



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
May 8, 2023

- 1) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Bill 5 - *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*, 2022.
 - a) Township of Mulmur
 - b) Township of Perry
 - c) Municipality of Magnetawan
 - d) Township of Carlow/Mayo
 - e) Dufferin County
 - f) Township of Southgate
 - g) Town of The Blue Mountains
 - h) Township of West Lincoln
 - i) Town of Orangeville
- 2) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Barriers to women in politics.
 - a) Town of Cobourg
 - b) Town of Cochrane
- 3) Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario re: Policy update – helping homebuyers, protecting tenants plan.
- 4) Correspondence from the Assistant to the Clerk, Municipality of Shuniah re: Surplus proceeds from tax sales.
- 5) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford re: Use of long-term care funding to support community care services.
- 6) Correspondence from the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health re: Meeting at the 2023 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference.
- 7) Correspondence from the Administrative Assistant, Municipality of Killarney re: Municipal insurance costs.
- 8) Correspondence from the Executive Director, The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities re: Bail reform.
- 9) Correspondence from the Clerk, City of Stratford re: Funding and support for VIA Rail services.
- 10) Correspondence from the Clerk, Township of Puslinch re: Highway 401 roadside litter.
- 11) Correspondence from the Chair, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Board of Directors re: Annual report and performance report.
- 12) Correspondence from the Assistant to the Clerk, Municipality of Shuniah re: Enbridge charges.

- 13) Correspondence from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Town of Bracebridge re: School bus stop arm camera.
- 14) Correspondence from the Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk, Town of Fort Erie re: Municipal oath of office.
- 15) Correspondence from the Directors of Southeast Region Operations and Distribution Protection, Enbridge re: Locate charge.



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April 6, 2023

Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

At the meeting held on April 5, 2023, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution in support of Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 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 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 THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator



Township of Perry

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April 11, 2023

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queens Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario:

RE: Resolution of Support – Township of Perry – Bill 5 “Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act”

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on Wednesday April 5, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

“Resolution No.: 2023-112

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent’s resolution “Support Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act”;

And further that Council directs the Clerk-Administrator to circulate this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Honourable Stephen Blais, local MPP’s, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried.”

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Erica Cole, *Dipl.M.A.*
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

cc: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Stephen Blais
Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound Muskoka
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
All Ontario municipalities

March 6, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier@ontario.ca

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

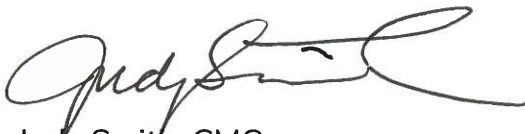
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

"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,



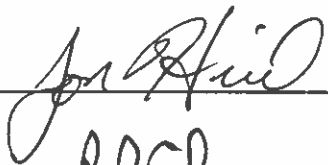
Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 122

APRIL 12 2023

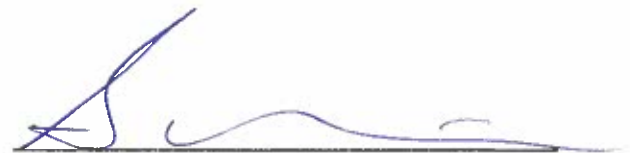
Moved by: 

Seconded by: 

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan endorses and supports item 4.1 Municipality of Chatham-Kent 'Support Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act';

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.

Carried  Defeated _____ Deferred _____



Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			



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we will build our future*



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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

April 19th, 2023

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

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 11th, 2023, the Township of Carlow/Mayo Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding *Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*.

Moved by Councillor Pam Stewart

Seconded by Councillor Elson Ruddy

That Council support correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

-Carried-

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

Sincerely,
Jenny Snider
CAO/Clerk
Township of Carlow-Mayo

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Stephen Blais – MPP, Orléans; Member, Standing Committee on Justice Policy
Ric Bresee – MPP, Hastings-Lennox and Addington
Association of Municipalities of
Ontario All Ontario Municipalities

March 6, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier@ontario.ca

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

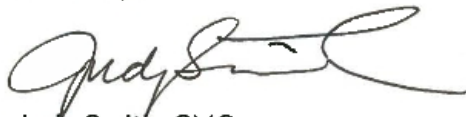
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

"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
Ontario Municipalities



April 17, 2023

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

At its regular meeting on April 13, 2023, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Dufferin County Council supports Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act;

AND 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.

Thank you,

Michelle Hargrave

Michelle Hargrave
Administrative Support Specialist



**Township of Southgate
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April 24, 2023

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Resolution of Support – Association of Municipalities of Ontario – Bill 5

Please be advised that at their April 20, 2023, Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate approved the following:

No. 2023-184

Moved By Councillor John

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Whereas, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has called on the Government of Ontario to support legislation that would:

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

Whereas, AMO believes that these changes will improve the working environment of municipal elected and staff officials and send a strong signal regarding the standard of conduct expected of elected officials and protect anyone that may be subject to egregious behaviour;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Southgate supports the correspondence to the Premier of Ontario by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and calls on the Government of Ontario to unanimously support Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act; and

That this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MPP Rick Byers, MP Alex Ruff, and all Ontario municipal councils and AMO.

Carried

Respectfully,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

Attachments: Association of Municipalities of Ontario – Municipal Codes of Conduct
Letter

cc: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister, MMAH
Rick Byers, MPP Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound
Alex Ruff, Member of Parliament Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Municipalities in Ontario

Sent via email to: premier@ontario.ca

March 27, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Municipal Codes of Conduct

Ethical behaviour and respectful civil discourse are fundamental to maintaining public respect for our democratic institutions. When the behaviour of elected representatives falls short, democracy suffers. That is why I am writing to you to urge introduction of legislation to update municipal Codes of Conduct and improve enforcement.

In recent years, incidents of disrespectful, uncivil, and egregious conduct by some municipal council members have occurred that have clearly concerned the public, municipal staff, and elected members of councils. Without adequate tools to enforce compliance with our Codes of Conduct and to discipline members found to have violated them, municipal councils have found themselves unable to meet public expectations.

Ontario's citizens deserve better. In 2021, AMO supplied strong [recommendations](#) to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark to enhance municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance by:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime that can be adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario

- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner

At its most recent meeting on March 24th, 2023, the AMO Board reaffirmed its recommendations and additionally recommended that a member removed through application to a judge be prohibited from sitting for election in the term removed and the subsequent term of office.

AMO believes that these changes will improve the working environment of municipal elected and staff officials and send a strong signal regarding the standard of conduct expected. They will also help to protect anyone that may be subject to egregious behaviour and help make municipal government more welcoming while helping residents continue to have the utmost confidence in their local elected officials and institutions. Enacting these changes in the near term will help to ensure our residents can continue to count on their local governments as their closest and most responsive public institutions.

AMO stands ready to work in partnership with your government. Together, we can take strong steps to preserve and improve public confidence in our democracy.

Sincerely,



Colin Best
AMO President
Halton Regional Councillor

cc The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

From: Kyra Dunlop <kdunlop@thebluemountains.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 10:50 AM

To: Amanda Fines-VanAlstine <deputyclerk@greyhighlands.ca>; Briana Bloomfield <bbloomfield@owensound.ca>; Brittany Drury <bdrury@georgianbluffs.on.ca>; Carly Craig <ccraig@georgianbluffs.ca>; Holly Malynyk <hmalynyk@southgate.ca>; Kristen Van Alphen <kvanalphen@owensound.ca>; Green, Lindsay <lgreen@southgate.ca>; Margaret Wilton-Siegel <mwiltonsiegel@meaford.ca>; Smith, Matt <msmith@meaford.ca>; Sinnamon, Patty <psinnamon@chatsworth.ca>; Raylene Martell <martellr@greyhighlands.ca>; Sarah Goldrup <sarah.goldrup@grey.ca>; Tanya Patterson <tpatterson@hanover.ca>; Tara Warder (Grey County) <tara.warder@grey.ca>; Tyler Zamostny <tyler.zamostny@chatsworth.ca>; Vicki McDonald <vmcdonald@hanover.ca>; West Grey Clerk <clerk@westgrey.com>

Cc: Town Clerk <townclerk@thebluemountains.ca>; SMT

<SeniorManagementTeam@thebluemountains.ca>; council <council@thebluemountains.ca>

Subject: The Blue Mountains Resolution dated April 24, 2023 Re Chatham-Kent & Mulmur Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Good morning,

Further to the attached correspondences from the Municipality of Chatham Kent and the Township of Mulmur considered at the April 24, 2023 Special Meeting of Council, Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the Municipality of Chatham Kent motion regarding Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022, and the Township of Mulmur motion of April 6, 2023 regarding Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022, as follows:

WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 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 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 THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and all Ontario Municipalities.

