



Mississippi
Mills

Office of the Mayor

Partnership and Advocacy Update Q2
Date: May 21, 2024

Advocacy Update - 2024 Q2 Update

34 Victoria Street Affordable Housing Development Partnership with Carebridge Community Support

- Meeting with Carebridge April 2: confirmed they are applying to Lanark County RFP for Phase 1 of build. Mississippi Mills to do zoning, surveying and land evaluation to assist in file readiness for CMHC funding application.

NEXT STEPS

- Delegation Request to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at AMO regarding affordable/attainable housing matters.
- Consider delegation request to Federal Minister of Housing.

2 Industrial Drive

- Positive letter received April 4 from Minister Surma, Ministry of Infrastructure, indicating need that Infrastructure Ontario has been informed of the municipality's interest in the property. She advised to seek a ministry sponsor to move forward. Municipal staff have made contact with Ministry staff and are seeking further information.

NEXT STEPS

- Seek delegation with Solicitor General to further advance file.

Abattoir Feasibility Study

- Awaiting Feasibility Study from Mallot Creek Group Inc. Anticipated to be received late May/early June.

NEXT STEPS

- Follow up with OMAFRA, MPP John Jordan once study is received.

Food Security & Low Income Earners

- Successful meeting with Minister Parsa, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services at Queen's Park on March 7th, supported by MPP Jordan. Minister Parsa directed that further discussion occur with Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social & Economic Opportunity. Follow up has occurred with MPP Jordan and a letter sent to Associate Minister Williams.

NEXT STEPS

- Seek delegation with Associate Minister Williams at AMO regarding opportunities to support women's access to training and support

Making ARU's Work

- Meeting with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Parliamentary Assistant Matt Rae at Queen's Park on March 7th, facilitated by MPP Jordan to discuss modular housing and provincial attainable housing pilots.

NEXT STEPS

- Seek AMO Delegation with MMAH regarding affordable and attainable housing matters.

Provincial/Federal Advocacy

- Seek delegation with Minister Fedeli, Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade regarding concept of "Digital Mainstreet" program for rural Ontario businesses.

Partnership, Cooperation and Advocacy with Municipal Partners– 2024 Q2 Update

City of Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe/ Rural Councillors of Ottawa

- A productive meeting with City of Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe was held on March 26. We discussed issues of common interest, including transportation, waste matters, and abattoir feasibility study.
- Proposed annual meeting with perimeter mayors. Connections were provided by Mayor Sutcliffe's office to key municipal staff and the Rural Councillors of Ottawa.
- A follow-up meeting has occurred with the Rural Councillors of Ottawa

NEXT STEPS

1. Provide the abattoir feasibility study report when available.
2. Staff will continue to communicate with city counterparts regarding transportation matters.
3. Follow up in Q3 once the Ottawa Rural Summit is scheduled.

Upper Canada District School Board / Catholic School Board of Eastern Ontario

- Meetings were held on March 13 and April 17 with UCDSB regarding school expansion and process. UCDSB confirmed that the Ministry of Education will not build on the speculation of growth.
- Mississippi Mills schools current utilization:
 - ADHS 86%
 - Naismith Memorial 57%
 - R. Tait McKenzie 67%
 - Pakenham 61%
- In anticipation of future growth, UCDSB is open to participating in planning exercises with the Municipality to determine future needs.

NEXT STEPS

1. Meet with CSBEO
2. Consider Community Design Plan (secondary plan) following completion of master planning (MM2048).

MP and MPP dialogue

- Remaining in regular contact with MPP John Jordan and his staff. The latest meeting was on May 3 to provide updates and receive information on current initiatives as detailed in the advocacy plan.

NEXT STEPS

- Communicate delegation requests for AMO and continue regular dialogue.