



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
June 26, 2023

- 1) Correspondence from the Clerk, City of Quinte West re: Renovictions.
- 2) Correspondence from the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Killaloe, Hagarty, and Richards re:
 - a) School bus stop arm cameras;
 - b) Future accuracy of permanent registered electors;
 - c) Municipal insurance costs.
- 3) Correspondence from the Clerk, Town of Newmarket re: Bill 5 - *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022*.
- 4) Correspondence from the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Municipality of West Grey re: Bell-Hydro infrastructure.
- 5) Correspondence from the Mayor, Town of Parry Sound re: Surplus proceeds from tax sales.
- 6) Correspondence from The Women of Ontario Say No re: Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement.
- 7) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments.
 - a) Municipality of West Grey
 - b) Township of Bonfield
- 8) Correspondence from the Mayor, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury re: Right to repair.
- 9) Correspondence from Concerned Citizens of 4th Ave. West re: Neighbourhood conditions.
- 10) Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) re: Policy update.
- 11) Correspondence from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) re: Advocacy update.
- 12) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Township of Bonfield re:
 - a) Opioid crisis;
 - b) Municipal heritage register;
 - c) Municipal codes of conduct and enforcement;

d) Proposed changes to provincial planning statement.

13) Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Proposed provincial planning statement.

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Josh Machesney, City Clerk

June 2, 2023

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

RE: Resolution – “Renovictions” Support Request

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on May 31, 2023 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 23-245 – Notice of Motion – Councillor McCue - Renovictions

Moved by Councillor McCue

Seconded by Councillor Card

WHEREAS renovictions, a practice by which landlords evict tenants from their homes by claiming they will complete major renovations, demolish or convert the unit to commercial use, has had a significant adverse impact on Quinte West residents in the past few months;

AND WHEREAS renovictions have been and continue to be a contributing factor in perpetuating the Provincial housing crisis by making rental housing less affordable for Ontarians, particularly for seniors, individuals with disabilities, single-parent families, and students;

AND WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario have no ability to protect their residents from renovictions;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Government has tabled legislation: Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023, to protect tenants from “bad faith” renovictions and to add more resources to the Landlord Tenant Board;

AND WHEREAS Quinte West City Council passed Motion 23-300 directing staff to prepare a resolution for Council's consideration on the matter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Quinte West Council urges the Province to:

- Pass Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023;
- Add regulations requiring landlords to provide renovation updates when they evict tenants to ensure tenants are updated when they can exercise their right of return in order to protect tenants from “bad faith” renovictions;
- Consider an increase in fines for landlords who are found to have undertaken “bad faith” renovictions;

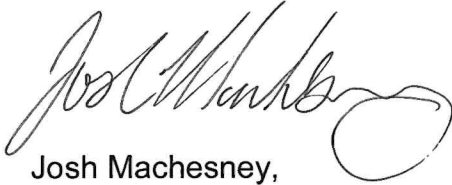
AND THAT Ontario municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding “bad faith” renovictions;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus. **Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

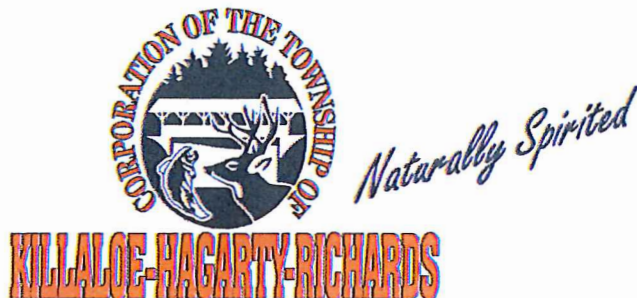
Yours truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST



Josh Machesney,
City Clerk

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Energy, MPP, Bay of Quinte
Carole Saab, CEO, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Jim Pine, CAO, Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus
All Municipalities in Ontario



Date: May 2, 2023

Resolution No.: 06

Moved by Harold Angus

Seconded by Brian Recoskie

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards supports the motion brought forward by the Town of Bracebridge for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards urges the Provincial Government to:

1. Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
2. Underwrite the costs for the implementation and ongoing annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka Graydon Smith, Provincial opposition parties, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried:

Not Carried:

<p style="text-align: center;">Certified a true copy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tammy Gogerat</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tammy Gogerat, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards</p>

RESOLUTION
KILLALOE, HAGARTY AND RICHARDS TWP.