AND THAT Council direct staff to circulate the motion to Grey County and its lower tier municipalities for consideration, Carried.

We kindly request that the above resolution and correspondence be circulated to Council for their consideration.



Kyra Dunlop

Deputy Clerk

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Apr 25, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford
Legislative Building
1 Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford:

Re: Motion in Support of Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

This is to confirm that at the April 24, 2023 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

WHEREAS municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe; and

WHEREAS Bill 5, the *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election; and

WHEREAS over 40 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5; and

WHEREAS Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of West Lincoln Council express its support for Bill 5, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*;

FURTHER that this resolution be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and local area MPPs.

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5136.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joanne Scime".

Joanne Scime
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

cc. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
AMO
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP
Jennifer (Jennie) Stevens, MPP
Wayne Gates, MPP
Jeff Burch, MPP

From: Lindsay Raftis <lraftis@orangeville.ca>

Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 11:14 AM

Subject: Town of Orangeville - Response to Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Good morning,

Please be advised that Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was considered by Council at its meeting held on April 17, 2023 and the Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member’s Bill on August 10, 2022;

Whereas the Town of Orangeville and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

Now therefore be it resolved:

- 1. That Orangeville Council endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 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 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.**
- 2. That Orangeville Council expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Town of Orangeville Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP’s); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s); the Ontario Big Cities Mayors Caucus (OBCM); the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario; the Small Urban GTHA Mayors as well as Dufferin County Municipalities.**

Thank you,

Lindsay Raftis | Assistant Clerk | Corporate Services

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

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Director of Legislative Services
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SENT VIA EMAIL

March 27, 2023

David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Re: Town of Cobourg Resolution – Barriers for Women in Politics

At a meeting held on March 20, 2023, the Municipal Council of the Town of Cobourg approved the following Resolution #078-23:

Barriers for Women in Politics

Moved by Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Adam Bureau

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on March 20, 2023, Council considered correspondence from the cities of Welland, Niagara Falls, and Cambridge regarding Barriers for Women in Politics; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the Town of Grimsby's resolution pertaining to Barriers for Women in Politics; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of Council's support be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Piccini to express the Town of Cobourg's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security

078-23

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
Returning Officer
Legislative Services Department



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

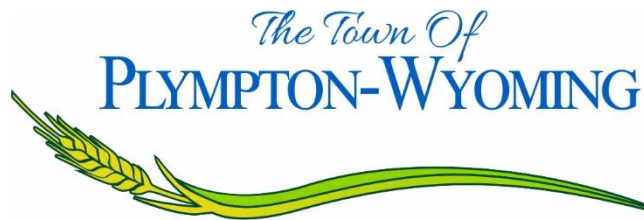
Resolution

Moved By	Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty	Resolution No.:
Last Name Printed	BEATTY	078-23
Seconded By	Councillor Adam Bureau	Council Date:
Last Name Printed	BUREAU	March 28, 2023

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on March 20, 2023, Council considered correspondence from the cities of Welland, Niagara Falls, and Cambridge regarding Barriers for Women in Politics; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the Town of Grimsby's resolution pertaining to Barriers for Women in Politics; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of Council's support be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Piccini to express the Town of Cobourg's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security.



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

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

March 22nd 2023

Re: Barriers for Women in Politics

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 8th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Grimsby regarding *Barriers for Women in Politics*.

Motion 19

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor Bob Woolvett

That Council support item 'I' of correspondence from the Town of Grimsby regarding Barriers for Women in Politics.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Bob Bailey, MPP – Sarnia-Lambton
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

REGULAR COUNCIL	DATE:	<u>April 11, 2023</u>
	RESOLUTION NO.:	<u>204-2023</u>
	AGENDA ITEM NO.:	<u>13.4</u>

MOVED BY SUSAN NELSON

SECONDED BY DANIEL BRUNET

WHEREAS Council has received several communications regarding the historical challenge for woman in politics.

