also introduced at that time.

There is no indication at this time that there will be further transitional funding in 2024, so it would be prudent for municipalities to plan for an approximate 50% increase in 2024 on a similar shareable base of \$17,160,804.

The years 2020 and 2022 were extraordinary ones for public health, and uncertainty persists in 2023, as the fight against COVID-19 continues. Understandably, the pandemic has interrupted discussions with the Province about public health system changes, so no new information is available on this topic.

It is more important than ever for the Health Unit to stay focused on our mission, "to foster healthy living within our communities by preventing illness, promoting healthy choices, and providing trusted support and information". This year's budget allows this important work to continue at the current level. In 2022, the Health Unit received approximately \$3.11 million in COVID-19 funding by the province. In 2023, a request will be made for similar 100% provincial funding to cover the costs of COVID-19 that cannot be funded through cost-shared mandatory funding.

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In accordance with the Board of Health Municipal Reserve policy, B-F-007, municipalities will be updated on the 2022 year-end status of the municipal reserve following the audit process in April. The reserve balance at November 30, 2022, was \$1,824,815.

To learn more about your public health unit, COVID-19, and other public health activities and reports, refer to the newly updated North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit website at www.myhealthunit.ca. The website is completely searchable and contains information on a wide range of health topics.

The following information is attached:

- Appendix A 2023 Levy Payment Schedule
- Appendix B 2023 Board of Health Approved Budget Summary Sheet

Please do not hesitate to contact Isabel Churcher, Executive Director, Finance, at (705) 499-6016, if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



Rick Champagne
Chairperson, Board of Health

Enclosures (2)

Copy to: Dr. Jim Chirico, Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer
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