



Township of East Garafraxa
Council Information Items Package
(Non-Agenda Items)
Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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April 3, 2024

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
Town of Lincoln
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Sent via email: jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

**Re: Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Museums and Libraries
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Ms. Kirkelos,

At its meeting held on March 18, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

That Council endorse Sub-Item 2, Resolution from the Town of Lincoln regarding Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Libraries and Museums

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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Encl. Resolution from the Town of Lincoln regarding Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Libraries and Museums



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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23
Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

WHEREAS the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

WHEREAS libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

WHEREAS Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

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JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Sent via email to: premier@ontario.ca; MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca;

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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The Honourable Todd Smith

Minister of Energy
10th Floor, 77 Grenville Street
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RE: Guelph City Council Resolution to Support the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to End the Subsidization of Fossil Gas

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Smith,

Guelph City Council at its meeting held on March 26, 2024 passed the following resolution in support of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decision to revise the revenue horizon for calculating the upfront cost for new natural gas connections, and to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy:

WHEREAS, residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief;

WHEREAS, natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in the cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills over the long term compared to gas heating;

WHEREAS, natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

WHEREAS, the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government;

WHEREAS, the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans;

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WHEREAS, the construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the City's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Guelph City Council acknowledged the climate crisis (May 2019), passed a resolution to support the phase-out of gas-fired energy plants by 2030 (December 2020); and passed a resolution of support to the United Nations Race to Zero commitment (December 2021);

WHEREAS, transforming our existing and new buildings by supporting actions that improve the energy efficiency and GHG profile within the City is a stated goal of our Community Energy Initiative (CEI), our Official Plan and our Strategic Plan;

WHEREAS, the City of Guelph is actively working to support the decarbonization of heating and cooling systems in existing and future building stock within the community, as demonstrated by the Guelph Green Homes Energy Retrofit Program, which will provide 0% interest loans to Guelph homeowners to enable them to transition away from fossil-fuel powered heating and cooling equipment to low carbon air or ground source heat pump systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the City of Guelph expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the fossil gas infrastructure subsidy and requests that the Ontario Government withdraw Bill 165 and allow the OEB decision to stand; and

(b) That this resolution be circulated to the President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Colin Best; Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP Mike Schreiner, and all Ontario Municipalities requesting support for the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Intergovernmental Services on behalf of Guelph City Council

Chief Administrative Office

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CC: The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
Mike Schreiner, MPP;
Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
All Ontario Municipalities

Notice of Adoption of an Official Plan for the Town of Caledon (By-law 2024-014)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Caledon passed By-law No. BL-2024-014 on MARCH 26, 2024, to adopt Future Caledon – a new Official Plan for the Town of Caledon, under Sections 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13.

Purpose and Effect

This Official Plan sets out a strategic and comprehensive approach to guiding growth and development throughout the Town of Caledon to the 2051 planning horizon. The Official Plan achieves this by providing goals, objectives and direction on matters such as: environmental protection, managing and directing growth, planning for employment and jobs, protecting agricultural and rural lands, facilitating intensification and a diverse housing supply, and establishing a Town structure that will facilitate the growth of walkable and transit-oriented communities. The 1978 Official Plan, as amended, remains in effect for lands identified as Rural Service Centres, Secondary Plans, mineral aggregate resources Town-wide, and other areas as noted in Section 1.2 of the new Official Plan. Part B and Part G of the new Official Plan are to apply to all lands within the Town of Caledon.

The basis for this By-law is contained in Staff Report 2024-0072 as received by the Planning and Development Committee on March 19, 2024 and Council on March 26, 2024. All oral and written submissions relating to the new Official Plan were considered before this decision was made. Comments and responses can be reviewed at haveyoursaycaledon.ca/official-plan-review.

Further Notice of Appeal of Official Plan

Under the provisions of Section 17(2) of the Planning Act, the Region of Peel being the upper-tier municipality is the approval authority for a new lower-tier Official Plan adopted under Section 17(22) of the Planning Act. As such, the Adopted Official Plan has been forwarded to the Region of Peel for review, as required by Section 17(31) of the Planning Act.

Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority with respect to the new Official Plan, if a written request (including the person's or public body's address, fax number or email address) to be notified of the decision is made to the approval authority:

Region of Peel
Office of the Regional Clerk
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A 5th Floor
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9
regional.clerk@peelregion.ca

For More Information

Additional information in respect of the new Official Plan is available for inspection at the Town of Caledon, Planning Department, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., by contacting Steve Burke, Manager, Strategic Policy Planning, 905-584-2272 x. 4264 or steven.burke@caledon.ca. It can also be accessed at haveyoursaycaledon.ca.

DATED at the Town of Caledon
This 4th day of April, 2024.

Kevin Klingenberg
Municipal Clerk



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April 3, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Extension of Bill 23 Timelines regarding Heritage Registry Lists

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following motion regarding the Extension of Bill 23 Timelines regarding Heritage Registry Lists:

Resolution No: RC-2024-33
Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Lynn Timmers

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on or before January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the Heritage Advisory Committee have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving 247 listed properties in the Town of Lincoln is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024, with the limited municipal resources available.

WHEREAS the Heritage Advisory Committee on March 14, 2024 provided support to extend the January 1, 2025 deadline for five years to January 1, 2030 to continue efforts required to designate properties.

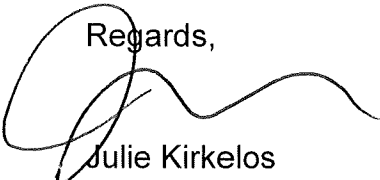
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Lincoln authorize the Mayor to promptly send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario seeking support of the ACO correspondence.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
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JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
All Ontario Municipalities

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 02 Apr 2024

Item c)

Date: April 2, 2024

CR93-2024

Moved by

Seconded by



RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay supports the request of the Township of Amaranth in calling upon the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashevski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		


Mayor



AMANDA FUSCO

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April 5, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 18, 2024, passed the following resolution regarding the Ontario Heritage Act:

"WHEREAS The More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23) received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. As part of this omnibus Bill, several changes were implemented to various pieces of legislation, including but not limited to, The Planning Act, The Development Charges Act, The Conservation Authorities Act, and The Ontario Heritage Act; and,

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal heritage register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, municipal heritage planning staff and members of the municipal heritage committee (Heritage Kitchener) in this municipality have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; contact owners of such properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and,

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving approximately 228 properties listed properties in this municipality is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals; and,

WHEREAS given the volume of work required, on February 7, 2023 the Kitchener Heritage Committee Work Plan 2022-2014 was endorsed with an objective of reviewing and designating only 80 properties by January 1, 2025 given the time constraint imposed; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener call on the Province to amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030, and that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust. That is also be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Provincial MPPs, Municipal councils across the province, the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO), as well as the Waterloo Region branch of the ACO.”

Yours truly,



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Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust
Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities Ontario
F. Leslie Thompson, President, Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO)
Marg Rowell, President, Waterloo Branch of the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario
Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament
Ontario Municipalities



Council Resolution Form

Date: 21 Mar 2024 No: Resolution No.62-24
Moved By: Councillor Tripp Disposition: CARRIED.
Seconded by Councillor Popkie
Item No: 12.2

Description: Occupational Health and Safety Act Definition of "Employer"

RESOLUTION:

That Council support Resolution CC2023-303 passed by the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023 regarding the Amendment of the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer", including that the definition of "employer" excludes owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

And furthermore that a copy of this resolution and a copy of the City of Greater Sudbury's resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote Requested by:

.....n/a.....

	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
R. Weir	_____	_____


MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

.....n/a.....

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
abstained from discussion and did not vote

December 12, 2023

Sent Via Email

Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"

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200 BRADY STREET
SUDBURY ON P3A 5P3

The following resolution was passed by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023:

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SUDBURY ON P3A 5P3

CC2023-303: WHEREAS in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (the "City") entered into a contract with a contractor experienced in road construction projects to complete a project on Elgin Street in the City's downtown core;

AND WHEREAS the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the "Act");

AND WHEREAS an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

AND WHEREAS the City was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

AND WHEREAS after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found the City to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in dismissal of the City's appeal;

AND WHEREAS the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume plenary oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor; AND WHEREAS the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

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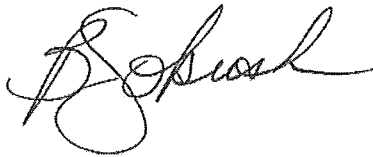
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AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, France Gelin, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brigitte Sobush', with a stylized, flowing script.

Brigitte Sobush
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

- c. Members of City Council
Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk



March 28, 2024

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Will Bouma, MPP
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To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held March 26, 2024 adopted the following:

12.6.13 Home Heating Sustainability

WHEREAS home heating energy costs is a major and onerous burden for Seniors and those with limited or fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS the cost of natural gas to heat homes continues to climb due to many factors such as inaccurate meter readings, inflation, delivery and customer charges, carbon tax, among others, causing financial strain for many citizens; and

WHEREAS 3.8 million households in Ontario currently use natural gas for home heating, representing about 70 per cent of Ontario households; and

WHEREAS the carbon tax charged on heating bills is highly dependent on the amount of natural gas used and accounts for 20-25% of the utility bill; and

WHEREAS Canadians have no choice but to heat their homes throughout the winter; and

WHEREAS no citizen should have to choose between putting food on the table or heating their homes; and

WHEREAS the carbon tax is increasing as of April 1, 2024 to \$0.15 per cubic meter for natural gas, and the carbon tax rebate for homeowners is also increasing; and

WHEREAS Ontario homeowners can now expect to receive \$1,120 annually for the rebate on average and the rebate will be renamed to the Canada Carbon Rebate; and

WHEREAS starting on January 1, 2024, both SaskEnergy and SaskPower removed the federal carbon tax from home heating, resulting in savings for approximately 98 per cent of Saskatchewan families by exempting them from carbon tax on home heating oil; and

WHEREAS the Canadian government has implemented new measures to help Atlantic Canadians lower their energy bills by making the average heat pump free to help low- to median-income Canadians switch to cleaner fuel and incentivizing the switch to heat pumps with \$250 upfront payments; and

WHEREAS the Canadian and Ontario governments have discontinued grant and rebate programs for Ontarians to retrofit their homes to be energy efficient such as Ontario's green home-retrofit rebate program, the ecoENERGY home retrofit program, and the Canada Greener Homes Grant, making it difficult for homeowners to reduce their reliance on natural gas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Federal Government exclude home heating from the federal carbon tax to reduce the burden on citizens, as has been done in Saskatchewan; and
- B. THAT the Federal and Provincial Governments reinstate home energy retrofit rebate and grant programs to help Brantford residents retrofit their homes to be more energy efficient and provide barrier-free options for switching to less carbon-intensive fuel sources to lower their utility bills and avoid the carbon tax; and
- C. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to The Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, The Provincial Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, The City of Brantford Member of Parliament, The Honourable Larry Brock, The City of Brantford Member of Provincial Parliament, The Honourable Will Bouma, and to each municipality in Ontario; and
- D. THAT the Mayor of the City of Brantford request that this resolution be added as an agenda item for consideration by the Ontario Big City's Mayor Caucus.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Honourable Steven Guilbeault
Provincial Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Honourable Andrea Khanjin
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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April 8, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to
Amend the Blue Box Regulation

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on March 27, 2024, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council support the recommendation of the Township of Perry and send a copy of the support letter to the Premier of Ontario, AMO and member municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Enclosure.

cc. AMO
All Ontario Municipalities



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February 26, 2024

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for
'Ineligible' Sources**

At their last regular meeting on Wednesday February 21, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following:

"Resolution #2024-52

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

And Whereas 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

And Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue

Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And further that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bm', is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

c.c. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
All Ontario Municipalities

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#05-24 held April 3, 2024

15.1.10 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Extension of the Deadline for Listed Non-Designated Heritage Properties - (CW Item 12.1)

Moved by: Councillor Shiu
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas, subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on or before January 1, 2025; and

Whereas, since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the municipal heritage committee in the City of Richmond Hill have been working to review the municipal heritage register, research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties, review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties, determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

Whereas, the above-noted work involving 235 listed properties in the City of Richmond Hill is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024.

Now therefore be it resolved,

That Council for the City of Richmond Hill requests the Government of Ontario to amend Subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and



That the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of the Province of Ontario; the Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Richmond Hill MPP Daisy Wai; Aurora - Oak Ridges - Richmond Hill MPP Michael Parsa; AMO; and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Unanimously

**The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie**



Clerk's Department

Rachel Tyczinski
City Clerk

April 11, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0A2

Dear Sir:

Re: Intimate Partner Violence and Coercive Control

Please be advised that at its April 8, 2024 City Council meeting, Sault Ste. Marie City Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the jury that heard the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam inquest (The Renfrew County Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas recommendation #85 of the inquest is to include "coercive control", as defined in the *Divorce Act*, as a criminal offence or as a type of assault under section 265 of the *Criminal Code*; and

Whereas according to experts, a perpetrator has privileged access to information about the target by virtue of the closeness of an intimate relationship and, as such, is able to identify unique vulnerabilities that can be exploited for coercive control; and

Whereas Coordinating Community Responses to Domestic Violence cites scholars and advocates in the field have consistently described intimate partner violence as both an expression of, and an attempt to maintain, power and control over intimate partners; and

Whereas in 2019, according to the Government of Canada, of the 107,810 people aged 15 and over who experienced intimate partner violence 79% were women. 55% of women who experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence feared a partner at some point. Being afraid of a partner can indicate intimate partner violence that is more coercive, more severe, and more likely to reflect a pattern of abusive behaviours; and

Whereas between 2014 and 2019 in Canada, there were 497 victims of intimate partner homicide, and 80% (400 victims) were women; and

Whereas while Indigenous women account for about 5% of all women in Canada, they accounted for 21% of women killed by an intimate partner between 2014 and 2019 (83 victims). In 2021, the rate of gender-related homicide of Indigenous women and girls was more than triple that of gender-related homicides of women and girls overall (1.72 versus 0.54 per 100,000 women and girls); and

Whereas the Government of Canada names coercive control as one of the acts included in intimate partner violence, but does not include coercive control as an offence contained within the *Criminal Code* of Canada* and

Whereas Bill C332, a private member's bill to amend the Criminal Code to create an offence of exercising coercive control of an intimate partner by engaging in a pattern of conduct that consists of any combination, or any repeated instances, of any of the following acts: using, attempting to use or threatening to use violence against certain persons, coercing or attempting to coerce the intimate partner to engage in sexual activity or engaging in other conduct that could reasonably be expected to cause the intimate partner to believe that their safety, or the safety of a person known to them, is threatened**

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Sault Ste. Marie City Council express its support for Bill C-332 as well as call on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-332 and enact the necessary amendments to the *Criminal Code* of Canada to include coercive control of an intimate partner; and

Further it be resolved that a copy of this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services, the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health, the Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, the Honourable Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice, City of Sault Ste Marie MP Terry Sheehan, MP Laurel Collins, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

- * <https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/gender-based-violence/intimate-partner-violence.html>
- ** <https://www.parl.ca/documentviewer/en/44-1/bill/C-332/second-reading>
- <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2023001/article/00003-eng.htm>

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Tyczinski', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Rachel Tyczinski
City Clerk

April 12, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Motion regarding Affordability of Water and Wastewater Rates

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of April 9, 2024, Loyalist Township Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-77

Moved by Councillor Willis
Seconded by Councillor Parks

WHEREAS a resolution passed by the County of Renfrew regarding the unaffordability of rural and small urban water and wastewater systems has been circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; and

WHEREAS due to the typical geography of rural Ontario, it is not unusual for smaller municipalities to be responsible for several treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS the costs associated with the operations, upkeep and upgrade of a number of treatment facilities and other infrastructure to meet provincial regulations in both environmental and financial planning capacities for smaller urban centers, which typically has a much lower population density per total kilometers of water and sewer as compared to larger municipalities, is a significant financial burden on system users for this essential necessity;



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Loyalist Township supports the County of Renfrew's request to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally;

AND THAT if the unaffordability is determined to be systemic, provincial and federal governments appropriately fund an assistance program for smaller municipalities with financial oversight of drinking water and wastewater systems;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings - Lennox & Addington; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Motion carried.

Sincerely,

Anne Kantharajah
Township Clerk
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cc: the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings - Lennox & Addington;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Jim Hegadorn, Mayor, Loyalist Township
Rebecca Murphy, CAO, Loyalist Township
Councillor Willis, Loyalist Township
Councillor Parks, Loyalist Township



April 11, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
via Email:
minister.mah@ontario.ca

Re: Jurisdiction of Ontario's Ombudsman

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at their meeting on April 8, 2024, is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in [Report LSOCS24-005](#), dated April 2, 2024 of the Commissioner, Legislative Services, as follows:

- a) That the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be requested to introduce a Bill to amend the Ombudsman Act to require the Ontario Ombudsman to provide to each municipality, if requested by the municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation, matter or case respecting the municipality that is referred to in each of the Ombudsman's Annual Reports to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each such investigation, matter or case including:
 - i) a copy of each complaint, as applicable, redacted only to the extent of individuals' personal information contained therein;
 - ii) the identities of the municipality's employees, officers and members of Council with whom the Ombudsman was consulting in respect of the investigation, matter or case; and
 - iii) particulars of the outcome of the investigation, matter or case including the Ombudsman's findings, conclusions and recommendations, if any.
- b) That the City Clerk forward Council's resolutions resulting from Council's approval of these recommendations to Minister Calandra, MPP David Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.

Sincerely,

J. Kennedy

John Kennedy, City Clerk

cc: David Smith, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

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April 16, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice & Attorney General
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani,

RE: Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on April 2, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Moved: Councillor Charrois

Seconded: Councillor Korstanje

Resolved that Council support the Township of Clearview's resolution regarding the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC: Township of Clearview
Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities



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March 27, 2024

Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice & Attorney General
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Sent by Email

RE: Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview at its meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following resolution in support of the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas The Canadian Federal Government has drafted Bill C-63, The Online Harms Act, currently in front of Parliament and has had its first reading; and,

Whereas Bill C-63 requires that online tech companies and social media platforms remove child pornography and other dangerous content within 24 hours once the operator identifies the content, while also mandating the following duties:

- Duty to protect children;
- Duty to act responsibly;
- Duty to remove egregious content; and,

Whereas The Canadian Federal Government proposes to establish a "Digital Safety Commission" and nominate an "independent" Ombudsperson to proactively circumvent potential harms on behalf of Canadians; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to adhere to existing Criminal Laws; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to be held accountable to keep platforms safe from predators targeting children and other vulnerable Canadians and to protect them from bullying, hate, extremism, violence, discrimination, self harm, exploitation and sexual extortion that can lead to the most dire of consequences; and,

Whereas Clearview Township, as all Canadians, endeavours to foster safe homes, communities, schools and public spaces;

Be It Resolved That the Mayor and Council of Clearview Township endorse the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a "digital safety commission" and nomination of an "independent" Ombudsperson; and,

That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Terry Dowdall, MP; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada. Motion Carried.

Sincerely,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC

Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Simcoe Grey MP Terry Dowdall
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities



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April 12, 2024

Resolution #24-12-02 – Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #24-12-02 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 10th, 2024, as follows:

“WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario’s municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Natasha Roberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Natasha" being more prominent than the last name "Roberts".

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk
NR/KN

Cc: Premier of Ontario, the relevant provincial authorities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario



April 17th, 2024

Premier's Office
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Ministry of Legislative Affairs
Main Legislative Building
Room 223
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Ben Lobb, MP
30 Victoria Street
Goderich, Ontario
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ATTENTION: Hon. Doug Ford, Hon. Paul Calandra, & MP Ben Lobb

Dear Premier Ford, Hon. Paul Calandra, & MP Benn Lobb:

RE: Resolution – Return to combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 26th, 2024:

Moved by Councillor Kelso

Seconded by Councillor Closs

THAT, the Council of the Township of Lanark Highlands supports the resolution from the Town of Goderich regarding the return to combined ROMA and OGRA conferences;

AND THAT, this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MP Ben Lobb and be circulated to the Mayor of Mississippi Mills as the Zone 8 Representative on the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) board of directors, and the Municipalities of Ontario.

Resolved



Sincerely,

Amanda Noël

Amanda Noël,
Clerk/Acting CAO

Encls.

c.c. Christa Lowry, Mayor of Mississippi Mills & Zone 8 Representative on the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) board of directors
All Ontario Municipalities



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April 17, 2024

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RE: Hastings County Motion regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities

Please be advised that Hastings County Council, at its meeting held on March 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

WHEREAS the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

WHEREAS small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hastings County call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group that includes a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington; MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Cathy Bradley
Director of Legislative Services

April 11, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of April 9, 2024 the following resolution regarding seeking support for the Province to amend Ontario Regulation 39/121: Blue Box for 'ineligible' sources.

RESOLUTION NO. **2024-179**

DATE: **April 9, 2024**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Engelsdorfer**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Braney**

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks

WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

WHEREAS Prince Edward County has approximately 600 or more "non-eligible" sources that will not be provided service from the Producer Responsibility Organization after transition begins.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Prince Edward County joins the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in their appeal to the Provincial Government to amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte MPP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the

Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, Quinte Waste Solutions, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Engelsdorfer, and Marcia Wallace, CAO



April 16, 2024

Conservation Authorities and
Natural Hazards Section
Ministry of Natural Resources and
Forestry – RPDPB
By E-mail: ca.office@ontario.ca

Matthew Rae
MPP for Perth-Wellington
By E-mail: matthew.rae@pc.ola.org

RE: Conservation Authorities Act

Please note that in response to the attached Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's proposal "Regulation detailing new Minister's Permit and Review powers under the Conservation Authorities Act" on April 5, 2024, Council of the Municipality of West Perth at its Regular Council Meeting held on April 15, 2024, passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: 122/24

Moved By: Councillor Trentowsky

Seconded by: Councillor Duck

CARRIED

"That the Council for the Municipality of West Perth recommends to the province that any proposed changes contemplated by the province be put on hold until such time that the planning statement is finalized by the province and communicated to the municipalities and that this motion be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) All Ontario Municipalities for support."

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Department.



Daniel Hobson
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk
Municipality of West Perth

cc: Matthew Rae, MPP for Perth-Wellington
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Regulation detailing new Minister’s Permit and Review powers under the Conservation Authorities Act.

ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number	019-8320
Notice type	Regulation
Act	Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1990
Posted by	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Notice stage	Proposal
Proposal posted	April 5, 2024
Comment period	April 5, 2024 - May 6, 2024 (31 days) Open
Last updated	April 5, 2024

This consultation closes at 11:59 p.m. on:

May 6, 2024

Proposal summary

We are proposing a regulation specifying the circumstances under which the Minister may issue an order to prevent a conservation authority from making a permitting decision and make the permitting decision in the place of a conservation authority or may undertake a review of a conservation authority permitting decision.

Proposal details

Conservation authorities regulate development and other activities through a permitting process under the *Conservation Authorities Act* for the purposes of natural hazard management and to protect people and property from natural hazards, such as flooding and erosion. Each conservation authority implements the permitting framework based on provincial legislation, regulatory

requirements, and technical standards, as well as conservation authority board-approved policies that outline how the conservation authority administers regulations locally.

Recently proclaimed provisions in the *Conservation Authorities Act* and associated regulations came into effect on April 1, 2024, including new powers for the Minister to 1) issue an order to prevent a conservation authority from issuing a permit and to take over the permitting process in the place of a conservation authority, and 2) review a conservation authority permit decision at the request of the applicant.

The Ministry is proposing a regulation which would set out the circumstances under which these powers could be used. If the regulation is approved, public guidance would be made available on the criteria and processes outlined in the regulation.

1. **Permits issued by the Minister**

Existing requirements under the *Conservation Authorities Act* regarding permits issued by the Minister under section 28.1.1 include:

- The Minister may issue an order directing a conservation authority not to issue a permit to a specific individual to engage in a specified activity, or to persons who may wish to engage in a certain type or class of activity, that would be prohibited under section 28 without a permit.
- The Minister's decision to issue an order is discretionary, and it may be issued either before or after an application for a permit has been submitted to the relevant conservation authority.
- Notice of any order must be provided to affected conservation authorities, any person who applied for the permit in question prior to the order and be posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario)) within 30-days.
- If an order made, the Minister has the power to issue a permit in place of the conservation authority. When making a permitting decision, the Minister is required to satisfy the same criteria concerning natural hazards and public safety that are considered by conservation authorities. This includes whether the activity is likely to affect the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or unstable soil or

bedrock. It also must consider whether the activity is likely to create conditions or circumstances that, in the event of a natural hazard, might jeopardize the health or safety of persons or result in the damage or destruction of property.

- The Minister may refuse the permit or issue a permit subject to such conditions as the Minister determines are appropriate.

Proposed additional requirements that would be set out in regulation include:

- The Minister may make an order to prevent a conservation authority from making a permitting decision and take over the permitting process only if the development activity or type or class of permits pertains to or supports a specified provincial interest, including:
 - Housing (community, affordable and market-based)
 - Community services (health, long-term care, education, recreation socio-cultural, security and safety, environment)
 - Transportation infrastructure
 - Buildings that facilitate economic development or employment
 - Mixed use developments
- If a proponent wishes to petition the Minister to issue an order, the proponent must submit a request to the Minister that would include information on:
 - Overview of proposed development.
 - Why the Minister's involvement is requested (e.g., development of provincial interest, timing/urgency; permitting process to date if applicable; other barriers) and preferable to the standard process in the *Conservation Authorities Act*.
 - Indication of whether the local municipality has endorsed the project and the request for Minister's involvement (e.g., by municipal letter or resolution).
 - Status of other required project approvals including the extent of any engagement with the conservation authority in the permitting process that the applicant has had to date.

2. Permits reviewed by the Minister

Existing requirements under the *Conservation Authorities Act* relating to requests for review under section 28.1.2 regarding permits where there is an order made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing under section 34.1 or 47 of the *Planning Act* and section 28.1 regarding all other conservation authority permits include:

- An applicant who has been refused a permit or had conditions attached to a permit by a conservation authority to which the applicant objects can, within 15-days of receiving reasons for the authority's decision, submit a request to the Minister for the Minister to review the authority's decision. Alternatively, an applicant also has the option to appeal the authority's decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- After receiving a request, the Minister has 30-days in which to decide whether or not they intend to conduct a review. If the Minister decides to conduct the review, a notice shall be posted on the ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) within 30-days of a reply indicating the Minister intends to review the decision by the authority. If the Minister does not reply within 30-days of the request, this is deemed to indicate that the Minister does not intend to conduct a review.
- After conducting a review, the Minister may confirm or vary the authority's decision or make any decision that the Minister considers appropriate, including issuing the permit subject to conditions.
- The Minister is required to base the decision on same criteria concerning natural hazards and public safety that are considered by conservation authorities. This includes whether the activity is likely to affect the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or unstable soil or bedrock. It also must consider whether the activity is likely to create conditions or circumstances that, in the event of a natural hazard, might jeopardize the health or safety of persons or result in the damage or destruction of property.

Proposed additional requirements that would be set out in regulation include:

- The Minister may conduct a review of a conservation authority permit decision only if the development activity pertains to or supports a development of specified provincial interest, including:
 - Housing (community, affordable and market-based)

- Community services (health, long-term care, education, recreation socio-cultural, security and safety, environment)
- Transportation infrastructure
- Buildings that facilitate economic development or employment
- Mixed use developments

Note: This criteria would not apply to permit reviews under section 28.1.2 regarding permits where there is an order made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing under section 34.1 or 47 of the *Planning Act*.

- The request submitted to the Minister for a review would include information on:
 - Overview of proposed development.
 - If the request relates to conditions imposed by the conservation authority to which the applicant objects, identification of the specific conditions that are subject to the request for review, the changes requested to the conditions and the rationale in support of the requested changes.
 - If the request relates to an authority's decision to refuse a permit, the rationale in support of requesting that the Minister varies the decision and issues the permit.
 - Why the Minister's involvement is requested (e.g., development of provincial interest, timing/urgency; permitting process to date; other barriers) and preferable to alternative mechanisms in the *Conservation Authorities Act*.
 - Indication of whether the local municipality has endorsed the project and/or the request for Minister's involvement (e.g., by municipal letter or resolution).
 - Status of other required project approvals.

Regulatory impact analysis

By clearly communicating the circumstances under which the Minister would consider whether to issue an order to prevent a conservation authority from making a permitting decision and to make permitting decisions in place of a conservation authority or to review a conservation authority permitting decision, this proposal would ensure that development proponents pursue the appropriate permitting channel. Efficiently navigating the permitting process is

expected to help save proponents time and resources. We expect that there will be some minor administrative costs for development proponents based on the time needed to learn about and understand the proposed changes.

Supporting materials

Related links

Conservation Authorities Act

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90c27#BK43>)

O. Reg. 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/240041>)

View materials in person

Some supporting materials may not be available online. If this is the case, you can request to view the materials in person.

Get in touch with the office listed below to find out if materials are available.

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Let us know what you think of our proposal.

Have questions? Get in touch with the contact person below. Please include the ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number for this notice in your email or letter to the contact.

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Shannon Peart

From: Clerks
Subject: FW: Council Direction - Resolution in Support of the Expansion of the Life Span of Fire Apparatus

From: TVT Corporate Assistant
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 9:28 AM
Subject: Council Direction - Resolution in Support of the Expansion of the Life Span of Fire Apparatus

Council Meeting – March 26th, 2024

i) **Resolution in Support of the Expansion of the Life Span of Fire Apparatus.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-03-20

MOVED BY: Korrine Jordan
SECONDED BY: Andrew Kendrick

“WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township support Prince Edward County’s resolution regarding Expansion of the Life Span of Fire Apparatus;

AND WHEREAS, By-Law No. 2012-042, being a By-Law to Establish and Regulate the Fire Department (Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue) established service level standards for the Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue;

AND WHEREAS, apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law No. 2012-042, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operations needs;

AND WHEREAS, fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS, Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS, no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Reeve send a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

THAT, this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt;

AND THAT, this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC)."

ADOPTED

Brad Swayne

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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.2.

Resolution Number 2024-070

Title: Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #7, 28 and 30

Date: March 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward on January 16, 2024, and the support Resolutions passed by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming on February 14, 2024, and by the Township of McMurrich / Monteith on February 6, 2024, regarding expanding the life span of fire apparatus;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades, David Piccini; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

January 22, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 16, 2024 the following motion regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46

DATE: January 16, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor Nieman

SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst

WHEREAS By-Law 3256-2013, being a By-Law to Establish, Maintain, and Operate a Fire Department established service level standards for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

AND WHEREAS fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS on November 16, 2023, Council, received report FD-06-2023 regarding asset Management - Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

THAT the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

CARRIED

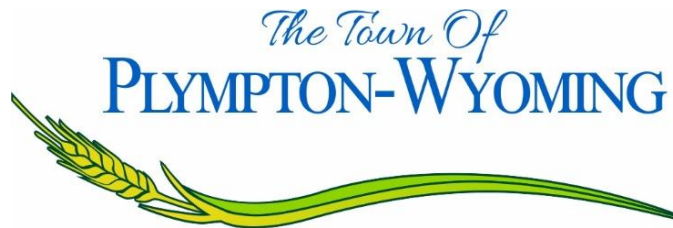
Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Nieman, Councillor Branderhorst, Marcia Wallace, CAO and Fire Chief Chad Brown





The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca
(sent via e-mail)

February 15th, 2024

Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on February 14th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

Motion #11

Moved by Councillor Bob Woolvett
Seconded by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues
That Council support correspondence item 'r' from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development – David Piccini
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Paul Calandra
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
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February 16, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, at its meeting on February 6th, 2024, pass the following motion supporting the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

Resolution #2024-53

Moved by: Vicky Roeder-Martin

Seconded by: Terry Currie

Be It Resolved that Council supports resolution 2024-46 from the County of Prince Edward relating to a request to the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements. Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com

Yours truly,

Cheryl Marshall
Clerk-Treasurer

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Paul Calandra
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development – David Piccini
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 02 Apr 2024

Item a)

Date: April 2, 2024

CR91-2024

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortages, which will only be exasperated over the next three (3) to five (5) years, which will cause the levels of service that municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades, David Piccinni; our local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS); and all Ontario Municipalities.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		

Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor



Council Resolution Form

Date: 21 Mar 2024 No: Resolution No.63-24
Moved By: Councillor Tripp Disposition: CARRIED.
Seconded by Councillor Popkie
Item No: 12.3

Description: Funding for the 2024 Municipal Equipment Operator Course

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Township of Greater Madawaska supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

Recorded Vote Requested by:

.....n/a.....

	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
R. Weir	_____	_____

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MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

.....n/a.....

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
abstained from discussion and did not vote

AND THAT, the Township of Greater Madawaska calls on the Province of Ontario’s Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccini, MPP John Yakabuski, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
.....n/a.....		
	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
R. Weir	_____	_____



MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

.....n/a.....

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote



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Moved by: Councillor Campbell

Resolution No.: 2024-40

Seconded by: Councillor Humphries

April 2, 2024

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

AND WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

AND WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

AND WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income redistribution programs for those most in need;

AND WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;



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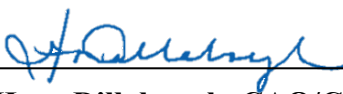
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Horton requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, John Yakabuski; and all municipalities in Ontario.

X CARRIED



Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.4.

Resolution Number 2024-072

Title: Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #10 and 20

Date: March 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

WHEREAS current provincial - municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 Billion a year;

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AND WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

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AND WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can not afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

AND WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; **BE**

IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles requests that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

Monday, April 8, 2024

Michael de Rond
Clerk
Town of Aurora
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SENT VIA EMAIL: mderond@aurora.ca

RE: Town of Goderich Resolution – Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Code of Conduct

Dear M. Rond,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;
and

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and Whereas several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst municipal members of councils across Ontario; and

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

WHEREAS municipal governments have limited abilities in their toolkit to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

WHEREAS the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal member of council is the suspension of pay for 90 days, even when egregious acts are committed and substantiated; and

WHEREAS AMO has called on the government to table and pass legislation that reflects the following recommendations:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment.
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario.
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province.
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner.
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Goderich supports the call of action the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has submitted to the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them, in consultation with municipal governments; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's letter of recommendations which includes options for enforcing compliance by council members with municipal Codes of Conduct such as;
 - Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment.
 - Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario.
 - Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the Province.
 - Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner o Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce, and the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Ontario municipalities.

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CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
/ar

cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org
Ontario Municipalities

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Catalina Blumenberg
Clerk
Prince Edward County
332 Picton Main Street
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SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@pecounty.on.ca

RE: Town of Goderich Resolution – Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates

Dear C. Blumenberg,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

WHEREAS the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

WHEREAS Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

WHEREAS Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 percent as of July 2023 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall below their value in 2018 (\$1,376 when adjusted for inflation) and significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month);

WHEREAS OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

WHEREAS designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health-related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Goderich requests the Provincial Government to urgently:

1. At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;
2. Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;
3. Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Huron County Social and Property Services, the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher

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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Matthew Pearson
Chair
Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee
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SENT VIA EMAIL: mpearson@bmross.net

RE: Recommended Phase-Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report

Dear M. Pearson,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That the Town of Goderich direct a letter to Minister Lisa Thompson requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario;

And Further That area municipalities, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, other Source Protection Committees, and local health units be forwarded the letter and asked for their support.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
/ar

cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org

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The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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77 Grenville St
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(sent via e-mail)

April 12th, 2024

Re: Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on April 10th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe regarding a Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit.

Motion #14

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support correspondence item 'I' from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe regarding a Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Association of Municipalities Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca
Rural Ontario Municipal Association roma@roma.on.ca
All regional Municipalities



TOWNSHIP OF
**Adelaide
Metcalf**

March 22nd, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St.
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

RE: Township of Adelaide Metcalfe – Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Dear Minister Thompson,

On March 18, 2024, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS farm drainage is of paramount importance in Ontario due to its significant impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. Effective drainage systems help mitigate waterlogging, control soil moisture levels, and enhance soil structure, thereby optimizing growing conditions for crops;

WHEREAS improved drainage also facilitates timely field operations, reduces erosion, and minimizes nutrient runoff, contributing to environmental conservation efforts;

WHEREAS Ontario's diverse agricultural landscape, where weather variability is common, well-maintained drainage systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable yields, economic viability, and long-term resilience for farmers across the Province;

WHEREAS the Tile Loan Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. T.8 allows for the borrowing of money for the purpose of constructing drainage works;

WHEREAS the maximum annual limit for these loans, unchanged since 2004, is currently set at \$50,000.

WHEREAS costs for Tile Drainage has increased markedly since 2004;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated the Honourable Lisa Thompson – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'MB', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Barnier
Clerk & Manager of Legislative Services
Township of Adelaide Metcalfe
mbarnier@adelaidemetcalfe.on.ca

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities



Ministry of Municipal Affairs minister.mah@ontario.ca
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Association of Municipalities Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca
MPP Bob Bailey bob.baileyco@pc.ola.org
(sent via e-mail)

April 12th, 2024

Re: Municipalities Retaining Surplus from Tax Sales

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on April 10th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding municipalities retaining surplus from tax sales.

Motion #13

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded by Councillor Bob Woolvett

That Council support correspondence item 'h' from the municipality of St. Charles regarding Support for Municipalities to Retain Surplus from Tax Sales.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: All regional Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.3.

Resolution Number 2023-151

Title: Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #9 and 15) and from the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #19)

Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

WHEREAS prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001, allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

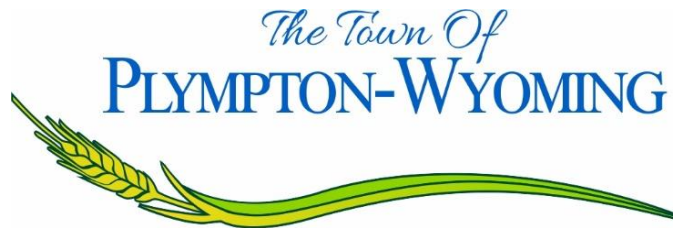
AND WHEREAS the current Public Tax Sale process is a burdensome process to a municipality that invests a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the Corporation of the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Ministry of Finance (MOF); the Ontario Municipal Tax & Revenue Association (OMTRA); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



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Hon. Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

Hon. Todd Smith Todd.Smithco@pc.ola.org

MPP Bob Bailey bob.baileyco@pc.ola.org

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(sent via e-mail)

April 12th, 2024

Re: Energy Transition

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on April 10th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from Terrace Bay regarding Energy Transition.

Motion #12

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded by Councillor Alex Boughen

That Council support correspondence item 'j' from Terrace Bay regarding Energy Transition.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn

Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: All regional Municipalities

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item b)

Date: March 4, 2024

CR60-2024

Moved by *Gary Adduono*
Seconded by *[Signature]*

WHEREAS access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Terrace Bay;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the Township of Terrace Bay supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ *Terrace Bay* recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification;

AND FURTHER, that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ *Terrace Bay* supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Lise Vaugeois, Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay - Superior North, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		

Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 10

DATE: April 10th, 2024

MOVED BY: Netty McEwen

SECONDED BY: John van Klaveren

RE: SECURING ACCESS TO NATURAL GAS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND ONTARIO

WHEREAS Access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability.

WHEREAS The Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, and is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk.

NOWTHEREBE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Town of Plympton-Wyoming supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition.

AND THAT the Town of Plympton-Wyoming recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification.

2. THAT Natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario.

3. THAT the Town of Plympton-Wyoming supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy.

4. THAT this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Bob Bailey Member of Provincial Parliament for Sarnia-Lambton, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com.

Mayor
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.3.

Resolution Number 2024-071

Title: Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8

Date: March 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by Public Health Sudbury & Districts on January 18, 2024, regarding household food insecurity;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Michael Parsaco; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



Public Health
Santé publique
SUDBURY & DISTRICTS

January 24, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Recipient:

Re: Household Food Insecurity

At its meeting on January 18, 2024, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #06-24:

WHEREAS food security is a chronic and worsening health issue as documented by annual local data on food affordability and as recognized by multiple Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) resolutions: [A05-18](#) (Adequate Nutrition for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program), [A18-02](#) (Minimum Wage that is a Living Wage), [A15-04](#) (Basic Income Guarantee), and [A23-05](#) (Monitoring Food Affordability in Ontario and the Inadequacy of Social Assistance Rates)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts call on the provincial government to incorporate local food affordability findings in determining adequacy of social assistance rates to reflect the current costs of living and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and

THAT in the context of the Public Health Strengthening roles and responsibilities deliberations, the Board of Health urge all health system partners to remain committed to population health assessment and surveillance as it relates to monitoring food environments and, specifically, to monitoring food affordability; and share this motion broadly with local and provincial stakeholders.

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Household food insecurity is one of the strongest predictors of poor health, making it a serious public health issue (PROOF, 2023). Individuals who are food insecure are at higher risk of diet-related diseases like diabetes and are at higher risk for a wide range of chronic conditions such as depression and anxiety disorders, arthritis, and chronic pain. Household food insecurity leaves an indelible mark on children's health and well-being (PROOF, 2023). The experience of food insecurity in childhood is associated with mental health concerns throughout childhood and into early adulthood (PROOF, 2023). In Ontario, the healthcare costs of individuals who are the most food insecure can be more than double that of individuals who are food secure (PROOF, 2023, Tarasuk et al., 2015).

Thank you for your attention to this important issue – the solutions for which will not only help many Ontarians in need but also protect the sustainability of our critical health and social services resources.

Sincerely,



Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Honourable Peter Bthlenfalvy, Ministry of Finance
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
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Michael Mantha, Member of Provincial Parliament, Algoma-Manitoulin
Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Jacqueline Edwards and Jennifer Babin-Fenske, Co-chairs, Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council
Richard Lathwell, Local Food Manitoulin
Colleen Hill, Executive Director, Manitoulin Family Resources
All Ontario Boards of Health
Association of Local Public Health Agencies

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PROOF (2023). What are the implications of food insecurity for health and health care? Identifying Policy Options to Reduce Household Food Insecurity in Canada. Retrieved from:
<https://proof.utoronto.ca/food-insecurity/what-are-the-implications-of-food-insecurity-for-health-andhealth-care/>

Tarasuk, V., Cheng, J., de Oliveira, C., Dachner, N., Gundersen, C., Kurdyak, P. (2015). Association between household food insecurity and annual healthcare costs. Canadian Medical Association Journal. 1 87 (14) E429-E436. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1503/cmaj.150234>

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.5.

Resolution Number 2024-073

Title: Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #16

Date: March 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Lachance

Seconded by: Councillor Loftus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin on January 30, 2024, regarding provincial and national fire fighting strategy;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Minister of National Defence, Bill Blair; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Graydon Smith; Minister of Economic Development, Vic Fidei; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Council Resolution

Date: January 30, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024-31

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

Background: Before Calvin township became a township, it was burned by numerous forest fires. This was before the time of fire towers, water bombers, and municipal fire departments. A 1881 report from Lawrence Tallan, Provincial Land surveyor, states: *"The township of Calvin has been traversed by repeated and severe fires – so well have the flames done their work that with the exception of an insignificant portion, scarcely a vestige of the original timber remains."*

History has a way of repeating itself, and now rural municipalities and remote areas need more than ever to be prepared to respond to forest fires. Invasive pests like the emerald ash borer and the spruce bud worm are killing large numbers of trees, leaving copious amounts of dry kindling in our forests just waiting for a careless human or a lightning strike. Our forests are choked with deadfall and forest fires are becoming increasingly difficult to control. Add to this the effects of rising temperatures and drier seasons, or climate change, and we could be facing increasingly disastrous forest fires. This is not the time to be caught short with limited forest fire-fighting resources.

Jordan Omstead of the Canadian Press recently wrote: "But as Canada's water bombers age – and wildfire seasons are expected to intensify – some wildland

firefighters and emergency preparedness experts say the country needs to prop up its fleet of firefighting aircraft, even though several provinces are playing down concerns about capacity.” He quotes Eric Davidson, president of the Ontario Professional Association of Wildland Firefighters, “We’re really starting to see the effect of the aging fleet.”

The article further states the John Gradek, lecturer at McGill University estimates that almost half of the larger water bombers used to fight Canadian forest fires are nearing the end of their service life.

However, a Canadian company making a large skimmer-style water bomber is backed up with orders from European countries until the end of the decade.

Ontario has its own fleet of aircraft. They have 20 fixed-wing aircraft which includes 9 CL215 and CL415 water bombers that are 24 years old on average. The remaining 11 aircraft are an average of 54 years old. Melissa Candelaria, a spokesperson for Minister Graydon Smith says the MNR can handle Ontario fires with these aircraft, but Jennifer Kamau, communications manager for the Canada Interagency Forest Fire Centre, CIFFC, noted that other provinces contract out firebombers and last year there was a strain in Canada to get the resources to areas in need because there were so many fires across the country at the same time and very few aircraft available.

Peter Zimonjic of the CBC quoted the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) President Ken McMullen, “It's not often that the fire chiefs sound the alarm. We are very concerned about this impending crisis that the summer of 2024 and beyond is going to bring our sector.”

In 2023 we all smelled the smoke and saw the sky turn brown. Buildings can be replaced, but lives cannot. And once an area is burned it takes more than a lifetime for it to return to its original state.

WHEREAS Forest fires are a very real threat to rural municipalities.

AND WHEREAS smoke from forest fires put people's health at risk. This is especially true of children and the elderly. The David Suzuki Foundation reports that wildfires kill many thousands of people per year and most of the deaths are from smoke inhalation.

AND WHEREAS forest fires are a very real danger to the climate and according to The Guardian, in 2023 they emitted three times as much carbon as the entire carbon footprint of Canada.

AND WHEREAS according to the John Crace interview in The Guardian with William Kurz, a retired scientist with Natural Resources Canada, around two billion tonnes of carbon have been released into the atmosphere from forest fires in 2023.

AND WHEREAS carbon emissions from forest fires are not counted against Canada's Paris agreement commitments, according to Kurz, but they far exceeded all of the emissions tied to Canada's economy (670 mega tonnes, or 0.67 billion tonnes, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada).

AND WHEREAS that standing healthy forest serves as a carbon sink, drawing in carbon, but once destroyed by fire, even though second growth takes its place, it is much less effective for many decades.

AND WHEREAS the federal government owns no water bombers and assists the provinces through the CIFFC, Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, a spokesperson with CIFFC says that last year there were too many requests and not enough inventory to meet the needs of the country.

AND WHEREAS as reported by De Havilland Canada who manufacture the Canadian made water bomber, they have contracts with European countries for the next 22 of its new DHC-515 planes, which will take until 2029 or 2030 to complete and there will be very little production available to replace the aging water bombers in Ontario and the rest of Canada.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Corporation of Calvin Township urges and encourages the Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy of firefighting. Furthermore, we urge the federal government to consider the measures necessary for acquiring a national fleet of Canadian-made waterbombers, with home bases strategically located to best serve and respond to the needs of rural communities, and a national fire administration to better coordinate and manage efforts across the country. We also encourage the introduction of a program similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) which was ended in 2013.

And we encourage Minister Graydon Smith to step up the on-the-ground firefighting capability and water bomber acquisitions in Ontario.

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, The Honourable Vic Fideli, Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

AND THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and adoption.

Results: Carried

Recorded Vote:

<u>Member of Council</u>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Mayor Gould	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Moreton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Latimer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Manson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.6.

Resolution Number 2024-074

Title: Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #23

Date: March 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the City of Cambridge on February 13, 2024, regarding catch and release justice;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Arif Virani; Attorney General of Ontario, Doug Downey; Ontario Solicitor General, Michael Kerner; Premier Doug Ford; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Division
Tel: (519) 740-4680 ext. 4585
mantond@cambridge.ca

February 14, 2024

Re: Catch and Release

At its Council Meeting of February 13, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS this council believes that the safety of our community and its protection from crime in all its forms is of utmost importance.

WHEREAS our taxpayer-funded judicial system exists to protect the public, who in return for their tax dollars are entitled to a system that works.

WHEREAS the number of charges laid for failure to comply with court orders – primarily failure to comply with the terms of a promise to appear, undertaking, recognizance, probation order, or peace bond – are steadily on the rise in the province of Ontario.

WHEREAS there has been a notable increase in the number of violent offences committed in the province of Ontario by individuals who are concurrently subject to release orders.

WHEREAS the Ontario justice system is backlogged, court systems under strain, and police and prosecutors overwhelmed by their caseloads.

WHEREAS we have seen a dramatic lowering of the threshold for release, resulting in violent, serious, or repeat offenders who should by rights have been reasonably detained in custody, released on supervision plans that are increasingly deficient.

WHEREAS the general sense among the criminal population is that breaching bail conditions will not result in much by way of consequence for the offender, as evidenced by a clear pattern province-wide of unjustifiable release, a pattern which is bound to continue given insufficient resources to conduct Crown bail reviews, surety bond estreatment hearings, and ensure the subsequent collection of surety bond funds after judgment.

WHEREAS a 'catch and release' system constitutes a failure of government to perform a core function of its existence, that being the protection of public safety and that this failure constitutes a clear and present danger to the public.

WHEREAS the current hard drug crisis has contributed to a desperate criminal element that is exacting a significant financial and emotional toll on communities across Canada including Cambridge.

WHEREAS our police services are being demoralized by expending precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of these habitual criminal offenders within a system that limits their ability to effectively protect the public.


AND WHEREAS this ineffective follow-through by our judicial system unfairly erodes the public's trust in our police services, who consequently become the target of frustrated and angry residents who feel they are no longer being protected from crime.

AND WHEREAS the increasing erosion of public faith and trust in our judicial system ultimately brings the administration of justice in the province of Ontario into disrepute and leads to a growing feeling amongst residents that they are no longer protected by a system perceived to prioritize the rights and freedoms of the criminal over the rights and safety of themselves and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk for the City of Cambridge send a letter to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Attorney General of Ontario Doug Downey, Ontario Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MP Bryan May, MP Valerie Bradford, MPP Jess Dixon, MPP Bryan Riddell, Police Chief Mark Crowell, Waterloo Regional Police Service, all Ontario Police Associations and Police Departments, Ontario Provincial Police, all Ontario MPPs and MPs, and all municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration, requesting additional funding in Ontario's legal system to support a meaningful resistance to the current "catch and release" practice, including hiring sufficient court staff, with a specific focus on additional assistant Crown Attorneys.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

Hon. Prime Minister Trudeau

Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Attorney General of Ontario

Ontario Solicitor General

Hon. Premier Ford

Ontario Police Associations

Ontario Police Departments

Ontario MPPs and MPs

All Ontario Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.7.

Resolution Number 2024-075

Title: Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #24

Date: March 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the Township of Coleman on November 20, 2023; and the support resolution passed by the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands on January 23, 2024, regarding Conservation Officer reclassification;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Graydon Smith; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



February 14th, 2024

Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

ATTENTION: Premier of Ontario

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Resolution – Conservation Officer Reclassification

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held January 23rd, 2024:

Moved by Councillor Roberts

Seconded by Councillor Summers

THAT, Council supports the resolution from Coleman Township regarding Conservation Officer Reclassification;

AND THAT, this resolution of support be circulated to the Premiere of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, local Members of Parliament and all Ontario Municipalities.

Resolved

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël,
Clerk/Acting CAO

Encls.

c.c. Minister of Natural Resources, Graydon Smith
Local MP's and MPP's
Association of Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities

**Resolution
Regular Council Meeting**



Agenda Number: 9.4.
Resolution Number 23-371
Title: 23-R-49 Letter of Support - Conservation Officer Reclassification
Date: Monday, November 20, 2023

Seconded by: M. Lubbock

Moved by: S. Cote

WHEREAS Ontario has 196 field Conservation Officers including 6 canine handlers who provide protection to Municipalities Natural Resources and uphold public safety by enforcing hunting and firearm laws and investigate gruesome injuries and even deaths that result from hunting-related accidents; in addition, Conservation Officers are often First Responders and ensure public safety by facilitating evacuations and enforcing Emergency Area orders during forest fires during record breaking wildfires such as we witnessed this past summer; and

WHEREAS Conservation Officers perform comparable work to Police Officers and other Enforcement Officers within the province and are professional, armed Peace Officers trained to police standards and undergo the same training; and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required that their constituents are informed, and their interests are safeguarded and ensure they have access to outreach and natural resources compliance services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Coleman does here by support the Ontario Conservation Officer's Association (OCA) in their efforts to have Conservation Officers in the Province of Ontario reclassified as Enforcement Officers and be compensated fairly; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution with a letter of support be forwarded to Ontario Premiere Doug Ford, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, the Local Provincial Member of Parliament (MPP) John Vanthof, Temiskaming Municipal Association and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

YES: 4

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

S. Cote

M. Lubbock

P. Rieux

L. Perry

Certified True Copy

Christopher W. Oslund
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.8.

Resolution Number 2024-076

Title: Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #27

Date: March 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Loftus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the City of Sarnia on January 15, 2024; and the support resolution passed by the Corporation of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming on February 14, 2024, regarding Carbon Tax;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca
(sent via e-mail)

February 15th, 2024

Re: Carbon Tax

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on February 14th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the City of Sarnia regarding Carbon Tax.

Motion #12

Moved by Councillor John van Klaveren

Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey

That Council support correspondence item 'o' from the City of Sarnia regarding Carbon Tax.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



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January 19, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Carbon Tax

At its meeting held on January 15, 2024, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the federal government recently increased the carbon tax in April 2023 and will almost triple it by 2030; and

Whereas the Parliamentary Budget officer has admitted that when fiscal and economic impacts of the federal fuel charge are considered that the vast majority of households will see a staggering loss; and

Whereas this tax flows through from producers to transporters to the grocery store floor for our citizens; and

Whereas this tax does very little to reduce pollution and emissions; and

Whereas two thirds of Canadians are approximately \$200 away or less from not being able to pay all their bills at the end of the month; and

Therefore, be it resolved that Sarnia City Council write a Letter to the Federal government (and copied to other Municipalities for their consideration) strongly urging them to cancel the carbon tax which is financially hurting our citizens at a time

when affordability concerns are at an all-time high to ease the financial and inflationary pressure on our Citizens.

Your consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Amy Burkhart'.

Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

cc: All Ontario Municipalities

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Alzheimer Society
DUFFERIN COUNTY

Sunday May 26, 2024 at
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Monday, April 15, 2024

Sent via email
MEDJCT.Minister@ontario.ca

Hon. Vic Fedeli
Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
College Park 18th Flr,
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

Dear Honourable Minister Fedeli,

Re: Western Ontario Warden's Caucus Support for Small Business Enterprise Centre Funding

As you are aware, Small Business Enterprise Centres play an invaluable role in supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses across Ontario. For over 25 years, these centres have been instrumental in providing essential resources, tools, and guidance to individuals embarking on their entrepreneurial journeys.

There are 12 SBEC's located within the WOWC Counties, they are Collingwood, Orangeville, Niagara Falls, Stratford, Woodstock, Huron County, Sarnia-Lambton, St Thomas, Essex, Port Elgin, Owen Sound, Bruce County.

These centres serve as crucial hubs for budding entrepreneurs and existing small businesses alike. From assisting with business plans to aiding in recovery during challenging times, SBECs are pivotal in fostering economic growth and resilience within our communities. Small businesses are the backbone of the economy, making up 98% of all employer businesses in Ontario and Western Ontario is no different.

At the regular meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus on Friday, April 5, 2024 the Caucus supported Small Business Enterprise Centres with the following resolution:

Moved by H. MacDonald, seconded by D. Bailey:

Whereas for more than 25 years, the 47 Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBEC's) across Ontario have supported entrepreneurs and small businesses by providing the essential fundamentals, tools, and contacts they need to start and grow their businesses; and

Whereas 12 SBEC locations offer services in WOWC member municipalities; and Whereas the Small Business Enterprise Centres, or SBEC's, are often the first stop on an entrepreneur's journey; and

Whereas In addition to working with entrepreneurs at the start of their journey, SBEC's are called upon to support existing businesses, typically with 10 or less employees; and

Whereas this support comes in the form of supporting them with growth plans, succession planning, and with recovery during difficult times; and

Whereas, operating funding has stagnated, impacting the ability to maintain services, diminishing the time spent with clients, time spent in the community, and involvement in local events and programming; and

Whereas the short-term duration of the Transfer Payment Agreements, makes budgeting and long-term planning difficult; and

Whereas SBEC's Transfer Payment Agreements with the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, expires on March 31, 2024

Therefore be it resolved that Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus requests that the Province continue to fund SBECs and increase annual amounts in line with inflation and population growth.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade
- MPP Effie J. Triantafilopoulos, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- MPP Andrew Dowie, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- MPP Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business
- Stephen Rhodes, Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade
- Anne Bermonte, Assistant Deputy Minister, Innovation and Economic Partnerships
- Division, Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Western Ontario MPPs
- Municipalities in Western Ontario.

- **CARRIED**

We were encouraged to see in the budget that Ontario is investing an additional \$6.8 million over the next two years to enhance the Starter Company Plus program, allowing more eligible entrepreneurs to receive a Starter Company Plus Grant of \$5,000, that will provide grants to an additional 500 entrepreneurs over two years. As well as supporting the Summer Company Program, providing student between the ages of students between the ages of 15 and 29 with at least 12 hours of business training, one-on-one mentoring and grants up to \$3,000.

The budget failed to address operating funding for the SBEC's that has stagnated over the years, leading to challenges in maintaining services and adequately supporting clients. Core funding from the province has remained unchanged since 2014 and municipalities have increased their contributions by 68% over that period. Additionally, the short-term nature of Transfer Payment Agreements with the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade further complicates long-term planning and sustainability for these centres.

We look forward to collaborating with you on ensuring the prosperity of our small business community.

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil,
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc:

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