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to support the call for action by going beyond making political statements and constructively add to inspiring positive, meaningful change to this instead.

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes and is proud of the Town of Cochrane's historical and inspiring accomplishments toward this important initiative that has seen our community commit to adopting meaningful change by:

- ✓ Adopting employment equity in 2011
- ✓ Making senior positions of control and power available to woman, such as:
 - o Having the one of only of two female CAO's in the region.
 - o Having the fourteen positions in the Town Hall composed of eleven woman.
- ✓ And by having forty-three percent of it's council composed of woman.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT: the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane, Ontario, wishes to support the call out to recognize the challenges woman face in politics, while also recognizing the efforts made by its municipality, and all other municipalities, to meaningfully create the change being sought through leading by example.

AND THAT: the Council inspire continued meaningful change by encouraging all municipalities to first recognize (thereby validating) the positive changes they have made, while remaining diligent in continuing to make and inspire the kind of actual change that will lead to even more woman becoming actively engaged in politics.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

DECLARED THE MOTION

☒ CARRIED

☐ DEFEATED

☐ DEFERRED

☐ REFERRED TO: _____

☐ RECORDED VOTE - Requested by: _____

PETER POLITIS

Mayor (Deputy Mayor)

RECORDED VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	CONFLICT	ABSENT
France Bouvier				
Daniel Brunet				
Sylvie Charron – Lemieux				
Rodney Hoogenhoud				
Susan Nelson				
Peter Politis				
Marck Recoskie				

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

DISCLOSED HIS/HER INTEREST(S)

VACATED HIS/HER SEAT

ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION AND DID NOT VOTE ON THIS QUESTION.

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>

Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 5:02 PM

To: Briana Bloomfield <bbloomfield@owensound.ca>

Subject: AMO Policy Update - Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Plan



POLICY UPDATE

April 6, 2023

AMO Policy Update – Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Plan

Today the Government introduced its latest Housing Supply Action initiative, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Plan and its complementary legislation, [Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023](#). In addition to tabling legislation, there are approximately 8 associated regulatory proposals open for consultation.

The plan proposes actions to:

1. Protecting tenants and building rentals

With a central focus on improving the rental housing space, AMO is pleased to see that Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Plan and associated legislation and regulatory proposals that recognizes the full continuum of housing and attempts to make life easier for renters. This work is consistent with to ongoing advocacy from AMO around improving landlord-tenant relations.

2. Helping homebuyers

The Government continues to look at a range of tools to help make homebuying more accessible, including regulatory amendments to help first time homebuyers save for a downpayment, freezing provincial housing development fees, exploring consumer protection opportunities for new home purchases, and continuing advocacy with the federal government.

3. Streamlined provincial land-use planning policy and complementary Planning Act changes

The Government is proposing more changes to the Planning Act, and consulting on a new policy document called the [Provincial Planning Statement](#) that combines the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. AMO will be reviewing these proposals in more detail as to how these proposals will impact other housing legislation.

Direct Responses to Municipal Feedback:

- *The legislation responds to municipal concerns regarding the municipal requirement to [gradually refund zoning by-law and site plan application fees](#) if they failed to make a decision within specified time periods by proposing to postpone the start date to **July 1, 2023** to give municipalities time to adjust.*
- *In response to feedback on smaller projects, the proposal also includes the flexibility for municipalities to use [site plan control](#) for residential projects with 10 or fewer units in specific circumstances.*
- *The proposal also intends to address the concerns of municipalities and others have raised regarding the shortage of building inspectors. AMO looks forward to working with the Government as it redesigns on the qualification program and creates modern tools, guidance, and partnerships with key stakeholders in this area.*

AMO will continue to review the proposals and update members, as needed.

City of Toronto Audit Update

On March 29, Toronto City Council adopted the Terms of Reference for the Municipal Bill 23 [Audit](#).

By July 1: Provide an independent estimate of the financial impacts of Bill 23 assuming the City would meet/exceed the new housing targets, over the 10-year period, 2022 to 2031. The engagement will ensure modeling assumptions are supportable, probable, and complete.

By September 30: Evaluate activities and decisions on investments in growth-related infrastructure (since 2018) scoped around 3 principles:

1. *Accountability* – Did the City levy and use municipal development-related charges, such as development charges (DCs) and parkland dedication levies, according to their intended purpose consistent with the DC background study, appropriate legislation and having regard for council direction?
2. *Effective* – Did the City follow a prudent process to ensure DC funds collected are appropriately applied against DC eligible growth projects included in the DC Background study?
3. *Efficient* – Did the City make timely investments in growth-related infrastructure through well-organized project management and administrative processes?

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing had also committed to launch a third-party audit of other select municipalities to get a factual understanding of finances, including reserve funds and DC administration. AMO will continue to follow the progress of the work coming from City of Toronto audit and looks forward to more information regarding other municipal audits as it becomes available.



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 138-23Date: Apr 11, 2023

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council receive and support the resolution from the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales;

AND THAT Council direct the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all other Ontario Municipalities.

☒ Carried☐ Defeated☐ Amended☐ Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



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April 17, 2023

Via email: ltcminister@ontario.ca

Ministry of Long-Term Care
6th Floor, 400 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M5G 1S5

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services

At their April 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution requesting the provincial government to support community driven home care services through the redirect of ministry beds in abeyance funding:

THAT staff be requested to send a letter to the provincial government to endorse the redirect of current ministry beds in abeyance funding towards the support of community care services.

We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Chris Bantock

Chris Bantock
Deputy Clerk

cc: Premier Doug Ford
Matthew Rae, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

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January 31, 2023

Ian Boddy
Mayor
City of Owen Sound
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Tim Simmonds
City Manager
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Dear Mayor Boddy and Mr. Simmonds:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me at the 2023 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference. It is a privilege to have had the opportunity to engage with the municipalities that help our province grow and prosper.

Our government knows that collaboration is the key to building strong, thriving communities. Each rural community has their own set of unique circumstances, and we are committed to ensuring our health care system is tailored to meet those needs.

I look forward to continuing our dialogue as we work together to build a stronger health care system that ensures all Ontarians have access to the care they need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Jones'.

Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health



Municipality of Killarney

April 19, 2023

Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Email Only: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Support for Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Attached hereto is Resolution #23-111 that was passed by the Council of the Municipality of Killarney at their Regular Meeting held April 12th, 2023. Council supports the resolutions passed by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent on March 6th, 2023 and the City of Owen Sound on March 27th, 2023 requesting support regarding reducing municipal insurance costs.

Smaller communities like Killarney will have great difficulty in managing increases and these costs will be passed on to our ratepayers.

We look forward to your favorable reply regarding this request.

Sincerely,
THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY

(Mrs.) Angie Nuziale
Administrative Assistant

*cc: Municipality of Chatham-Kent
City of Owen Sound
Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Steve Clark
Attorney General, Doug Downey
Association of Municipalities of Ontario*

Word: Letters-Municipal Insurance Costs-19-04-2023

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MOVED BY: Peggy Roque
SECONDED BY: Robert Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 23-111

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Killarney hereby supports the resolutions passed by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent on March 6th, 2023 and the City of Owen Sound on March 27th, 2023 requesting support regarding reducing municipal insurance costs;

FURTHER smaller communities will have great difficulty in managing increases and these costs will be passed on to our ratepayers;

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all those copied by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the City of Owen Sound.

Resolution Result	Recorded Vote		
	Council Members	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	Mary Bradbury		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Robert Campbell		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Dave Froats		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Nikola Grubic		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Michael Reider		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Peggy Roque		

I, Candy K. Beauvais, Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality of Killarney do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Resolution #23-111 passed in a Regular Council Meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Killarney on the 12th day of April 2023.


Candy K. Beauvais
Clerk Treasurer

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;

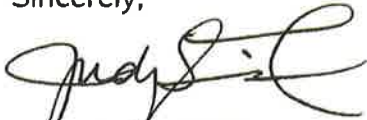
Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of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

C AMO

Staci Landry, Deputy Clerk
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April 4, 2023

Via email

To All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Support for Municipality of Chatham-Kent's Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

City Council, at its meeting held on March 27, 2023, considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230327-009 as follows:

"WHEREAS escalating insurance costs are one of this Council's Advocacy Priorities in the 2022-2023 Intergovernmental Action Plan;

