



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

June 12, 2023

- 1) Correspondence from the Clerk, City of Pickering re: Use of long-term care funding to support community care services.
- 2) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Bill 5 - *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022*.
 - a) Johnson Township
 - b) Township of Eanturel
 - c) County of Lennox
 - d) Municipality of Wawa
 - e) Township of Puslinch
- 3) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: School bus stop arm cameras.
 - a) Municipality of West Grey
 - b) Township of Eanturel
 - c) Municipality of Wawa
 - d) Township of Clearview
- 4) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Municipal insurance costs.
 - a) Township of Armstrong
 - b) County of Lambton
 - c) Township of Limerick
- 5) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Protecting the privacy of municipal election candidates and donors.
 - a) Municipality of Wawa
 - b) Town of Fort Erie
- 6) Correspondence from the Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Streamlining of approvals under the *Aggregate Resources Act* and supporting policy.
- 7) Correspondence from the Director, Client Services and Permissions Branch, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division re: Reducing burden for small-scale breweries through self-registration and exemptions.
- 8) Correspondence from the Clerk, County of Lanark re: Paramedic safety.

- 9) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Proposed new provincial planning statement (PPS).
 - a) Town of Fort Erie
 - b) Township of Limerick
- 10) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: *Highway Traffic Act* amendments.
 - a) Town of Fort Erie
 - b) Township of Puslinch
- 11) Correspondence from the Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Township of Clearview re: Declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic.
- 12) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Tax sale surplus proceeds
 - a) Township of Limerick
 - b) Township of Puslinch
- 13) Correspondence from the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce re: Annual report 2021-2022.
- 14) Correspondence from the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility re: Seniors active living centres program expansion for 2023-2024.

Sent by Email

May 29, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
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Subject: Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services
Corr. 24-23
File: A-1400

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on May 23, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 24-23 from Chris Bantock, Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford, dated April 17, 2023, regarding Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care, Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth-Wellington, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care
 The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-
 Uxbridge
 Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth-Wellington
 Chris Bantock, Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford
 The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 All Ontario Municipalities
 Chief Administrative Officer



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April 17, 2023

Via email: ltcminister@ontario.ca

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

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

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

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

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

We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Chris Bantock

Chris Bantock
Deputy Clerk

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

From: Janet Maguire <jmaguire@johnsontownship.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2023 3:54 PM
To: CityAdminEmailUsers <CityAdminEmailUsers@owensound.ca >
Subject: Bill 5

Hi

This is to inform you that on May 24, 2023 The Corporation of The Township of Johnson passed Res: 87-2023 moved by Councillor J. Kern and second by Councillor E. Aelick-Junor that they support Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, and encourages other Municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting all and promoting gender equality and women in all areas of society.

Thank you
Janet



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Emailed: premier@ontario.ca

May 25, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
111 Wellesley St. W
Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Dear Premier Ford,

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

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel, at the regular council meeting of May 24, 2023, resolved to express its support for Bill 5 – *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*.

Find enclosed a true copy of Township of Evanturel Resolution No. 7 passed in open council May 24, 2023, authorizing this support.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virginia Montminy".

Virginia Montminy
Clerk
THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF EVANTUREL

Encl:

c.c. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – *emailed*
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – *emailed*
John Vanthof – MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane – *emailed*
Ontario Municipalities – *emailed*

Resolution of Council

Moved by: Councillor Beachey

Date: May 24, 2023

Seconded by: Councillor Belanger

Resolution No: 7

WHEREAS elected leaders of municipalities 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 – *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies (the 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 Policies, and as well restrict officials whose seat have been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election;

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

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel hereby resolves to express its support for Bill 5 – *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be directed to the Premier of Ontario, and sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); John Vanthof – MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried 

Derek Mundle - Reeve

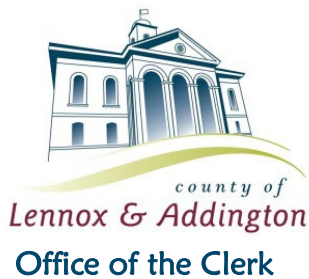
DIVISION VOTE

YEAS	NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL	NAYS
	BARBARA BEACHEY, COUNCILLOR	
	GISELE BELANGER, COUNCILLOR	
	ROB MACPHERSON, COUNCILLOR	
	JOHN SIMMENS, COUNCILLOR	
	DEREK MUNDLE, REEVE	
	TOTALS	

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – Report to Council TWP2019-05 – Form A – Reeve Mundle ____; Councillor

Certified to be a true copy of Resolution No. 7 of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel
passed in open Council on the 24th day of May, 2023.


Virginia Montminy – Clerk
Township of Evanturel



May 26, 2023

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

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Lennox and Addington passed the attached resolution regarding Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 at its Regular Meeting held May 24, 2023:

Your consideration on this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tracey McKenzie
County Clerk/Communications Manager

cc: The Honorable Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP, Hastings, Lennox and Addington
Ric Bresee, MPP, Hastings, Lennox and Addington
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF LENNOX AND ADDINGTON

Meeting held – May 24, 2023

Bill 5 Advocacy

CC-23-148

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 County of Lennox and Addington 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 Lennox and Addington 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 Lennox and Addington expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.

Warden Henry Hogg





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Resolution # RC23133	Meeting Order: 4
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

RESOLVED THAT the City of Oxford County and the Township of Montague Council expressed 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;

THEREFORE RESOLVE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa support the City of Oxford County and the Township of Montague Council for Bill 5 and;

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be circulated to the municipalities represented by the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus and;

FURTHERMORE, 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.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opat		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
	



The Honourable Doug Ford
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June 1, 2023

Dear Premier Ford, Hon. Ted Arnott and Hon. Matthew Rae,

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 24, 2023 considered consent agenda item 6.8 The Women of Ontario Say No - Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-164:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.8 regarding The Women of Ontario Say No - Bill 5 The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act be received; and

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch Council supports Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act; and

That this resolution be sent to Premier Ford, Speaker Arnold, MPP Rae the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED



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

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox
Municipal Clerk

CC:

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) amo@amo.on.ca

All Ontario Municipalities

From: diane noble [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 2:58 PM
To: [REDACTED] Courtenay Hoytfox <choytfox@puslinch.ca>;
[REDACTED]
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 \(squarespace.com\)](https://www.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

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



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

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

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.¹

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

¹ 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#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



* 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

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

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:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • 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 |

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**Corporation of the
Municipality of West Grey**

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

May 23, 2023

RE: Support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on May 16, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230516-010 as follows:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of North Perth respecting school bus stop arm cameras, council supports the resolution and directs staff to send a letter of support to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, provincial opposition party leaders, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Rick Byers, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, 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 Eckenswiler".

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

Attachment: Municipality of North Perth – School Bus Stop Arm Cameras Resolution

Cc. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition Party Leaders
Rick Byers, MPP Grey-Bruce -Owen Sound
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March 14, 2023

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

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

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

Moved by Councillor Rothwell Seconded by Councillor Blazek

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcine@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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Emailed: premier@ontario.ca

May 23, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Assembly of Ontario
 111 Wellesley St. W
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras – Support – North Perth

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel, at the regular council meeting of May 10, 2023, resolved to support the Municipality of North Perth with its resolution regarding the installation of School Bus Stop Arm Cameras on all school buses for the start of the 2023-24 school year.

Safety for all who travel on school buses, every day, throughout the Province of Ontario is of the utmost importance; and anything that can be implemented to ensure their safety should be a top priority. The request to install these cameras has been echoed by many municipalities in the Province of Ontario; and the Council of the Township of Evanturel urges the Government of the Province of Ontario to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province of Ontario for the start of the 2023-24 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities.

Find enclosed a copy of the resolution from the Municipality of North Perth directed to your office.

Also, find enclosed a true copy of Township of Evanturel Resolution No. 5, passed in open council May 10, 2023, authorizing this support.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virginia", is written over a faint, larger blue ink signature that is partially visible underneath.

Virginia Montminy
 Clerk
 THE CORPORATION OF THE
 TOWNSHIP OF EVANTUREL
 Encl:

- c.c. Honourable Doug Downey – Attorney General – *emailed*
 Honourable Stephen Lecce – Minister of Education – *emailed*
 Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – *emailed*
 John Vanthof – MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane – *emailed*
 Municipalities – Ontario – *emailed*



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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,



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

cc.

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

Resolution of Council

Moved by: Councillor MacPherson

Date: May 10, 2023

Seconded by: Councillor Bentley

Resolution No: 5

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel hereby resolves to support the Municipality of North Perth with its resolution to Premier Doug Ford regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras, dated March 14, 2023;

AND FURTHER that Council urges the Government of the Province of Ontario to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province of Ontario for the start of the 2023-24 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be addressed to Premier Doug Ford and forwarded to Attorney General Doug Downey; Minister of Education Stephen Lecce; John Vanthof – MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried 

Derek Mundle - Reeve

DIVISION VOTE		
YEAS	NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL	NAYS
	BARBARA BEACHEY, COUNCILLOR	
	GISELE BELANGER, COUNCILLOR	
	ROB MACPHERSON, COUNCILLOR	
	JOHN SIMMENS, COUNCILLOR	
	DEREK MUNDLE, REEVE	
	TOTALS	

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – Report to Council TWP2019-05 – Form A – Reeve Mundle ____; Councillor

Certified to be a true copy of Resolution No. 5 of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel
passed in open Council on the 10th day of May, 2023.

Virginia Montminy – Clerk
Township of Evanturel

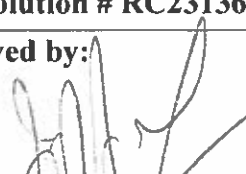



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Resolution # RC23136	Meeting Order: 7
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

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

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

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

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

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

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence. Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL



May 31, 2023

C00.2023

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4

Re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on May 29, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from Tay Valley regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, 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 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 cannot 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 Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview urges the Provincial Government to:



CLEARVIEW

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

And Further that this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial Opposition parties, Brian Saunderson MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario. Motion Carried.

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

Regards,

Sasha Helmky, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Leece, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition parties
Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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May 24, 2023

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2023-129

Agenda Item # 14.2 Owen Sound - Insurance Cost

Moved By : Michèle Rivard

Seconded By : Reynald Rivard

WHEREAS the annual increases to the Township of Armstrong's insurance premiums have been one of the most significant constraints in limiting yearly tax levy increases over the past few years;

AND WHEREAS Council supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in calling for action to reduce insurance costs;

NOW THEREFORE Council call on the Province to take immediate action to reduce insurance costs.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Premier.

Carried

Mayor

The Corporation of the Township of Armstrong



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May 16, 2023

City of Owen Sound
808 2nd Avenue East
Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4

Attention: Staci Landry, Deputy Clerk

Staci Landry:

Re: Lambton County Motion of Support

Please be informed that at its regular meeting of May 03, 2023, Lambton County Council supported correspondence #CC 05-12-23 dated April 4, 2023, a resolution passed by Owen Sound City Council.

The following motion was passed:

#7: Hand/Veen: *That County Council endorse the resolution in correspondence CC 05-12-23 as follows:*

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

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

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

Now Therefore Be it Resolved That City Council directs staff to send a letter to all other municipalities in Ontario supporting the Municipality of Chatham-Kent calling for action to reduce insurance costs;

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

City of Owen Sound (Page 2 of 2)

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

Carried.

Kind Regards,

DocuSigned by:

Ryan Beauchamp
Deputy Clerk
Encl #CC 05-12-23.

cc: Monte McNaughton, M.P.P. Lambton-Kent-Middlesex Riding
Lianne Rood, M.P. Lambton-Kent-Middlesex Riding
Bob Bailey, M.P.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding
Marilyn Gladu, M.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding



Judy Smith
Director of Municipal Governance/Clerk
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

DEVLIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 31, 2023

RE: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Dear Ms. Smith,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting of April 17, 2023, the Township of Limerick Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

Motion 051-2023

Moved by Councillor Glenn Locke

Seconded by Councillor Shawn Pack

That Council support item '9.2.2' of correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding reducing municipal insurance costs.

Carried

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

Best Regards,

Victoria Tisdale
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Limerick

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

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March 6, 2023

To All Ontario Municipalities

Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

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

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

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

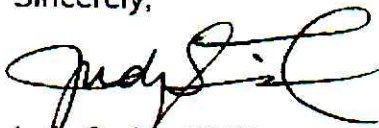
Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

C AMO

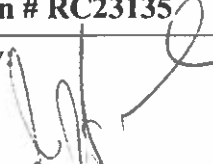



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Resolution # RC23135	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all individuals wishing to be a candidate in a municipal or school board election to file Nomination Paper - Form 1 with the municipal clerk and;

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all candidates who sought election to a municipal council or school board to file Financial Statement – Auditor's Report Candidate – Form 4 with the municipal clerk and;

WHEREAS Form 1 requires candidates to provide their qualifying address and;

WHEREAS Form 4 requires candidates to list the name and home address of any donor contributing over \$100.00 and;

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act specifies that these documents are not protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and requires the municipal clerk to make Form 4 available on a website and;

WHEREAS there has been concern expressed about those who hold public office and those who support them that they have been the subject of unnecessary attention and excessive scrutiny and;

WHEREAS the requirement to publish the personal home address of donors to specific candidates may discourage individuals from engaging in the democratic process to elect municipal and school board politicians;

THEREFORE, BE RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa calls 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;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

FURTHER THAT for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100.00 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published and;



FINALLY 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.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
	



Community Services

Legislative Services

May 30, 2023

File #120203

Sent via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: The Regional Municipality of Waterloo - Request Province to Protect the Privacy of Candidates and Donors on Nomination Papers and Financial Statements – Municipal or School Board Election

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 29, 2023 received and supported correspondence from the Regional Municipality of Waterloo dated April 24, 2023 requesting the Province to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirements for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms.

Attached please find a copy of the City of Cambridge correspondence dated May 10, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter, AMP

Deputy Clerk

acarter@forterie.ca

AC:dlk

Attach

c.c. The Regional Municipality of Waterloo RegionalClerk@regionofwaterloo.ca
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April 24, 2023

Area Members of Provincial Parliament
Sent via email

Dear Area Members of Provincial Parliament:

Re: Councillor J. Erb Notice of Motion

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on April 19, 2023, approved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all individuals wishing to be a candidate in a municipal or school board election to file Nomination Paper - Form 1 with the municipal clerk;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all candidates who sought election to a municipal council or school board to file Financial Statement – Auditor's Report Candidate – Form 4 with the municipal clerk;

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AND WHEREAS the requirement to publish the personal home address of donors to specific candidates may discourage individuals from

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THEREFORE, BE RESOVLED THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo calls 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 for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published.

AND FINALLY, 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.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, at RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca or 519-575-4581.

Regards,



William Short

Regional Clerk/Director, Council and Administrative Services

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cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
Ontario Public School Boards' Association
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
Ontario municipalities

Ministry of Natural Resources and
Forestry

Resources Planning and Development
Policy Branch
Policy Division
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Ministère des Richesses Naturelles et
des Forêts

Direction des politiques de planification et
d'exploitation des ressources
Division de l'élaboration des politiques
300, rue Water
Peterborough (Ontario) K9J 3C7



RE: Streamlining of Approvals under the *Aggregate Resources Act* and Supporting Policy

Greetings,

Ontario's aggregate industry plays a key role in our government's vision to Build Ontario, supporting vital development and jobs across the province. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (the ministry) is proposing changes to [Ontario Regulation 244/97](#) under the *Aggregate Resources Act* to expand the list of changes that can be made to existing pit or quarry site plans without ministry approval, called self-filing changes (subject to conditions and eligibility), as well as seeking feedback on a new policy that provides direction for making changes to licences, permits and site plans that do require ministry approval.

The ministry is proposing to expand the list of small or routine site plan changes to an existing pit or quarry that can be self-filed, provided they satisfy detailed eligibility requirements and specified conditions. If approved, five additional site plan changes will be added to the list of self-filed amendments in the regulation. These are:

- Enabling recyclable aggregate material to be imported (concrete, asphalt, bricks, glass, or ceramics) to aggregate sites
- Adding or relocating entrances or exits to aggregate sites when the operator can provide proof of the relevant road authority approval for the change
- Adding, removing or changing portable processing equipment at aggregate sites (e.g., for crushing or screening aggregate material)
- Adding, removing or changing portable concrete or asphalt plants where required for public authority projects
- Adding, removing or changing above-ground fuel storage at aggregate sites

In addition, the ministry is proposing a new policy to clarify requirements including notification requirements when amendments are proposed to existing licenses, permits, or site plans that require ministry approval. The ministry is also outlining criteria or considerations to determine whether these changes are significant or not.

Amendment requests can include changes to site plans, conditions of a licence or permit, or any other information normally included on licences, permits, or wayside permits (e.g., name of operator, address, etc.). Amendment requests can vary in type and complexity ranging from small or administrative changes to significant changes to operations and rehabilitation. Significant changes may require consultation and notification.

We invite you to review the changes and offer comments.

**Ministry of Natural Resources and
Forestry**

Resources Planning and Development
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A complete summary of the proposed regulatory and policy changes can be found on the Environmental Registry at the following address: www.ero.ontario.ca. Then search for notice: 019-6767.

There are several ways you can comment on this proposal, including:

1. Directly through the Environmental Registry posting (click on the "Submit a comment" button)
2. By email to aggregates@ontario.ca, or
3. By mail to:
Resources Development Section
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
300 Water Street, 2nd Floor South
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

If you have any questions, you can contact Jamie Prentice at aggregates@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Keyes,
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch

From: Malcolmson, Heather (MECP) <Heather.Malcolmson@ontario.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2023 5:31 PM
To: Permissions Modernization (MECP) <permissions.modernization@ontario.ca>
Subject: Reducing Burden for Small Scale Breweries Through Self-Registration and Exemptions

Good afternoon:

Sent to: Small Scale Breweries, Municipalities and Associations

I am pleased to let you know that Ontario is making it easier and faster for small breweries to gain environmental permissions by simplifying self-registration requirements and exempting the smallest breweries, while continuing to ensure that environmental protections are in place.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has posted the decision to streamline environmental permissions for small breweries on the Environmental and Regulatory Registries. The ministry is moving forward with the following two approaches to remove unnecessary technical reporting and save small breweries time and money:

- A new regulation ([O. Reg. 102/23](#)) that will require a facility that produces 30,000 hectolitres (hL) or less of beer and any secondary products annually (i.e., a small-scale brewery) to self-register the facility's beer production activities without requiring technical reports. Small scale breweries will follow standard operational requirements to mitigate potential impacts on the surrounding community from air emissions and nuisance odour, noise and dust.
- An [amendment to an existing regulation](#) ([O. Reg. 524/98](#)) to provide an exemption from the requirement to obtain a permission for air emissions for breweries with the smallest scale of annual beer production (3,000 hL or less annually).

The amendments to O. Reg 524/98 to exempt the smallest breweries came into effect on May 24, 2023 and the new regulation for small-scale breweries (O. Reg. 102/23) will come into effect on July 1, 2023.

As another environmental protection measure, the ministry will continue to have the ability to conduct periodic inspections of small-scale breweries to ensure compliance with the new rules.

More information about these changes are available on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to Carolyn Coulson, Senior Program Advisor at: carolyn.coulson@ontario.ca.

Thank you,

Heather Malcolmson,
Director, Client Services and Permissions Branch
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division

May 24th, 2023

**The Honourable David Lametti, PC, MP
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
284 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6**

via email and mail

Dear Mr. Lametti,

The Council of the County of Lanark wishes to express its support for legislative measures to help first responders from violence, particularly those found in Bill C-321.

Paramedics and other first responders provide an essential and valuable service in our community and often subject to increased levels of violence due to the nature of their jobs.

It is essential that all levels of government unite to demonstrate the importance of the safety and well-being of all first responders.

Sincerely,



Jasmin Ralph, Clerk
613-267-4200 ext. 1502

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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May 30, 2023

File #120203

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON L7A 1A7

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward - Urging the Province to Pause Proposed New Provincial Planning Statement (PPS)

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 29, 2023 received and supported correspondence from The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward dated May 10, 2023 requesting the Province to pause proposed changes to the new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) – Sections 2.6 and 4.3.

Attached please find a copy of The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward's correspondence dated May 10, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter, AMP
Deputy Clerk

acarter@forterie.ca

AC:dlk

Attach

cc: The Honourable Steve Clerk, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Honourable Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs Minister.omafr@ontario.ca
The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks minister.mecp@ontario.ca
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca
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Wayne Gates, MPP-Niagara Falls wgates-co@ndp.on.ca
Catalina Blumenberg, Clerk, The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward clerks@pecounty.on.ca
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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)

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- 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;

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CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

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



Catalina Blumenberg - Clerk
Prince Edward County
clerks@pecounty.on.ca

DEVLIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 31, 2023

RE: Proposed Changes to the Provincial Policy Statement

Dear Ms. Blumenberg,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting of May 15, 2023, the Township of Limerick Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County regarding Changes to the Provincial Policy Statement.

Motion 068-2023

Moved by Councillor Jan MacKillican

Seconded by Councillor Grace Hamm

That Council direct staff to issue a letter of support to Prince Edward County regarding the Provincial Policy Statement.

Carried

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

Best Regards,

Victoria Tisdale
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Limerick

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities
Ric Bresee – MPP Hastings-Lennox and Addington

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CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

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



Community Services

Legislative Services

May 30, 2023
File #120203

Sent via email: Caroline.Mulroney@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable and Dear Madam:

Re: The City of Cambridge - Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 29, 2023 received and supported correspondence from the City of Cambridge dated May 10, 2023 requesting amendments to Section 205.1 of the *Highway Traffic Act* to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under its jurisdiction and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones.

Attached please find a copy of the City of Cambridge correspondence dated May 10, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter, AMP
Deputy Clerk
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AC:dlk

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Cambridge ON N1R 5W8
Tel: (519) 740-4680 ext. 4585
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.

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MAY 29 2023

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)
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Township of Puslinch
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June 1, 2023

Dear Minister Mulroney and Minister Clark,

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 24, 2023 considered the consent agenda item 6.31 regarding City of Cambridge - Highway Traffic Act Amendments and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-166:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.31 regarding City of Cambridge - Highway Traffic Act Amendments be received; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch is in receipt of correspondence from the Cambridge City Clerk to Minister Mulroney dated May 10, 2023 concerned with requesting the Minister to amend the HTA;

Be it Resolved that the Township of Puslinch supports the resolution therein "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 Council direct staff to forward this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Speaker Arnott,



MPP Rae, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), County Roads Committee, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox
Municipal Clerk

CC:

Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP ted.arnottco@pc.ola.org

Honourable Matthew Rae, MPP Matthew.Rae@pc.ola.org

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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,

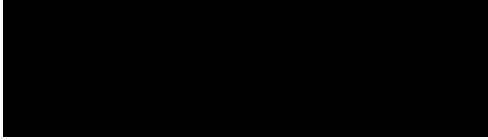
AND WHEREAS s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

