



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
March 27, 2023

- 1) Correspondence from the Clerk-Administrator, Township of Howick re: Ontario school board elections.
- 2) Correspondence from the Director Municipal Governance/Clerk, Municipality of Chatham-Kent re: Bill 5 – *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*.
- 3) Correspondence from the Mayor, Township of Malahide re: *Cannabis Act*.
- 4) Correspondence from the Clerk, Town of Carleton Place re: Intimate partner violence and violence against women.
- 5) Correspondence from the Clerk, City of Niagara Falls re: Barriers for women in politics.
- 6) Correspondence from the Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor, Municipality of North Perth re: School bus stop arm cameras.
- 7) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Municipal insurance costs.
 - a) Municipality of Chatham-Kent
 - b) Town of Greater Napanee
- 8) Correspondence from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Lake of Bays re: Municipal oath of office.
- 9) Correspondence from the Corporate Services Coordinator, Municipality of Calvin re: Moratorium on pupil accommodation.
- 10) Correspondence from the Director, Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: *Public Lands Act* regulatory proposal update.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK**

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Email: clerk@howick.caWebsite: www.howick.ca

March 8, 2023

Via: Email

The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education

Re: Ontario School Board Elections

Dear Honourable Stephen Lecce,

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, Council of the Township of Howick adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. 58/23**Moved by: Councillor Grimes****Seconded by: Councillor Rognvaldson**

That the Council of the Township of Howick receive the correspondence from the Town of Petrolia, regarding School Board Elections; and

Confirms that the 2022-2026 Howick Municipal Council was acclaimed in its entirety to their positions and that the expenses incurred for the 2022 Howick Municipal Election were only for facilitating the election of the School Board Trustees; and

That Council supports the Resolution passed by the Township of Petrolia Council to request that School Boards become responsible for conducting their own Trustee elections, or at a minimum, municipalities be compensated by the School Boards for overseeing such Trustee elections; and

That Staff forward this Resolution to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, and to all Ontario Municipal Councils.

CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Gillis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caitlin Gillis
Clerk-Administrator
Township of Howick

March 6, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier@ontario.ca

Re: Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

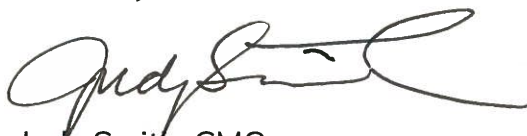
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

“That Chatham-Kent Council express its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, and local MPPs.”

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

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local MPPs
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March 9, 2023

Sent via email.

Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

Please note that on March 2, 2023 Malahide Township Council ("Malahide") passed the following motion:

No. 23-101

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Chester Glinski

THAT the City of Port Colborne correspondence in support of the Corporation of the County of Huron regarding Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act be supported;

AND THAT the Council of the Township of Malahide approve forwarding a Call to Action Letter for support.

Carried

Malahide supports the recent calls from Huron County and other municipalities for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada. Malahide's support in this letter is in addition to the comments provided by Malahide in an earlier letter to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat (re: Federal Cannabis Act Review, letter dated November 17, 2022).

In conclusion, and to reiterate, Malahide strongly recommends further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dominique Giguère', is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dominique Giguère
Mayor

On behalf of Malahide Township Council

From: Stacey Blair <sblair@carletonplace.ca>

Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:08 PM

To: resolutions@amo.on.ca

Cc:

Subject: Resolution Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women an Epidemic

Good afternoon,

Please be advised that at their meeting of March 7, 2023, the Council of the Town of Carleton Place passed the following motion:

Lanark County Interval House and Community Support

Motion No. 04-134-04

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tennant

Seconded by: Councillor Comley

THAT the Town of Carleton Place recognizes the issues of violence in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families; and

THAT the Town of Carleton Place recognizes the rural Renfrew County inquest as important to all rural communities; and

THAT based on the statistics of 4815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local community, the Council of the Town of Carleton Place declares IPV (intimate partner violence)/VAW (violence against women) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County jury recommendations; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Stacey Blair, B.A., Dipl. M.A.

Clerk, Town of Carleton Place

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March 6, 2023

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Attention: Doug Ford, Premier

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Ford:

Re: Barriers for Women in Politics

Please be advised that the Council of the City of Niagara Falls at its meeting of February 28, 2023 passed the following motion that was forwarded to us from the Town of Grimsby:

Ordered on the motion of Councillor Lori Lococo, Seconded by Councillor Ruth-Ann Nieuwesteeg THAT Council endorse the Town of Grimsby's resolution pertaining to Barriers for Women in Politics that reads as follows, reflecting the City of Niagara Falls's support:

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls values equality and inclusivity in all areas of life, including politics;

WHEREAS, women have historically been underrepresented in politics, and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office;

WHEREAS, misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world;

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Niagara Falls expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment, and where everyone feels equal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Niagara Falls commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Niagara Falls encourages other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equality in all areas of society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Niagara Falls' MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the City of Niagara Falls' commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Bill Matson
City Clerk

cc.
All Ontario Municipalities
Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Tony Baldinelli, MP- Niagara Falls
Wayne Gates, MPP- Niagara Falls
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Blazek

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition Parties
MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

March 6, 2023

To All Ontario Municipalities

Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

“Whereas Chatham-Kent has faced multiple double digit increases to insurance premiums over the past years;

And Whereas the costs on insurance are having a significant impact on municipal budgets in Chatham-Kent and around the Province;

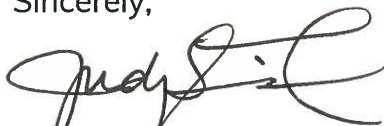
Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider, or legislative changes to address insurance costs to municipalities.

And administration report back to Council regarding the result of this engagement and any recommended Council resolutions to support improvements to municipal insurance in Ontario.

Further that administration be directed to forward this motion to all other municipalities in Ontario seeking support and collaboration on this issue.”

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

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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March 20, 2023

via email

To All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Further to the meeting on March 14, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following motion:

Motion #148/23

Moved by *Councillor Schenk*

Seconded by *Councillor Pinnell Jr.*

That the correspondence from Chatham-Kent dated March 6, 2023, be received;

That Council send a letter supporting the Town of Chatham-Kent calling for action to reduce insurance costs,

And that, Council direct Staff to investigate any joint municipal efforts to reduce insurance costs.

Yours truly,

Katy Macpherson
Deputy Clerk

Copy: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS
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March 14, 2023

Via email: clerk@trentlakes.ca

Municipality of Trent Lakes
 Attn: Jessie Clark/Clerk
 760 Peterborough County Road 36
 Trent Lakes ON K0M 1A0

RE: Resolution of Support for Municipality of Trent Lakes – re: Resolutions regarding an Oath of Office, dated February 28, 2023

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 Council meeting on March 14, 2023, and the following resolution was passed.

“Resolution TC-68-2023

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays receives and supports the attached resolution from the Municipality of Trent Lakes requesting changes to the municipal Oath of Office, dated February 28, 2023

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities, Muskoka Area Indigenous Leadership Table (MAILT), MPP Graydon Smith, MP Scott Aitchison, and the Premier of Ontario.

Carried.”

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

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

Copy to: Premier of Ontario
 Local members of the Provincial Parliament
 Municipalities in Ontario
 Muskoka Area Indigenous Leadership Table

Encl: Municipality of Trent Lakes Resolution R2023-119



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February 28, 2023

Via email only

To: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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The Association of Municipalities Ontario
amo@amo.on.ca

Re: Oath of Office

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held February 21, 2023, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2023-119**

Moved by Councillor Franzen
Seconded by Deputy Mayor
Armstrong

Whereas most municipalities in Ontario have a native land acknowledgement in their opening ceremony; and

Whereas a clear reference to the rights of Indigenous people is the aim of advancing Truth and Reconciliation; and

Whereas Call to Action 94 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada called upon the Government of Canada to replace the wording of the Oath of Citizenship to include the recognition of the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas on June 21, 2021 an Act to amend The Citizenship Act received royal assent to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework; and

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

Therefore be it resolved that Council request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office: I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples; and further

That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Dave Smith, MP Michelle Ferreri, Premier Doug Ford and Curve Lake First Nation.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Motion by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Grant

WHEAREAS an announcement in the media was made that the English Public School Boards Association, the largest school association in the Province, is asking for the end of the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews;

AND WHEREAS this announcement potentially threatens the future closure of schools in many single school municipalities;

AND WHEREAS access to education and the presence of a school in a community is an essential service and has a direct link to the quality of life in a community;

AND WHEREAS schools play a key role in improving services and quality of life in a community and are viewed as activity centres where children have access to education, health services, recreation and culture;

AND WHEREAS schools are an important factor in the retention and attraction of residents in a community and is essential in order to resolve labour shortages and allow economic development and growth in small rural municipalities;

AND WHEREAS demographics in many areas are currently shifting and changing quickly as we work on meeting the needs of many Ontario residents during a housing crisis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council is requesting the provincial government through the Minister of Education to extend the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews in order to allow municipalities, townships, neighbourhoods and subdivisions the opportunity to prosper, develop and grow without being hindered by school closures due to low enrollments that could quickly change.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Victor Fedeli and all Ontario Municipalities. **Resolution Number: 2023: 054 Carried**

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
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March 17, 2023

Hello,

We are writing to let you know that on March 16, 2023, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry made an update to the proposal to make amendments to [Ontario Regulation 161/17](#) under the [Public Lands Act](#) regarding the use of floating accommodations.

The changes to the proposal are described in the updated proposal notice on Ontario's Regulatory Registry and the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) (ERO number [019-6590](#)), which was first published on February 24, 2023 and updated on March 16, 2023.

In the updated proposal, we are still proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to clarify the structures or things that cannot be placed and used for overnight accommodation on water over public land.

The following changes proposed in the original posting have been removed through the update:

- reducing the number of days that a person can camp on water over public land (per location, per calendar year) from 21 days to 7 days
- increasing the distance that a person camping on water must move their camping unit to be occupying a different location from 100 metres to 1 kilometre
- adding a new condition to prohibit camping on water within 300 metres of a developed shoreline, including any waterfront structure, dock, boathouse, erosion control structure, altered shoreline, boat launch and/or fill
- harmonizing the conditions for camping on public land so that residents and non-residents are required to follow the same conditions when camping on water over public lands or on public lands
- specifying conditions for swim rafts, jumps, ramps for water sports, heat loops and water intake pipes
- clarifying that camping on a road, trail, parking lot or boat launch is prohibited
- amending the regulation to add the following to the list of excluded public lands to which section 21.1 of the *Public Lands Act* and Ontario Regulation 161/17 do not apply:

- lands subject to an agreement authorizing the use of those lands
- lands subject to an authorization under the *Aggregate Resources Act*.

We encourage you to review the updated proposal notice (ERO number [019-6590](#)) and provide feedback through the ERO. The comment period for the proposal closes on **April 11, 2023**.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Henry, R.P.F.
Director, Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Pauline Desroches, Manager, Crown Lands Policy Section