



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
November 29, 2021

- 1) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Renovictions.
 - a) City of Port Colborne
 - b) City of Kitchener
 - c) Town of Bracebridge
 - d) Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- 2) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Municipality of Grey Highlands re: Development charges study.
- 3) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Vaccine passport program.
 - a) City of Kitchener
 - b) Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- 4) Correspondence from the President, CUPE Ontario re: Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS).
- 5) Correspondence from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Lake of Bays re:
 - a) Rural infrastructure project funding
 - b) Request for additional COVID-19 funding
- 6) Correspondence from the CAO/Clerk, Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté re: MPAC assessment.
 - a) Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté
 - b) Municipality of Plympton-Wyoming
- 7) Correspondence from the Clerk, City of Vaughan re: Athabasca community traffic study progress report.
- 8) Correspondence from the Director Municipal Governance, Municipality of Chatham-Kent re: Homelessness.
- 9) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Township of Alnwick/Haldimand re: Newly licensed drivers.
- 10) Correspondence from the Director of Legislated Services & Clerk, City of Kitchener re: Liquor licence sales and patio extensions.
- 11) Correspondence from the Acting Deputy Clerk, Township of Chatsworth re: Grey Gables long term care.
- 12) Correspondence from the Grey-Bruce Optometrists re: Provincial eye care funding.
- 13) Correspondence from the Executive Vice President & Head of Pensions, OMERS re: OMERS investment performance.

- 14) Correspondence from the President and CEO, Georgian College re: Current and future initiatives.
- 15) Correspondence from the Premier of Ontario re: OHIP-insured eye care.



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October 19, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Sent via E-mail: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Support City of Sarnia - Renovictions

Please be advised that, at its meeting of October 12, 2021, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence from the City of Sarnia regarding Renovictions, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Amber LaPointe".

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

ec: Doug Downey, Attorney General
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September 17, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier,

RE: Renovictions

At its meeting held on September 13, 2021, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution with respect to "Renovictions":

That Sarnia City Council request that the Government of Ontario take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever increasing problem of "Renovictions" in The Province of Ontario. Citizens and communities are hurt by these unscrupulous practices which can and does directly impact the affordable housing crisis, as well as inflict damage (both financially and mentally) particularly on our most vulnerable citizens; and

That this correspondence also be sent to other Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and possible endorsement.

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

Cc: The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
Bob Bailey, MPP
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November 1, 2021

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 October 18, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding "Renovictions":

"WHEREAS safe and adequate housing is recognized as a fundamental human right by the Federal Government, whose effect as a major social determinant of health and wellbeing goes well beyond a basic requirement for shelter; and,

WHEREAS Kitchener's housing situation has dramatically shifted since 2016, a Housing Needs Assessment demonstrating the average price for a house increased by 104% between 2009 to 2019, with the greatest increase since 2016, and rents increased by an average of 41%; and,

WHEREAS the City is experiencing a gap in the provision of housing, in particular the need for 450 units of supportive housing, over 5,000 units of community housing and 9,300 units of affordable rental housing to address the gaps in the existing supply; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has adopted "Housing for All – The City of Kitchener's Housing Strategy" demonstrating a commitment to realizing the right to housing locally and addressing the housing crisis within the municipality; and,

WHEREAS landlords and investors are adding to the strain on the housing supply through the unscrupulous act of "Renovictions" by claiming they are completing major renovations and evicting and displacing existing tenants, and subsequently raising rents which affects those generally identified as lower income earners and their ability to find safe, adequate and affordable housing; and,

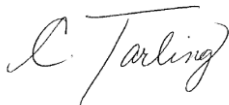
WHEREAS citizens and communities are hurt by these practices which can and does directly impact the housing and homelessness crisis, as well as inflict damage and trauma (both financially and mentally) particularly on our most vulnerable citizens;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener lobby the Province of Ontario to take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever-increasing problem of "Renovictions";

THEREFORE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener urge all levels of government to collaborate in data sharing and collection related to renovations, specifically the impacts of renovations on tenancy;

THAT IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing, the Region of Waterloo and other Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and possible endorsement."

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Tarling".

C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

c: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
William Short, Regional Clerk, Region of Waterloo
Ontario Municipalities



November 8, 2021

Re: Item for Discussion – Request for Action Related to “Renovictions” (Councillor, C. Wilson)

At its meeting of October 20, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion 21-GC-251, regarding Request for Action Related to “Renovictions”, as follows:

“WHEREAS “Renovictions” happen when a landlord evicts a tenant by claiming they will complete major renovations (or demolish the unit or convert it to commercial use);

AND WHEREAS Citizens and communities are hurt by these unscrupulous practices which can and does directly impact the affordable housing crisis, as well as inflict damage (both financially and mentally) particularly on our most vulnerable citizens;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge request that the Government of Ontario take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever-increasing problem of “Renovictions” in The Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to other Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and endorsement.”