AND WHEREAS at the January 12, 2023 Corporate Services Committee meeting, staff presented Report CR 23-008 that highlighted the City's annual insurance premiums have increased from \$782,331 to \$1,281,512 from 2020 to 2023, representing an accumulated increase of 64% over this period;

AND WHEREAS the annual increases to the City of Owen Sound's insurance premiums have been one of the most significant constraints in limiting yearly tax levy increases over the past four years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council directs staff to send a letter to all other municipalities in Ontario supporting the Municipality of Chatham-Kent calling for action to reduce insurance costs;

AND THAT the City Manager have staff participate in any groups that may be formed through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) or directly with other municipalities to support this effort;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the AMO, Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, Attorney General, Doug Downey, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Rick Byers, Premier Doug Ford, and MPP Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party and Leader of the Opposition."

Staci Landry, Deputy Clerk
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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Staci Landry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Staci Landry
Deputy Clerk

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party and Leader of the
Opposition
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Bail Reform Resolution

WHEREAS the cost of Policing and Emergency Services in Northern Communities is harming a community's ability to support local Social and Health issues

WHEREAS a small percentage of those affected by an Addiction in the communities of Northern Ontario are committing crimes

WHEREAS many of those committing crimes are not housed in the correctional system, therefore, remain in our communities, often those that do require treatment for their Addiction issue receive none.

WHEREAS some committing crimes become violent, but are released back into the community, due to the negative impacts Federal Bill C75

WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) believes that more must be done by the Federal Government on Bail Reform

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Federal Government make these Legislative changes

1. Create a Designation of a chronic persistent offender.
2. Allow community impact statements at bail and at bail hearings.
3. Creating reverse onus in bail for all firearms offences.
4. All bail-related gun charges go to the superior court for bail release.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Federal Justice Minister, Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General, the Solicitor General, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Northeastern MPs and MPPs, Leaders of the Opposition, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.



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November 28, 2022

Right Hon. Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

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Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Resolution – Funding and Support for VIA Rail Services

At their November 14, 2022, Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted a resolution petitioning the federal government to adequately fund and fully support VIA Rail Canada in increasing the frequency, reliability and speed of VIA Rail service.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your consideration. We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Tatiana Dafoe
Clerk

Encl.
/ja

cc: Premier Doug Ford
MPP Matthew Rae
MP John Nater
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
All Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD
Resolution: Funding and Support for VIA Rail Service

WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Stratford supports the National Transportation Policy and Section 5 of the *Canada Transportation Act*, S.C. 1996, c. 10 (as amended), which states in part:

"a competitive, economic and efficient national transportation system that meets the highest practicable safety and security standards and contributes to a sustainable environment, makes best use of all modes of transportation at the lowest cost is essential to serve the needs of its users, advance the well-being of Canadians, enable competitiveness and economic growth in both urban and rural areas throughout Canada. Those objectives are achieved when:

(a) competition and market forces among modes of transportation, are prime agents in providing viable and effective transportation services;

(b) regulation and strategic public intervention are used to achieve economic, safety, security, environmental or social outcomes

(c) rates and conditions do not constitute an undue obstacle to the movement of traffic within Canada or to the export of goods from Canada;

(d) the transportation system is accessible without undue obstacle to the mobility of persons, including persons with disabilities; and

(e) governments and the private sector work together for an integrated transportation system."

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has stated: "*we are serious about climate change*" and "*smart investments in transit help connection communities We will continue to work with communities and invest in the infrastructure they need today and into the future*";

WHEREAS Abacus data has indicated that Canadians are focused on building transit to reduce congestion and connect communities;

WHEREAS the Canadian Transport Commission main finding at public hearings in 1977 was that there should be no further reductions to passenger rail services;

WHEREAS the frequency of VIA trains running in Canada has been reduced significantly since 1977, causing a subsequent significant drop in ridership;

WHEREAS there is a need for balanced transportation with more using transit and less using automobiles;

WHEREAS the changing demographic relating to house prices, housing affordability will require further expansions of transit;

WHEREAS there is a need to visit tourist sites located along rail lines;

WHEREAS the annual cost of congestion to the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area economy alone is between \$7.5 and \$11 billion;

WHEREAS there are 10 million more vehicles on the road today than there were in 2000; and

WHEREAS the City of Stratford requests the support of this resolution from all communities served by VIA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of The City of Stratford recommends to the Government of Canada to adequately fund and fully support VIA Rail Canada in increasing the frequency, reliability and speed of VIA rail service in 2022 and successive years.

Adopted by City Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford on November 14, 2022

The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
Attention: City Clerk, 519-271-0250 extension 5329, clerks@stratford.ca



Hon. David Piccini, MPP
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Ministry of the Environment,
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April 26, 2023

RE: 11.1 Mayor's Updates - 11.1.1 Mayor Seeley gave an update on the upcoming spring clean-up day being the second weekend of May.

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 12, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-127:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receive the Mayors and Council member updates for information; and

That Council direct staff to send notice to the MECP requesting that the litter on the roadside of the 401 be cleaned up in accordance with the Ministry initiative "Act on Litter Ontario"; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox
Municipal Clerk

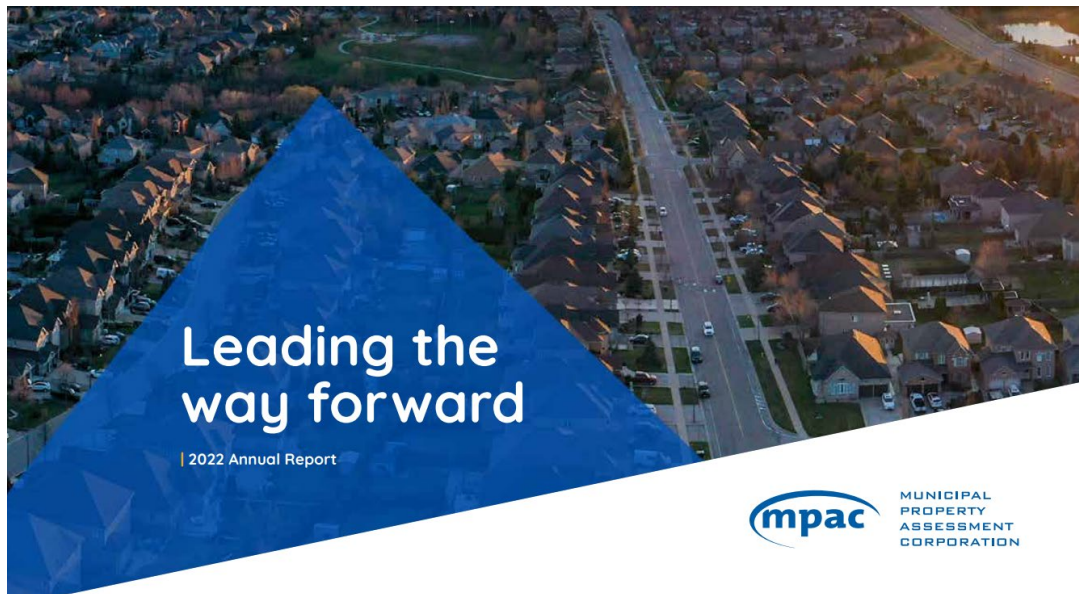
CC: All Ontario Municipalities

From: Board Chair <MPACBoard.Chair@mpac.ca>

Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 10:13:16 AM

To: Ian C Boddy <iboddy@owensound.ca>

Subject: MPAC: 2022 Annual Report



Good morning Mayor Boddy,

MPAC is proud to share two documents with you today. The first document is our [Annual Report](#). This year, MPAC focused on supporting our municipal partners, stakeholders and the people of Ontario. Innovation, ongoing data readiness initiatives and public education campaigns have prepared us to lead the way as Ontario's property market experts.

Through our ongoing efforts, we were also able to maintain a 0% increase to the total municipal levy for the third year in a row, while continuously capturing new assessment and showcasing our commitment to elevating the municipal experience.

We are also happy to share our second annual [Performance Report](#). MPAC is committed to further enhancing our accountability and transparency. This document provides a wealth of statistics on how well we are meeting our goals on areas such as capturing new assessment, the proportion of property assessments that are accepted without going to appeal, Customer Contact Centre satisfaction and many more.

Should you have any questions regarding the reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Alan Spacek
Chair, MPAC Board of Directors

Copy Nicole McNeill, President & CAO
 Mary Meffe, VP, Corporate and Information Services & CFO



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 152-23Date: Apr 25, 2023

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Shuniah strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

to 3rd party contractors inclusive
AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, Lise Vaugeois MPP, Kevin Holland MPP, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

☒ Carried☐ Defeated☐ Amended☐ Deferred

 Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



April 26, 2023

Re: Item for Discussion - School Bus Stop Arm Camera

At its meeting of April 19, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion 23-GC-079, regarding the Item for Discussion - School Bus Stop Arm Camera, as follows:

“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 failing to stop for a 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 has 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 cannot be spread any thinner to enforce additional Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal AMPs 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 AMPs program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge urges the Provincial Government to:

1. 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
2. Underwrite the costs for the implementation and ongoing 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, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka Graydon Smith, Provincial opposition parties, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.”

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori McDonald". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "L" and "M".

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



Community Services

Legislative Services

April 26, 2023

File #120203

Sent via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
 Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Change to the Municipal Oath of Office

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 24, 2023 passed the following resolution:

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;

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Now therefore be it resolved,

That: Council request 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 Indigenous and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples" ; and further

That: This resolution be forwarded to the The Honourable Steve Clerk, Minister, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Wayne Gates, MPP, Tony Baldinelli, MP, all Ontario municipalities and the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.

A similar resolution was received by the City of Port Colborne supporting the Municipality of Trent Lakes resolution. A copy of which is attached. The Town of Fort Erie has made one amendment by deleting "Aboriginal" and inserting "Indigenous".

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

cschofield@forterie.ca

CS:dlk

Attach

c.c. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario premier@ontario.ca
The Honourable Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha dave.smithco@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Michelle Ferreri, MP Peterborough-Kawartha michell.ferreri@parl.gc.ca
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Jennifer Dockstader, Executive Director, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre ExecutiveDirector@fenfc.org



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April 11, 2023

Municipality of Trent Lakes
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To: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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The Honourable Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha

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Curve Lake First Nation

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The Association of Municipalities Ontario

amo@amo.on.ca

Re: Municipality of Trent Lakes – Oath of Office

Please be advised that, at its meeting of March 14, 2023 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence received from the Municipality of Trent Lakes regarding Oath of Office, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
Acting City Clerk

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities

RECEIVED
APR 24 2023
BY COUNCIL



760 Peterborough County Road 36, Trent Lakes, ON K0M 1A0 Tel 705-738-3800 Fax 705-738-3801

February 28, 2023

Via email only

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The Association of Municipalities Ontario
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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

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BY COUNCIL

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



Enbridge Gas

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May 2, 2023

Your Worship and Members of Council,

We are writing today as we've heard from many of you regarding the introduction of a locate charge, and we'd would like to provide some context and background regarding our approach. We are also seeing a lot of misinformation circulate, resulting in misunderstanding, and we'd like to correct the record.

We, along with **all** underground infrastructure owners, are required to comply with the recently released regulations related to locate delivery ([Bill 93](#)). In order to recover our compliance costs and protect the interests of our customers, we introduced a locate charge for **third party and for-profit locate requestors**. We want to reassure you that locates for private property owners and existing natural gas customers **remain at no charge**.

As we shared, the third-party locate charge is currently on pause as we continue to explore pathways and consult with our stakeholders and industry partners, including a phased approach focused on the adoption of a dedicated locator model for large infrastructure owners. Within a dedicated locator model, large excavators hire their own locators trained by infrastructure owners to locate all underground utilities on their projects, which leads to significant efficiencies in locate delivery.

In addition, misinformation is circulating that Enbridge Gas operates its infrastructure in municipal right of ways at no cost – **and this is simply not true**. Enbridge pays more than \$135 million in annual municipal taxes based upon the infrastructure we operate. We also pay additional fees where required when we install new pipe or initiate work to maintain existing assets. We deliver natural gas service to approximately 3.9 million customers in 313 municipalities across Ontario, through a network of 154,000 kilometers of pipeline. We complete approximately 1.2 million locate requests annually. And, in 2023, we will invest \$550 million to maintain and add customers to our natural gas system. We are a proud contributor to the communities in which we operate, and our commitment to the safe, reliable delivery of natural gas underpins everything we do.

We encourage you to call upon the Government of Ontario to enact a dedicated locator model for large infrastructure owners, and to support a phased approach to regulation adoption. Please reach out should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery
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