Date
April 4, 2003

Name of Organization
Regular Council Mtg

Resolution Number
05

Moved by:
Maureen McDermott

Seconded by:
B. J. Smith

A motion for the township of Killaloe,
Hagarty-Richards in support of the letter
from the Township of Lucan Biddulph: Re. Resolution
for future Accuracy of Permanent Register of Electors.

CARRIED

Certified a true copy
Tammy Gorgert
Tammy Gorgert, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards

RESOLUTION

KILLALOE, HAGARTY AND RICHARDS TWP.

Date
March 1 / 2023

Name of Organization
Regular Council Mtg

Resolution Number
09

Moved by: *Mark McHugh*

Seconded by: *Harold Brown*

Motion for Council of KHR to support
the resolution from Chatham-Kent Re: Resolution for
Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

CARRIED

Certified a true copy
Tammy Gogerat
Tammy Gogerat, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards

**Town of Newmarket Council Extract
Council - Electronic**

Title: Resolution in Support of Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Kwapis
Seconded by: Councillor Bisanz

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

And Whereas the Town of Newmarket and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies.

Therefore be it resolved,

1. That the Council of the Town of Newmarket 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,
2. And that the Council of the Town of Newmarket expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this resolution 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); Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried



**Corporation of the
Municipality of West Grey**

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June 9, 2023

RE: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 6, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230606-008 as follows:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of Tweed respecting a resolution on Bell-Hydro Infrastructure, council supports the resolution and directs staff to forward a copy of the resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP Rick Byers, and all Ontario municipalities."

Council further supports that other providers in addition to Bell Canada and Hydro one work together to provide access for poles to better service the infrastructure needs of Ontarians.

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

Sincerely,

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

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

Attachment: Municipality of Tweed – Proposed Resolution Re: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure

Cc. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rick Byers, MPP Grey-Bruce -Owen Sound
All Ontario Municipalities

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No.

328.

Title:

Proposed Resolution Re: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure

Date:

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Moved by J. Palmateer

Seconded by J. DeMarsh

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2023 – 077

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

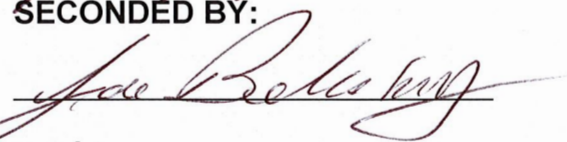
DATE: June 6, 2023

Councillor	G. ASHFORD	_____	_____
Councillor	J. BELESKEY	_____	_____
Councillor	P. BORNEMAN	_____	_____
Councillor	B. KEITH	_____	_____
Councillor	D. McCANN	_____	_____
Councillor	C. McDONALD	_____	_____
Mayor	J. McGARVEY	_____	_____

MOVED BY:



SECONDED BY:



CARRIED: DEFEATED: Postponed to: _____

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

WHEREAS the current Public Tax Sale process is a burdensome process to a municipality that invests a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound supports the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions: and

FURTHER DIRECTS THAT: this resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), the Ministry of Finance (MOF), the Ontario Municipal Tax & Revenue Association (OMTRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Graydon Smith and all Ontario Municipalities.


Mayor Jamie McGarvey



CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX

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Honourable Steve Clark
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park 17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

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,

Shelley Brown
Acting Clerk
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c.c. Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario ("AMO")

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All other municipalities in Ontario

-----Original Message-----

From: noreply@owensound.ca <noreply@owensound.ca> On Behalf Of Elizabeth Bridge

Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 2:22 PM

To: Kristen Van Alphen <kvanalphen@owensound.ca>

Subject: Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Manager of Legislative Services:

Please add this as ACTION CORRESPONDENCE to your next council meeting agenda as a matter of urgency. Please email the outcome to thewomenofontariosayno.team@gmail.com. Thank you!

Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement:

On May 31st, 2023, the government voted down Bill 5 – The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act. We ask your municipality to be an active voice in workplace safety including that of municipal staff, by joining the 156 Ontario municipalities that support legislation to hold municipally-elected representatives accountable for violence and harassment. In 2021, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) recommended changes to strengthen municipal codes of conduct for elected officials. Those recommendations to strengthen legislation have still not been implemented Codes of Conduct, Changes to Visible Fees, and Fees Charged to Beverage Producers | AMO.

We are asking council to pass the attached motion of March 27, 2023, issued by AMO, calling for government legislation on this issue and include the communication that it be prioritized for the fall of 2023. We ask that a letter of support for the motion be sent to: The Premier, local MPPs, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, AMO, and local municipalities.

The Women of Ontario Say NO, a grassroots advocacy group of individuals, organizations, and community groups, is committed to ensuring that locally elected officials are held accountable when they are responsible for violence and harassment in municipal workplaces. This advocacy stems from egregious cases in Ottawa, Barrie, and Mississauga, among others. More at THE WOMEN OF ONTARIO SAY NO.

As a leader, we know you want to ensure that your municipal workplace upholds human rights for all persons. This cannot wait. This legislation must move ahead without further delay.

Sincerely,

The Women of Ontario Say No

AMO Sample Resolution Text

Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

Whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

Whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

Whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

Whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

Now, therefore be it resolved that (MUNICIPALITY NAME) supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

Also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

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



**Corporation of the
Municipality of West Grey**

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June 9, 2023

RE: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 6, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230606-007 as follows:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the City of Cambridge respecting Highway Traffic Act Amendments, council supports the resolution and directs staff to forward a copy of the resolution to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPP Rick Byers, the 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 black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Eckenswiller".

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

Attachment: City of Cambridge – Highway Traffic Act Amendments Resolution

Cc. Caroline Mulroney, Ontario Minister of Transportation
Steve Clarke, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Rick Byers, MPP Grey-Bruce -Owen Sound
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

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May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

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



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

June 13th, 2023

No. 17

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the City of Cambridge in requesting the Ontario Government to 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.

Carried Narry Paquette

DIVISION VOTE

FOR	
Donna Clark	_____
Jason Corbett	_____
Steve Featherstone	_____
Dan MacInnis	_____
Narry Paquette	_____

AGAINST	

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

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

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 17 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of June 13th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



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Office of the Mayor

9 June 2023

VIA EMAIL

Hon. François-Philippe Champagne PC MP
Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development
Via email: ministerofisi-ministredeisi@ised-isde.gc.ca

Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau PC MP
Minister of Agriculture
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Dear Ministers:

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, we are writing to you pursuant to the enclosed motion to endorse the right-to-repair movement and to call on your government to expedite the promised consultations to enshrine this principle in consumer-protection law, with specific consultations and measures related to supporting the agricultural sector undertaken.

Right to Repair is a simple environmental and consumer protection measure: it ensures consumers are able to reasonably access repairs to electronic and other devices at a fair price, rather than creating a monopoly through technology companies only being able to repair their own products. This measure will also help reduce waste by combatting planned obsolescence, where companies make products that are only intended to last for a period of some years, and are not really repairable.

Further, farmers and growers are intimately familiar with the particular nuances of this issue when it comes to increasingly high-tech agricultural equipment. As the “soup and salad bowl of Canada”, Bradford West Gwillimbury is home to many farmers and growers, so we know firsthand how important an issue these consultations will be.

Our Council has shown in recent years that we are at the forefront of advocating for important environmental protections, including the Freshwater Action Fund, and we are grateful to our new Green Initiatives Committee for recommending this current piece of advocacy to protect the environment and consumers.

A copy of the motion is enclosed. We would be happy to meet with you or your representatives to discuss this further.

Sincerely yours,



James Leduc
Mayor

CC: John Barlow, MP Foothills
 Rick Perkins, MP South Shore—St. Margarets
 Alistair MacGregor, MP Cowichan—Malahat—Langford
 Rachel Blaney, MP North Island—Powell River
 Scot Davidson, MP York—Simcoe
 Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario
 Ontario's Municipal Councils
 Ontario's Conservation Authorities

At its Regular meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution: 2023-199

Moved: Councillor Verkaik

Seconded: Councillor Harper

Whereas the “right-to-repair” movement seeks to ensure consumers of electronic products, including mobile phones and computers, as well as agricultural equipment, are able to make routine fixes to damaged products without having to rely on the manufacturer and to affordably make such repairs; and

Whereas this movement and efforts against “planned obsolescence” seeks to ensure affordability for consumers and to protect our environment by reducing electronic waste; and

Whereas the agricultural sector has unique needs related to specialized electronic farm equipment and the ability to make repairs in a timely and affordable manner, especially during the growing season; and

Further to a commitment in the 2023 federal budget that “the government will work to implement a right to repair, with the aim of introducing a targeted framework for home appliances and electronics in 2024. The government will launch consultations this summer, including on the right to repair and the interoperability of farming equipment, and work closely with provinces and territories to advance the implementation of a right to repair” (p. 38); and

Be it therefore resolved that the committee recommend Council endorse the right-to-repair movement through a letter from the Mayor and Green Initiatives Committee Chair to call on the federal government to expedite the promised consultations to enshrine this principle in consumer-protection law, with specific consultations and measures related to supporting the agricultural sector undertaken; and

That a copy of this resolution and letter be shared with the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development; the Minister of Agriculture and their critics; and the Member of Parliament for York—Simcoe; and to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario’s Municipal Councils, with a request for their endorsement of same.

Result: CARRIED.

To: Aaron Whitney (Grey County manager of facility and operations-housing); Grey County Warden Brian Milne; Grey County Clerk Tara Warder, City Clerk Briana Bloomfield, Owen Sound Mayor Ian Boddy, Owen Sound Deputy Mayor Scott Greig, Owen Sound Police Board Chair John Thompson, City Council police board representative Suneet Kukreja, Owen Sound Police Chief Craig Ambrose.

From: Concerned Citizens of 4th Avenue West (representing 16 households as listed below).

June 12, 2023

Good Day,

We are a group of residents along 4th Avenue West (and in the immediate vicinity) from about 12th St. West to 14th St. West (see map attached) who are proudly committed to our Owen Sound neighbourhood. However, we have become extremely concerned about crime, nuisance behaviour, overdoses, disturbances and other drug-related aberrant behaviour in our neighbourhood over the past year.

We are a close-knit group of homeowners who came together during the first summer of the pandemic to clang pots and pans every Friday night to support frontline health care workers and nursing home residents, and even walked down to the Lutheran Nursing home to clang and sing for the residents. As a neighbourhood, we look out for one another and we keep in regular contact. We all enjoy this neighbourhood and would like to keep it and ourselves safe.

Over the past year, we have all become very alarmed at the increasing lawless behaviour of people wandering the neighbourhood and passing through. There have been people overdosed and unconscious on people's lawns and in the middle of the road, there have been people trespassing, there have been fights on people's front lawns, there has been aggressive and sometimes threatening behaviour from people high out of their tree, there have been "door knocks" from people with very flimsy reasons for wanting to get inside. My house is on the quiet little street of 3rd Ave "A" W, which is tucked right in behind 4th Ave. Earlier this spring, three neighbourhood men had to very

aggressively run off a man who was trying to break into a garage, was not making any sense, and who was acting very strangely and confrontationally. THIS IS NOT NORMAL BEHAVIOUR for this neighbourhood (and that is just one example)! Many, in fact most, of these incidents have been occurring during daylight hours. It is very troubling to see residents have to clash with these troublemakers to protect their property and to defend themselves. It is worrisome sometimes even to walk your dog in broad daylight.

We are not unsympathetic to the supports badly needed for addicts and homeless people (the food bank and Parkway Apts subsidized housing are in our neighbourhood and soon the new transitional housing are all meant to support those in need, which we appreciate). But there seems to be a disproportionate amount of problems cropping up here lately, and perhaps more resources are needed to combat the problems that sometimes follow some of the folks who are in need of housing, mental health and addiction supports. I urge you to check the police calls from this area over the past few months to confirm the problems in our neighbourhood. Most of us have recently put up more fencing and added security lights and sometimes cameras. We call police when we see a problem. We talk to one another about what we're seeing. What else are we supposed to do to keep our neighbourhood safe?? What happens to a good neighbourhood when residents get fed up and move out??

Our hunch is that there are a lot of problem tenants in the Parkway Apt building on 14th St. West. We see them cutting through the back parking lot of the Parkway building (where there is supposed to be a fence!), which spits them out into a right-of-way off 13th St. West. Right off this right-of-way, there has been at least one overdose, a bicycle stolen and other issues.

Actionable items we would like addressed immediately:

1) Replace the fence at the back parking lot of the Parkway building (with something impenetrable) that has been in terrible disrepair for decades (see photo attached). Put up lighting back there. It's long past time for Grey County to be a better neighbour! Perhaps there are other things that could be done on that property too... security cameras?

2) The police and city/county to crack down on the bad tenants in the area and their behaviour. Who are these people and where are they coming from and going to when they are stumbling through our neighbourhood? Are there other “houses” or buildings besides the Parkway highrise that seem to house problem residents? Is it the same handful of people causing all our problems or is it more? Are these people in breach of conditions?

3) We respectfully request that our letter be included in the next (or soon after next) council packages for the city and county and for the next city police board meeting.

We also might remind you that there is a daycare center on 4th Ave West (at the old St. Thomas Church) and the children play in the front yard of that facility all day long.

Please feel free to contact or meet with me or any of the homeowners on this list. All of us below are in signature of this letter. We would like an update at some point this summer on what is being done. Thank you.

Tracey Richardson
(on behalf of Concerned Citizens of 4th Ave. West)



Full list of signatories:

Tracey Richardson/Sandra Green



Colleen and Rick Keddy



Robert and Carrie Currie



Dana Cowie



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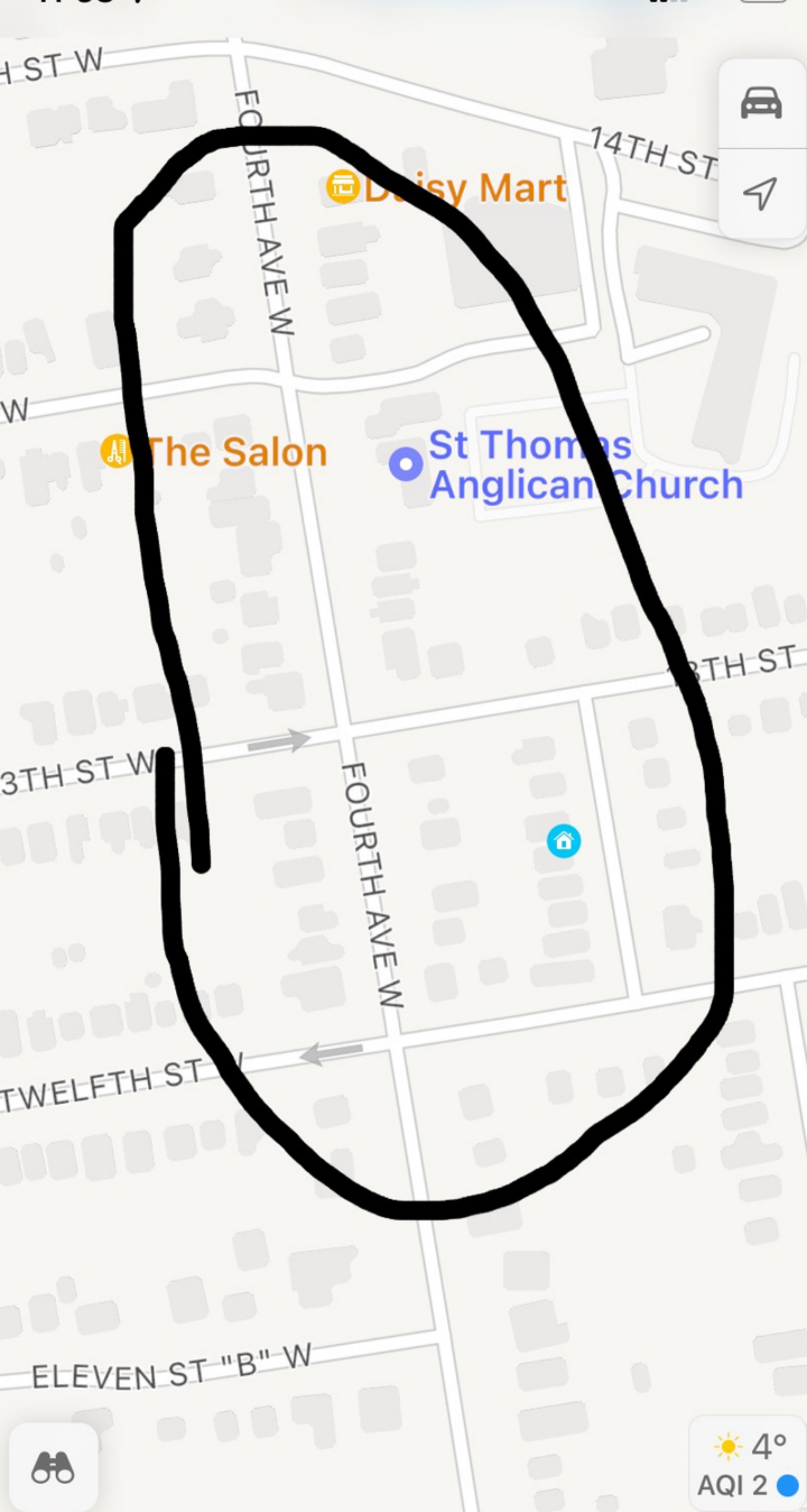


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From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2023 10:53 AM
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Subject: AMO Policy Update - Strong Mayor Powers Expanded



POLICY UPDATE

June 16, 2023

AMO Policy Update - Strong Mayor Powers Expanded

The Government of Ontario [announced](#) today that new regulations will extend strong mayor powers to additional municipal councils in Ontario. The extension of the additional authority is intended to assist with Ontario's housing shortage, which remains a priority for both the province and municipalities in every part of Ontario.

Expanding access to strong mayor powers is intended to build on other provincial steps to improve access to affordable housing, including the passage of [Bill 97, Helping Homeowners, Protecting Tenants Act](#).

These new powers were originally introduced in legislation last summer for Ontario's two largest municipalities. The AMO Board did not take a position on strong mayor powers but expressed openness to the idea. It did express concerns with some aspects of the legislation — in particular, those affecting public administration — and recommended public consultation as the government considered the promised expansion of the new powers to additional municipal councils. AMO also expressed concern with a later provision eliminating the need for majority council support for certain decisions related to provincial priorities.

Municipalities continue to be the most trusted order of government in Canada with statutory requirements in Ontario for transparency, openness and accountability that are unequalled.

In response to today's announcement, AMO released the following media statement:

"Improving housing affordability is a number-one priority for municipalities in every part of Ontario. Strong mayor powers can provide an additional tool to help municipalities play their important role in increasing Ontario's housing supply. As the most trusted order of government, municipalities can be counted on to exercise new powers accountably and in the best interests of the public and the communities they serve".

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June 19, 2023

Advocacy Update: Strong Mayor Powers Expanding to More Municipalities

Following a meeting with Ontario Big City Mayors this morning, Minister Clark has announced that the Government is expanding “strong mayor powers” to 26 additional municipalities beyond the City of Ottawa and the City of Toronto, **effective July 1, 2023**. This extension would be made by adding municipalities to [O. Reg. 530/22](#) under the *Municipal Act*.

Once the regulation is in effect, a head of council of a listed municipality can choose whether to use these permissive authorities.

The municipalities that will be added to the regulation include:

Town of Ajax
City of Barrie

City of Markham
Town of Milton

City of Brampton
City of Brantford
City of Burlington
Town of Caledon
City of Cambridge
City of Clarington
City of Guelph
City of Hamilton
City of Kingston
City of Kitchener
City of London

City of Mississauga
City of Niagara Falls
Town of Oakville
City of Oshawa
City of Pickering
City of Richmond Hill
City of St. Catharines
City of Vaughan
City of Waterloo
Town of Whitby
City of Windsor

These 26 additional municipalities are single- or lower-tier municipalities with a population over 100,000 or projected to grow to 100,000 by 2023. These municipalities have also submitted a [housing pledge](#) to the Province.

Of note, during media availability following the announcement, Minister Clark indicated that more municipalities will be receiving a letter inviting them to sign a housing pledge and consideration will be given to adding more municipalities to the regulation.

Minister Clark also confirmed that the additional powers given to these 26 municipalities are the same as what was given to Ottawa and Toronto, and that the Provincial priorities prescribed in [O. Reg. 580/22](#) remained unchanged.

AMCTO has long advised that without providing reasonable timelines to implement Provincially mandated changes to structures, governance or other matters, the Province continues to place undue administrative and operational burden on municipal staff who must implement these initiatives.

In August of 2022, AMCTO presented to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding Bill 3: *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022*. [Our submission](#) expressed concerns about the effective removal of non-partisan local government management professionals, especially the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and the impact this could have on the politicization of senior and other local government officials. We also emphasized the additional undue administrative burden this change could have on our members and other municipal staff.

In addition, we also responded to the Government's regulatory proposals regarding prescribed [Provincial priorities](#) related to the *Act*, and [matters that bring Part VI.1](#) of the *Act* into effect. We once again urged the Province to consider how implementation of these changes would work on the ground, including impacts on local governance, operational matters, and already limited municipal finances, resources and staff capacity.

As an Association representing municipal staff, we play an important role in facilitating conversations on the practical considerations regarding the implementation of 'strong mayor' authority. With this in mind, we will continue to work together with Toronto and Ottawa to bring

information and considerations for implementing 'strong mayor powers' to our members and other affected municipalities. Stay tuned for more information on this to come.

For more information or to discuss further, please contact:

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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

June 13th, 2023

No. 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the Town of Fort Frances in response to the opioid crisis and in advocating the province for additional resources to combat the opioid crisis; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities in Ontario, local MPs and MPPs and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried Narry Paquette

DIVISION VOTE

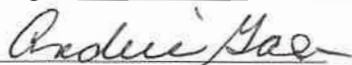
FOR	
Donna Clark	_____
Jason Corbett	_____
Steve Featherstone	_____
Dan MacInnis	_____
Narry Paquette	_____

AGAINST	

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

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

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 14 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of June 13th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.


Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

June 13th, 2023

No. 18

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the Town of Lincoln affirming the importance of the Municipal Heritage Register and its role in preserving the cultural heritage of municipalities throughout the Province, and encouraging the government of the Province of Ontario to maintain the previous provisions of Section 27 of Ontario Heritage Act which promotes the retention and expansion of the Municipal Heritage Register, keeping listed properties on the registry indefinitely, rather than for a maximum of 2 years in order to provide adequate time for the municipality to consider the heritage value of properties and, if necessary, initiate the designation process, before they may be demolished; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried Narry Paquette

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

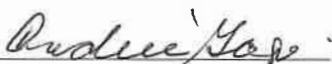
AGAINST

Donna Clark _____
Jason Corbett _____
Steve Featherstone _____
Dan MacInnis _____
Narry Paquette _____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

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

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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

June 13th, 2023

No. 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the Ontario Big City Mayor’s motion on legislative amendments to improve municipal Codes of Conduct and enforcement; AND THAT federal and provincial elected officials should take similar actions to hold themselves to account; AND THAT a copy of this motion be circulated to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Scott Pearce, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Acting President, Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Narry Paquette

DIVISION VOTE

FOR	
Donna Clark	_____
Jason Corbett	_____
Steve Featherstone	_____
Dan MacInnis	_____
Narry Paquette	_____

AGAINST	

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

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

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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

June 13th, 2023

No. 15

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward in requesting the province to pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3), reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried Narry Paquette

DIVISION VOTE

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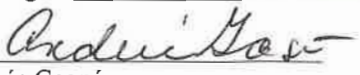
AGAINST

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Jason Corbett _____
Steve Featherstone _____
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Subject: Proposed Provincial Planning Statement | la proposition de déclaration provinciale sur la planification

June 16, 2023

On April 6, 2023, the government released a draft of the Provincial Planning Statement ([ERO#019-6813](#)) that would replace the existing Provincial Policy Statement and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

At that time, natural heritage policies and related definitions remained under consideration by the government and were not released for review and input. The proposed natural heritage policies are now available for review and feedback. The details of the changes can be found through the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#).

Please note that the comment period has been extended to August 4, 2023. You are encouraged to share this information with senior staff in the municipality and to inform the head of council and council members.

Sincerely,

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
