



Newsletter - March 2025 - Issue 2

This newsletter contains news and information on events relevant to the Timiskaming district including Temagami, updates on working groups, and reports & funding opportunities related to [Timiskaming's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan](#). If you have anything to promote and would like to include it in upcoming issues, please send your submissions in to cswb@neph.ca.

News and Events

LOCAL

**Join us for a
Municipal Road Safety Forum**

Wednesday, April 16, 2025
10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Englehart Community Hall
(Upstairs Arena)
80 7th Avenue, Englehart ON

Who should attend?
Municipal Council Members
Municipal Staff incl. Public Works and Recreation
Community Partners with an interest in Road Safety

Register here:
RSForum.eventbrite.ca

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Local Situation Update
- Lessons Learned from Adopting Vision Zero in Temiskaming Shores
- Promoting Off Road Safety
- The Power of Collaboration
- Micro-mobility Devices and Municipal Opportunities
- Timiskaming's Top Traffic Concerns
- Local Municipal Road Safety Issues Problem Solving Brainstorm
- Networking with other Municipal Staff

Join us April 16 for a day filled with informative presentations, interactive breakout sessions, and networking opportunities focused on improving road safety in our community. Whether you're a municipal council member, a staff member who works in roads, public, works, or recreation, or a community partner interested in making our roads safer, this event is for you! Learn from leaders in the field, share your experiences, and collaborate on solutions to make our streets safer for everyone. Don't miss out on this chance to join the conversation and make a difference in our community. Reserve your spot for this free event at RSForum.eventbrite.ca.



Strengthening Alcohol Policy in Northern Ontario

Over the past few months, the Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy (TDAS) steering committee has submitted two letters to the Government of Ontario, expressing concerns about the recent expansion of alcohol sales and emphasizing the importance of a coordinated approach to address these issues, including the development of an Ontario Alcohol Strategy. To amplify the message from the coalition on alcohol and health and the Drug Strategy Network of Ontario, TDAS urges the government to recognize the risks associated with the expansion and adopt a "Health in All Policies" approach to ensure responsible alcohol sales, particularly in Northern Ontario.



TOWN OF COBALT



Cobalt Amends Smoking By-law

With the district of Timiskaming having the highest smoking rates in Ontario and knowing that enhanced smoke-free by-laws are an effective tool to help drive down smoking rates, we commend The Town of Cobalt for their enhanced by-law that prohibits smoking or vaping on any municipally owned property. The

full by-law can be found [here](#). We encourage all municipalities in our district to follow Cobalt's example. There are many opportunities for municipalities to enhance the Smoke Free Ontario Act (SFOA) bylaws. Public Health Ontario has released a summary of regional and municipal by-laws to assist other municipalities in making changes. You can find the document [here](#).

NATIONAL

Best practices in helping newcomers adapt to winter

<https://wintercitiestoolkit.com/wintertool/best-practices-in-helping-newcomers-adapt-to-winter/>

Indigenous leaders call for equal and equitable community safety

<https://anishinabeknews.ca/2025/01/07/indigenous-leaders-call-for-equal-and-equitable-community-safety/>

Black women face high domestic violence rates

<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/rci/en/news/2139313/black-women-face-high-domestic-violence-rates-but-stigma-keeps-many-silent-support-groups-say>

Work Group Updates

The CSWB has 3 working groups to support implementation of the plan. Here is a summary of items they are working on. If you are interested in becoming part of a workgroup or would like more information, contact cswb@neph.ca.

A policy brief for municipalities to inform them on options around regulated substance use (tobacco, alcohol, & cannabis) has been completed and can be found [here](#). CSWB is supporting the development of a webinar to inform on the Timiskaming Ontario Health Team. This will be a panel discussion format to update partners on the TOHT programs and initiatives. Development of a 211 Timiskaming region portal focused on older adults is underway. Facilitation of

the connection among the successful recipients of the Seniors Active Living Centre funding in the district is also taking place.

Transitional housing education is being created for private landlords. DTSSAB and NEPH are collaborating on the development of a homelessness education and anti-stigma campaign.

The situation table for the South end of the district will have its first official meeting on Monday, March 24. Planning for placemaking microgrants has begun, currently looking for private sector support.

Reports & Funding Opportunities

REPORTS

Rural Ontario Institute (ROI) Well-Being Report for Timiskaming Unorganized, West part

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Early support grant for sustainable affordable housing projects:

<https://greenmunicipalfund.ca/funding/planning-early-support-grant-sustainable-affordable-housing-projects>

Soutien précoce des projets de logement abordable à haut rendement énergétique :

<https://fondsmunicipalvert.ca/financement/planification-soutien-precoce-des-projets-de-logement-abordable-haut-rendement>

Indigenous Youth Roots creation grants: [Creation Grants - Indigenous Youth Roots](#)

The Temiskaming Foundation Grants: [Grant Funding](#)