



**CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION**  
**September 26, 2022**

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- 1) Correspondence from the Clerk, Town of Kingsville re: Proposed Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022.
- 2) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Removal of municipal councillors under prescribed circumstances.
  - a) County of Lambton
  - b) Township of McGarry
  - c) Township of Baldwin
- 3) Correspondence from the CAO/Clerk-Acting Treasurer, Township of Amaranth re: Changes to Amber Alert system.
- 4) Correspondence from resident Pat Kelly re: Homelessness.
- 5) Correspondence from the Director, Resources Planning and Policy Development Branch, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: New requirements under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.



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September 1, 2022

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

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Town of Kingsville Council Resolution #336-08292022 in opposition to  
Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022**

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At its Special Meeting held August 29, 2022 Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed a Resolution against Bill 3 as follows:

**Resolution #336-08292022**

Moved by Councillor Kimberly DeYong  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Lucier

**“WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";

**AND WHEREAS** this Bill, if enacted, will initially apply to the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa, but will later be expanded to include other municipalities according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference;

**AND WHEREAS** this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

**AND WHEREAS** this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

**AND WHEREAS** these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

**AND WHEREAS** these are surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council.

**THEREFORE**, this Council of the Town of Kingsville, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:

1. These changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Town of Kingsville;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2020; and
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the *Planning Act* and funding of more affordable housing.

Council further directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the "Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy", Kingsville's MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other Municipalities in Ontario."

RECORDED VOTE – Carried Unanimously

	YEA	NAY
Deputy Mayor Gord Queen	X	
Councillor Kimberly DeYong	X	
Councillor Tony Gaffan	X	
Councillor Laura Lucier	X	
Councillor Thomas Neufeld	X	
Councillor Larry Patterson	X	
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If you have any questions or comments please contact Paula Parker at [pparker@kingsville.ca](mailto:pparker@kingsville.ca).

Yours very truly,



Paula Parker  
Town Clerk, on behalf of Kingsville Council

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy; Attn.: Committee Clerk  
Isaiah Thorning ([schicp@ola.org](mailto:schicp@ola.org))  
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## Item 2.a

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September 9, 2022

City of Owen Sound  
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Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4

**Attention: Jamie Eckenswiller, Deputy Clerk**

Jamie Eckenswiller:

**Re: Resolution No. R-220530-013**

Please be advised that at its regular meeting on September 7, 2022, Lambton County Council received and filed correspondence #CC 09-02-22, regarding a resolution as passed by the City of Owen Sound at its May 30, 2022, Council meeting to request the removal of municipal Councillors under prescribed circumstances.

**#3:** Ferguson/Veen: *That correspondence CC 09-01-22, CC 09-02-22, CC 09-03-22, CC 09-09-22 and CC 09-10-22 be received and filed.*

*Carried.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require anything further.

Sincerely,

Stéphane Thiffeault  
Clerk



September 13, 2022

Resolution No. 202/2022

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY  
P.O. BOX 99  
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY Bonita CulhaneSECONDED BY L. Caza

Whereas across municipal councils in Ontario there have been appalling instances of misogyny and hatred; and

Whereas the powers of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner do not include the ability to recommend expulsion of councillors;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of Township of McGarry direct staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with copies being sent to the federal government, provincial government, Association of Municipalities, requesting the Ministry:

1. Study the merits of allowing the recall of municipal councillors under carefully prescribed circumstances, including displays of hatred, misogyny and all forms of discrimination; and
2. Facilitate strengthened and ongoing orientation and training sessions for Councils, local boards, and committees"

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

/ Carried Matt Reimer  
Mayor

Recorded Vote

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

YES

NO

Mayor Matt Reimer  
Councillor Wendy K. Weller  
Councillor Louanne Caza  
Councillor Bonita Culhane  
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

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The Corporation of the  
**TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN**

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**Item 2.c**

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CLERK: Karin Bates – karin@baldwin.ca

MOVED BY: *Ray Maltais*

DATE: Sept. 12, 2022

SECONDED BY: *David Fairbairn*

MOTION NO.: 22- 56

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** council supports the motion adopted by the City of Owen Sound, dated May 30, 2022 regarding the removal of municipal councillors under prescribed circumstances.

Carried ✓ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor *dy*

RECORDED VOTE	FOR	AGAINST
Vern Gorham		
David Fairbairn		
Jo-Anne Boucher		
Ray Maltais		
Bert McDowell		



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September 14, 2022

Jamie Eckenswiller, Deputy Clerk  
City of Owen Sound  
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SENT BY EMAIL: [jeckenswiller@owensound.ca](mailto:jeckenswiller@owensound.ca)

**Re: City of Owen Sound Resolution – Changes to the Amber Alert System**

At its regular meeting of Council held on September 7, 2022, the Township of Amaranth Council wished to show support to the City of Owen Sound in the resolution concerning Changes to the Amber Alert System.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information in this matter.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk – Acting Treasurer



Sept. 13, 2022

To:

Mayor Ian Boddy and Members of Owen Sound City Council

I attended last night's meeting of Owen Sound City Council. City Manager Tim Simmonds was asked by Mayor Boddy to respond to a question from a member of the public – Francesca Dobbin, Executive Director of Grey Bruce United Way, and a member of the Save the Bandshell group. Dobbin had asked Council why the city had posted closed signs on the bandshell, which was being used by unhoused people as shelter. Simmonds responded, "for safety". When asked a follow-up question about what had happened to the city signs, he replied that staff had found them after they were vandalized.

In fact, the signs were removed as a symbolic protest by people who had been sleeping there. They removed the signs and reposted them on the doors of city hall with a message "Reopened by the poor."

Commenting further on the issue of the closed bandstand, Counselor John Tamming commented on the unsightly encampments, old mattresses, and debris, that discourage shoppers, tourists, and families from visiting downtown Owen Sound.

There are many reasons why Owen Sound residents may not want people living in the city's parks, riverfront, and surrounding woodlands. However, the people living there often don't want to be there either, and this seems to get lost in a debate that smears the street community as dirty, lazy, and dangerous.

Tensions have been high between the street community and other Owen Sound residents in past months. Members of the broader community have raised concerns about the growing number of unhoused people, saying they feel unsafe and threatened, symptoms of a growing crisis.

As MP Alex Ruff made clear at the recent Grey Bruce Housing Crisis Summit, Owen Sound and surrounding areas are all facing an affordable housing and homelessness crisis and they are unprepared.

Concerns over who is meant to use public space and how that space should be used are currently motivating the response to homelessness in this community. These concerns shape perceptions of community belonging, use and access to social services, and public safety. Importantly these concerns have also shaped how law enforcement has become involved in the response to homelessness.

However, instead of empathy and solutions, the city's most vulnerable have been levelled with accusations that they are dangerous drug addicts who can't find employment and pose a threat to parks, businesses, and residents.

### **What Can Be Done?**

["Rewriting the Narratives on Homelessness"](#) – published by the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness provides an opportunity to engage mid-sized urban cities across Canada in challenging misperceptions about homelessness, safety, and security. They provide suggestions on how to make progress towards ending homelessness by evaluating and reimagining mid-size cities' working relationships with people experiencing homelessness, Indigenous Peoples, all levels of government, local service providers, and law enforcement.

They offer 9 opportunities to change the way mid-sized communities across Canada respond to homelessness, beginning by changing the misperceptions and misunderstandings and prejudices.

The first step towards deconstructing this crisis is to change the way we talk about and work on providing what members of the street community really want: safe housing. This change requires skill in understanding and leading culture change and social planning, capacities beyond the scope of the current City of Owen Sound council, executive staff or human resources.

Raising awareness about how health, housing, employment, social standing, and other factors modify the ability of the local economy to enrich livelihoods starts with you as city leaders.

Your language makes a difference when you describe unhoused people as dangerous threats to citizen's safety. Regardless of whether someone has a home, we should treat them with human respect, empathy, and dignity. Focusing on homelessness as a safety issue, as city officials and others continue to do, stokes insecurity, anger, and fear. It does not lead us towards common ground, solutions, and empathy.

When the conversation pits us against one another, we risk losing sight of the bigger picture: this is about providing housing to those who don't have it. This is about access to basic supports that many of us take for granted. Most importantly, this is about other people — people who are often facing very difficult circumstances.

Despite the challenging circumstances faced by many in the street community, Owen Sound City Council has not yet begun to strategically address the homelessness crisis, as other cities are doing, based on the inclusion of people involved and using a housing first model.

By marginalizing the voices of the people involved, neglecting their concerns, or portraying them as lazy or dangerous, we fail to extend basic human empathy to people with next to nothing. Pragmatically, this lack of empathy also makes it harder to find solutions to the issue by heightening tensions and obscuring what really matters.

Current council may not be ready to address the crisis of homelessness, but we can all make small changes in our language that make a big difference in combating the stigma of homelessness.

By recognizing the humanity of people who are homeless, we can begin to address the underlying forces that contribute to and exacerbate homelessness.

Thank you for being a part of the effort to end homelessness in our city.

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**From:** ca.office (MECP) <[ca.office@ontario.ca](mailto:ca.office@ontario.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 5:02 PM

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**Subject:** New Requirements under the Conservation Authorities Act: Training for CAs and Municipalities

Good afternoon:

As you know, over the last year new regulations and a policy were finalized to implement changes under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA). The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is offering webinar training sessions to answer questions you may have about the new regulations, policy and their implementation.

The changes announced in [October 2021](#) focus conservation authorities (CAs) on their core mandate by prescribing mandatory programs and services they must provide and setting out requirements for transition plans, inventories, and cost apportioning agreements for CA determined programs that require financing through municipal levy apportionment. They also consolidated the existing "Conservation Areas" regulations.

The changes in [April 2022](#) introduced regulations that built on current CA budgetary practices to align them with the new CA framework and a provincial policy governing the charging of fees by CA. A regulation that addresses information requirements on CA websites was also finalized. Together, these changes will improve CA governance, oversight, transparency, and accountability.

To support the smooth transition to the new CA funding framework and categories of CA programs and services, MNRF will be providing the following online training sessions:

- **Phase 1 Regulations - Refresher:** An overview of the regulations prescribing the programs and services that CAs must provide, requirements to transition to the new CA funding framework, and the rules of conduct in conservation areas, **October 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**
- **Phase 2 Regulation and Policy - Overview:** An overview of new regulations governing CA budgetary processes and levy apportionment methods, the classes of programs and services for which a CA may charge a fee, and website information requirements, **October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**
- **Phase 2 Regulations for Practitioners involved in CA budgets and municipal levy apportionment:** Detailed information on the requirements related to CA budgets, levy apportionment methods, and determining amounts that may owed by specified municipalities in respect of the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and *Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008*, **November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30pm**

You are invited to share this invitation with appropriate staff and your members.

Those interested in attending can register for the training session/s by emailing [ca.office@ontario.ca](mailto:ca.office@ontario.ca) with the subject line “**New Requirements under the Conservation Authorities Act: Training for CAs and Municipalities.**” A reply will be sent with information on how to join the session.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Please contact MNRF at [ca.office@ontario.ca](mailto:ca.office@ontario.ca) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Keyes,  
Director, Resources Planning and Policy Development Branch  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry