



**CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION**  
**May 29, 2023**

- 1) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Reducing municipal insurance costs:
  - a) Township of Amaranth
  - b) Township of Carlow/Mayo
  - c) Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté
  - d) Municipality of Tweed
- 2) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Bill 5 - *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022*.
  - a) Municipality of Port Hope
  - b) Town of Cobourg
  - c) Oxford County
  - d) Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
  - e) Township of Lanark Highlands
  - f) Municipality of Shuniah
  - g) Township of Wellington North
  - h) City of Cambridge
  - i) Municipality of Moonbeam
  - j) Municipality of Casselman
- 3) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Bonfield Township re:
  - a) Long-term care funding to support community care services
  - b) Housing and homelessness
  - c) Pupil accommodation review
  - d) Tax sale surplus
  - e) Privacy of candidates and donors
- 4) Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities Ontario re: Policy Update.
- 5) Correspondence from concerned citizens on behalf of 'The Women of Ontario Say No' re: Bill 5 - *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022*.
- 6) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: School bus stop arm cameras.
  - a) Perth County
  - b) Township of Puslinch
  - c) Tay Valley Township
  - d) Municipality of North Perth
  - e) Township of Amaranth

- 7) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Retaining surplus proceeds from tax sales.
  - a) Municipality of West Grey
  - b) Tay Valley Township
- 8) Correspondence from the Executive Director, National Chronic Pain Society re: Opioid crisis.
- 9) Correspondence from the Clerk, Township of Perth South re: Long-term care funding to support community care services.
- 10) Correspondence from the Clerk, City of Cambridge re: *Highway Traffic Act* Amendments.
- 11) Correspondence from the Clerk, Town of Lincoln re: Municipal heritage register.
- 12) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Municipality of Tweed re: Bell-Hydro infrastructure.
- 13) Correspondence from the Clerk, Prince Edward County re: Proposed new provincial planning statement.
- 14) Correspondence from the Vice-President, Corporate Relations, Stakeholder Engagement and Innovation, IESO re: Municipal involvement in procuring new electricity supply facilities.
- 15) Correspondence from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry re: Bill 97.
- 16) Correspondence from the Interim CAO/Clerk Treasurer, Municipality of Moonbeam re: School board elections.



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May 2, 2023

City of Owen Sound  
808 2nd Avenue East  
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Sent by email to: [slandry@owensound.ca](mailto:slandry@owensound.ca)

**Re: City of Owen Sound Resolution – Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

At its regular meeting of Council held on April 19, 2023, the Township of Amaranth Council wished to show support to the City of Owen Sound in the resolution concerning Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

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

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk



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Jenny Snider  
CAO/Clerk  
Township of Carlow/Mayo  
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*DELIVERED VIA EMAIL*

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**Re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Township of Carlow/Mayo Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

Moved By: Pam Stewart

Seconded By: Elson Ruddy

That the Council of the Township of Carlow/Mayo agrees to support the Municipality of Chatham-Kents resolution for Reducing Municipal Insurance Cost.

-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](mailto:clerk@carlowmayo.ca).

Sincerely,  
Jenny Snider  
CAO/Clerk  
Township of Carlow/Mayo  
cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
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;

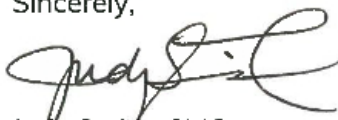
Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of 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](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Municipality of

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**RESOLUTION NO. 23-83**

Moved by: Joyce Malenfant  
Seconded by: Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by the City of Owen Sound, supporting the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in its call for action to reduce insurance costs, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Owen Sound and to our local parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

**- CARRIED -**

I, Guylaine Coulombe, CAO/Clerk of the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté, do hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Resolution 23-83, passed by the Council of the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté at its meeting held the 18th day of April 2023.

DATED at Mattice, Ontario  
This 4th day of May 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Guylaine Coulombe".  
Guylaine Coulombe

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting**



**Resolution No.**

329.

**Title:**

Proposed Resolution Re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

**Date:**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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**Moved by**

J. DeMarsh

**Seconded by**

J. Palmateer

WHEREAS escalating insurance costs are one of the Municipality of Tweed's priorities;  
AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed's annual insurance premiums have increased from \$161,441.84 (4.21% of taxes) to \$482,027.08 (10.42% of taxes) from 2017 to 2023, representing an accumulated increase of 298.58% over this period;  
AND WHEREAS the annual increases to the Municipality of Tweed's insurance premiums have been one of the most significant constraints in limiting yearly tax levy increases over the past seven years;  
AND WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are experiencing higher insurance rates at each renewal with limited access to insurance companies willing to quote on municipal insurance needs;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Tweed calls upon the Province to take action to reduce municipal insurance costs;  
AND FURTHER, that this Resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Ric Bresee, and all Ontario Municipalities for support.

**Carried**

*MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE  
RESOLUTION*

Date: 02 May 2023

21/2023

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrews

SECONDED BY: Councillor Pearson

**WHEREAS** Council for the Municipality of Port Hope received correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent expressing its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of Port Hope support the Resolution from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and 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 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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, local MPPs and Ontario Municipalities.



Mayor Olena Hankivsky



# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg  
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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

May 1, 2023

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Premier Doug Ford  
MP Philip Lawrence  
MPP David Piccini  
All Ontario municipalities

## **Re: Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022**

Please see attached Resolution adopted at the Cobourg Municipal Council meeting held on May 1, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [blarmer@cobourg.ca](mailto: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

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**Moved By**

Councillor Adam Bureau

**Last Name Printed**

BUREAU

**Resolution No.:**

145-23

**Seconded By**

Councillor Miriam Mutton

**Last Name Printed**

MUTTON

**Council Date:**

May 1, 2023

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Mulmar and Duffer for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council endorse and support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Steven Blaze through a private member's bill on August 10 2022; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Coburg and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability for its Code of Conduct and workplace policies; and

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT the Council and the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg 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 or 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 seat if the commissioners inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement; and

FURTHER THAT Council expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the Premier of Ontario the Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the local members of parliament MPs the local members of provincial department and MPPS and all Ontario municipalities.

Municipal Council of the County of Oxford  
Council Meeting - Oxford County

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023

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Moved By: Bernia Wheaton

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

That Oxford County Council expresses 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 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 municipalities represented by the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus;

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 Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP, Stephen Blais, Orleans MPP and all Ontario municipalities.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

*Chloe Senior*

**From:** Monica Beattie <monica.beattie@townofws.ca>

**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 10:07 AM

**To:** premier@ontario.ca

**Cc:** CityAdminEmailUsers <CityAdminEmailUsers@owensound.ca>;

**Subject:** Council Resolution - May 3, 2023 - Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Please be advised that Council passed the following resolution at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting:

**Motion re: 'Women of Ontario Say No' support Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act**

**WHEREAS** 'Women of Ontario Say No' support Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act; and

**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 50 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 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville expresses its support for all and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment, and where everyone feels equal; and

**THAT** the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville 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; and

**THAT** the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville encourages other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting all and promoting gender equality in all areas of society; and

**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, Markham Stouffville MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security for all; and

**THAT** Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville express its support for Bill 5, known as ‘Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act’.

Regards,

**Respecting Your Right To Disconnect** – If your normal working hours are not the same as mine, please feel free to wait until your core business hours to provide me with a response.



**MONICA BEATTIE, GDPA**

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May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

**ATTENTION: Premier of Ontario**

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Resolution – Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

*Moved by Councillor Kelso*

*Seconded by Councillor Summers*

**THAT**, Council supports the resolution from the Township of Mulmur regarding Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022;

**AND THAT**, this resolution of support be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the local Members of Parliament, the local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Resolved**

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël,  
Clerk

Encls.

c.c. All Ontario Municipalities  
Local MP's and MPP's  
Association of Municipalities  
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



MUNICIPALITY OF  
SHUNIAH

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 181-23  
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Date: May 9, 2023

Moved By: *[Signature]*

Seconded By: *[Signature]*

THAT Council support the resolutions from the City of Sault Ste Marie regarding Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act;

AND THAT Council directs administration for forward this resolution to the Hon. Doug Ford, <sup>Premier</sup> Premier of Ontario, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

*Wendy Landry*  
Signature

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



May 10, 2023

To Premier Doug Ford:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its meeting held on May 8, 2023 adopted the following:

RESOLUTION: 2023-168

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the resolution dated February 21, 2023 from Sault Ste. Marie regarding Support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse their support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Cathy Conrad  
Deputy Clerk

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge**  
**Corporate Services Department**  
**Clerk's Division**  
**The City of Cambridge**  
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[\*\*mantond@cambridge.ca\*\*](mailto:mantond@cambridge.ca)

May 10, 2023

**Re: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement**

Dear Mr. Trudeau

At its Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS, Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) have passed a motion that supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments or in the alternative, OBCM has supported the province ordering Bill 5 for second reading to expedite the matter;

AND WHEREAS the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- a. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
- b. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
- c. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
- d. 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; and
- e. Prohibiting a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

AND WHEREAS OBCM's motion requests that municipalities and their respective Integrity Commissioners be consulted on the development of any regulations related to the proposed legislation;

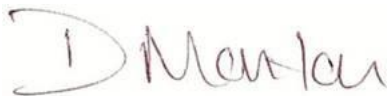
AND WHEREAS OBCM believes that municipal elected officials should be held to account in in this way, it also believes that federal and provincial elected officials should take similar actions to hold themselves to account.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge supports the Ontario Big City Mayor's motion on legislative amendments to improve municipal Codes of Conduct and enforcement.

AND THAT this motion be circulated to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Scott Pearce, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Acting President, Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton  
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Hon. David Lametti, Minister of Justice

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Scott Pearce, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Acting President

Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

All Ontario Municipalities



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## LA CORPORATION DU CANTON DE MOONBEAM RÉSOLUTION

**NUMÉRO:** 070-2023  
**DATE:** Le 11 mai 2023  
**PROPOSÉE PAR:** Nadine Morin  
**APPUYÉE PAR:** Jacques Della-Pieta

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Moonbeam received correspondence from the Township of Mulmur; and

**AND 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 Moonbeam 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 Moonbeam 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 Moonbeam 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.

Adoptée ☒ Rejetée ☐ Différéé ☐

Éric Côté

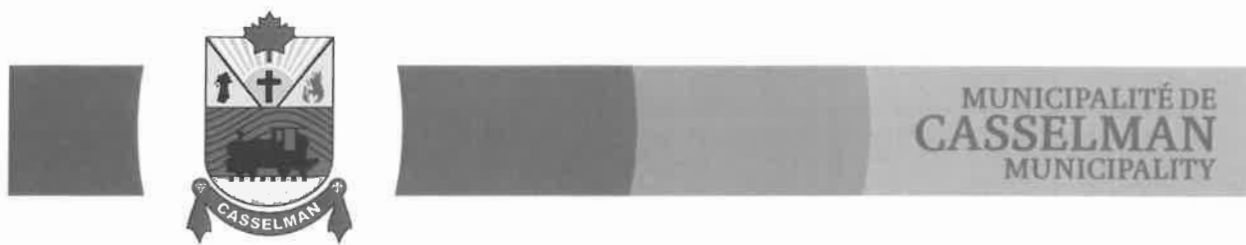
**Président**

### Vote enregistré demandé par:

| Nom                  | Oui | Non |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Côté, Éric           |     |     |
| Della-Pieta, Jacques |     |     |

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| Gibson Demers, Jessica |  |  |
| Le Saux Néron, Hélène  |  |  |
| Morin, Nadine          |  |  |

**Certifiée par:** Bigg H. Cornul  
**Greffière**



May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Jocelyn Hay

Via email – [jocelyn@jocelynhay.com](mailto:jocelyn@jocelynhay.com)

RE: Jocelyn Hay – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act – request for a letter of support

Please be advised that Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was considered by the Council of the municipality of Casselman at its regular meeting, held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and that Council adopt a resolution to support the Bill which require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies. Furthermore, the Bill allows 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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 613-764-3139 Ext 204.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Lajoie  
Mayor

Cc: via e-mail

Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario – [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Steve Clark, minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org)

Stephen Blais,



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### RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

No. 9

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

That Council supports the resolution of the City of Stratford on the use of long-term care funding to support community care services; AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), Vic Fedeli MPP, District of Nipissing, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Narry Paquette

### DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark \_\_\_\_\_

Jason Corbett \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Featherstone \_\_\_\_\_

Dan MacInnis \_\_\_\_\_

Narry Paquette \_\_\_\_\_

AGAINST

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### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 9 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.



Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



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## RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

No. 8

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

That Council supports the resolution of the County of Northumberland call to action on Housing and Homelessness; AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Michael Parsa (Minister of Children, Community and Social Services), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South), Vic Fedeli MPP, District of Nipissing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Narry Paquette

## DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark

Jason Corbett

Steve Featherstone

Dan MacInnis

Narry Paquette

AGAINST

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 8 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



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## RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

No. 12

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Clark

That Council supports the resolution from the Township of South Glengarry asking the Province to lift the moratorium on pupil accommodation reviews (and school closures) prior to the end of the 2022-2023 school year; AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Education, MPP Nolan Quinn, AMO, ROMA, EOWC and all Ontario municipalities and Vic Fedeli MPP, District of Nipissing,

Carried Narry Paquette

## DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark

Jason Corbett

Steve Featherstone

Dan MacInnis

Narry Paquette

AGAINST

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 12 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



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### RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

No. 10

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

That Council supports the resolution of the Town of Essex on the reinstatement of legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales; AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Vic Fedeli MPP District of Nipissing, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario.

Carried Narry Paquette

### DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark \_\_\_\_\_

Jason Corbett \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Featherstone \_\_\_\_\_

Dan MacInnis \_\_\_\_\_

Narry Paquette \_\_\_\_\_

AGAINST

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### RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

No. 20

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

That Council supports the resolution of the Municipality of Waterloo calling on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms; AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

### DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark \_\_\_\_\_

Jason Corbett \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Featherstone \_\_\_\_\_

Dan MacInnis \_\_\_\_\_

Narry Paquette \_\_\_\_\_

AGAINST

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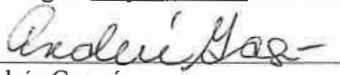
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### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

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Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

**From:** AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>  
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**To:** Briana Bloomfield <bbloomfield@owensound.ca>  
**Subject:** AMO Policy Update - Legislation & New Resources



## POLICY UPDATE

May 2, 2023

### **AMO Policy Update – Legislation & New Resources Micromobility Regulatory Proposal**

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) released a proposal related to regulating multiple micromobility vehicles on-road under one pilot regulation to align the expiry periods for all micromobility pilot vehicles (2023-2028). In addition, MTO is also proposing to expand the use of certain pilot vehicles (golf cars), enable new ones (urban mobility vehicles), reduce regulatory burdens and streamline the existing micromobility regulatory approach.

Feedback on the proposal is due May 9.

### **Bill 102, *Strengthening and Modernizing Justice Act, 2023***

Bill 102 was introduced on April 25, which includes proposals to clear the path for more people to consider a career in policing, strengthen protections for animals and increase access to the courts by reducing backlogs.

If passed, amendments would make changes to the following pieces of legislation, including:

- *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*
- *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019*
- *Fire Prevention Act, 1997*
- *Courts of Justice Act*
- *Provincial Offences Act*

AMO is currently reviewing the proposal for any relevant municipal impacts.

### **Bill 97, *Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023***

On April 20, Bill 97 was referred to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy. AMO has submitted a request to speak and looks forward to providing comments on this proposal and related regulatory initiatives, including the proposed provincial planning statement.

## **ECCC Webinars for Feedback on Proposed Regulatory Framework on Reducing Canada's Landfill Emissions**

On April 20, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) sent a sector-wide e-mail soliciting feedback on a Proposed Regulatory Framework outlining key requirements under consideration for new federal regulations to reduce methane emissions from Canadian landfills. This proposal is more stringent than current Ontario requirements for landfill methane emissions.

Communities that own active and/or closed landfill sites will be required to assess, manage and report on methane emissions if they exceed specific thresholds.

The deadline for feedback is May 19, 2023. Feel free to submit your comments to [ges-dechets-ghg-waste@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ges-dechets-ghg-waste@ec.gc.ca)

The ECCC will also hold information webinars on:

May

2: <https://canada.webex.com/weblink/register/r3b9fbf48177b7e356fec40c039774151>

May

3: <https://canada.webex.com/weblink/register/r013745fd09cd5dff0623e7d662c0994>

Both webinars are from 1:30-3pm EST. Should you run into issues with the webinar links above or have questions about the material (i.e. if the webinars will be recorded), please reach out to [ges-dechets-ghg-waste@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ges-dechets-ghg-waste@ec.gc.ca)

## **Broadband Connectivity Project Tracking**

On April 27, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Kinga Surma, announced a new interactive mapping tool to track the status of Ontario broadband and cellular projects. The government has committed up to \$4 billion to connect all Ontarians to high-speed internet by the end of 2025. The new tool allows municipalities and residents to track the progress of initiatives to connect their communities. While this tool is welcome, building connectivity for Ontario's unserved and underserved communities will require careful project management and timely access to municipal rights-of-way.

## **AMO Webinars on Regional Energy Planning & Conservation Authorities**

AMO staff recently held two webinars for municipal elected officials and staff. Both were recorded and the material is posted online. We encourage you to review and share with your colleagues.

- **Regional Energy Planning 101:** Held on April 17 with the Ontario Energy Board, the Independent Electricity System Operator, Enbridge Gas, and Hydro One. The webinar explains the regional energy planning process in Ontario and the important role municipalities can play in that process.

- **What's Next for Municipalities and Conservation Authorities (CAs):** Held on April 19 with Conservation Ontario. The [webinar](#) to discuss the recent provincial land use planning changes and how municipalities and CAs should work together.

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Subject: From Concerned Citizens - Bill 5 The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Importance: High

**\*FAO Municipal Clerks: If your municipality has not already formally endorsed Bill 5 with a motion, please add this request to your next council meeting agenda and let us know the outcome. \*Otherwise, please disregard\***

**Bill 5 is now scheduled for a second reading in the Ontario Legislature on May 30, 2023\***

**Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook: womenofontariosayno**

**Dear Ontario Mayors and Councillors,**

As you are aware, there is growing **non-partisan advocacy** across this province calling for support of Bill 5- The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act - 'The Women of Ontario Say No'. This advocacy was borne out of a situation in Barrie, ON where a councillor was in litigation for sexual harassment while also running for Mayor, and Bill 5 itself is a result of the most appalling behaviour from a sitting councillor in Ottawa where council had no resource but to suspend pay for 90 days, four times.

There is an increasing number of municipalities in support (80 and growing DAILY), recognizing that this gap disproportionately affects women- and affects women in the most unconscionable ways. **Bill 5 was endorsed unanimously by the Ontario Big City Mayors a few weeks ago.** A list of current supporting municipalities can be found at the bottom of our home page [The Women of Ontario Support Bill 5 \(squarespace.com\)](http://The Women of Ontario Support Bill 5 (squarespace.com)).

Workplace safety is the foundation to supporting diversity of voice at the decision-making tables. **A working environment free of harassment for all is not a big 'ask' - it is a right.** You may recall the names of two Ontario women, Lori Dupont and Theresa Vince, detailed in this article [Ont. workplace harassment laws change | CBC News](#) Both were murdered in the workplace by co-workers. As a result, Bill 168 was passed to strengthen Occupational Health and Safety legislation. Bill 5 is a natural progression to ensure health & safety in municipal workplaces for both employees **and** elected officials.

The Canadian Medical Association says this about workplace harassment “Bullying can cause stress, fatigue, presenteeism, anxiety, burnout, depression, substance abuse, broken relationships, early retirement and even suicide. It can affect performance, self-esteem/self-confidence, absenteeism and teamwork.”  
<https://www.cma.ca/bullying-workplace>

Employers have a legal obligation to ensure psychologically safe workplaces. “A perfect legal storm is brewing in the area of mental health protection at work. This storm brings with it a rising tide of liability for employers in connection with failure to provide or maintain a psychologically safe workplace.” Dr. Martin Shain [see PDF attachment Workforce Psychological Safety in the Workplace prepared for the Mental Health Commission of Canada](#).

From an article published in the National Post, Sept 2022 [Workplace bullying should be treated as a public health issue | National Post](#) “Multiple high profile incidents of workplace bullying have been in the media over the past few years, from the alleged toxic workplace culture created by former Governor General Julie Payette and the suicide of a Canadian Armed Forces reservist linked to constant harassment by co-workers...” “Like other health issues, the impact of workplace bullying has measurable diagnostic implications and the clustering of adverse physical and psychological symptoms of bullying victims is definable. Multiple studies have shown that it can negatively impact a person’s mental health and can even lead to long-term psychological trauma..”

Multiple Ontario municipalities have learned the hard way about the lack of tools in the Municipal Act for holding councillors accountable for workplace harassment. Currently the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal councillor is suspension of pay for 90 days. There is no process for removing councillors from office. This advocacy is not about upending our most sacred element of healthy societies- our democracy. **It about protecting the most basic of human rights for women, and all Ontarians. It is understood that that removal would only be pursued in the most egregious of circumstances, and even then, the courts would have to review the evidence and agree before removal would be enforced.** In fact, it is precisely the Bill's due process that has facilitated such rapid support.

There is discourse circulating that this legislation needs other elements. To that end, the legislation is in its infancy. Much of the worthy discussion on this will be captured in Committee and incorporated into regulation, if it passes second reading.

We NEED legislation *now* to address this shortcoming by amending the Municipal Act & City of Toronto Act to ensure (at a minimum): 1) municipally elected officials are accountable to violence and harassment in the

workplace policies 2) there is a process for removal and restriction on re-election in cases where egregious acts of harassment are substantiated.

YOU have been elected to lead in our provincial municipalities and to represent the public's best interest. We are asking you to do just that. Human rights and the fundamental rights of women to work in an environment free of harassment can't wait. We are counting on you.

Sincerely,

Emily McIntosh



Diane Noble



On Behalf of  
The Women of Ontario  
Say No



## CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

### Regular Council Meeting

**Agenda Number:** 9.2.  
**Title:** Support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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**Moved by:** Councillor A. Caputo  
**Seconded by:** Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

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 20 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 Sault Ste. Marie City Council express its support for Bill 5, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*;

Further that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Ross Romano, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and MPP Stephen Blais (Orleans).

Carried

  
Matthew Shoemaker

# #THEWOMENOFONTARIOSAYNO

## An Overview for Bill 5\*: The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

### The Issue at Hand

Municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace. In fact, if a claim of egregious (the most severe) harassment is substantiated; the maximum penalty that can be imposed is three months without pay. But the councillor can retain their position, return to the workplace and seek re-election.

This differs from any other workplace in the province, where not only are workplaces mandated to have violence and harassment in the workplace policies (Bill 168), these policies outline consequences for egregious violation which includes termination.

### Why this Bill is so important

The Bill was introduced as a private members bill, as a response to a sitting councillor in Ottawa who was able to seek re-election, even with outstanding claims of egregious sexual harassment (investigation by the Integrity Commissioner was underway). Other instances of councillors perpetrating harassment include Brampton, Barrie and Mississauga. Since this advocacy effort has started, there are further instances cited in many other municipalities across the province of Ontario.

### What will the Bill do?

The Bill has three primary components:

1. Require councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent.
2. 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.
3. Restrict councillors—whose seat has been vacated—from seeking immediate subsequent re-election.

### The Consequences of Doing Nothing

When councillors are able to perpetrate harassment without being held to account, a toxic message is sent to the community.

It means that as an elected official:

1. You are immune to the communal standards of treatment we have come to expect from the population at large, and;
2. You can abuse your power, unchecked, and continue to have the privilege of serving the population that elected you.

A fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is SAFE. This is currently not the case. As such, despite the most recent municipal elections in October, 2022, councillors currently can perpetrate the most egregious acts of harassment and keep their jobs.

This has an immeasurably negative impact on communities.

1. Community members and/or municipal staff may not feel safe meeting with their local ward councillor.
2. If a person is harassed, they may not see the point of filing a complaint with the Integrity Commissioner—if suitable action cannot be taken.
3. There is no deterrent for councillors when it comes to perpetrating harassment when they know they can still keep their job.
4. It stifles diversity of voice at the local decision making table—when personal safety is at risk, quality people may be deterred from seeking election.
5. When councillors who have perpetrated harassment to staff or fellow councillors can retain their position, no matter how serious, it creates and protects toxic workplaces, which in turn has an adverse effect on mental health in the workplace and throughout the community.

To learn more check out:  
[thewomenofontariosayno.com](https://thewomenofontariosayno.com)



\* In reference to Bill 5, once passed, it will be applicable to ALL municipalities in Ontario at the same time.

6. Lack of accountability supports current systems of privilege and immunity of a certain segment of the population, which is not optimal for healthy communities.
7. It sends the message that if you have power, you are different, and superior to the average citizen.

## History of the Bill

Private Members' Bills do not often get passed. They usually deal with an issue of public interest. In this instance, the Bill has received all party support. It was introduced as Bill 260, then the legislature was prorogued when the Federal Election was called. It was then reintroduced as Bill 10, but died when the provincial election was called. It has since been introduced as Bill 5 and it is slated for its second reading in May, 2023. This Bill needs support from every avenue to become law.

## The Bill will amend:

1. *Municipal Act, 2001*
2. *The City of Toronto Act, 2006*

## How you can help:

1. **Share, Like and Follow** on Social Media: @womenofontariosayno.
2. **Deliver a presentation** to a municipal council in Ontario requesting support (materials provided). This is a unique approach to advocacy, but is appropriate to approach local councils, as it is their workplace.
3. **Provide social media content**- send us a video as to why you or your organization/business supports Bill 5. Better yet-capture the reaction of those who are unaware of this gap in legislation and see if they are comfortable providing their reaction on a video or a quote. It is hard to believe we need to advocate for this.
4. **Showcase your organization or community groups' logo** on our website to add credibility and legitimacy to the advocacy effort.
5. **Meet, write, or call your local MPP** and express that this legislation matters to you, your organization, and their constituents in the community.

6. **Share information** with your networks.
7. **Email the Ontario Human Rights Commission** and request a public inquiry into the issue:

[legal@ohrc.on.ca](mailto:legal@ohrc.on.ca)

8. Make a financial contribution to ensure **this never happens to another person in any community in Ontario ever again**. Check out the gofundme page to help support a full-time advocate to speak with all MPPs in the province.

[www.gofundme.com/f/basic-human-rights-in-ontario](https://www.gofundme.com/f/basic-human-rights-in-ontario)

9. Feel empowered to have the hard conversations. So much of grassroots change occurs at our dinner table, speaking with a neighbour, or your local councillor. Start talking about the issue. Express the change you want to see and never feel ashamed to advocate for basic human rights. We often feel we have to be experts in legislation to advocate for it. We are all experts in how we want to be treated. Let this be your guide.

## Be part of the change

Make sure your municipality is in support! Below is a growing list of municipalities since September 2022 that have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5:

- |                             |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • Town of Collingwood       | • City of Ottawa                    |
| • Town of Adjala-Tosorontio | • Town of Wasaga Beach              |
| • Township of Ramara        | • Township of Tiny                  |
| • Town of Midland           | • Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury |
| • Township of Oro-Medonte   | • Town of Penetanguishene           |
| • City of Woodstock         | • Township of the Archipelago       |
| • Town of New Tecumseth     | • City of Orillia                   |
| • Essa Township             | • Town of Midland                   |
| • Township of Clearview     | • City of London                    |
| • City of Barrie            | • Municipality of Kincardine        |
| • Township of Springwater   | • City of Kenora                    |

To learn more check out:  
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# The Shain Reports on Psychological Safety in the Workplace – A Summary

Prepared for the Mental Health Commission of Canada | April 2010



A rapid and profound legal transition is underway, and it is affecting every Canadian workplace. In a 2009 report, ***Stress at Work, Mental Injury and the Law in Canada***, Dr. Martin Shain illuminates a dramatic evolution of the employee-employer relationship, stressing that employers who fail to understand the shifting legal terrain are at serious risk of liability.

For decades, Canadian employers have been required by law to protect employees' physical safety and health in the workplace. **But for the first time in Canadian history, employers are under pressure of an emerging legal duty to create and maintain not only a physically safe workplace, but also a psychologically safe work environment.** Dr. Shain defines a psychologically safe workplace as "one that does not permit harm to employee mental health in careless, negligent, reckless or intentional ways." Simply, it is "one in which every practical effort is made to avoid reasonably foreseeable injury to the mental health of employees."

In the *Stress at Work* report, prepared for the Mental Health Commission of Canada, Shain explains that a growing number of case law precedents, legislation changes and tribunal deliberations support a trend toward envisioning the duty to provide a psychologically safe workplace as an implicit term of the employment contract. The law is imposing increasingly restrictive limitations on management rights by requiring that the organization and management of work must lead to no lasting harm to employee mental health that impacts their ability to function at work or outside of work. The overall implications are highly similar in unionized and non-unionized contexts.

While Shain's 2009 report highlights this emerging legal duty, only one year later he is able to illuminate considerable further development, highlighting ways in which the duties are coming into focus as legal and tribunal findings continue to accumulate. Shain's April 2010 update report is titled ***Tracking the Perfect Legal Storm:***

***Converging systems create mounting pressure to create the psychologically safe workplace.*** According to Shain:

*A perfect legal storm is brewing in the area of mental health protection at work. This storm brings with it a rising tide of liability for employers in connection with failure to provide or maintain a psychologically safe workplace.*

Remedies available to employees are multiplying and for the first time it appears that real redress for harm to psychological health is within the reach of many, if not most, workers. Shain summarizes the rapid and dramatic nature of the change:

*From a time no more than ten years ago, when only egregious acts of harassment and bullying resulting in catastrophic psychological harm could give rise to legal actions for mental injury, we have arrived at a point where even the negligent and chronic infliction of excessive work demands can be the subject of such claims under certain conditions.*

In a rapidly transforming uncertain legal environment, understanding the trajectory of change will be managers' key to responding effectively. This document outlines the most critical aspects of Shain's two reports, explains why managers must pay attention, and illustrates how they can begin to make changes that will not only protect their employees, but also enhance the competitiveness of their entire organization.

As a professor at the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health in the Faculty of Medicine, Shain is positioned well to understand the dramatic implications of mental injury at work. Employees (and their families), employers and society at large all face the consequences.



At the individual level, personal suffering can be severe, and there can be no doubt that mental health concerns are widespread. Seven million Canadians – approximately one in five – will experience a mental health problem this year, and many of these problems will relate in some way to the workplace. If addictions are included, the total is about one in three, and adding stress and burnout raises the figure considerably higher again.

Businesses face problems with loyalty and retention and rising costs from higher turnover, lower productivity and increased disability leave. In a recent major Canadian study, 82% of responding organizations ranked mental health conditions in their top three causes of short-term disability (72% for long-term). In fact, the average responding organization reported spending more than \$10.5 million annually on absence claims. **Overall, it is estimated that between \$2.97 billion and \$11 billion could be saved every year in Canada if mental injuries to employees attributable in whole or in part to negligent, reckless and intentional acts and omissions of employers, their agents and fellow employees were to be prevented.**

Employers are at the front line of the endeavour to protect mental health at work, but this should not be seen as a burden. In fact, a psychologically safe workplace provides a serious boost to competitiveness. Paying attention to psychological safety at work is simply good business. Employers who set a strategic direction of improving mental health are rewarded with dramatic cost and effectiveness benefits, enjoying significant and sustainable enhancements in:

1. **productivity** – happy and psychologically healthy employees work harder and more efficiently
2. **recruitment and retention** – today's top-quality employees expect a workplace that supports their personal and professional growth
3. **costs due to disability and absenteeism** – there is a strong link between mental health, physical well-being and injury prevention
4. **conflict reduction** – better mental health among employees means fewer grievances and complaints and a stronger corporate reputation

5. **operational success** – mentally healthy workplaces are characterized by higher levels of employee motivation, commitment, innovation and creativity, as well as fewer errors, better decision making and improved planning.

A focus on psychological safety is a critical part of an overall corporate social responsibility and risk management strategy. And from a less formal perspective, employers simply cannot ignore the benefits of having mentally healthy and loyal employees who want to come to work each day, and the satisfaction of being able to play a role in maximizing their potential.

The challenge for employers is developing long- and short-term strategies for making workplace mental health a priority. The following section further explores the ongoing transformation outlined in Shain's reports, highlighting specific areas of legal risk that managers must understand when shaping their strategies. This is followed by a list of steps employers can take now to begin making changes that will protect workers *and* enhance the financial bottom line.

In *Tracking the Perfect Legal Storm*, Shain elaborates upon the increasing momentum toward a broadening duty of workplace psychological safety. He says, "there is a trend in the law to condemn more and more mentally injurious conduct as unacceptable and to define it as having the potential to give rise to legal action." Remedies by the courts include financial awards and/or remedial orders against employers, requiring them to alter conditions of work that contribute to mental injury or harm. Overall, financial rewards for damages have increased in size over the past five years by as much as 700%.

The duty to provide and maintain a psychologically safe workplace is developing in different ways across Canadian jurisdictions and within various legislative and regulatory bodies, but a common thread is the increasing insistence of judges, arbitrators and commissioners upon more civil and respectful behaviour in the workplace and avoidance of conduct that a reasonable person should foresee as leading to mental injury. In addition to restricting management rights, adjudicators are also becoming more proactive in detailing how organizations must operate in order to meet this goal. Shain explains that "the failure to provide or maintain a psychologically safe workplace is already the



object of legal actions from at least seven sources that together may be characterized as a perfect legal storm.” An examination of the seven institutional/jurisdictional components of the “perfect storm” illuminates a momentum of profound change to the employment relationship, and highlights areas of risk.<sup>1</sup>

## 1 Human Rights Tribunals and Commissions

A provincial human rights tribunal found that employers who discover that an employee is suffering from clinical depression have a duty to accommodate that employee to a reasonable degree, *even in the absence of medical evidence*. Employers must pay particular attention to signs of mental disorder that would trigger concern in a reasonable person. Failure to do so may be characterized as discriminatory and an assault upon personal dignity. Damages may be awarded. A provincial appeal court held that the general duty to accommodate applies even when the complainant does not declare his or her existing mental disability before being hired.

## 2 Workers Compensation Law

The traditional refusal to accept claims for compensation of mental injury resulting in whole or in part from “gradual onset stress” (chronic stress) appears to be changing. A provincial court of appeal found that allowing compensation for mental injury *only if it was an acute reaction related to sudden traumatic workplace events* treats those suffering from mental disability differently from those suffering from physical disability. The standard of proof to meet the threshold of compensability for *physical* accidents is simply that they arose out of and in the course of employment, while in the case of *mental* injury there was an added criterion that limits compensation to those who have suffered from an acute reaction to a sudden and unexpected traumatic event. This higher standard of proof in legislative provisions has been characterized as discrimination based on mental disability, and has been the target of a successful *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* challenge. A provincial court of appeal also recently held that the mental injury resulting from chronic stress can be compensable if caused by events or situations that are unusual and excessive according to the norms of the industry or occupation in question. Mental injury as a result of both acute and chronic

stress is also being compensated through awards made to victims of heart attacks and their families when fatal or debilitating heart attacks are precipitated by abusive and mentally injurious acts or omissions.

## 3 The Law of Torts (Common Law)

The tort law governing non-union environments is framing more stringent requirements for how work should be organized and managed to avoid reasonably foreseeable harm to employee mental health. Courts are on the brink of extending the reach of the torts of negligent and intentional suffering to govern the employment relationship as a whole, not just at the point where it is being dissolved, making the quality of the employment relationship *in its entire course* a target for legal intervention.

## 4 Employment Contract

Employment contracts are no longer envisioned as strictly commercial agreements for the exchange of labour and wages. The employment contract is evolving as judges allow that it contains an implied duty to protect employee mental health, deemed to be included in the requirement that employers act in good faith *at all stages of the employment relationship*. This has been interpreted as meaning that harassment resulting in injury to an employee’s mental health was a breach of the employment contract itself. Additionally, the emergence of class action suits in employment law appears to represent genuine potential to attach claims for mental injury to suits for unpaid overtime. Many employers will be interested to learn that a judge has found that certain overtime policies create *systemic* problems that contribute to a *culture of overwork* that affects every employee. Creating *by policy* a work environment in which overwork is encouraged represents a breach of the duty of good faith.

## 5 Labour Law

Arbitrators now routinely import implied terms for the protection of mental health into collective agreements. This labour law shield offers an impressive array of remedies to employees with claims of harassment and other forms of abuse. Labour law is also evolving as it struggles with balancing the rights of employees with mental disorders and the needs of employers to manage and direct work. Such cases raise the question of the extent to which an employee

<sup>1</sup> Case details appear in the full reports.



living with a mental illness retains sufficient capacity to appreciate the impact he or she is having on coworkers. To what degree do such employees bear some responsibility for actively participating in the creation and maintenance of an equitable and psychologically safe work environment? “Hybrid” solutions giving direction to both the employee and employer are one method used to address these complex situations.

In a further development, an arbitrator has held that the same precautionary principles apply to the protection of both mental and physical health. If a threat to physical safety is identified, workers are not only allowed but required to remove themselves or be removed from the location of the danger. Similarly with psychosocial risks, any perceived hazard must be investigated, during which the worker must be removed from the source of threat.

## **6 Occupational Health and Safety Law**

Occupational health and safety law across the country is becoming more consistent in its application to psychological safety through various amendments to governing legislation. In Ontario, harassment and violence have been added to the legislation as areas to which the general duty of due diligence applies. Every reasonable effort must be made to prevent harm to the mental health of employees.

## **7 Employment Standards**

Quebec has led the country in placing protection from harassment at work and regulation of harm to mental health in general in the context of employment standards. Quebec case law also leads in detailing the boundary between frivolous and serious claims of mental injury.

A relatively recent development in the realm of employment standards is legislation dealing with accessibility and treatment of those with mental disorders. The intent of the legislators is to apply the same principles of respect for dignity, autonomy and integration to the employment relationship as apply to customer and client relations.

### **Beginning the Change to a More Psychologically Healthy Workplace**

Large and small organizations can take readily achievable steps immediately to begin protecting workplace mental health. A good overall strategy includes:

1. designating an individual or group to lead the process of change and ensure accountability
2. a focus on prevention and early intervention to stop problems before they become more serious
3. assessing psychosocial risk within the organization
4. communicating a strategic vision throughout the organization, especially to managers/supervisors, human resources, union representatives and health and wellness teams
5. developing and implementing appropriate policies and programs for workplace psychological health
6. assessing the results of policies and programs and adjusting accordingly
7. focusing the recruitment, selection, training and promotion processes to a greater degree on individuals’ abilities to relate to others in psychologically healthy ways.

There is also a wealth of things managers, supervisors and others can do tomorrow to begin making positive change. *Stress at Work* makes it clear that common workplace mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety and burnout (the focus of much of the legal attention) can be precipitated or aggravated by management actions such as the chronic and consistent:

- Imposition of unreasonable demands
- Withholding of adequate levels of important information by choice or neglect
- Refusal to allow the exercise of reasonable discretion over the day-to-day means, manner and methods of work
- Failure to acknowledge or credit contributions and achievements
- Failure to recognize and acknowledge the legitimate claims, interests, and rights of others

Easily achievable workplace modifications to reverse sources of stress like those above can have powerful effects. A list of organizations providing helpful tools



appears below. Managers may want to consider starting with the innovative tool *Guarding Minds at Work* (GM@W), Canada's first formal framework for helping employers address risks to mental health embedded in the ways in which work is organized and managed. Funded by Great-West Life's Centre for Mental Health in the Workplace and originally inspired by Shain, GM@W is a free, web-based risk assessment and strategy implementation process developed by a team of researchers at Simon Fraser University led by psychologist Dr. Joti Samra. Implementing the GM@W process is a powerful step toward meeting the legal requirements to create and maintain a psychologically safe workplace.

### Conclusion – A Precautionary Tale

Managers must create a strategic vision in support of psychological safety and communicate this vision explicitly through policy and operation and implicitly by example. The employment relationship should be conducted according to the precepts of psychological safety if the stress, disruption, costs and inefficiencies of employee claims of mental injury are to be avoided. This means taking every reasonable precaution to avoid foreseeable harm to employee mental health. The legal evolution outlined by Dr. Shain has been rapid, and employers cannot risk becoming a test case for a new legal concept. Every indication points to an intensification of the “perfect storm,” making it more important than ever for employers to take proactive measures to avoid future problems as the law reaches more deeply into the activities of private and public organizations.

#### Find the Shain Reports Online at the Mental Health Commission of Canada Website

The Shain reports are available at:  
[www.mentalhealthcommission.ca](http://www.mentalhealthcommission.ca)

Stress, Mental Injury and the Law in Canada: A discussion paper for the Mental Health Commission of Canada (2009) [“The Shain Report”]

Tracking the Perfect Legal Storm: Converging systems create mounting pressure to create the psychologically safe workplace (2010)

### Resources for Mental Health in the Workplace

#### A Leadership Framework for Advancing Workplace Mental Health [www.mhccleadership.ca](http://www.mhccleadership.ca)

Tools for senior leaders. Includes videos of corporate, small business, government and union leaders talking about workplace mental health. The framework touches on business benefits, corporate social responsibility, risk management, recruitment and retention.

#### Guarding Minds at Work [www.guardingmindsatwork.ca](http://www.guardingmindsatwork.ca)

*Guarding Minds at Work* is Canada's first formal framework for helping employers assess and address risks to mental health that are embedded in the ways in which work is organized and managed. It provides a no-cost comprehensive set of tools for assessing and addressing psychosocial risk in the workplace. The online resources include surveys, automated scorecards, audit forms, evidence-based recommendations and evaluation methods.

#### Great-West Life Centre for Mental Health in the Workplace [www.gwlcentreformentalhealth.com](http://www.gwlcentreformentalhealth.com)

A public resource that includes a diversity of ideas and strategies from a variety of sources including top researchers as well as from promising practices from the business community. Includes videos, action plans, worksheets, forms, publications and strategies.

#### Working Through It [www.gwlcentreformentalhealth.com/wti](http://www.gwlcentreformentalhealth.com/wti)

A collection of videos and supporting handouts by and for individuals who struggle with mental health concerns in the workplace.

#### The Health Communication Unit - Workplace Health Promotion [www.thcu.ca/Workplace/Workplace.html](http://www.thcu.ca/Workplace/Workplace.html)

A health promotion site focused on the workplace. Includes a planning framework, policy development guidelines and slide decks.

#### Workplace Mental Health Promotion [www.wmhp.cmhaontario.ca](http://www.wmhp.cmhaontario.ca)

A resource of the Canadian Mental Health Association -- Ontario. A research-based website with practical tools to improve the health of individuals and organizations. Focus is on creating mentally healthy workplaces that promote positive mental health and mental well-being for employees.

#### Mental Health Works [www.mentalhealthworks.ca](http://www.mentalhealthworks.ca)

A resource of the Canadian Mental Health Association's initiative on workplace mental health. Information and statistics for both employers and employees. Includes information on free workshops and webinars.

#### Health Canada [www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/occup-travail/work-travail/index-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/occup-travail/work-travail/index-eng.php)

Strategies and resources related to best practices and statistics about workplace health. Includes worksheets, calculators and publications.

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Corporate Services Department  
Legislative Services Division

VIA E-MAIL

May 5, 2023

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7 A 1 A4

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras**

At the Regular Meeting of County Council held on April 20, 2023, Council passed the following resolution as noted in their motion:

**THAT Council endorse the letter from the Municipality of South Huron; and  
THAT Council support the Municipality of North Perth call on the Province to support the  
implementation of Administrative Monetary Penalties.**

Originating correspondence is attached for reference.

Your attention on this matter is appreciated and we look forward to the Province's support.

Sincerely,

Tyler Sager  
Manager of Legislative Service/County Clerk

Cc'd:  
Attorney General Doug Downey  
MPP Matthew Rae MPP  
Minister of Education Stephen Lece  
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April 12, 2023

Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A4

**Re: Support for the School Bus Stop Arm Cameras**

South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their March 20, 2023  
Regular Council Meeting:

**That South Huron Council support the resolution of the Council of the  
Municipality of North Perth to urge 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**

**That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General  
Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition  
parties, Mathew Rae and Lisa Thompson MPPs, AMO and all municipalities  
in Ontario.**

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Alex Wolfe, Deputy Clerk  
Municipality of South Huron  
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Encl.

cc: Attorney General Doug Downey  
Minister of Education Stephen Lece  
Provincial opposition parties  
Mathew Rae MPP  
Lisa Thompson MPP  
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May 8, 2023

Dear Premier Ford:

The Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 12, 2023, discussed the Municipality of North Perth's Council resolution regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras.

The Township of Puslinch Council shares the concerns raised in the Municipality of North Perth's Council resolution and respectfully requests that the following actions be taken by the Provincial Government:

- 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.

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. 2023-112:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That Council receive the consent item 6.13 listed on the April 12, 2023 agenda regarding the request for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras; and**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council shares similar concerns as outlined in the Council Resolution prepared by the Municipality of North Perth;**



**Be it resolved that Council of the Township of Puslinch endorse the resolution received from the Municipality of North Perth and direct the Clerk to draft an endorsement letter to be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties and all municipalities of Ontario; and**

**That Council direct staff to forward the consent item to the OPP for comment and report back to Council for consideration.**

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,  
Courtenay Hoytfox  
Municipal Clerk



May 8, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier:

**RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras**

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-04-30**

**"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 of Ontario (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 Corporation of Tay Valley Township 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 FURHTER THAT**, this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, John Jordan MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario."

**ADOPTED**

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 123 or [cao@tayvalleytwop.ca](mailto:cao@tayvalleytwop.ca).

Sincerely,



Amanda Mabo, CAO/Clerk

cc: Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General  
Honourable Steven Lecce, Minister of Education  
Provincial Opposition Parties  
John Jordan, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston  
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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](mailto: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);

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**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](mailto: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  
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May 15, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

SENT BY EMAIL TO: Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Sylvia Jones MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

**Re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras**

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 3, 2023, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

**Resolution #: 3**

**Moved by:** A. Stirk

**Seconded by:** B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Council of the Township of Amaranth 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 on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

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

**CARRIED**

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

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk



**Corporation of the  
Municipality of West Grey**

402813 Grey Road 4, RR 2 Durham, ON N0G 1R0  
519 369 2200

May 8, 2023

**RE: Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales**

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that at its meeting held on May 2, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230502-011 as follows:

**"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of Shuniah respecting support of resolution respecting municipalities retaining surplus records from tax sales, council supports the resolution and directs staff to send a letter of support to the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Rick Byers, MPP; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities."**

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

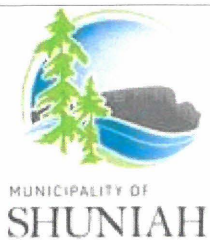
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jamie Eckenswiller".

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: Municipality of Shuniah – Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds Tax Sales Resolution

Cc. Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Rick Byers, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ontario municipalities



## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 138-23

Date: 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



May 8, 2023

The Honourable Steve Clark,  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3  
Sent via email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

Dear Hon. Steve Clark:

**RE: Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales**

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-04-32**

**"WHEREAS**, prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, a letter be sent to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Finance, John Jordan, MPP, the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction."

**ADOPTED**

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 123 or [cao@tayvalleytwop.ca](mailto:cao@tayvalleytwop.ca).

Sincerely,



Amanda Mabo, CAO/Clerk

cc: Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
John Jordan, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Municipalities in Ontario



May 2023

Your Worship,

Whether you live in a large, cosmopolitan city or a small hamlet, you have been faced with the opioid crisis facing Canadians.

The National Chronic Pain Society is asking for your assistance to help patients suffering from chronic pain from becoming addicted to opioids.

Recently, the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons has made a decision that will lead more people who suffer from chronic pain to turn to opioids to alleviate their pain. The College is targeting community pain clinics by requiring the use of ultrasound technology in the administration of nerve block injections by licensed physicians. They are not mandating this requirement for physicians in any other capacity, such as epidurals in hospitals. This requirement will increase the time it takes to administer the nerve block and, therefore, reduce the number of patients a physician can see in a day.

Also, the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is proposing to reduce coverage for several vital healthcare services, including a drastic reduction in the number and frequency of nerve block injections a patient can receive. These changes have been proposed without any consultation with pain management medical professionals or with their patients. This cut will force chronic pain clinics to shut down, putting a greater strain on family physicians and emergency rooms.

With the reduction in the number of nerve blocks being administered, many patients, looking for pain relief, will turn to overcrowded emergency rooms, opioid prescriptions from doctors or opioid street drugs.

We are asking that your Council pass a motion requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario.

Further if you can please communicate that motion to the Premier, Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and your local MPP(s),

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-252-1837, or by email at [info@nationalchronicpainsociety.org](mailto:info@nationalchronicpainsociety.org). You may also contact me through Elias Diamantopoulos of GTA Strategies at (416) 499-4588 ext. 6, or at [elias@gtastrategies.com](mailto:elias@gtastrategies.com).

Sincerely,

Leeann Corbeil, Executive Director  
National Chronic Pain Society

**From:** Lizet Scott <LScott@perthsouth.ca>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 3:56 PM

**To:** ltcminister@ontario.ca; premier@ontario.ca; 'amo@amo.on.ca' <amo@amo.on.ca>

**Cc:** CityAdminEmailUsers <CityAdminEmailUsers@owensound.ca>;

**Subject:** RE: Resolution - Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services

Dear Minister Calandra,

The Township of Perth South passed the following motion at their regular meeting on May 2, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Jaime Martin

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bell

That Perth South Council supports correspondence from the City of Stratford regarding the use of long-term care funding to support community care services. Carried

I have attached the correspondence from the City of Stratford for your information.

Regards,

**Lizet Scott**

Clerk

Township of Perth South

519-271-0619 x224



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Website: [www.stratford.ca](http://www.stratford.ca)

April 17, 2023

Via email: [ltcminister@ontario.ca](mailto:ltcminister@ontario.ca)

Ministry of Long-Term Care  
6<sup>th</sup> 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**

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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

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge**  
**Corporate Services Department**  
**Clerk's Division**  
**The City of Cambridge**  
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[\*\*mantond@cambridge.ca\*\*](mailto:mantond@cambridge.ca)

May 10, 2023

**Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments**

Dear Ms. Mulroney,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

**AND WHEREAS** speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

**AND WHEREAS** barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

**AND WHEREAS** our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

**AND WHEREAS** our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

**AND WHEREAS** s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton  
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)  
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Local Area MPPs  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



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May 10, 2023

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

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

**RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Municipal Heritage Register**

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on May 8, 2023, passed the following motion:

Resolution Number: RC-2023-58

Moved by: Councillor Lynn Timmers; Seconded by Councillor JD Pachereva

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Heritage Register is an important tool for the recognition, preservation and protection of cultural heritage properties within the Town of Lincoln and throughout the Province of Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Heritage Register allows municipalities to regulate demolition on properties protected under section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act, to allow for evaluation of potential heritage value or significance, thereby ensuring that their potential cultural heritage value is preserved for future generations;

**AND WHEREAS** listing a property on the Municipal Heritage Register recognizes a property's potential cultural heritage value, and is generally less complex, time-consuming, and economically burdensome to local municipalities than pursuing the designation of a property as outlined within the existing process, which requires extensive research and documentation;

**AND WHEREAS** the new legislative requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act associated with Bill 23 mandate assessment of all properties on the

Municipal Heritage Register within two years, resulting in need for an unreasonable amount of resources and major budget implications for a local municipality within the short 2-year timeline;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln has 247 listed properties on the Municipal Heritage Register; and

**AND WHEREAS** the new requirement to remove the listed property after 2 years leaves resources exposed, and unprotected for up to 5 years;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Town of Lincoln addresses this resolution to the government of the Province of Ontario, affirming the importance of the Municipal Heritage Register and its role in preserving the cultural heritage of municipalities throughout the Province;

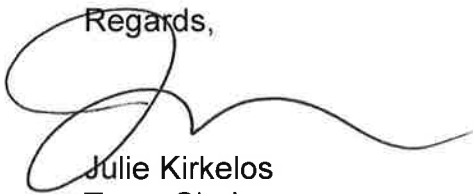
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council of the Town of Lincoln encourages the government of the Province of Ontario to maintain the previous provisions of Section 27 of Ontario Heritage Act which promote the retention and expansion of the Municipal Heritage Register, keeping listed properties on the registry indefinitely, rather than for a maximum of 2 years in order to provide adequate time for the municipality to consider the heritage value of properties and, if necessary, initiate the designation process, before they may be demolished, and allowing properties to be re-listed within an unlimited timeframe; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council of the Town of Lincoln circulate this resolution to the municipalities of Ontario for endorsement and circulation to the Province.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos  
Town Clerk  
[jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

JK/dp

c.c. All Municipalities of Ontario

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



Resolution No.

328.

Title:

Proposed Resolution Re: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure

Date:

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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Moved by

J. Palmateer

Seconded by

J. DeMarsh

WHEREAS poles are essential for deployment of telecommunication and hydro networks across the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the coordination of pole infrastructure between stakeholders is necessary to limit duplication of servicing infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission recently set expedited timelines for large telephone companies to provide competitors with access to poles to roll out networks more efficiently leading to more competition across Canada;

AND WHEREAS provincial and territorial government are being encouraged to coordinate with service providers and other stakeholders to facilitate sound network deployment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Tweed calls on the Province of Ontario to facilitate, coordinate, and regulate pole deployment measures across the Province of Ontario to prevent unnecessary duplication of pole infrastructure;

AND FURTHER, that the Province of Ontario encourage Bell Canada and Hydro One to work together to provide access for poles to better service the infrastructure needs of Ontarians;

AND FURTHER, that this motion be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Ric Bresee, all Ontario Municipalities for support, Bell Canada, Hydro One.

Carried



From the Office of the Clerk  
The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward  
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May 10, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-293**

**DATE: May 9, 2023**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Hirsch**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor MacNaughton**

**WHEREAS** the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed;

**WHEREAS** the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs;

**WHEREAS** the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands;

**WHEREAS** the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

**WHEREAS** the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)

- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters;

**THAT** our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO



**From:** IESO Community Engagement <[communityengagement@ieso.ca](mailto:communityengagement@ieso.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:11:09 AM  
**To:** Ian C Boddy <[iboddy@owensound.ca](mailto:iboddy@owensound.ca)>  
**Subject:** Ongoing municipal involvement in procuring new electricity supply facilities

**Sent on behalf of Carla Y. Nell, Vice-President, Corporate Relations, Stakeholder Engagement and Innovation, IESO**

Dear Mayor Boddy,

Over the last several months I have had the opportunity to connect with mayors and members of Council, municipal staff, and community representatives across the province to discuss Ontario's rapidly shifting electricity landscape. Strong economic development, decarbonization initiatives, our changing supply mix and evolving consumer preferences are driving Ontario's energy transition, and communities have an integral role to play during this pivotal time.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) remains committed to working closely with its municipal partners, ensuring information and support is provided to help inform important decisions. This email provides an update on some of the significant efforts that are underway and we invite you to join important upcoming discussions.

As the provincial agency responsible for meeting Ontario's electricity needs reliably and cost-effectively today and in the future, the IESO has been conducting competitive procurements and other resource acquisition initiatives to secure new electricity supply. Important progress has been made due in large part to the tremendous efforts of municipalities engaging with the IESO, project proponents and local constituents, as well as driving complex and challenging discussions at Council. As part of the May 2023 [IESO Resource Adequacy Update](#), the IESO shared that these combined efforts is securing 1,325 megawatts (MW) of needed capacity to support jobs and economic growth in communities across Ontario.

In the coming weeks, the IESO will be continuing the dialogue with municipalities, Indigenous communities and its sector partners to inform further competitive procurements that will be launched to acquire additional supply and prepare the system for enduring economic growth and decarbonization.

The IESO will be launching another procurement, the first Long-Term RFP (LT1 RFP) that will be filling the remaining capacity needs to bring a total of 2,500 MW of storage and 1,500 MW of non-storage projects onto the system. The engagement on this procurement has commenced and the formal documents will be issued this fall. An invitation will be sent to you and other municipal staff to join us (virtually) on June 8 to recap activities to date, outcomes and next steps for the LT1 RFP, with a focus on the important role of municipalities in this process. In my discussions with community representatives, I have heard the appreciation for and importance of early and sustained engagement with municipalities in this work. We encourage you to join us for this conversation.

You can also stay involved and up to date on these important topics by accessing our [community engagement webpage](#).

We look forward to our continued work with municipalities across Ontario as we plan for the future. If you would like to discuss any of these priorities, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carla Y. Nell

Vice-President, Corporate Relations, Stakeholder Engagement and Innovation, IESO



*United Counties of*  
**Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry**

**RESOLUTION**

**MOVED BY Councillor Williams**

**RESOLUTION NO 2023- 98**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Lang**

**DATE May 15, 2023**

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)
- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters

AND THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs

and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry MPP Nolan Quinn, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MPP Stéphane Sarrazin , the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

☒ CARRIED

☐ DEFEATED

☐ DEFERRED



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WARDEN



La Corporation du canton de Moonbeam  
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## LA CORPORATION DU CANTON DE MOONBEAM RÉSOLUTION

**NUMÉRO:** 075-2023  
**DATE:** Le 11 mai 2023  
**PROPOSÉE PAR:** Nadine Morin  
**APPUYÉE PAR:** Jacques Della-Pieta

**Que** le Conseil du Canton de Moonbeam reçoive la correspondance de la municipalité d'Howick, concernant les élections des commissions scolaires; et

**Que** le conseil appuie la résolution adoptée par le conseil du canton de Petrolia pour demander que les conseils scolaires deviennent responsables de la conduite de leurs propres élections d'administrateurs ou, au minimum, que les municipalités soient rémunérées par les conseils scolaires pour superviser ces élections d'administrateurs ; et

**Que** le personnel transmette cette résolution à l'honorable Stephen Lecce, ministre de l'Éducation, et à tous les conseils municipaux de l'Ontario.

/ **That** the Council of the Township of Moonbeam receives the correspondence from the Town of Howick, regarding School Board Elections; 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.

Adoptée ☒ Rejetée ☐ Différéé ☐

Éric Côté

**Président**

### Vote enregistré demandé par:

| Nom                    | Oui | Non |
|------------------------|-----|-----|
| Côté, Éric             |     |     |
| Della-Pieta, Jacques   |     |     |
| Gibson Demers, Jessica |     |     |
| Le Saux Néron, Hélène  |     |     |
| Morin, Nadine          |     |     |

Certifiée par:

  
 Greffière