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



May 31, 2023

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Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4

Re: Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on May 29, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from Prince Edward County regarding declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Whereas the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

Whereas every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner, and rural areas see an increased risk of Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide, and in Prince Edward County, 233 domestic violence investigations in 2022 were led by the OPP, and service provision by Alternatives for Women was provided to over 100 women and their children per year in the community; and

Whereas violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities billions of dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward has recognized that issues of violence against women in rural communities are of local importance to the health and wellness of our residents, and has demonstrated this by including it as a pillar in our Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview recognizes that:



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- the Renfrew Inquest is important to all rural communities;
- Council is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term consequences of gender-based violence in our community; and,

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview declares, in accordance with Recommendation #1 of the Renfrew Inquest, that Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women are epidemic; and

Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be circulated to all 444 municipalities of Ontario, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Simcoe Grey MPP, Brian Saunderson, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Motion Carried.

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

Regards,

Sasha Helmky, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: All Ontario Municipalities
The Hon. Charmaine A. Williams
Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey
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The Honorable Steve Clarke
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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The Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance
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DEVLIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 31, 2023

RE: Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting of April 17, 2023, the Township of Limerick Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

Motion052-2023

Moved by Councillor Grace Hamm

Seconded by Councillor Jan MacKillican

That Council support item '9.2.5' of correspondence from the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

Carried

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

Best Regards,

Victoria Tisdale
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Limerick

cc. Ric Bresee – MPP, Hastings-Lennox and Addington
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March 22, 2023

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

Dear Honourable Steve Clark,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Mayor Bondy brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council's consideration regarding the reinstatement of previous legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales. It was discussed that, 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. It was further noted that 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.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-03-081

Moved by: Mayor Bondy

Seconded by: Councillor Allard

That Council direct Administration to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, 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.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Shelley Brown

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June 1, 2023

Dear Minister Clark and Minister Bethlenfalvy,

Please be advised that the Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 24, 2023 received a report from the Township Finance Department regarding the reinstatement of legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales.

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. The Township agrees with other municipalities that the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invests a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2023-175:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

THAT Report FIN-2023-022 entitled Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales be received; and

THAT Council direct Township staff to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Wellington County Council, MPP Ted Arnott, 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.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox
Municipal Clerk

CC:

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Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP ted.arnottco@pc.ola.org

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REPORT FIN-2023-022

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

PREPARED BY: Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer

PRESENTED BY: Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer

MEETING DATE: May 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus
Proceeds from Tax Sales
File: F22 TAX

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Report FIN-2023-022 entitled Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales be received; and

THAT Council direct Township staff to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Wellington County Council, MPP Ted Arnott, 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.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to report back to Council based on direction from Council at their meeting held on April 12, 2023.

Background

Council at its meeting held on April 12, 2023 received Consent Item No. 6.26 and Consent Item No. 6.27. Council directed staff to forward Consent Item No. 6.26 to RealTax to obtain their input in order to report back to Council on this matter.

Attached as Schedule A to this Report is Consent Item No. 6.26 from the Town of Essex which was listed on the April 12, 2023 Council agenda regarding the reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales. Attached as Schedule B to this Report is Consent Item No. 6.27 from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming which was listed on the April 12, 2023 Council agenda supporting the resolution from the Town of Essex.

Township staff agree with these municipalities that the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invests a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario.

Township staff forwarded this information to RealTax to obtain their input. RealTax assists the Township with the tax registration process and public tax sales. RealTax advised that they do hope that municipalities regain this process and have the legislation reversed. The surplus funds are what is over and above the minimum tender amount (ie. the cancellation price which is the amount of tax arrears that are outstanding inclusive of legal costs, RealTax costs, outstanding taxes, outstanding penalties/interest, etc.) and the actual tender amount in a successful tax sale.

These funds must be paid into the Superior Court of Justice in accordance with the current provisions outlined in Section 380 of the current Municipal Act.

Prior to 2018, Section 380 of the Municipal Act included the following provisions regarding the proceeds of sale with the relevant items for municipalities underlined below:

380. (1) The proceeds of a sale under section 379 shall,

(a) firstly, be applied to pay the cancellation price;

(b) secondly, be paid to all persons, other than the owner, having an interest in the land according to their priority at law; and

(c) thirdly, be paid to the person who immediately before the registration of the tax deed was the owner of the land.

(2) The treasurer shall pay the proceeds of sale, minus the cancellation price, into the Superior Court of Justice together with a statement outlining the facts under which the payment into court is made including,

(a) whether the land, at the time of the registration of the tax arrears certificate, was vested in the Crown because of an escheat or forfeiture under the *Business Corporations Act* or the *Corporations Act*;

(b) the date that payment is being made into court; and

(c) a notice that a person claiming entitlement to the proceeds of sale must apply to the Superior Court of Justice within one year of the payment into court.

(3) Within 60 days after making a payment into court under subsection (2), the treasurer shall send a copy of the statement to the Public Guardian and Trustee and to the persons to whom the treasurer sent notice under subsection 379 (1).

(4) Any person claiming entitlement under clause (1) (b) or (c) may apply to the Superior Court of Justice within one year of the payment into court under subsection (2) for payment out of court of the amount to which the person is entitled.

(5) The court shall, after one year has passed from the day the payment was made into court, determine all of the entitlements to receive payments out of the proceeds of sale.

(6) If no person makes an application under subsection (4) within the one-year period referred to in that subsection, the amount paid into court under subsection (2) shall be deemed to be forfeited.

(a) to the Public Guardian and Trustee if, at the time of the registration of the tax arrears certificate, the land was vested in the Crown because of an escheat or forfeiture under the Business Corporations Act or the Corporations Act; or

(b) in any other case, to the municipality.

(7) The Public Guardian and Trustee or the municipality, as the case may be, may apply to the Superior Court of Justice for payment out of court of the amount that was paid in.

(8) In the absence of evidence to the contrary, the Superior Court of Justice may rely on the statement of the treasurer under subsection (2) in determining whether the amount paid into court under that subsection is forfeited to the Public Guardian and Trustee or the municipality under subsection (6).

(9) Money received by a municipality under subsection (6) shall be paid into the general funds of the municipality.

Financial Implications

As outlined throughout this Report.

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

Section 380 of the Municipal Act

Engagement Opportunities

Staff recommend that Council direct Township staff to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Wellington County Council, MPP Ted Arnott, 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.

Attachments

Schedule A – Consent Item No. 6.26 listed on the April 12, 2023 Council Meeting from the Town of Essex regarding the reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Schedule B - Consent Item No. 6.27 listed on the April 12, 2023 Council Meeting from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming supporting the resolution from the Town of Essex

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Hasan
Director of Finance/Treasurer



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March 22, 2023

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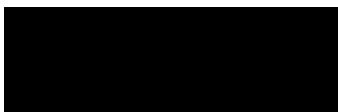
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Carried

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Yours truly,



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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

March 31st 2023

Re: Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 29th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

Motion 14

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

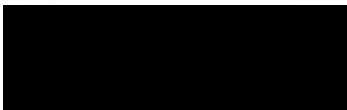
Seconded by Councillor Bob Woolvett

That Council support item 'N' of correspondence from the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,



Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Bob Bailey – MPP, Sarnia-Lambton
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March 22, 2023

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Carried

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For those who **believe** that a successful community must be an inclusive community, the **YMCA** is a **powerful association** of people joined together by a shared passion to foster a sense of **belonging for all.**

The **YMCA** ensures that each individual has access to the essentials needed to **learn, grow, and thrive.**

Though the world may be unpredictable, the **YMCA** remains a constant: dedicated to building **healthy, strong, and connected communities**
where everyone belongs.





When you join the Y,
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working to support healthy
kids, families, and communities.

It's our mission to help people grow
strong — physically, mentally and socially.



Our Mission

The YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce is a charity dedicated to building a caring, healthy community by creating opportunities for all people to achieve personal growth in spirit, mind and body.



Our Vision

Our YMCA is a community leader for improving the health and vitality of Owen Sound and Grey and Bruce Counties.



Our Values

The work we do is grounded by our core values:
Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility

To our community

In April 2021, as we entered year two of a global pandemic, many of us were asking ourselves, "How?" How do we stay positive? How do we keep going? Through facility closures, mask mandates, social distancing, remote learning, awaiting vaccination availability, and staffing challenges due to both illness and national shortages of Early Childhood Educators and Lifeguards, we didn't always know how, but we always knew why.

You! You are our "Y".

Continuing to operate and provide programs and services to meet the needs of our communities during a global pandemic has been challenging, but we have worked diligently to ensure services are provided safely and that all YMCA sites are a place where everyone belongs.

On July 26th, 2021, we were able to open our Health Fitness & Aquatics facility after being closed for almost 4 months. We began offering virtual live-feed classes and outdoor classes, and launched free access to a new virtual platform, "Y@Home+," for all registered members. These programs allowed us to quickly pivot our services when our facility was required to close again between January 5th and 31st, 2022. Since then, we have focused heavily on increasing program and service offerings in all areas of health, fitness and aquatics.

Our Community Initiatives programs continued in-person support for those most vulnerable in our communities through our Housing, Justice and Youth programs, while our Employment and Settlement & Language Services strengthened virtual service delivery to increase our capacity and reach.

These teams were dedicated to meeting the increasing need for their services while facing

limited resources; finding new ways to help individuals and families grow stronger while creating a sense of belonging for all.

Our Registered Early Childhood Educators and child care/school age staff proved to be resilient throughout the pandemic. They continued to provide quality care and programs to children in our licensed child care and school age programs through some very challenging times. Staff remained resourceful and maintained regular communication with our families, whether it be through our WeeMarkable app, over the fence when out on the playground, or via our greeters at each location.

Sadly, Camp Presqu'île – owned by the Rotary Club of Owen Sound and operated by our YMCA – remained closed for 2021. However, during this time a significant amount of planning took place to ensure reopening in the summer of 2022 would be safe and successful.

As we enter a new year, we continue to strengthen our foundation and look for opportunities to increase access to our programs and services, so that everyone in Grey Bruce feels the Y is a place where they belong.



S. Cowley

Sarah Cowley
Chief Executive Officer



B Price

Bruce Price
President, Board of
Directors

Our Impact in 2021-2022

As a charity, it is our goal to ensure that our programs and services are accessible to everyone, no matter what their financial circumstances are. Financial Assistance is available to people of all ages on an individual basis or as a family. For details on how to apply visit our website: ymcaowensound.on.ca/health-fitness-aquatics/financial-assistance/



Over \$83,000

in Financial Assistance provided to local families in need.



247

people were able to stay active and improve their health thanks to Financial Assistance.



Over \$11,000

raised through fundraising efforts to strengthen our community and our facilities.



88

new hires joined our team of 198 employees. YMCAs across Canada share the recognition of being named Forbes Canada's Best Employers 2022.



Our community
needs the YMCA, and
our YMCA needs our
community.

Your donation may support a senior on a fixed income to stay active; it may allow a parent to enrol their child in swim lessons or camp; or it could provide additional support to a family experiencing a housing crisis.

Child Care

"I am thrilled with the experience my daughter is having with the YMCA in Port Elgin. The instructors are caring, enthusiastic and show my daughter the love and support every parent hopes for from a daycare provider. She experiences many different activities each day to promote growth and development and she comes home happy and dirty, just as she should. I would recommend the YMCA in Port Elgin to all parents!" - Port Elgin Child Care Parent

675 families relied on our Early Learning Child Care and Before and After School programs.

370 children were off to a healthy start at our five YMCA Early Learning Child Care Centres.

501 children played, learned and grew at our 16 YMCA Before and After School Care sites.



Settlement & Language Services

610 newcomers of all ages improved their skills and made new friendships through Workshops & Community Connection activities.

32 individuals received assistance preparing and applying for Citizenship.

700 hours of language instruction was provided to newcomers throughout Grey & Bruce to improve their English language skills.



"This was so far one of the best days we had since we moved to Canada due to war in Ukraine. For the first time we did not have to worry about papers, Permits and work . It was totally a stress buster for us. Thank you, Settlement Services, for this wonderful experience."

- Settlement Services Client



Nothing has quite the impact on teens today than the relationships they have with their friends. We encourage positive connections by providing places where children and youth can get together, do the things they like, and take part in healthy, productive activities.

Children and Youth Programs

Childhood obesity, youth unemployment, low-income prevalence, a weak sense of social belonging... there are a lot of challenges facing today's young people, especially those from underserved communities. But despite the challenges, we know youth have the potential to make a better future for themselves and their communities. Here are some of the ways the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce is giving children and youth the opportunity to discover how awesome they are:

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| 131 | youth transitioning out of care received support with education, employment, housing, life skills and mental health. | 51 | newcomer youth received assistance integrating into their new school and registering for recreational activities. |
| 98 | youth improved their employability through employment readiness workshops, mentorship, and job trials. | 186 | children from 126 families attended Summer Day Camp programming in Owen Sound. |
| 74 | youth involved in minor criminal offences were referred to Youth Diversion activities as an alternative to court. | 163 | children had the opportunity to socialize, build confidence, and be active at licensed Child Care Day Camps in Port Elgin and Hanover. |

Health, Fitness & Aquatics

4,766 people of all ages were active with YMCA Health, Fitness & Aquatics programs.

120 individuals completed Standard First Aid Training with 18 individuals obtaining National Lifeguard certification.

25 community members enhanced their quality of life and built strength, flexibility and speed in our Rock Steady Group - in partnership with Parkinson's Society.

244 Cardiac Rehab participants were helped through at-home and in-person programming - in partnership with Grey Bruce Health Services.

"I signed up for Rock Steady Boxing about eight months after my Parkinson's diagnosis, and I think it's one of the best decisions I've made. It's part physical therapy, and part support group. I believe it has really helped my balance and flexibility. Even more, it has helped my attitude! The positivity is contagious, and it feels good to take constructive action. I try to never miss a session. Plus, it's fun!"

- Brad Rodriguez



Our Aquatic Certifications provide you with the necessary training to be a lifeguard and swim instructor at any YMCA in Canada.

In partnership with the Lifesaving Society of Ontario, we're proud to offer four levels of certification including Bronze, Lifeguard and Instructor, along with required recertifications.



Employment Services

"Thank you for your support through this program and all the stable future opportunities this has provided me because in less than a year my wage has gone up more than \$10 an hour from my previous job plus retirement savings and benefits! I am so happy."

- ESSC & PSW training participant

1,023

job seekers received one-on-one assistance to secure employment and training opportunities.

106

under/un-employed individuals received Essential Skills Supportive Care Worker training to provide support in Long-Term Care Homes across Grey-Bruce.

\$314,000+

financial support provided to Grey & Bruce employers to enhance their workforce; 190 workers completed certification/license requirements & improved their skills.

59%

of job seekers assisted identified as having no source of income or receiving assistance from Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program.



Community Initiatives

9,391

nights of emergency shelter were provided in 2021-2022 for vulnerable individuals across Grey Bruce, a 17% increase from 2020-2021.

550

people assisted with access to food, employment, clothing and advocacy; separate from those accessing emergency short-term shelter.



"Thank you for helping me with OSAP and with CAS stuff because of you I got a grant from my school and the Ministry that covers my tuition for the year."

- Youth in Transition Worker participant

55

individuals were assisted to secure and complete Community Service hours as part of a court order.

208

individuals referred to Direct Accountability to pay restitution or make a donation as part of a court order.



Volunteer Board of Directors

Bruce Price - President

Chartered Professional Accountant

Gwynne Potter - Past President

Chartered Professional Accountant

Danielle Landry - Vice President

Lawyer

Grace Walker - Vice President/ Treasurer

Chartered Professional Accountant
(retired)

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Social Worker/Mental Health Lead
(retired)

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Lawyer

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Director of Camp Presqu'ile

Community Programs

- Health, Fitness and Recreation
- Aquatics and Swim Lessons
- Employment Programs
- Housing Support
- Alternative Justice
- Youth Gambling Awareness Program
- Youth in Transition Worker Program
- Settlement & Language Services
- Early Learning Child Care Programs
- Before and After School Programs
- YMCA Day Camps
- YMCA Partner Days
- YMCA Peace Medal
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Opportunities to Give

Visit our website to learn more about our programs: ymcaowensound.on.ca

Community Partners *(for a full list please contact us)*

- Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce
- Better Pool Committee
- Bluewater District School Board
- Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board
- Canadian Tire JumpStart
- Canadian Mental Health Association Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addiction Services
- City of Owen Sound
- County of Bruce
- County of Grey
- Georgian College
- Government of Canada
- Government of Ontario
- Grey Bruce Health Unit
- Grey Bruce Health Services
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of the Solicitor General
- Ministry of Health & Long Term Care
- Ministry of the Attorney General
- Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
- Municipality of Meaford
- M'Wikwedong Native Cultural Resource Centre
- Owen Sound Attack
- Owen Sound Aquatic Club
- Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario
- Rotary Club of Owen Sound
- Safe 'n Sound
- Salvation Army
- Swim to Survive Partners
- Township of Georgian Bluffs
- Township of Huron-Kinloss
- United Way of Bruce Grey
- United Way Simcoe Muskoka
- Western University
- Y Service Club

Financial Reports

Owen Sound Family Y.M.C.A. Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31	2022	2021
Revenue		
Contributions and bequests	\$ 60,948	\$ 86,708
Fundraising	11,742	1,090
Government purchases and grants	6,725,963	5,382,049
Membership dues	744,983	156,819
Program fees	2,801,281	1,342,729
Investment income	100,506	35,871
Rent	63,161	41,537
Administration	19,200	13,964
Other	46,443	22,318
	<u>10,574,227</u>	<u>7,083,085</u>
Employment Grants		
Employment, training incentives for employers	812,431	728,806
Employment, training and housing supports	16,300	13,325
	<u>828,731</u>	<u>742,131</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$11,402,958</u>	<u>\$ 7,825,216</u>

Owen Sound Family Y.M.C.A.
Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31	2022	2021
Expenses		
Amortization of capital assets	\$ 88,813	\$ 98,836
Bad debts	1,104	920
Bank charges and interest	69,433	34,504
Employee benefits	967,900	792,601
Equipment and office equipment rentals	322,532	310,292
Fundraising and contribution expenses	2,242	340
Membership and association fees	96,036	65,260
Occupancy	827,652	692,426
Other expenses	10,521	8,013
Postage and telephone	93,332	67,775
Printing and promotion	92,998	15,470
Professional fees and purchased services	86,636	61,651
Salaries and wages	6,662,247	5,097,448
Staff and volunteer expenses	102,246	52,416
Supplies and program costs	1,595,995	1,115,343
	<u>11,019,687</u>	<u>8,413,295</u>
Employment Supports		
Employment, training incentives for employers	811,225	728,806
Employment, training and housing supports	16,300	13,325
	<u>827,525</u>	<u>742,131</u>
Total Expenses	<u>11,847,212</u>	<u>9,155,426</u>
Excess of expenses over revenue before other and new recreation facility fund	(444,254)	(1,330,210)
Other		
Unrealized (loss) gain on investments (Note 4)	(80,326)	199,791
Federal wage and rent subsidies	908,744	2,127,860
	<u>828,418</u>	<u>2,327,651</u>
Recreation Facility		
New recreation facility contributions	102,500	104,000
New recreation facility expenses	-	(1,195)
Transfer to City of Owen Sound	<u>(102,500)</u>	<u>(102,805)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	<u>\$ 384,164</u>	<u>\$ 997,441</u>

Owen Sound Family Y.M.C.A.
Statement of Financial Position

March 31	2022	2021
Assets		
Current		
Cash and bank	\$ 4,666,386	\$ 3,198,325
Accounts receivable (Note 2)	665,048	1,209,866
Prepaid expenses	99,593	17,441
	<u>5,431,027</u>	<u>4,425,632</u>
Long-term Investments (Note 3)	1,414,898	1,401,262
Capital assets (Note 4)	462,126	517,486
	<u>\$ 7,308,051</u>	<u>\$ 6,344,380</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6)	\$ 1,226,791	\$ 909,743
Deferred revenue (Note 11)	1,157,568	895,109
	<u>2,384,359</u>	<u>1,804,852</u>
Net assets (Page 5)		
Invested in net capital assets	462,146	517,506
Endowment fund (Note 7)	1,414,898	1,401,262
Internally restricted (Note 8)	681,944	716,397
Externally restricted	25,000	22,500
Unrestricted	2,339,704	1,881,863
	<u>4,923,692</u>	<u>4,539,528</u>
	<u>\$ 7,308,051</u>	<u>\$ 6,344,380</u>

The statement of operations and statement of financial position of the Owen Sound Family Y.M.C.A. have been extracted from the entire financial statement package of the organization. The complete financial statement is available for review at the Owen Sound Family Y.M.C.A. head office during normal business hours.

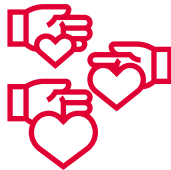
Get Involved

There are many ways you can help people access essential services, opportunities to better their lives, and a sense of community and belonging. Find the opportunity that's right for you.



Donate

You have the option to choose a one-time or monthly donation amount. Donations receive a tax receipt.



Fundraise

Take part in local events or fundraise on your YMCA's behalf by launching your own campaign. Email us to get started: fundraising@osgb.ymca.ca



Join our Team

Whether you are starting out in your career or a seasoned professional, you will find many exciting opportunities to achieve your personal and career goals.



Volunteer

Whether you're a student, a retiree, or somewhere in between, the volunteering possibilities are almost endless because of the breadth and scope of our programming.

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June 5, 2023

Re: Seniors Active Living Centres Program Expansion for 2023-2024

Dear Friends:

Ontario's Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) programs offer a wide variety of activities for older adults in communities across this province. These include fitness, healthy lifestyle and wellness classes, recreation and social activities, and learning opportunities such as financial management, elder abuse prevention and volunteering.

I am very pleased to inform you that through a call for applications, our government is adding approximately 15 new SALC programs that respond to the diverse range of needs, cultural backgrounds, interests, and abilities of older adults.

Starting June 5, 2023, through [Transfer Payment Ontario](#) the province will be accepting applications from municipalities or organizations partnering with a municipality that do not have an existing SALC program to start a new program.

The deadline for submissions is Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 5PM EST.

To find out if your municipality has an existing SALC program, please visit [Find a Seniors Active Living Centre program near you | Ontario.ca](#).

There is currently a network of almost 300 SALC programs in place across the province. I encourage all interested applicants in the targeted areas to send in an application – so that, together, we can help more older adults in remote and underserved parts of Ontario, get the programs and services they need.

Lastly, I would like to let you know that [June is Seniors Month in Ontario](#), which is a time to celebrate older adults across the province, and I can think of no better way to celebrate Ontario's seniors than by helping them lead active, healthy and independent lives.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Raymond Cho".

Honourable Raymond Cho
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility