



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
February 13, 2023

- 1) Correspondence from the Clerk, Town of Petrolia re: School board elections.
- 2) Correspondence from the Administrative Assistant, Township of Montague re:
 - a) World Thinking Day
 - b) Renfrew Inquest
- 3) Correspondence from the Clerk, Director of Legislative Services, Town of Cobourg re: The right of passage.
- 4) Correspondence from the Minister of Transportation re: Ontario transportation infrastructure plans.
- 5) Correspondence from the Acting Clerk, City of Brantford re: VIA Rail cancellations.
- 6) Correspondence from the President, President of the Treasury Board, and Minister responsible for emergency management re: [Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan](#).

January 25, 2023

Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton
County of Lambton
Municipalities of Lambton County and Ontario

Via email

During the December 12, 2022, regular meeting of council, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Bill Clark Seconded: Debb Pitel

WHEREAS in the Province of Ontario, municipalities are responsible to conduct the election process on behalf of the school boards; and

WHEREAS an extensive amount of resources, time and management to advertise, co-ordinate and complete these trustee elections is placed on the municipality; and

WHEREAS municipalities do not receive any compensation or re-imbursement for use of orchestration of the school board trustee elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia request that staff forward this motion to the Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Bob Bailey, Ontario Municipal Councils and the County of Lambton requesting that school boards become responsible for conducting their own trustee elections or at minimum municipalities be compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee elections;

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Clerk/Operations Clerk

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Regular Meeting of Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Crabtree

RESOLUTION:18-2023

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kenny

DATE: January 17, 2023

That Council support World Thinking Day initiative and request staff to purchase a blue flood light and display on World Thinking Day February 22, 2023 at the Municipal Office;

And that Council approves the Clerk Administrator to circulate the request out to Lanark County and Lanark County Lower Tier municipalities.

☒ CARRIED

☐ DEFEATED


REEVE



Regular Meeting of Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Kenny

RESOLUTION: ²⁹⁵~~294~~-2022

SECONDED BY: Deputy Reeve Carroll

DATE: December 20, 2022

That Council support the resolution provided from the County of Lanark regarding Renfrew Inquest Recommendations;

And That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and the Federal Ministry of Women and Gender Equality.

☒ CARRIED

☐ DEFEATED

REEVE



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

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SENT VIA EMAIL

January 25, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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premier@ontario.ca

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: The Right of Passage

At a meeting held on January 16, 2023, the Municipal Council of the Town of Cobourg approved the following Resolution #008-23:

Moved by Mayor Lucas Cleveland, Seconded by Councillor Aaron Burchat

THAT Council support the resolution on the right of passage bill as submitted by the City of St. Catharines for the Town of Cobourg to be sent to Premier Ford and the Government of Ontario; and

FURTHER THAT Council send a copy of the resolution to AMO and all of the municipalities that abut the Great Lakes.

008-23

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at blarmer@cobourg.ca or by telephone at (905)-372-4301 Ext. 4401.

Sincerely,

Brent Larmer
Municipal Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
Legislative Services Department

Encl: Resolution 008-2023

Letter from St. Catherine's Re: The Right of Passage



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Moved By

Mayor Lucas Cleveland

Last Name Printed

Cleveland

Resolution No.:

008-23

Seconded By

Councillor Aaron Burchat

Last Name Printed

Burchat

Council Date:

January 16, 2023

THAT Council support the resolution on the right of passage bill as submitted by the City of St. Catharines for the Town of Cobourg to be sent to Premier Ford and the Government of Ontario; and

FURTHER THAT Council send a copy of the resolution to AMO and all of the municipalities that abut the Great Lakes.

October 1, 2018

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

Sent via email:
premier@ontario.ca

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: The Right of Passage
Our File No. 35.11.2**

The following resolution, approved by the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting on August 27, 2018, was endorsed by the Council of the City of St. Catharines at its meeting held September 24, 2018:

Whereas the people of Ontario are blessed with the Great Lakes and miles of diverse waterfront, and

Whereas the waters of the Great Lakes constitute the largest reservoir of fresh water in the world, and

Whereas the value of these waters as a life-sustaining resource can best be understood and appreciated by the public if it has access to the waterfront along the shoreline of the Great Lakes, and

Whereas MPP's for Niagara Falls-Fort Erie-Niagara-on-the-Lake have presented Private Member's Bills (The Right of Passage Bills) to ensure public walking rights along Ontario's Great Lakes shoreline, and

Whereas none of these Private Member's Bills have been passed by the Ontario Legislature, and

Whereas now, more than ever, the right of the public to walk along the Great Lakes shoreline should be confirmed by statute;

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: Council of the Town of Fort Erie calls upon the Premier, Doug Ford, to present and enact government legislation, The Right of Passage Act, to:

- a) Ensure that the public has the right to walk along all Great Lake shorelines between the water's edge and the high water mark,

- b) Require removal by property owners of all fences running vertical to the shoreline distance of no less than 10 feet from the water's edge and any other obstructions to the public's right to walk the shore,
- c) Permit public access to the Great Lakes shoreline only via public lands, such as parks, road allowances or easements, and
- d) Prohibit the public from any activity on privately owned waterfront, other than a right to walk along the shoreline, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be delivered to the Premier, The Honourable Doug Ford, for action and to the MPP's and MP's in Niagara, the Clerk of the Niagara Region and of the area municipalities for information and support

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



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: Chris Bittle, MP-St. Catharines, Sent via email: chris.bittle@parl.gc.ca
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February 1, 2023

107-2023-249

Dear Valued Partner:

It's a privilege to serve as Minister of Transportation as we work towards our shared goals for Ontario's transportation sector. I look forward to working with you and all our partners across the province as we deliver on our government's ambitious mandate to build essential infrastructure, enhance transportation and transit systems and improve road safety in Ontario.

Under Premier Ford's leadership, I'm incredibly proud to be part of a government with a clear plan to build Ontario. At the Ministry of Transportation, that means building long-overdue infrastructure projects that help fight gridlock to get people and goods moving, like Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass.

Our government has committed over \$158 billion to expand the province's infrastructure over the next 10 years. Our comprehensive plan includes more than \$25 billion over the next 10 years to support the planning and construction of highway expansion and rehabilitation projects across the province. We are committed to enhancing our province's transportation network to facilitate the efficient and effective movement of goods, including access to the Ring of Fire.

We also recognize that building reliable, fast and frequent rapid transit is the key to unleashing our full potential. That's why we're investing more than \$61 billion to transform public transit in Ontario over the next 10 years.

And while we are moving full steam ahead to get shovels in the ground on new and expanded highways, roads, bridges and transit, our mandate goes much further than just getting things built. That's because a successful transportation network is one that is not only efficient, but also safe.

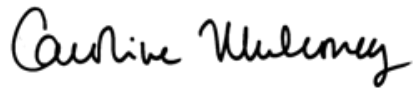
Working closely with stakeholders and our municipal partners, the Ministry of Transportation has taken a hard look at our current road safety measures and has taken decisive action where it has made sense to do so.

As just one example from our previous mandate, we passed the *Moving Ontarians More Safely Act*, better known as the MOMS Act, introducing measures like longer driver's licence suspensions and longer vehicle impoundment periods for drivers who engage in stunt driving, street racing and aggressive driving. We will continue the progress we have made on road safety and, with our valued partners, will ensure the province's roads and highways remain some of the safest in the world.

By working together, we will continue to lay the foundation for Ontario's lasting economic growth and prosperity. I look forward to furthering our collaborative relationship as we build a stronger, safer, and more resilient transportation network for years to come.

Should you have any questions, please contact Luca Campagna, Director of Stakeholder Relations, at 416-454-4642 or luca.campagna@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Caroline Mulroney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation



February 3, 2023

The Honourable Omar Alhabra
Federal Minister of Transportation

Sent via email: omar.alhabra@parl.gc.ca

Dear County Honourable Omar Alhabra:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held January 31, 2023 adopted the following:

12.2.8 VIA Rail Cancellations

WHEREAS residents in the City of Brantford may choose to live in Brantford because of its convenient location in Southwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS many residents commute to their places of employment outside of The City of Brantford, many of them relying on rail transit; and

WHEREAS in August 2021 the federal Minister of Transportation visited Brantford Via station and announced that the federal government would be pursuing opportunities to enhance passenger rail services in southwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS in August 2022 the federal government announced they would be exploring options to improve passenger rail frequencies, on-time performance, and shorten travel times in Southwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS since 2020 a number of passenger rail lines have been suspended or cancelled leaving residents of Brantford with fewer commuting options; and

WHEREAS there is a need for commuter rail travel options for City residents that depart from the downtown Brantford rail station; and

WHEREAS pre-pandemic line 82 served residents in Southwestern Ontario commuting to employment in downtown Toronto. Line 82 began in London at 6:30 am, stopped in Brantford at 7:30 and arrived at Toronto's union station at 8:30 making it very popular with commuters residing in London, Woodstock and Brantford; and

WHEREAS Via Rail has reinstated a number of Ontario rail lines that were suspending during the pandemic, not including Line 82; and

WHEREAS the announcement reinstating Line 82 has been unreasonably delayed, causing a great deal of angst and anxiety for rail line commuters; and

WHEREAS line 82 is an important transportation link for many residents in Southwestern Ontario and also for builders considering residential developments in the northern section of Brantford's downtown area, which developments are an important component of the downtown renewal action plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Council of The Corporation of The City of Brantford respectfully CALLS UPON the Government of Canada to resume, in good faith, investigations into opportunities to enhance passenger rail services in southwestern Ontario; and
- B. THAT the Council of The Corporation of The City of Brantford respectfully CALLS UPON Via Rail to reinstate line number 82 immediately; and
- C. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to The Federal Minister of Transportation, The Honourable Omar Alghabra, The City of Brantford Member of Parliament, The Honourable Larry Brock, Via Rail Canada and to each municipality impacted by the route cancellations, namely The City of London and The City of Woodstock.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
Acting Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc MP Larry Brock
VIA Rail Canada
Ontario Municipalities

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February 3, 2023

Dear Head of Council:

As minister responsible for emergency management, I am proud to release Ontario's first-ever [Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan](#).

This comprehensive plan and approach for emergency management is the first in Canada to require annual and public reporting on progress. This plan will ensure Ontarians are safe, practiced and prepared before, during and after emergencies.

The plan is the result of productive and ongoing engagement with municipal and First Nations partners, and other critical emergency management partners. Cooperation, collaboration and communication is the strong foundation upon which this plan was built. This plan reinforces our continued partnership with municipalities and will be further strengthened through ongoing engagement to achieve our collective vision of a safe, practiced and prepared Ontario.

This plan identifies three goals and concrete actions designed to keep Ontario in a state of constant readiness and preparedness—both now and into the future:

- **One Window for All Ontarians** which positions [Emergency Management Ontario](#) to proactively coordinate and facilitate across emergency management partners.
- **Proactive Planning and Monitoring** that is grounded in data, analytics and knowledge.
- **Practiced and Prepared Emergency Response** through strengthened local capabilities, emergency management training and public education.

Thank you for your valued partnership as we work together to ensure Ontario is safe, practiced and prepared.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that curves upwards at the end.

Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
President of the Treasury Board and Minister Responsible for Emergency
Management

c: Bernie Derible, Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency Management,
Treasury Board Secretariat