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for you reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

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November 10, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford,
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**Support Resolution from the Council of Kitchener passed October 18th
re: Renovictions**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 8, 2021 supported the following resolution:

“WHEREAS safe and adequate housing is recognized as a fundamental human right by the Federal Government, whose effect as a major social determinant of health and wellbeing goes well beyond a basic requirement for shelter; and,

WHEREAS Kitchener’s housing situation has dramatically shifted since 2016, a Housing Needs Assessment demonstrating the average price for a house increased by 104% between 2009 to 2019, with the greatest increase since 2016, and rents increased by an average of 41%; and,

WHEREAS the City is experiencing a gap in the provision of housing, in particular the need for 450 units of supportive housing, over 5,000 units of community housing and 9,300 units of affordable rental housing to address the gaps in the existing supply; and,

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If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

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Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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October 25, 2021

Randy Scherzer
Deputy CAO, County of Grey
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Dear Mr. Scherzer:

Sent via email: planning@grey.ca

RE: Development Charges Study

The Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands at its Council meeting on October 20th, 2021 passed the following resolution:

2021-715

Paul McQueen – Tom Allwood

That Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands receives for information the October 7, 2021 correspondence from County of Grey regarding Development Charges, Notice of Public Meeting held on October 28, 2021; and

That the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands requests the capital costs associated with the Grey Gables redevelopment form part of the background considerations in the development charge study; and

**That a copy of this resolution be provided to the County and circulated to all Grey County member municipalities.
CARRIED.**

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Sincerely,



Jerri-Lynn Levitt
Deputy Clerk,
Municipality of Grey Highlands



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November 1, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on October 18, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding the vaccine passport program:

"WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic has been both a health crisis and an economic crisis; and,

WHEREAS lockdown and physical distancing measures have caused significant hardship to businesses, particularly those dependent on in-person delivery or experience (ex: retail, restaurant, hospitality, personal service, etc.); and,

WHEREAS vaccinations have proven to be an effective means of keeping Ontarians safe and can enable businesses to safely remain open without compromising the health of their customers and employees; and,

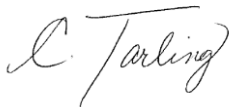
WHEREAS the Province of Ontario and the Regional Municipality of Waterloo are the primary authorities governing public health in the city of Kitchener;

WHEREAS the Economic Development Advisory Committee expressed concerns about financial supports for businesses and the City's ability to support, maintain and grow the economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener thank the Province of Ontario for developing the vaccine passport program, but urge the Province to provide financial supports for businesses to cover capital and human resource costs necessary to execute the program; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and, all other Ontario municipalities."

Yours truly,

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Director of Legislated Services
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c: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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November 10, 2021

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**Support Resolution from the Council of Kitchener passed October 18th
re: Vaccine Passport Program**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 8, 2021 supported the following resolution:

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Dear City of Owen Sound Council:

On behalf of CUPE Ontario's nearly 125,000 active members of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), I am writing today to express our serious concerns with OMERS' investment performance.

In 2020, OMERS posted a net loss 2.7%, representing three billion dollars in losses. This was during a year that comparable defined benefit pension plans and funds in Canada posted substantial investment gains. CUPE Ontario investigated further and tracked investment returns at OMERS for ten years. We found that OMERS has underperformed relative to other large pension plans and funds, as well as relative to its own benchmarks. We also found that OMERS no longer shares this critical information in their annual reporting, making it difficult for plan members to hold their investment managers accountable.

Attached you will find a report detailing OMERS investment underperformance. Also attached, you will find the analysis of a third-party actuary (PBI Actuarial consultants) who confirmed that our reasoning and conclusions were sound.

CUPE Ontario believes plan members and employers have the right to know why OMERS' investments have, over a ten-year period, underperformed other large defined benefit pension plans and funds. If OMERS had performed in line with the average large Canadian public pension plan, it would have a substantial, multi-billion-dollar surplus, versus the deficit it currently faces.

Considering the significant impact such underperformance could have on plan members and on all sponsors who hold the liabilities of the plan, **we are calling on OMERS to cooperate fully with an independent and transparent third-party review of its investment performance** transparent and accountable to plan members, sponsors like CUPE Ontario, other unions, and employers like the City of Owen Sound.

We are hoping that the City of Owen Sound Council will join our call for an independent expert review of OMERS. **We are asking you, and other municipal councils across the province, to debate the following motion or to pass a similar motion calling for a third-party expert review of OMERS.** The terms of such a review would need to be agreed upon by sponsors and they could explore whether reasonable costs could be funded from the plan.

We simply cannot afford another decade of investment returns so far below other pension plans and funds. We know that ensuring strong investment returns is a goal shared by employers like the City of Owen Sound and by unions like CUPE.

CUPE Ontario staff person Liam Bedard is available to answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at lbedard@cupe.on.ca.

All materials are available in French at cupe.on.ca/francaisomers.

It's time for all of us to work together to #FixOMERS.

Thank you,



Fred Hahn
President of CUPE Ontario

Proposed Motion – Independent Review of OMERS' Investment Performance

1. The City of Owen Sound Council is calling for an immediate, comprehensive and independent third-party expert review of OMERS' investment performance and practices over the past ten years, conducted by the OMERS Pension Plan's sponsors and stakeholders.
2. Such a review would, at a minimum:
 - a. Compare OMERS plan-level, and asset class-level performance to other comparable defined benefit pension plans and funds, OMERS internal benchmarks, and market-based benchmarks.
 - b. Examine OMERS decision-making processes around the timing of various investment decisions.
 - c. Assess the risk management policies and protocols that were in place and determine if they were followed and/or if they were sufficient to protect the plan from undue risk.
 - d. Assess whether the disclosures provided to the OMERS Administrative and Sponsorship Boards were sufficient evidence to allow the Boards to respond appropriately and in a timely manner.
 - e. Examine executive compensation, investment fees and investment costs at OMERS in comparison to other major defined benefit pension plans and funds.
 - f. Examine other relevant issues identified by the third-party expert review.
 - g. Make recommendations for changes at OMERS to ensure stronger returns moving forward.
 - h. Issue their final report and recommendations in a timely manner.
 - i. Publicly release its full report and recommendations to ensure that it is available to OMERS sponsors, stakeholders, and plan members.
3. The City of Owen Sound Council further calls on the OMERS Administrative Corporation to:
 - a. Provide all requested data, documentation and information required of the review panel to fulfill its mandate.
 - b. Establish a step-by-step plan, with OMERS sponsors and stakeholders, to implement any recommendations set out in the review report.



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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS
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November 9, 2021

Via email: mbarnier@adelaidemetcalfe.on.ca

Township of Adelaide Metcalfe
Attention: Mike Barnier, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk
2340 Egremont Drive
Strathroy, ON N7G 3H6

Dear Mr. Barnier:

RE: Correspondence – Resolution requesting Support for Federal and Provincial Funding of Rural Infrastructure Projects

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on November 9, 2021, and the following resolution was passed:

“Resolution #7(b)/11/09/21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Mike Barnier, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk for the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe and supports their request for the Federal and Provincial Government to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements, dated September 13, 2021.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance, Federal Finance Minister, AMO, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Sykes'.

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

CS/cw

Copy to: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Provincial Minister of Finance
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
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October 8, 2021

Township of Scugog
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ATTENTION: BECKY JAMIESON, DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES/MUNICIPAL CLERK

**RE: SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION – FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL FUNDING OF RURAL
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, at the regular meeting of October 4, 2021, supported and passed The Township of Scugog resolution as follows.

THAT the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada be encouraged to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements.

CARRIED.

Kind regards,

Mike Barnier
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk



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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS
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November 9, 2021

Via email: Christine.Miller@smdhu.org

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
Attention: Anita Dubeau, Chair, Board of Health
15 Sperling Drive
Barrie, ON L4M 6K9

Dear Ms. Dubeau:

RE: Correspondence – Request for Additional COVID-19 Funding

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on November 9, 2021, and the following resolution was passed:

“Resolution #7(c)/11/09/21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Anita Dubeau, Chair, Board of Health, for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and supports their request to Minister Christine Elliott for additional COVID-19 funding, dated October 21, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and to all Ontario municipalities.

Carried.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Sykes'.

Carrie Sykes, Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

CS/cw

Copy to: Hon. Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
All Ontario Municipalities

October 21, 2021

Honourable Christine Elliott
Ministry of Health
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Elliott:

On behalf of the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), I commend the strong progress being made in bringing COVID-19 under control through the public health measures and the vaccination campaign directed by the provincial government of Ontario. We continue to work collectively to complete the “final mile” of vaccination of the population while simultaneously continuing all activities of COVID-19 surveillance and case management/contact tracing.

The COVID-19 work has required an unprecedented quantity of resources, particularly human resources. Accordingly, boards of health have had to significantly augment their staffing specifically for the Mass Immunization Clinics. Salaries and related expenses of this greatly enhanced workforce (including transportation, supplies and equipment) have only been partially managed by the funding received from the province on July 22, 2021. SMDHU only received 42% of its COVID-19 funding request and costs to date have far exceeded that funding. To add to 2021 cash flow pressures, SMDHU would require the hiring of nursing and administrative staff to implement the provincially mandated vaccine clinics for 5–11-year-olds in Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka as well as implement the “booster” clinics for specific populations. With no immediate COVID-19 funding, these pressures for the end of 2021 compound finance issues for SMDHU and will potentially impede our ability to finance the human resources required.

The SMDHU Board of Health via management staff have been in active communication with Ministry of Health staff specifically related to the one-time funding COVID-19 requests. Unfortunately, the Board of Health experienced cash flow issues in July due to the lack of COVID-19 funding from the Ministry of Health to the point, that the Board was forced to seek approval from its four obligated municipalities to borrow from a bank up to \$5M to cover salaries and expenses for COVID-19 activities. SMDHU also sought and received from the Ministry of Health an advance in funding for the Ministry portion of the cost-shared budget to ensure that payroll commitments and the payment of vaccination expenses could be met. On October 20, 2021, the Board of Health approved a motion requesting that boards of health immediately receive the *COVID-19 Extraordinary Costs* and COVID-19 Vaccine Extraordinary Costs funding as articulated in SMDHU’s Q2 financial statement and that the Ministry of Health commit in writing to:

- (1) extend COVID-19 funding in 2022;
- (2) establish funding in 2022 for public health recovery activities; and,

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- (3) increase provincial funding for public health base budgets proportional to the municipal levy increase needed in 2022 to maintain capacity for public health program delivery.

The financial pressure from not having access to the required amount of COVID-19 funding from the province, with the simultaneous requirement to respond to the pandemic through surveillance, case and contact management, outbreak response, education and enforcement of the changing requirements of the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act*, and the vaccination of the population has placed the Board in a precarious financial situation. If there is not sufficient funding from the province, there is also a sizeable risk that SMDHU will have a large year-end deficit moving into 2022 based on 2021 COVID-19 expenses that may require a large municipal levy increase to eliminate the deficit and to address the response needs in 2022.

For these reasons the SMDHU Board of Health urges the provincial government to approve and immediately flow the amount required by each health unit of one-time *COVID-19 Extraordinary Costs* and *COVID-19 Vaccine Program Extraordinary Costs*.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Anita Dubeau
Chair, Board of Health

AD:CG:cm

cc: Ontario Boards of Health
MPPs of Simcoe Muskoka
City of Barrie Mayor and Council
City of Orillia Mayor and Council
The District Municipality of Muskoka District Chair and Council
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Graydon Smith, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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RESOLUTION NO. 21-247

Moved by: Marc Dupuis
Seconded by: Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS the government of Ontario recently announced the continued postponement of the province-wide assessment update for the 2022 and 2023 taxation years, and;

WHEREAS this means that property values will continue to be based on the January 1, 2016 valuation date until at least 2024, and;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté is aware of the important increase in property values throughout the province and within its own jurisdiction and;

WHEREAS the continued postponement of property valuation translates into a significant loss of taxation revenue for Municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté urges the government of Ontario to reconsider its decision and to direct MPAC to proceed with a province-wide assessment update in order for Ontario Municipalities to be able to collect property taxes based upon actual property values, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, to MPAC, to AMO, to all Ontario municipalities and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

- CARRIED -

I, Guylaine Coulombe, CAO/Clerk of the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté, do hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Resolution 21-247, passed by the Council of the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté at its meeting held the 8th day of November 2021.

DATED at Mattice, Ontario
This 10th day of November 2021


Guylaine Coulombe



Premier Doug Ford
MPAC
AMO
(Sent via email)

November 18th 2021

Re: Concerns with the Continued Postponement of Property Assessments

Please be advised that on November 17th 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté's resolution (attached) regarding the government of Ontario's decision to postpone the province-wide assessment update for the 2022 and 2023 taxation years.

Motion 17

Moved by Netty McEwen

Seconded by Muriel Wright

That Council supports item x of correspondence from the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté regarding concerns with the continued postponement of the property assessment update, and directs staff to prepare a letter of support.

Motion Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak

Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: (all sent via e-mail)
Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia – Lambton
All Ontario Municipalities

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From: Clerks@vaughan.ca <Clerks@vaughan.ca>
Sent: November 11, 2021 12:18 PM
To: CityAdminEmailUsers <CityAdminEmailUsers@owensound.ca>
Subject: Item 6, Committee of the Whole Report No. 46, October 20, 2021

November 11, 2021

Sent on behalf of Todd Coles, City Clerk

Briana Bloomfield
City Clerk
City of Owen Sound
808 2nd Avenue East
Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4

Dear Briana Bloomfield:

RE: ATHABASCA COMMUNITY TRAFFIC STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

[Linked](#) for your information is **Item 6, Report No. 46**, of the Committee of the Whole regarding the above-noted matter, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan at its meeting of October 20, 2021.

I draw your attention to the Committee recommendation, as follows:

9. *That this resolution be shared with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and its member-municipalities;*

If the above link does not work, please refer to the following [Post-Meeting Agenda](#) , and locate the item accordingly.

To assist us in responding to inquiries, please quote the item and report number.

For inquiries, please reply to clerks@vaughan.ca.

Sincerely,



Todd Coles
City Clerk

Attachment:
[Extract](#) (linked)

TC/fl

November 10, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,
Prime Minister
Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

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

Honourable and Dear Sirs:

**Support Resolution from the Council of Huron County passed October 20th
re: Homelessness Task Force**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 8, 2021 supported the following resolution:

“WHEREAS the County of Huron has established a “Huron County Homelessness Task Force” to address the rapidly increasing issue of homelessness in the County.

THAT the County of Huron, due to the substantial increase in chronic homelessness not only in Huron County but across Ontario and Canada, requests the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to identify Homelessness a “Provincial” and “National Crisis” across the Province of Ontario and Canada.

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada acknowledge that lack of resources to support addiction and mental health programs to be a leading cause of homelessness.

AND FURTHER THAT the County of Huron requests the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada to provide further financial support for housing and homelessness programs as well as increase funding to mental health and addiction services.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Item 32, Report No.39, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 27, 2021.

32. ENDORSING NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK AND REQUESTING THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION TO REVIEW MEASURES IMPACTING NEWLY LICENSED DRIVERS

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the resolution of Councillor Yeung Racco and Regional Councillor Rosati dated September 14, 2021.

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Yeung Racco and Regional Councillor Rosati

Whereas, City of Vaughan Council is concerned about the continued occurrence of serious motor vehicle collisions involving newly licensed drivers and drivers under the age of 18; and

Whereas, a shocking and tragic collision involving a 16-year old driver occurred on May 16th, 2021 on Athabasca Avenue in the City of Vaughan, resulting in the fatality of two young children; and

Whereas, City of Vaughan Council deferred the Resolution titled "Raising the Legal Age for a Licensed Driver from 16 to 18" on June 1, 2021 to a September Committee of the Whole meeting for further review and research; and

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has legislative authority over driver licensing, highways, automobile insurance, and the enforcement and prosecution of the federal criminal law; and

Whereas, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation administers the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8; and

Whereas, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation published the "Ontario Road Safety Annual Report 2018", being the most recent report issued, containing statistics that demonstrate that the percentage of young, licensed drivers, ages 17 to 20, that were involved in vehicle collisions is higher than any other age group; and

Whereas, York Region published "2020 Traveller Safety Report" which provided that, based on collision data from the York Regional Police motor vehicle accident reports, drivers below the age of 25 have a higher at-fault collision rate and higher fatality rate in collisions than any other age group; and

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Item 32, CW Report 39 – Page 2

Whereas, the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators published “Canada’s Road Safety Strategy 2025” and identifies drivers that are either under the age of 25 or have less than two years of driving experience as a ‘risk group’ based on several contributing factors, some including distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding, passive safety, and road infrastructure; and

Whereas, City of Vaughan Council wishes to see change effected to Ontario’s driving laws under the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, with respect to newly licensed drivers; and

Whereas, Parachute, a Canadian charity, has launched a national awareness campaign to help educate Canadians on road safety and increase awareness on preventing serious and fatal injuries caused by motor vehicle accidents; and

Whereas, National Teen Driver Safety Week, hosted by Parachute and supported by many other Canadian jurisdictions, is a week dedicated to educating the youth about road safety and raise awareness of risks associated with driving to help prevent youth fatalities on the road across Canada.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That City of Vaughan Council request for the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario to undertake a review of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8 with respect to measures impacting newly licensed drivers, such as implementing additional training and penalty provisions, to achieve greater education, and awareness of road safety and increase accountability and responsibility of new and young drivers through the legislative framework; and
2. That City of Vaughan Council unanimously endorse National Teen Driver Safety Week, to be held October 17 to 23, 2021; and
3. That the City Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all municipalities in Ontario, the York Regional Police, the Ontario Safety League, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, and Parachute.

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 14, 2021

**TITLE: ENDORSING NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK AND
REQUESTING THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION TO
REVIEW MEASURES IMPACTING NEWLY LICENSED DRIVERS**

FROM:

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati

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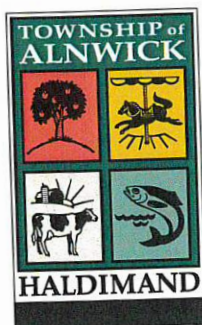
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November 15, 2021

Honourable Caroline Mulroney
 Minister of Transportation and Minister of Francophone Affairs
 Ministry of Transportation of Ontario
caroline.mulroneyco@pc.ola.org

Dear Honourable Caroline Mulroney:

Re: Support of Resolution – Endorsing National Teen Driver Safety Week and Requesting the Ministry of Transportation to Review Measures Impacting Newly Licensed Drivers

At the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand's Regular Council Meeting held on November 4, 2021, Council received the resolution sent by the City of Vaughan on October 19, 2021 in regards to endorsing National Teen Driver Safety Week and requesting the Ministry of Transportation to review measures impacting newly licensed drivers. Council of the Township of Alnwick/ Haldimand supported and passed the following resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Sherry Gibson, seconded by Councillor Jim Hogg;

"Whereas, correspondence from the City of Vaughan, RE: Resolution Endorsing National Teen Driver Safety Week and Requesting the Ministry of Transportation to Review Measures Impacting Newly Licensed Drivers has been received; and

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has legislative authority over driver licensing, highways, automobile insurance, and the enforcement and prosecution of the federal criminal law; and

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Whereas, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand wishes to see change effected to Ontario's driving laws under the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, with respect to newly licensed drivers;

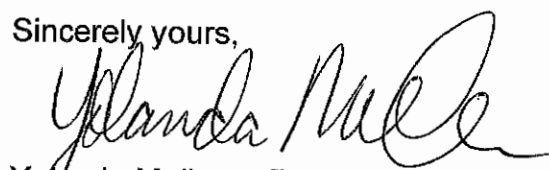
Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand support the correspondence regarding this issue; and

Further That Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the City of Vaughan, the Ministry of Transportation, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Northumberland Police Services Board and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
905-349-2822 ext. 32
ymelburn@ahntp.ca

Cc: Todd Coles, City Clerk, City of Vaughan (clerks@vaughan.ca)
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca)
OPP (Lincoln M. Alexander Bldg., 777 Memorial Ave., Orillia, ON L3V 7V3)
Northumberland Police Services Board
All municipalities of Ontario



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November 15, 2021

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

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on October 18, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding liquor licence sales and patio extensions:

"WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic has been both a health crisis and an economic crisis; and,

WHEREAS the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), an agency of the Province of Ontario, regulates licensed establishments; and,

WHEREAS the requirements for temporary extension of a liquor licence sales and temporary patio extensions have been relaxed throughout the pandemic, including downloading of certain approvals to the municipality, and proved beneficial to business operators; and,

WHEREAS the Downtown Kitchener BIA has invested \$600,000 into new downtown restaurant patios and the Belmont Village BIA invested in creating a new pedestrian-only patio experience; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has provided \$100,000 in business recovery grants to support Kitchener restaurants in adapting their patios to respond to the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has developed a seamless system for approving patio expansion during the pandemic, supporting more than 60 restaurant owners across the city; and,

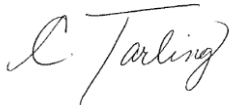
WHEREAS the City of Kitchener would like to provide further opportunities for helping strengthen our economy, continue to support local businesses, and have successfully managed the new licensed-area extension approvals delegated to the municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener strongly encourages the Province of Ontario to continue the relaxed regulations in perpetuity, including, but not limited to, the following: i) permitting extensions of licensed areas without requiring AGCO approval, subject to municipal authorization; and, ii) flexibility on the requirements for demarcation of the limits of a patio, such as not requiring a prescribed physical barrier;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that should the AGCO propose to complete a comprehensive review of the temporary extension of a liquor licence sales and temporary patio extension regulations, The City of Kitchener wishes to volunteer to participate in any pilot programs that would allow the current regulations that are in effect until 3:00 a.m. on January 1, 2022 to be maintained, as the City would like to continue to show support to our local businesses;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Tom Mungham, Chief Executive Officer, AGCO, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Tarling'.

C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

c: Tom Mungham, Chief Executive Officer, AGCO
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Joanne Vanderheyden, President, Federation of Canadian
Municipalities
Ontario Municipalities



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November 10, 2021

Corporation of the County of Grey
Attn: Heather Morrison, Clerk
595 9th Ave East
Owen Sound ON N4K 3E3

Dear Ms. Morrison:

Re: Chatsworth Township Resolution of Support (Grey Gables Long Term Care 128-bed redevelopment)

Please be advised at Township of Chatsworth Council held on November 3, 2021 the following resolution was carried:

THAT CAO Clerk's Report 2021-35 regarding Grey Gables Long Term Care be hereby received;

AND FURTHER THAT the following resolution be forwarded to the County of Grey, its member municipalities and the Province of Ontario;

WHEREAS Grey Gables is a 66-bed class A facility by the Ministry of Long-term Care;

AND WHEREAS the County of Grey applied for and received redevelopment for Grey Gables for an additional 62 bed allocation and is considering a new building of a 128-bed facility;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth fully supports the 128-bed redevelopment of Grey Gables;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to circulate this resolution to all municipalities in Grey County for support.

Should you require additional information please contact the Township.

Sincerely,

Barb Schellenberger
Acting Deputy Clerk

Cc: Minister of Long-Term Care, Hon Rod Phillips
MPP Bill Walker
County of Grey Member Municipalities



The Office of the Mayor
Ian Boddy
Owen Sound City Hall
808 2nd Avenue East
Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4

Dear Mayor Boddy,

I want to thank you on behalf of all Grey-Bruce Optometrists for your support in letting the Ontario government know that eye care is vital to the citizens of Owen Sound.

The City of Owen Sound joins over 63 other municipalities in demanding that the government of Ontario address the chronic underfunding of eye care in this province. Almost 200 000 emails have been sent to the Ford government to ask them to return to the bargaining table with a meaningful offer, one that ensures that Ontario Optometrists no longer have to pay out of pocket to examine patients who are insured under OHIP. As well, 169 105 signatures have been added to petitions throughout Ontario asking the government to fix OHIP-insured eye care.

The Ontario Association of Optometrists is working night and day towards a resolution despite not hearing from the government of Ontario since August 29th. Optometrists are eager to resume providing quality eye care for ALL of their patients instead of trying to engage the government on an issue that should have been resolved months ago.

Again, we thank you for your support and your concern for the health and well-being of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Michelle M. Lafleur, OD

From: OMERS Stakeholder Relations <StakeholderRelations@Omers.com>

Sent: November 15, 2021 2:52 PM

To: OMERS Stakeholder Relations <StakeholderRelations@Omers.com>

Subject: Important Information about OMERS Governance and Investment Strategy

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you today because several employers have reached out to OMERS regarding letters that are being sent by CUPE Ontario to municipalities requesting that municipal Councils debate and pass a motion supporting a third-party review of OMERS investment performance.

CUPE is an important and valued OMERS sponsor, and we are committed to continuing to engage with them directly on OMERS matters. We also have a responsibility to our over 530,000 members and 1,000 employers to ensure that information about OMERS is complete, accurate and reflects our strong governance model and investment expertise.

Please see the attached Bulletin for a detailed summary from the OMERS Administration Corporation.

If you would like to further discuss our investment results, our governance structure or require any additional information, please contact our Stakeholder Relations team at StakeholderRelations@omers.com.

Best regards,

Celine

Celine Chiovitti | Executive Vice President & Head of Pensions (she/her) | OMERS

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OMERS Bulletin

November 15, 2021

This bulletin includes important information in response to letters that have been sent to municipal Councils by CUPE Ontario regarding OMERS investment performance

There is nothing more important to OMERS than our commitment to members and employers. We recognize the significance that having a lifelong, secure and reliable stream of pension income has on members when they retire. Canada's jointly sponsored public sector pension plans, including OMERS, are leaders in governance, plan design and investment expertise. We have positive and far-reaching impacts on society, beyond the members we serve.

OMERS Economic Impact

OMERS helps generate significant economic activity in Ontario – through OMERS retirees' spending and through our operations and the investments we make in local communities across Ontario. This includes approximately \$5 billion in pension payments made annually to over 180,000 retirees. Throughout OMERS almost 60-year history, we have consistently paid pensions on time, and as promised.

OMERS activities support one of every 64 jobs across Ontario, including 118,000 jobs across all rural regions, and lead to \$12 billion in gross domestic product.

We have partnered with the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis (CANCEA) to measure OMERS economic impact, and we will be sharing some additional findings from a new report through our Q4 newsletters to members, employers and stakeholders.

We know that OMERS activities support one of every **64 jobs** across Ontario, including **118,000 jobs** across all rural regions, and lead to **\$12 billion** in gross domestic product.

OMERS is proud to be amongst the Canadian public sector pension plans that are held in high esteem around the world, far beyond this country's borders. As a 2017 World Bank Group study notes, "Canada is home to some of the world's most admired and successful public pension organizations...Over the past three decades, a 'Canadian model' of public pension has emerged that combines independent governance, professional in-house investment management, scale, and extensive geographic and asset-class diversification."

OMERS Credit Ratings

Our credit ratings were affirmed by four rating agencies earlier this year, with Fitch Canada including in their credit report that OMERS AAA rating reflects our *"solid long-term investment track record... [and] strong corporate governance"*, among other qualities.

AAA	AAA	Aa1	AA+
DBRS	Fitch	Moody's	S&P

Comparison of OMERS Results Against Other Pension Plans

OMERS investment strategy is designed to earn stable long-term returns, to meet our specific pension liabilities, while operating within a professional risk appetite that will meet the needs of our pension plan. Other pension plans have their own plan demographics, design features, risk appetite, liabilities and funded status – and some of these differ significantly from OMERS. As a result, comparing OMERS results against those of other pension plans is not the right focus because it necessitates taking information out of context and does not present a complete and fair comparison.

In the municipal context, an analogy would be comparing property taxes across municipalities: they all have a different set of circumstances. While it's important to be aware of other property tax rates across Ontario, municipalities will set their property taxes based on their own set of circumstances – their own needs to finance the delivery of public services to their residents.

We believe that our performance should be assessed against our own benchmarks, which are set annually by the Administration Corporation (AC) Board, and consider our specific pension liabilities, risk appetite, and the trade-offs between risks and returns. We align these benchmarks with OMERS objective of providing sustainable, affordable and meaningful pensions over the long term.

These benchmarks form the basis of our disclosures in our publicly available [Annual Report](#).

Investment Results

Over the 10-year period leading up to 2020, OMERS investment portfolio averaged an annual return of 8.2%, and 8.5% for the five- and three-year period. In 2019, OMERS delivered an 11.9% return.

We have previously shared that we were not pleased with our 2020 investment results. The effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted our portfolio in 2020, contributing to an investment return net of expenses of -2.7%. The factors contributing to these results are outlined in our [Annual Report](#) and include the following:

- widespread lockdowns which severely affected the business- and consumer-facing investments;
- the loss in value of OMERS portfolio of high-quality public equities in early 2020, which did not fully recover during the market rally in the latter part of 2020; and
- the actions we took proactively to enhance and protect the Plan's liquidity from further possible adverse market events achieved their objectives but resulted in currency losses.

In addition to these three factors, long-term bond yields fell steeply in March and April, leading to strong returns for those assets. OMERS prioritizes short-dated, higher-yielding credit investments, with only a small allocation to long-term bonds, whose fair values can be volatile and whose low (or even negative) cash yield is not enough to meet our long-term investing hurdle rate. Accordingly, our 2020 returns did not materially benefit from these types of gains.

As published in our mid-year financial results, this situation has reversed and we earned \$9.2 billion of net investment income in the first six months of 2021.

Mid-Year Financial Results as of June 30, 2021

In August 2021, we released our mid-year investment update for the first time, which is available at [omers.com](https://www.omers.com). For the first six months of the year, we earned a net return of 8.8%, and net assets grew by \$9 billion to \$114 billion. Further, over the **12 months** ended June 30, 2021, the Plan earned a net investment return of **18.2%**.

We expect the positive results to date in 2021 will continue for the remainder of the year, provided equity markets remain stable. The AC Board and the OMERS leadership team strongly believe we have the investment expertise and strategy in place to continue to achieve long-term returns consistent with our objectives.

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OMERS Governance Model

It is important for you to know that in 2012, pursuant to the *Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Review Act, 2006*, an independent reviewer (“Reviewer”) was appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to conduct a review of the operation of OMERS governance structure. The Reviewer confirmed the importance of having an independent, professional OMERS AC Board to oversee the investment performance of the Plan, among other matters.

Role of the Independent, Professional OMERS AC Board of Directors

OMERS investment strategy and execution is governed by the independent AC Board of Directors, whose professional members are nominated by OMERS sponsors, including two representatives nominated by CUPE. It is the AC Board’s responsibility to govern OMERS investment program, and it takes this duty very seriously.

AC Board of Directors Review of the 2020 Financial Results and Consideration of the Third-Party Review

Following the 2020 results, the AC Board undertook a thorough and extensive review of OMERS investment strategy and past decisions. George Cooke, the independent AC Board Chair, made the following comments on the matter earlier this year:

“OMERS investment program is governed by an independent expert board, whose members have been nominated by our sponsors. The board continually and thoroughly reviews investment performance, independent of management, utilizing external experts where appropriate. Following the 2020 results specifically, we undertook a thoughtful look at our investment strategy and past decisions with an open mind. We are confident in our strong new leadership team and have concluded that our current investment strategy is appropriate. An additional third-party independent review is not warranted.”

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Consideration of the Third-Party Review

OMERS leadership and OMERS AC and Sponsors Corporation (SC) Board appointees work closely with the Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario (MEPCO) Board and AMO staff to ensure their issues and concerns are fully considered by the AC and SC Boards, and by OMERS leadership. We particularly focused on this positive working relationship during 2021 and had frank and constructive discussions about OMERS investment performance.

As a Plan Sponsor representing municipalities across Ontario, AMO has two qualified, professional representatives on the OMERS AC Board, overseeing the investment performance of the Plan. The City of Toronto, as OMERS largest employer, has a separate seat on the AC Board, also filled by a qualified professional.

More information is available in [MEPCO's August newsletter](#) and [MEPCO's November newsletter](#) in which AMO and MEPCO expressed confidence in OMERS Plan governance and administration.

In addition to AMO, other sponsors, including the Police Association of Ontario (PAO), Ontario Professional Fire Fighters' Association (OPFFA), Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) and OPSEU, have also written to the OMERS AC Board Chair confirming their support for the independent AC Board of Directors to oversee OMERS investment performance. Following are excerpts from a letter sent by these sponsors to OMERS:

"...in our view, the ultimate responsibility for the performance of OMERS' investments lies with the Administration Corporation Board of Directors [the "AC Board"]. The AC Board is responsible for placing individuals in leadership roles at OMERS, evaluating their performance, assessing risk, and making key decisions with regard to the investment fund and its administration."

"We therefore would not support any position that would substitute the view of a single sponsor organization or a group of sponsor organizations for the view of the AC Board. This would undermine the independent nature of the AC Board and reduce their ability to properly hold OMERS staff to account."

OMERS has also provided information to the Ontario Municipal Administrators Association (OMAA), in response to questions they posed, which will be made available on their website.

Continuing Oversight and Governance of OMERS

To ensure the effective oversight and governance, and the proper functioning of the AC Board, it is critical that sponsor organizations continue to nominate directors with the expertise to independently evaluate and approve strategic investment choices and assess investment manager skill. AC directors are nominated by OMERS sponsors and appointed by the SC Board.

OMERS management and the AC Board will continue to review, refine and improve our disclosures as we gather feedback from stakeholders and as the reporting environment continues to evolve.

Conclusion

The role of governance and oversight of OMERS investment strategy resides in the hands of the independent AC Board. The AC Board has considered the request by CUPE Ontario for a third-party review of OMERS investment results and has determined that it is not warranted.

OMERS 2021 annual results will be released during the first quarter of 2022, and we welcome the opportunity to discuss our performance with employers, sponsors and stakeholders following this release.

At the same time, the Sponsors Corporation is undertaking the important work of reviewing the Plan against a shifting membership demographic to ensure that we are set up to deliver sustainable, affordable and meaningful pensions for generations to come.

We look forward to 2022 with humble confidence, as we celebrate OMERS 60th year of proudly serving members across Ontario.

If you would like to further discuss our investment results, our governance structure or require any additional information, please contact our Stakeholder Relations team at StakeholderRelations@omers.com.

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Nov. 19, 2021

His Worship Mayor Ian C. Boddy
The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound
By email only

Tim Simmonds
City Manager
The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound
By email only

Dear Mayor Boddy and Mr. Simmonds:

It was a pleasure to appear before Council in September and share updates on our COVID-19 response and forward-looking priorities at Georgian.

On behalf of Steve Lowe and myself, please accept our thanks for the opportunity to give the deputation and, of course, for all the support and confidence the Council and the City of Owen Sound staff provide to Georgian.

I think it's fair to say, we are in a health-care crisis due to the chronic shortage of skilled professionals. Add to that an aging and growing population and shrinking health workforce – all major risks that the city is working against every day. We know access to a more sustainable health-care workforce will help remedy some of these pains and, in response, Georgian is very focused on activating the Honours Bachelor of Science – Nursing (BScN) degree and welcoming our inaugural class at the Owen Sound Campus beginning next September.

As Steve Lowe described during our Sept. 27 deputation to Council, "This really is a game-changer for the city and a game-changer for the Owen Sound Campus. The BScN is going to have a significant impact, not only at the campus, but in other areas locally. Our local students, number one."

So much of our health-care system depends on having a sustainable workforce and right now, that's not possible. Solving the shortage of skilled workers needs to be addressed at all stages of workforce development, starting with training and education. At Georgian, we recognize we are a critical component of an overall supply chain of future talent to industry and community. The Georgian BScN degree and the \$7.1-million renovation we will make to the Owen Sound Campus, commencing in January 2022, will greatly aid in addressing this sector crisis in a sustainable and long-term manner.

As designed, the new Nursing and Wellness Wing embodies Georgian's commitment to preparing the nurses of tomorrow with access to innovative and experiential learning, and a program deeply rooted in

the specific and complex needs of the local community. This facility will be an Owen Sound and regional showpiece for health-related education, a hotbed for local community collaboration and continuing education to the many health-care professionals living and working in the community.

Furthermore, our renovation plans include the facility being used by students studying in other high-demand occupations at the Owen Sound Campus, like Practical Nursing, Personal Support Worker, Developmental Service Worker, Police Foundations and other Health, Wellness and Sciences academic areas.

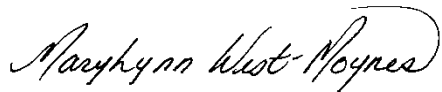
As Owen Sound's postsecondary partner, we know the city's commitment to its community college runs deep, and for that, we are truly grateful. And, Georgian's investment in our Owen Sound Campus only continues to grow to meet increasing demand.

In October, Georgian launched a local fundraising campaign to engage supporters' passionate about sustainable health-care to help fund the transformation to our Owen Sound Campus. As a college, Georgian is making a significant institutional funding commitment to the program, but we need the support of both private and public partners to help deliver on this once-in-a-generation opportunity to bring the first four-year degree to our Owen Sound Campus.

Your Worship and Mr. Simmonds, Georgian would very much welcome and appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you and Council the role the city could play in our upcoming transformation. We would be pleased to provide a more detailed presentation on the forecasted impact and the direct community and economic benefits the introduction of our nursing degree and enhanced facility will deliver.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "MaryLynn West-Moynes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Dr. MaryLynn West-Moynes
President and CEO

c: Steve Lowe, Governor, Georgian College Board of Governors



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November 10, 2021

His Worship Ian C. Boddy
 Mayor
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Dear Mayor Boddy:

I appreciate hearing the board's views concerning OHIP-insured eye care.

At the urging of the Ontario Association of Optometrists (OAO) some optometrists have chosen to withhold publicly funded services for children and seniors. It's extremely disappointing and I would love to see negotiations resume. The Association though continues to reject an independent, third-party mediator's conditions that would allow for that. What makes this especially concerning is that the OAO is telling the public it's at the table, when in fact, it is not.

We know the OAO has been treated unfairly by previous governments. That's why despite the Association's refusal to come back to the table, we made a one-time payment of \$39 million to optometrists to demonstrate our commitment to reach an agreement. Our government also offered an immediate OHIP fee increase of just under 8.5%, retroactive to April 1, 2021. Plus, we offered to set up a joint working group right away to dig deeper into the issues – such as the cost of overhead – that are negatively impacting the sector.

The College of Optometrists of Ontario has made clear that if an individual optometrist refuses to treat a patient, they're expected to take steps to ensure the patient still receives appropriate care through other means such as referrals. We have been in contact with the College to stress the importance that its members conduct themselves in accordance with the regulator's policies and guidelines during any job action. The College has assured us it remains focused on its mandate to protect the public and is ready to investigate any complaints.

Instead of participating in good-faith negotiations the OAO is choosing to demand an outcome before those talks even begin. Our government has gone to great lengths to lay the foundation for a long-term relationship with optometrists. We put forward a fair and reasonable proposal designed to take immediate action to address years of neglect. The Association should say yes to a mediator's invitation – a mediator it chose – and work with us to ensure Ontarians continue to receive the care they need and deserve.

All the best to you and the other board members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Ford', followed by a stylized flourish or second signature.

Doug Ford
Premier