



**CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION**  
**September 11, 2023**

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- 1) Correspondence from the Clerk, Town of Parry Sound re: Housing while protecting freshwater resources.
- 2) Correspondence from the Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor, Municipality of North Perth re: Municipal insurance costs.
- 3) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Town of Amherstburg re:
  - a) Local emergency response system and gaps in healthcare regarding code red and code black frequency
  - b) Violence against women
- 4) Correspondence from the Minister of Energy re: [Powering Ontario's Growth](#).
- 5) Correspondence from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, City of Woodstock re:
  - a) Homelessness and opioid crisis
  - b) Safe and respectful workplace
- 6) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Proposed provincial planning statement.
  - a) City of Toronto
  - b) Village of Merrickville-Wolford
  - c) Municipality of St. Charles
- 7) Correspondence from the Clerk, City of Ottawa re: Donation of decommissioned ambulance to St. John Ambulance.
- 8) Correspondence from the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network Board Member re: Request for endorsement.
- 9) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Town of Fort Erie re: Controls on Airbnb, VRBO, and others affecting municipal rentals.
- 10) Correspondence from the Chief Administrative Officer, Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls re: Short-term rental controls.
- 11) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
  - a) Municipality of South Huron
  - b) Municipality of Shuniah
  - c) Town of Plympton-Wyoming

- d) Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards
  - e) Town of Fort Erie
- 12) Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities (AMO) of Ontario re:
    - a) Policy update – municipal finance audit
    - b) 2022 Annual report
    - c) Policy update – property tax assessment
    - d) Policy update – 2023 conference achieves momentum across priorities
    - e) Watchfile
    - f) Policy update – cabinet shuffle, municipal risk, and gender-based violence
  - 13) Correspondence from the Clerk, Township of Puslinch re:
    - a) Short-term rentals
    - b) Bill 3 - Special powers and duties of heads of council
  - 14) Correspondence from the Administrative Assistant, Drinking Water Source Protection re: Committee meeting minutes 2023-03-31.
  - 15) Correspondence from the Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks re: Modernization of Ontario's environmental assessment program.
  - 16) Correspondence from the Clerk, Municipality of St. Charles re:
    - a) Bill 5 *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*
    - b) Surplus proceeds from tax sales
    - c) Highway Traffic Act amendments
    - d) Homelessness
  - 17) Correspondence from the CAO/Clerk-Deputy Treasurer, Township of Emo re: Black ash tree classification.
  - 18) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Northumberland County re: Use of long-term care funding to support community care services.
  - 19) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Municipal codes of conduct.
    - a) City of Stratford
    - b) Municipality of Powassan
  - 20) Correspondence from the Mayor, City of Hamilton re: Provincial amendments to the greenbelt plan.
  - 21) Correspondence from the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network re: Newsletter.
  - 22) Correspondence from the Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re:
    - a) Streamlining of approvals under the *Aggregate Resources Act* supporting policy
    - b) Proposed *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* regulation changes

- 23) Correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Building faster fund.
- 24) Correspondence from the Clerk, Township of Severn re: Climate emergency just transition transfer.
- 25) Correspondence from the Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) re: *Drainage Act* disputes with national railways.
- 26) Correspondence from the Minister of Infrastructure re:
  - a) Asset management support tools and programs for municipalities
  - b) Red tape reduction for designated broadband projects
- 27) Correspondence from the Mayor, City of Owen Sound re: Support for CMHA Grey Bruce's 14<sup>th</sup> Street Owen Sound project.
- 28) Correspondence from the Association of Municipal Clerks Treasurers Ontario (AMCTO) re:
  - a) Advocacy Update: Assessment cycle advocacy
  - b) Advocacy Update: 2023 AMO conference
- 29) Correspondence from the Ministers of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs re: Deadstock.
- 30) Correspondence from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) re: [InTouch](#) updates.



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL**

**NO. 2023 – 087**

**DIVISION LIST**

**YES NO**

**DATE: June 20, 2023**

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

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**MOVED BY:**

**SECONDED BY:**

**CARRIED:** ☒ **DEFEATED:** ☐ **Postponed to:** \_\_\_\_\_

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the Township of the Archipelago's Resolution attached as Schedule A, as submitted to and approved in June, 2023 by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, with respect to the following calls for action:

THAT the Province of Ontario continue working with municipalities and municipal organizations on the implementation of Bill 23 and other housing initiatives to identify a range of solutions that will address the lack of attainable and affordable housing in the province, while building new housing units in a sustainable manner that is consistent with the province's and municipalities' mandate of keeping people and property safe from natural hazards and protecting the health of our essential freshwater resources; and

THAT the Province of Ontario create a permanent, predictable and dedicated infrastructure program to ensure that municipalities can service lands for housing and address growth pressures on existing water and road systems without placing the burden on existing property taxpayers; and

THAT the Province of Ontario take a regional approach to the implementation of Bill 23 and other housing policy initiatives to respond to the varying needs of urban, suburban, rural and Northern communities in addressing attainable housing needs and environmental protection; and



THAT this resolution be forwarded to: the Premier of Ontario and Quebec, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Governors of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York, federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, MP Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, MP Vance Badawey, Niagara Centre, MP Scott Aitchison, Parry-Sound Muskoka, the six International Joint Commission Commissioners, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in the province of Ontario.



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**Mayor Jamie McGarvey**



**GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE**  
CITIES INITIATIVE  
**L'ALLIANCE DES VILLES**  
DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT

**Responding to Ontario Bill 23 (More Homes Built Faster Act)–  
Protecting Our Natural Capital While Addressing the Housing Crisis**

June 2023



*A Resolution Submitted by the Township of The Archipelago*

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act* (Bill 23) – which makes significant changes to the land use planning system in the Province of Ontario – received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has the longest shoreline and largest watershed along the northern shores of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River, including Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Georgian Bay, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. Seven states share the southern shores of the Great Lakes including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York; and

WHEREAS the State of the Great Lakes 2022 Report written by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Environment and Climate Change Canada classify the Watershed Impacts Status of the Great Lakes as "Fair" (Some ecosystem components are in acceptable condition) and Water Quality Index 65-79 on scale of 0-100; and

WHEREAS per the Independent review of the 2019 flood events in Ontario, "the development of the modern floodplain policy in Ontario, the watershed approach, the conservation authority model and the flood standards have been extremely effective at reducing flood risks, especially in new greenfield development areas"; and

WHEREAS climate change is leading to greater water variability and contributing to increased storm severity and increased flood and erosion risks along the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River; and

WHEREAS all levels of government, including the Province of Ontario, have a role to play in addressing the housing supply crisis; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities recognize the importance of building additional housing units to ensure that current and future residents can continue to find accessible and affordable shelter that meets their needs and have taken steps to promote housing developments within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS all levels of government also have a role to play in protecting freshwater resources, particularly in an integrated multinational system like the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin; and

WHEREAS Bill 23 amends the *Development Charges Act* by freezing, reducing, and exempting fees typically levied by municipalities and other authorities; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario estimates that Bill 23 will reduce municipal resources available to service new developments by \$5.1 billion over the next nine years; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has indicated to municipalities that the government is committing to ensuring municipalities are kept whole following changes made in Bill 23; and

WHEREAS Bill 23 limits the role of Conservation Authorities and makes changes to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System, notably by no longer recognizing or considering wetland complexes (hydrological connections) or species at risk in the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) have identified coastal resilience as a priority issue of concern to ensure the integrity of public infrastructure and private property remains in the face of a changing climate in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin; and

WHEREAS municipal governments, as frontline actors, are critical decision-makers and hold essential knowledge for balancing local needs and planning for growth, while preparing their communities for climate change and protecting the environment and freshwater resources of the basin; and

WHEREAS despite their critical role, local governments already struggle to shoulder their responsibilities with limited tools to finance those obligations, particularly for rural, remote, and Northern communities; and

WHEREAS the Cities Initiative has put in place an Ontario Regional Working Group to engage the Province of Ontario on priority areas of interest to the organization and its members, including ecosystem and source water protection, climate change and coastal resilience, the safe, clean and affordable provision of water services and developing a blue economy in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario continue working with municipalities and municipal organizations on the implementation of Bill 23 and other housing initiatives to identify a range of solutions that will address the lack of attainable and affordable housing in the province, while building new housing units in a sustainable manner that is consistent with the province's and municipalities' mandate of keeping people and property safe from natural hazards and protecting the health of our essential freshwater resources;

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario create a permanent, predictable and dedicated infrastructure program to ensure that municipalities can service lands for housing and address growth pressures on existing water and road systems without placing the burden on existing property taxpayers;

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario take a regional approach to the implementation of Bill 23 and other housing policy initiatives to respond to the varying needs of urban, suburban, rural and Northern communities in addressing attainable housing needs and environmental protection;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cities Initiative is prepared to work with the province and other municipal organizations through its Ontario Regional Working Group to support the twin goals of building more housing and protecting our freshwater resources, which are critical to sustain Ontario's rapidly growing population;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Cities Initiative directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario and Quebec, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Governors of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York, federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, MP Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, MP Vance Badawey, Niagara Centre, MP Scott Aitchison, Parry-Sound Muskoka, the six International Joint Commission Commissioners, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in the province of Ontario.



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June 26, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**RE: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 19, 2023 in support of the resolutions from Northumberland County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills regarding reducing municipal insurance costs:

**Moved by** Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Johnston

**THAT:** The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports the resolutions from Northumberland County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills regarding *Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs*;

**AND THAT:** Staff be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford – Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy – Minister of Finance, the Honourable Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Matthew Rae – Perth-Wellington MPP, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), and to all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Attached please find a copy of the resolutions from Northumberland County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lcline@northperth.ca](mailto:lcline@northperth.ca).

Sincerely,

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

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

cc.

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rea  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



## Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

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**Committee Meeting Date:** May 2, 2023

**Agenda Item:** 7.a

**Resolution Number:** 2023-05-02- 323

**Moved by:** B. Ostrander

**Seconded by:** M. Martin

**Council Meeting Date:** May 17, 2023

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"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered Correspondence from City of Owen Sound, Town of Plympton-Wyoming, and Town of Cobourg regarding 'Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to all Ontario Municipalities."

**Carried**

  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated**

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Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred**

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Committee Chair's Signature



The Corporation of the  
Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Council Meeting

**Resolution Number** 161-23

**Title:** Item C - Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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**Moved by** Councillor Holmes

**Seconded by** Councillor Souter

**THAT** Council supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming's resolution re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

**CARRIED**

I, Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution enacted by Council.

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Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk



# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

July 7, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto ON, M7A 1A1  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

BY EMAIL

**Re: Support Letter: Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare regarding Code Red and Code Black Frequency**

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

At its meeting held on June 26, 2023, Council in the Town of Amherstburg passed the following:

**Resolution # 20230626-015**

*That Administration BE DIRECTED to send a letter of support re: Town of Essex - Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare regarding Code Red and Code Black Frequency.*

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence from the Town of Essex for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

Sarah Sabihuddin  
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**Honourable Doug Ford**

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June 19, 2023

**BY EMAIL**

RE: Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare regarding Code Red  
and Code Black Frequency

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Further to Town of Essex resolution number **R23-05-203** passed on May 15, 2023, we enclose a letter from Town of Essex Mayor Sherry Bondy for your review and consideration.

Yours truly,

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**Joseph Malandrucolo**

Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk

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**encl.**

**c.c.** Mary Birch, County of Essex

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## CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

The Town of Essex Council hereby appeals to the province of Ontario to acknowledge the challenges faced by our local emergency response system and take decisive action to resolve the gaps in our healthcare. While we recognize that our situation is not unique, we believe that it is essential to draw attention to our persistent Code Red and Code Black conditions, which are primarily caused by an insufficient number of hospital beds, medical personnel, and resources.

Windsor and Essex County residents ought to have confidence that when they dial 911 it will elicit a prompt ambulance response for emergency situations. Local healthcare providers are engaging various initiatives such as a paramedic offload program, offload to the waiting room for assessment and triage of less severe medical matters, diversion to another hospital for low acuity cases, and the Essex-Windsor EMS paramedic patient navigator to monitor and manage dispatch. Nevertheless, these initiatives alone have been unable to curb the escalation of Code Red and Code Black frequency, signifying few or no ambulances available for emergencies.

In the year 2021, Windsor-Essex experienced a cumulative of 3253 minutes in Code Red and 791 minutes in Code Black. In 2022, the period subjected to Code Red increased significantly to 8086 minutes, whereas Code Black saw 2257 minutes. In March 2023, just three months into the year, the community has clocked 864 Code Red minutes already plus another 2257 Code Black minutes.

We implore the authorities to apply an immediate and comprehensive review of our hospital offload delays and staffing crisis in our front line. Ambulance offload processes and hospital volumes are merely two contributing factors, if nothing tangible is done, local families risk experiencing catastrophic consequences. Our former Warden, McNamara, declared an emergency on ambulance unavailability in October 2022 linked to hospital admission delays; to date, this emergency situation still holds with no decrease in Code Reds and Code Blacks.

We require a holistic solution to address our hospital deficiencies and healthcare shortcomings on an underlying basis. In addition, the Town of Essex Council request that the province of Ontario conduct a review of projected population growth and aging in Windsor – Essex and increase health care capacity to match our present and future needs.



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Therefore, the Town of Essex Council requests that the province of Ontario recognize the dangerous strain facing our local emergency response infrastructure and urgently work to address these gaps in our healthcare system.

Sincerely,

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**Sherry Bondy**

Mayor

Town of Essex



# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

August 15, 2023

SENT VIA EMAIL

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

## **Re: Town of Amherstburg Support Resolution - Violence Against Women**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Town of Amherstburg, Town Council passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on August 14, 2023:

### ***That:***

1. The Town of Amherstburg **RECEIVE** correspondence from Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee Windsor Essex (VAWCCWE);
2. The Town of Amherstburg **DECLARE** Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) as an epidemic; and,
3. Correspondence stating such **BE FORWARDED** to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Local MPPs, and the Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity.

**Motion Carried.**

Regards,

Sarah Sabihuddin  
Deputy Clerk, Town of Amherstburg  
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cc:  
Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity;  
Local MPPs;  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;  
All Ontario Municipalities.

Ministry of Energy

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MC-994-2023-496

July 10, 2023

It is my pleasure to provide you with a copy of *Powering Ontario's Growth*, which outlines our government's plan for the province's clean energy future.

Thanks to the strong economic growth that has taken place over the last five years, Ontario's electricity demand is rising for the first time since 2005. We know this trend will continue as our population grows, new industries come online, electric vehicle adoption increases and homes and businesses become more dependent on electricity.

While the government has implemented its plan to meet rising demand this decade, we are taking further action and initiating future planning to ensure Ontario has the energy needed to meet increasing electricity demand in the 2030s and beyond, driven by strong economic growth, electrification and population growth.

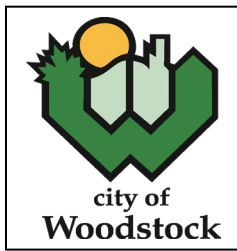
This document addresses what actions are needed in the long-term, including new generation, transmission, energy efficiency and distribution-level solutions. It also highlights the importance of continued collaboration and consultation at every level.

*Powering Ontario's Growth* is the next chapter in Ontario's clean energy journey and lays out how we will provide families and industries with the reliable, affordable and clean energy that they need for Ontario to continue to grow and thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Smith", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Todd Smith  
Minister



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July 25, 2023

Chloe Senior, Clerk  
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Via e-mail – [csenior@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:csenior@oxfordcounty.ca)

Re: County of Oxford Resolutions - Homelessness Crisis and Opioid Crisis

At the Woodstock City Council meeting held on July 13, 2023, the following resolution was passed in response to your correspondence:

“Whereas the homelessness crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario and that Council accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with community stakeholders, partners and residents as well as federal and provincial governments and agencies;

Whereas the City of Woodstock recognizes the challenges of mental health, addictions, specifically opioids, and homelessness are complex issues that have a significant and detrimental impact on the residents of the City of Woodstock and surrounding areas within Ontario;

Whereas addressing and responding to these issues has placed extreme stress on all levels of municipal and non-municipal programs and services, including various not-for-profit organizations and provincially funded health services with the City of Woodstock and surrounding areas;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the City of Woodstock call on the federal and provincial governments to act on the following seven measures:

1. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
2. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;

3. Work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous, and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal;
4. Creation of a multi-sectoral task force to guide development of a robust provincial opioid response plan that will ensure necessary resourcing, policy change, and health and social system coordination;
5. Expanding access to opioid agonist therapy for opioid use disorder through a range of settings (e.g. mobile outreach, primary care, emergency departments, Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine Clinics), and a variety of medication options;
6. Providing a long-term financial commitment to create more affordable and supportive housing for people in need, including people with substance use disorders; and
7. Increasing investments in evidence informed substance use prevention and mental health promotion initiatives that provide foundational support for the health, safety and well-being of individuals, families, and neighborhoods, beginning from early childhood;

And further, that a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; the Minister of the Solicitor General; the Minister of Finance; the Chief Medical Officer of Health; Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman; Oxford MP Arpan Khanna; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario municipalities.”

Yours Truly,



Amelia Humphries  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

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The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of Ontario - [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of MCCSS - [MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca](mailto:MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca)

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The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance - [peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)

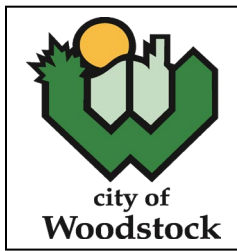
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July 25, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Via e-mail – [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Re: Safe and respectful workplace

At the Woodstock City Council meeting of July 13, 2023, the following resolution was passed:

“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 the City of Woodstock 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;

And further 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
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- 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.

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities."

Yours Truly,



Amelia Humphries  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

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**In reply please quote:  
Ref.: 23-PH4.8**

(Sent by Email)

July 25, 2023

**ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:**

**Subject: Planning and Housing Committee Item 4.8  
City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (Ward All)**

City Council on June 14 and 15, 2023, considered [Item PH4.8](#), and a copy is attached for your information or appropriate action.

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

for City Clerk

S. Przewdziecki/wg

Attachment

Sent to: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Province of Ontario  
Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Province of Ontario  
Leader, Official Opposition, Province of Ontario  
Members of Provincial Parliament  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

c. City Manager

## Planning and Housing Committee

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### City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

#### City Council Decision

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## **Origin**

(May 17, 2023) Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning

## **Summary**

The policy led planning system under which municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) Area have operated since 2006 has experienced numerous changes over the last 5 years requiring the City to continuously review, examine and adapt our planning policies and practices. On April 6, 2023 as part of Bill 97, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced a draft Provincial Planning Statement that is intended to replace the current Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Some policies of the Growth Plan are intended to be incorporated into the new Provincial Planning Statement and the Growth Plan is proposed to be repealed.

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The Province has provided stakeholders 60 days to review the proposed document and comments are due no later than June 5, 2023. Staff will submit the recommendations from Planning and Housing Committee to the provincial ERO posting and will submit additional comments received at City Council's meeting on June 14-16, 2023 as supplementary information to the recommendations contained in this report.

This report outlines staff comments on the proposed Provincial Planning Statement as itemized in Attachment 1. The recommendations contained in this report address concerns raised by City staff intended to inform the Ministry of the City's comments and suggested revisions to the proposed Provincial Planning Statement. Staff from City Planning, Engineering & Construction Services, Economic Development & Culture, the Housing Secretariat, Toronto Water, Parks,

Forestry & Recreation, Corporate Finance and Legal Services reviewed and provided comments organized in the following six themes:

1. Regional Planning;
2. Housing;
3. Employment Lands Planning;
4. Environment;
5. Infrastructure; and
6. Implementation

### **Background Information (Committee)**

(May 17, 2023) Report and Attachments 1 and 3 from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/bgrd/backgroundfile-236614.pdf>)  
Attachment 2 - Provincial Planning Statement 2023: Impact on Film Production Industry (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/bgrd/backgroundfile-236776.pdf>)

### **Communications (Committee)**

(May 29, 2023) Letter from Geoff Kettel and Cathie Macdonald, Co-Chairs, Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (PH.New)  
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-169993.pdf>)  
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Craig McLuckie, President, Toronto Industry Network (PH.New)  
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170052.pdf>)  
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Victoria Harding, Executive Director, DGC Ontario (PH.New)  
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170104.pdf>)  
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Issac Tang, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, on behalf of PT Studios Inc. (PH.New)  
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170105.pdf>)  
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Peggy Kyriakidou, President, and Jayson Mosek, Business Agent, NABET 700-M UNIFOR (PH.New)  
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170106.pdf>)

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(June 14, 2023) Letter from Les Veszlenyi and Angela Barnes, Co-Chairs of the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network (CC.Supp)  
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-170401.pdf>)  
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Ian Carmichael and John Caliendo, Co-Chairs, ABC Residents Association (CC.New)  
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-170438.pdf>)

### **Speakers**

Victoria Harding, Directors Guild of Canada - Ontario  
Cynthia Lynch, FilmOntario  
Peggy Kyriakidou, NABET 700M UNIFOR  
Angela Mastronardi, IATSE Local 873

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## VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - 236 - 23

Date: July 10, 2023

For Clerk's use only, if required:

**Recorded Vote Requested By:**

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| Barr     | Y | N |
| Cameron  | Y | N |
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### Notice of Motion: Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

#### Be it hereby resolved that:

**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 is welcomed; and

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## VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford urges the province to:

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- Reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each one has unique landscapes, housing needs and visions for local planning matters
- Follow the recommendations provided by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

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

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried ☒ Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE

Regular Meeting of Council



**Agenda Number:** 10.5.

**Resolution Number** 2023-153

**Title:** Resolution Stemming from June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #11

**Date:** July 19, 2023

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**Moved by:** Councillor Laframboise

**Seconded by:** Councillor Loftus

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, on May 9, 2023, regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA); the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



File Number: ACS2023-FCS-FLT-0002

July 18, 2023

Colin Best,  
President of the Association of Municipalities (AMO)  
200 University Ave., Suite 801  
Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3C6  
[amopresident@amo.on.ca](mailto:amopresident@amo.on.ca)

***By e-mail***

**Re: Donation of Decommissioned Ambulance to St. John Ambulance**

Mr. Best,

On behalf of Ottawa City Council, I am writing to advise that the City of Ottawa has approved the attached report from the Finance and Corporate Services Committee to donate a decommissioned ambulance to St. John Ambulance.

Additionally, I would like to draw to your attention to a motion Ottawa City Council approved at the City Council meeting of June 14, 2023, to donate a decommissioned ambulance to the Embassy of Ukraine:

**MOTION 2023 16-16**

Moved by: Councillor R. Brockington

Seconded by: Mayor M. Sutcliffe

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has previously donated surplus ambulances to specific causes or organizations, such as the Salvation Army Community and Emergency Response team, the Government of Nunavut as well as organizations doing work in Ghana and Ethiopia; and**

**WHEREAS the Embassy of Ukraine has expressed a need for a decommissioned ambulance to support their humanitarian efforts and provide medical aid in this growing emergency situations; and**

**WHEREAS the provision of an ambulance will pursue the goal of ensuring adequate conditions to provide urgent medical care and to further improve emergency response in the Ukraine; and**

**WHEREAS Section 41(4) of the City's Procurement By-law 2000-50, as amended, states that: "the sale of surplus furniture, vehicles, equipment, stock, supplies and other goods and material shall be made to the highest responsive bidder and the sale shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this by-law where applicable;" and**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive Subsection 41(4) of By-law No. 2000-50, as amended, and approved the donation of one ambulance to the Embassy of Ukraine.**

Should you have any questions regarding this these actions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



M. Rick O'Connor  
City Clerk, City of Ottawa

Encl (1)

cc: Municipalities of Ontario  
amo@amo.on.ca

**From:** Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network <[info@nebnetwork.org](mailto:info@nebnetwork.org)>

**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2023 1:47 PM

**To:** Ian C Boddy <[iboddy@owensound.ca](mailto:iboddy@owensound.ca)>

**Cc:** Amanda Harwood <[amandaharwood@plentycanada.com](mailto:amandaharwood@plentycanada.com)>; Patrick J. Robson

<[PRobson@niagaracollege.ca](mailto:PRobson@niagaracollege.ca)>; Charlen Winger-Jones <[walkingwatertar@gmail.com](mailto:walkingwatertar@gmail.com)>; Clerks

<[Clerks@owensound.ca](mailto:Clerks@owensound.ca)>

**Subject:** Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Request for Endorsement



July 28, 2023

Dear Mayor Ian Boddy:

**RE:** Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Request for Endorsement

On behalf of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network's (NEBN) Board of Directors, we are engaging with municipal leaders, such as yourself Mayor Ian Boddy, along the Niagara Escarpment to build more awareness and support for our newly established organization. The Niagara Escarpment Biosphere (NEB), which has previously been attached to the Niagara Escarpment Commission, has been reconstituted to be a non-governmental organization. This is a critical shift in oversight responsibilities as the NEBN has been established to support the management of the NEB as a community-led, grassroots organization that will work to meet the criteria and standards required by United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Man and the Biosphere Programme.

UNESCO directed a renewed NEB model as it was no longer appropriate to have management oversight connected within a government agency. In 2021, the Transition Leadership Committee and Plenty Canada (an Indigenous not-for profit organization working to share resources with Indigenous Peoples and community groups around the world in support of environmental sustainability) signed a memorandum-of-understanding to work together on developing this new co-governance structure. Work has been progressing and last Spring (2022), the NEBN became officially incorporated under provincial regulations.

The NEBN is now the official entity that is working on a renewed mandate and continued designation of the NEB. We are at a point now where we need your help. As a municipality within the Niagara Escarpment area, we need your leadership and the endorsement of your Council to re-commit to the community's support of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere. With the NEB designation currently under UNESCO review, your endorsement will be key in ensuring we maintain this important globally recognized designation.

We have drafted a proposed motion and we are asking you to put it before your Council for endorsement. If you require a member of the NEBN to attend a Council meeting to help gain your Council's support, a member of our team will be more than willing to attend. Also, we have included some additional facts about the NEBN, and you can also check out our website <http://nebnetwork.org/> or email us at [info@nebnetwork.org](mailto:info@nebnetwork.org) to learn more.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Walter Sendzik, NEBN Board Member and former Mayor of the City of St. Catharines

Cc: Patrick Robson, NEBN Chair  
Charlene Winger, NEBN Vice-Chair  
Amanda Harwood, Plenty Canada





### **What is the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere?**

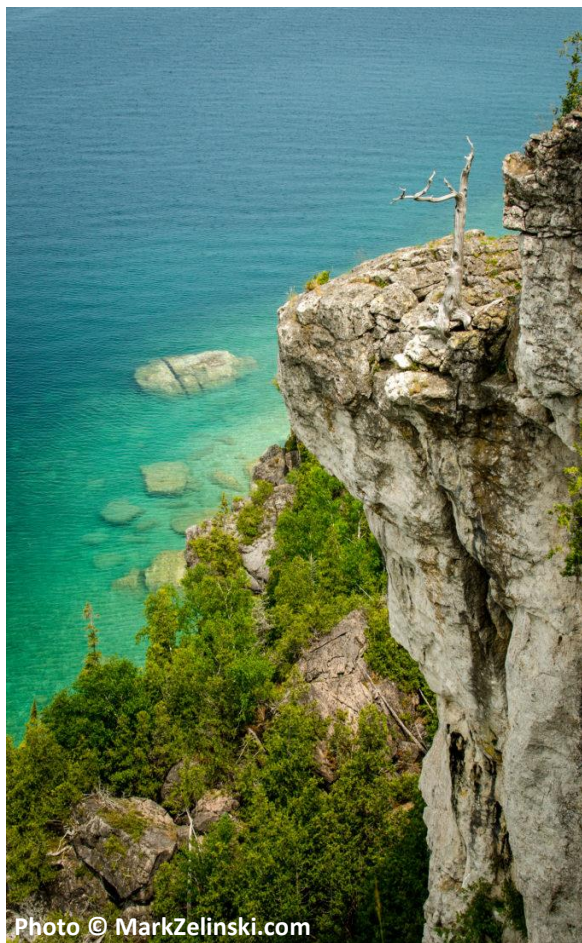
In recognition of its unique ecological characteristics, the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere (NEB) located in south-central Ontario was designated as United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Biosphere in 1990. It is the largest continuous stretch of forested area remaining within Ontario reaching 725 km from Lake Ontario to tip of the Bruce Peninsula. It encompasses two major biomes (Boreal Forest and Temperate Broadleaf Forest), contains 30+ regions/municipalities, and many other diverse natural and urban environments.

The NEB is comprised of three separate zones, including core zones, buffer zones and transitional zones, enveloping approximately 194,555 hectares of land. The unique composition of these three characteristic zones allows for the NEB to conserve biodiversity while simultaneously promoting sustainable development where appropriate. Given the expansive area of the NEB, it is appropriate to accommodate the needs of a number of partners and provide ample opportunity for community engagement. UNESCO does not subscribe to any single model of governance, therefore, governance across the Biosphere's of different countries varies significantly, depending largely on the objectives and goals of partners and nearby communities.

### **What is the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network?**

Following the most recent periodic review of the NEB by UNESCO, fundamental changes were required to maintain the critical UNESCO Biosphere Designation. A key recommendation was how the NEB was governed and how it engaged with partners - especially Indigenous Peoples. To guide a governance transition, a Transition Leadership Committee (TLC) has been established to facilitate the transition.

The NEB has transitioned from a government oversight model to a citizen-led model, including emphasis on meaningful Indigenous engagement and partnership. In fact, TLC is in a co-management framework with Plenty Canada, an Indigenous led organization working to share resources with Indigenous Peoples and community groups around the world in support of environmental sustainability. The Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Transitional Leadership Committee has been working to establish the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network (NEBN) as the new entity that will focus on maintaining the biosphere designation in partnership with all communities within the NEB. In March 2022, the NEBN became officially incorporated under provincial regulations.



### **What is the difference between the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network?**

The Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) is a provincially legislated body with a responsibility that focuses on its land use mandate under the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, guided by the Niagara Escarpment Plan. Ensuring compliance with its regulatory land use policies is an important function of the NEC.

The goal of a UNESCO Biosphere is to promote biodiversity, conservation and relationships between humans and the environment. A recent UNESCO review of the NEB noted a need to better measure conservation, biodiversity, and human relation impacts, not just compliance. This includes promoting biodiversity not only within the NEB but also on adjacent lands. Although this work has been on-going by community groups for many years across the Niagara Escarpment, it has not been captured and networked in a way that provides meaningful inputs into the NEB.

The NEBN is a separate, provincially incorporated entity that will address the missing pieces of the UNESCO designation that includes measuring impacts on the biodiversity of the NEB. The NEBN is a community-led organization that includes partners within the NEB - including an important co-governance model with Indigenous Peoples.

### **Why your support is important to the NEBN?**

To continue to maintain the important Niagara Escarpment Biosphere designation from UNESCO, the NEBN needs the support of First Nations, elected officials, community leaders, educational institutions, environmental groups, business organizations - in essence all groups that see the importance of the Niagara Escarpment as it has been protected for generations.

Through resolutions, stories, letters, and testimonials, the NEBN needs to verify to UNESCO that there is a strong and unified, cross-societal base of support for the continuation of the NEB. Additionally, it is important for UNESCO to see the widespread support for the NEBN as the networking agency that connects the Niagara Escarpment in a way that celebrates all of its benefits – environmental, cultural, economic, and social – with our communities.



## Sample Municipal Resolution in Support of NEBN

**Whereas** the Niagara Escarpment, from Queenston in the south to Tobermory in the north, has been recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a World Biosphere since 1990;

**And whereas** the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere (NEB) provides a range of very positive returns to Ontarians, including but not limited to promoting biodiversity of both flora and fauna, open landscape, productive agriculture and agri-tourism, traditional Indigenous knowledge and cultural history, eco-system services, a living laboratory for learning, carbon sequestration, climate change mitigation and adaptation;

**And whereas** the NEB is integral to the protection and enhancement agenda for the Great Lakes, especially since several of Ontario's major riverine systems have their headwaters within the NEB that in turn feed into each of Lake Huron, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay;

**And whereas** oversight of the NEB has successfully transitioned from the Ontario governmental agency, the Niagara Escarpment Commission to a citizen-centred, not-for-profit organization, namely the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network (NEBN);

**And whereas** the NEBN has been established as a Co-Leadership model between Indigenous and Non-indigenous leaders, with a key objective of establishing the future direction of the NEBN as a model of delivering on the worthy goals of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission as well as a demonstrated commitment to the United Nation's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

**And whereas** the NEBN has made and continues to demonstrate its commitment to partner engagement and collaboration across many sectors and interests, including municipal, environmental, tourism, educational, youth, economic, research, and more;

**And whereas** *municipality's/agency's name here* has demonstrated its commitment to the integrity of the NEB through policy and action over many decades;

**And whereas** the NEBN is seeking continuation of the official UNESCO Biosphere designation for the NEB, with the support of those who call the NEB home for work, play and study;

**Now therefore be it resolved that the** *insert municipality's/agency's name here* strongly supports the continuation of the UNESCO Biosphere designation for the Niagara Escarpment and for the oversight model that has been established with the NEBN.



## Legislative Services

July 26, 2023

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

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: Controls on Airbnb, VRBO and Others Which Affect Municipal Rentals**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of July 24, 2023 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** global technology platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO were created to improve global access to rental opportunities, particularly those available for vacation or shorter-term business purposes, and

**Whereas** the impact of these “disruptive technologies” on rental markets has raised the following concerns in the past decade:

- Concentration of ownership and proliferation of landlord corporations with minimal interest in or accountability to local communities
- Removal of housing stock from long-term rental markets with resulting increases in rents
- Lack of control over occupancy (e.g. families vs large groups of partygoers)
- Incidence of nuisance infractions (noise, garbage, parking), and

**Whereas** any reduction in the availability of long-term housing stock runs counter to the Province of Ontario’s goal of 1.5 million additional homes in the next 10 years, and

**Whereas** growth in short-term rental markets may also have a negative impact on housing affordability for the seasonal workers who service tourist destinations or farming communities, and

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Mailing Address:

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie  
1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON L2A 2S6

Office Hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (905) 871-1600 FAX: (905) 871-4022

Web-site: [www.forterie.ca](http://www.forterie.ca)

**Whereas** implementing local/municipal restrictions through municipal law enforcement tools (licensing) and municipal planning tools (zoning by-law restrictions) may push demand to other communities, and

**Whereas** some platforms (e.g. Airbnb) are already working toward providing notice to owners about municipal regulations and licensing through a license number field, and

**Whereas** some jurisdictions (e.g. Quebec, Scotland) have acknowledged the limitations of local authorities/municipalities in controlling the impact of global technologies and have developed comprehensive regulatory frameworks, and

**Whereas** a comprehensive, consistent regulatory approach is likely to prove more effective in Ontario,

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,**

**That:** Council requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations, and
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality, and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials and further

**That:** The Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long-term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties and further

**That:** A copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter, AMP

Deputy Clerk

[acarter@forterie.ca](mailto:acarter@forterie.ca)

AC:dlk

Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
Jennifer Stevens, MPP - St. Catharines [JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca](mailto:JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca)  
Jeff Burch, MPP - Niagara Centre [JBurch-QP@ndp.on.ca](mailto:JBurch-QP@ndp.on.ca)  
Wayne Gates, MPP - Niagara Falls [wgates-co@ndp.on.ca](mailto:wgates-co@ndp.on.ca)  
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP - Niagara West-Glanbrook [sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org](mailto:sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org)  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities

TOWNSHIP OF SIOUX NARROWS - NESTOR FALLS

Moved by

Matthew Rydberg

Resolution No.

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Seconded by

Date

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Whereas global technology platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO were created to improve global access to rental opportunities, particularly those available for vacation or shorter-term business purposes, and

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That: A copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

| DIVISION OF VOTES        |     |     | CONFLICT OF INTEREST  |
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| Mayor Gale Black         |     |     |   |
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| At Large Steve Salvador  |     |     | DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTION (check one)   |
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| Ward 2 Holly Chant       |     |     | Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> |
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MAYOR

Gale Black



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August 2, 2023

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

Honourable Rasheed

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD)

**Re: Support Time for Change – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their July 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting:

**Motion:** 284-2023

**Moved by:** T. Oke

**Seconded by:** M. Denomme

**That South Huron Council support the June 26, 2023 resolution of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Time for Change - Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.**

**Disposition:** Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Municipality of South Huron

[sjohnson@southhuron.ca](mailto:sjohnson@southhuron.ca)

519-235-0310 ext 225

Encl.

cc: Judy Smith, Clerk/Freedom of Information Coordinator, Municipality of Chatham-Kent [ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

Lisa Thompson MPP [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org)

Ben Lobb, MP [ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca)

Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario [info@ipc.on.ca](mailto:info@ipc.on.ca)

AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee [amcto@amcto.com](mailto:amcto@amcto.com)

Amo [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

All Municipalities in Ontario



July 5, 2023

Via Email: [Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca](mailto:Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca)

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD)

Honourable Rasheed:

**Re: Time for Change  
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on June 26, 2023 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.



If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [ckclerk@chatham-ketn.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-ketn.ca)

Sincerely,

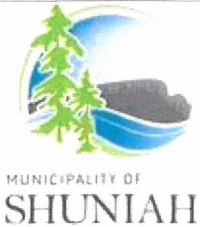
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Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance  
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

c.

Lianne Rood, MP  
Dave Epp MP  
Trevor Jones, MPP  
Monte McNaughton, MPP  
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee  
Ontario municipalities



## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 309-23

Date: Aug 8, 2023

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

THAT Council receives and supports the resolutions from Chatham-Kent and South Huron regarding changes to MFIPPA;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to MP Marcus Powlowski, MP Patty Hajdu, MPP Lise Vaugeois, MPP Kevin Holland, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee and Ontario Municipalities.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

Wendy Lantry  
Signature

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



DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

[Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca](mailto:Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca)

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD)

August 21, 2023

**Re: Time for Change – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Honourable Rasheed:

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the attached resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding a *Time for Change – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**Motion 8**

*Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey*

*Seconded by Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen*

*That Council support item 'e' of correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding a Time for Change – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

**Carried.**

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Kwarciak".

Erin Kwarciak

Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Marilyn Gladu, MP  
Bob Bailey, MPP  
Lianne Rood, MP  
Monte McNaughton, MPP  
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee  
All Ontario Municipalities



**TOWNSHIP OF KILLALOE, HAGARTY AND RICHARDS**

**Date: July 18, 2023**

**Resolution No.:** 03

Moved by [Signature]

Seconded by [Signature]

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby agrees with and supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent with their resolution regarding "Time for Change – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act".

WHEREAS the Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards realizes the importance of the changes needed to the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act R.S.O., 1990* as it dates back 30 years and has not advanced in line with current changes to government operations, public expectations, technologies and respective legislations.

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards agrees that the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA and consider all recommendations made by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski, AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee, all municipalities in Ontario and AMO.

Carried: ✓

Not Carried: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## Legislative Services

August 31, 2023

File #120203

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

The Honourable Kaleed Rasheed, Minister  
Ministry of Public and Business Service Deliver  
5th Floor, 777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: Support of Chatham-Kent Resolution – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Please be advised the Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of August 28, 2023 received and supported the resolution from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent dated July 5, 2023, requesting the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to review MFIPPA and consider making the recommendations contained within the attached letter.

Attached please find a copy of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's correspondence dated July 5, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Todd,  
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July 5, 2023

Via Email: [Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca](mailto:Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca)

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD)

Honourable Rasheed:

**Re: Time for Change  
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on June 26, 2023 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [ckclerk@chatham-ken.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-ken.ca)

Sincerely,

**Judy Smith**

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**Subject:** AMO Policy Update - Ontario Begins Audit of Municipal Finances



## POLICY UPDATE

July 28, 2023

### **AMO Policy Update – Ontario Begins Audit of Municipal Finances**

AMO is pleased to see progress on the government's promise this [past fall](#) to launch a third-party audit of select municipalities to determine the financial impacts of provincial housing legislation. These [audits](#) are intended to help provide a clear and shared understanding of the potential financial impacts for municipalities resulting from the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022. It will also form the basis for fulfilling their commitment to ensure that municipalities are kept whole for any impact to their ability to fund housing enabling infrastructure.

The results from first phase of the audits are expected by the [end of 2023](#). AMO understands how important it is that this work be completed and hopes that the government can work to provide municipalities and other key partners in the housing sector with the certainty that everyone needs to move forward on the government's goal of building 1.5 million homes by 2031.

AMO will continue to bring forward ideas and recommendations for how to ensure municipalities can effectively fulfill their important responsibilities in improving housing affordability and look for ways to collaborate with the province on infrastructure, municipal fiscal sustainability, and land-use planning.

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August 8, 2023

## AMO's 2022 Annual Report

Dear AMO Member,

On behalf of the AMO Board of Directors, AMO is pleased to provide the Association's [2022 Annual Report](#).

The Report includes messages from the AMO President and the Secretary-Treasurer, the Executive Director's Report, along with information on the activities of the Association during the year, and the audited financial statements. It will form part of the Secretary-Treasurer's report at the AMO [Annual General Meeting](#) on Monday, August 21, 2023.

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**Subject:** Policy Update - Property Tax Assessment



## POLICY UPDATE

August 18, 2023

### **Policy Update - Property Tax Assessment**

#### **AMO Pre-Budget Submission to Standing Committee**

Over the past year, AMO has publicly expressed very strong support for a timely return to the assessment cycle.

Yesterday, the government announced that it will defer tax assessment again in 2024. As a result, Ontario's municipalities will continue to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values.

AMO is concerned that further delays will compound uncertainty for residents and businesses. Outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent.

The government also [announced](#) its intention to conduct a review of the property taxation and assessment system focusing on fairness, equity and economic competitiveness. Further deferring property reassessment during the review means municipalities could be waiting a while before a reassessment is conducted.

AMO will continue its call for a return to the regular assessment cycle and expect to be an engaged partner in as details regarding the review continue to unfold.

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## POLICY UPDATE

August 25, 2023

### **Policy Update - Busy AMO 2023 Conference Achieves Momentum Across Priorities**

The AMO 2023 Annual Conference in London, Ontario focused discussion on priority areas such as: housing and homelessness, municipal finance and infrastructure, sustaining public health, and serving Indigenous peoples.

AMO President Colin Best [provided remarks](#) that highlighted municipalities' desire to work in partnership with the province on outcomes for Ontarians. AMO 2023 again provided the opportunity for municipal and provincial leaders to partner and discuss serving Ontarians.

#### **Support for Housing**

As part of his speech at AMO 2023, the Premier [announced](#) the new Ontario Building Faster Fund, a three-year, \$1.2 billion initiative to support housing related needs for municipalities. The Fund provides \$400 million annually to municipalities that meet 80 per cent of their housing targets. Ten per cent of funding is reserved for smaller municipalities without assigned housing targets. The Premier committed to work with AMO to hammer out the details of the program in the fall.

In response to AMO requests, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing [announced](#) that the new definition of affordable housing would consider income. These changes will be part of amendments to the Development Charges Act to be tabled this fall, which would consider income levels when determining access to exemptions from development-related fees. AMO has also requested that the government defer moving forward on development fees for "attainable" housing introduced as part of Bill 23, to ensure that discounts to developers are focused on incentivizing housing affordable for those most in need.

Minister Clark also announced the extension of Strong Mayor powers to additional municipalities with housing pledge commitments as well as the appointment of Facilitators on September 11th for the Regions of Durham, Halton, Niagara, Waterloo and York, and the County of Simcoe.

Mike Moffat's recent [report](#) developed in partnership with the Ontario Big City Mayors provides helpful insights into challenges and solutions on housing.

## **Improvements to Public Health Funding**

The Minister of Health, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, announced changes to how public health units will be funded, supported and directed. This included reverting back to a 75% provincial and 25% municipal cost sharing ratio and an increase in base funding for public health units by 1% annually. The province will work with AMO and other partners on a longer-term approach to funding, clarification of rules and responsibilities, and the facilitation of voluntary public health unit mergers.

## **New AMO Partnership with Ontario Native Women's Association**

AMO and the Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) [signed a memorandum of understanding](#) at the AMO Conference, committing the two organizations to a formal relationship that increases dialogue, involvement in AMO policy development, events and initiatives.

AMO is committed to supporting municipalities in the ways they engage, serve, and learn from Indigenous women in their communities. The ONWA MOU will improve AMO's engagement with Indigenous services organization, building on an MOU with the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres (OFIFC).

## **Minister's Forum Discussion at AMO 2023**

The Minister's Forum provided another direct opportunity for elected municipal officials to engage with [provincial cabinet members on important issues](#), including:

- A request of the Minister of Finance from Mayor Marianne Meed Ward of Burlington to commit to a provincial-municipal conversation on "who does what" and a new municipal fiscal framework;

- Significant audience response to a question from Councillor Kelsie Van Belleghem of Kenora highlighting the urgency of moving forward with improvements to municipal Codes of Conduct to protect staff and elected officials;
- Councilor Rowena Santos of Brampton and Peel Region's call on the Solicitor General and the Ministers of Children, Community, Social Services and Women's Economic and Social Opportunities to work with AMO on a strategy to address gender-based and intimate partner violence. The AMO Board has joined with many municipalities and the federal government in acknowledging this challenge as an epidemic; and,
- A question from Mayor of Mississippi Mills Christa Lowry to the Minister of Finance calling for an explanation of the ongoing delay of property tax reassessments.

## **Wednesday Programming on Homelessness**

The third and final day of the conference was dedicated to ending homelessness in Ontario. Speakers highlighted the need for urgent action to move beyond crisis response and tackle root causes, with solutions that address housing, income security, and health.

AMO has called on the Government of Ontario to immediately increase social assistance rates and transform Ontario's system; increase the supply of deeply affordable community housing; continue to invest in community-based mental health and addictions services; and continue to increase base funding for the Homelessness Prevention Program. These provincial actions, in addition to federal enhancements to the National Housing Strategy, are critical to enabling a human-rights approach to housing and encampments at the local level.

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**Subject:** AMO Watchfile - August 31, 2023



August 31, 2023

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- Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS).
- Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant.
- Release of public information service.
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- Cyber incident management in partnership with ISA Cybersecurity.
- Use Canoe pricing in your 2024 budget.
- Identify energy savings with energy treasure hunt.
- Training for elected officials on Boards of Health.
- Careers: Elgin County, Kitchener and Oakville.

### **AMO Matters**

AMO is pleased to launch a refresh of the Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS). MIDAS is a web-based tool that provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) to all Ontario municipalities. The FIR is the main data collection tool used by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to collect financial and statistical information on municipalities. Ontario municipal elected officials and staff can contact [MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca](mailto:MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca) for access.

### **Provincial Matters**

The Ontario government is providing one-time grants of up to \$10,000 to ensure community spaces remain safe and secure from hate-motivated incidents. Applications are open for 2023-2024. The deadline is September 12, 2023.

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is Ontario's public safety regulator. TSSA releases public information (e.g., licence statuses or devices at a location) per its privacy codes. Click here to request a release.

### **Eye on Events**

It's back! AMO and MISA ON's joint Municipal Cybersecurity 101 Forum returns this fall in time for Cybersecurity Month. Join us virtually on October 12 from 10am to 2pm to learn more about building a cyber resilient municipality. Register today.

AMO is pleased to partner with Vayle to offer a cost-effective digital platform to streamline FOI program management, reduce costs, and mitigate compliance risks. Join us on September 14 at 12pm where we will provide a deeper dive into the latest digital offering.

## **LAS**

ISA Cybersecurity was pleased to meet everyone in the exhibit hall at the 2023 AMO Conference. To learn more about the ISA Cybersecurity partnership with LAS, please contact Shannon Devane.

Are you planning to buy equipment in 2024? The Canoe Procurement Group provides quick and easy quotes for your budget. If you're ready to purchase, save the time of running your own RFP and buy direct from pre-approved vendors. Contact Sarah to learn more.

Town of Whitby recently completed an LAS energy workshop & treasure hunt at their Brooklin Community Centre, identifying tremendous energy savings opportunities. Join others planning the same and book your workshop for this fall. Contact Christian Tham today!

## **Municipal Wire\***

alPHA is offering two courses on Board of Health Governance and Social Determinants of Health for elected officials on Boards of Health. Pricing and more information are available here.

## **Careers**

Chief Administrative Officer - Elgin County. Responsible for the strategic leadership and efficient delivery of all administrative and operational services. Please apply via email with a covering letter and resume by September 28.

Chief of Staff - City of Kitchener. Lead a 4-person team responsible for supporting the Mayor and members of City Council in their community leadership roles. Apply online by September 6.

Coordinator, Strategic Communications and Community Relations - City of Kitchener. Play a key role in constituency and community relations and communications. Apply online by September 15.

Director, Culture and Entertainment - City of Kitchener. Oversee the development and implementation of strategic plans to support arts and artists, and attract major entertainment events. Apply online by September 13.

Supervisor, Stores - Town of Oakville. Provide the planning, analysis, materials management, organization, and distribution of required goods and services. Apply online by September 5.

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## About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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**Subject:** Policy Update - Cabinet Shuffle, Municipal Risk, and Gender-Based Violence



## POLICY UPDATE

September 5, 2023

### **Policy Update - Cabinet Shuffle, Municipal Risk, and Gender-Based Violence**

#### **New Municipal Affairs Minister**

Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark tendered his resignation on September 4. The Premier announced changes to his Cabinet later that day, including:

- Paul Calandra moves from Minister of Long-Term Care to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. He retains his role as Government House Leader;
- Prabmeet Sarkaria moves from President of the Treasury Board to Minister of Transportation;
- Caroline Mulroney moves from Minister of Transportation to President of the Treasury Board. She retains her role as Minister of Francophone Affairs;
- Stan Cho moves from Associate Minister of Transportation to Minister of Long-Term Care;
- Rob Flack becomes Associate Minister of Housing with a specific mandate on attainable housing and modular homes reporting to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- Todd McCarthy becomes Associate Minister of Transportation reporting to the Minister of Transportation; and
- Nina Tangri moves from Associate Minister of Housing to Associate Minister of Small Business reporting to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

AMO looks forward to working with all of the Ministers in their new roles.

## **AMO Acknowledges Gender-Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence in Ontario**

On August 19th, the AMO Board of Directors acknowledged that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence is an epidemic in Ontario, requiring an urgent and coordinated response. Building on this acknowledgement, an AMO delegation of municipal representatives, joined by the Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Native Women's Association, met with Ministers Michael Kerzner (Solicitor General), Michael Parsa (Children, Community and Social Services), and Charmaine Williams (Women's Social and Economic Opportunity) to highlight the need for partnership with municipalities and community-based organization to urgently address these issues.

A [letter](#) to the Ministers calls for the provincial government to work with partners to develop a concrete plan of action to address intimate partner violence, gender-based violence, and violence against Indigenous women that is accompanied by sufficient resources, clear accountability mechanisms, and a robust implementation approach. AMO's Social Policy Task Force and Policing Task Force will lead ongoing work to address these forms of violence.

## **Municipal Risk and Liability Report**

For decades, municipalities across Ontario have experienced fluctuating insurance premiums. Insurance premiums are determined by several factors, including number and type of claims, economic conditions as well as global and local events. Since 2022, AMO and the Ministry of Attorney General have come together to form a Technical Working Group to provide an inter-governmental dialogue on municipal insurance costs, coverage and liability issues.

Two key takeaways of the group's work for AMO are:

- to consider alternate risk financing options that may address concerns with municipal insurance cost growth; and
- to collect joint and several liability data to identify any future opportunities for legislative change.

Click [here](#) to read the full report.

## **Correction to AMO Conference Update**

In our August 25 Policy Update, we had mistakenly identified Councillor Kelsie Van Bellenghem as the delegate who put to Minister Clark the question of municipal codes of conduct during the Ministers Forum. The impactful question was, in fact, delivered by Councillor Lindsay Koch of Kenora.

We apologize for the error, and attribute it to AMO's Director of Policy clearly needing to build in additional recovery time post-conference prior to drafting updates.

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August 3, 2023

RE: Consent Agenda Item 6.48 Selwyn Township - Short Term Rentals

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

**Resolution No. 2023-226:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.48 listed for JULY, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch is in receipt of Selwyn Township resolution of June 27, 2023;

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch also supports the resolution and also requests that the Province move forward as soon as possible to legislate that all third party Short Term Rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings and to compel compliance that the Province establish the requirement for STR companies to require each rental listing to be registered and to pay an appropriate annual fee and that STR company provide this registry along with the collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located which allows the municipality to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds for municipal expenses to enforce/respond to issues at a STR property; and further



That the Province require the STR company to de-list/remove the property from the company's listings so that the property cannot be rented where a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc.; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, Speaker Ted Arnott, and MPP Matthew Rae.

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox  
Municipal Clerk

June 29, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Please be advised that at its meeting held on the 27th day of June 2023, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2023 – 143 – Notice of Motion – Short-Term Rentals**

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor John Boyko –

Whereas the demand for alternative accommodations has resulted in an increased prominence of residential properties being advertised for short term accommodations through third party companies such as Airbnb and VRBO; a shift from the ‘traditional’ cottage rental historically managed by a property owner; and

Whereas over the past decade a flood of properties have been removed from the ownership and long-term rental market (*Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance at McGill University*) contributing to housing shortages, increased housing demands and increased housing costs resulting in housing affordability issues, including affordable rentals; and

Whereas short term rentals (STR) can be beneficial, when operated appropriately, by providing solutions for the accommodation industry that supports local tourism and small businesses as well as providing an opportunity for property owners to generate income from their residence (permanent or seasonal) using a convenient third-party system; and

Whereas STR’s can create nuisances including noise, parking, high volumes of visitors attending a property, septic capacity and fire safety, for adjacent residential property owners who wish to experience quiet enjoyment of their property; and

Whereas research indicates that demand for STR’s is increasing, in part due to vacationers choosing domestic travel options as well as the financial benefits to property owners, demonstrating that STR’s are here to stay; and

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Whereas there are no Provincial regulations in place governing third party STR companies resulting in a variety of regulations/guidelines being implemented at the local municipal level which creates inconsistencies, confusion and frustrations for both consumers and residents across the Province;

That the Township of Selwyn request that the Province move forward as soon as possible to legislate that all third party Short Term Rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings and to compel compliance that the Province establish the requirement for STR companies to require each rental listing to be registered and to pay an appropriate annual fee and that STR company provide this registry along with the collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located which allows the municipality to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds for municipal expenses to enforce/respond to issues at a STR property; and further

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That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, local M.P.P. Dave Smith and M.P. Michelle Ferreri.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,

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August 8, 2023

RE: 9.4.5 County of Wellington Planning Report - Comments on the Government's Proposal to Grow the Greenbelt

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

**Resolution No. 2021-090:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.34 listed for JULY 12, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas Council supports the resolution from Municipality of Shuniah regarding Bill 3 - Special Powers and Duties of Heads of Council; and

That Council direct staff to support and circulate in accordance with the resolution.

Therefore, the Township of Puslinch, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:



1. These changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively impact the Municipality of Puslinch;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should listen to concerns raised by Associations such as AMO and AMCTO;
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

**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](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities



# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 232-23

Date: Jun 20, 2023

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is proposing to expand the list of municipalities where the Head of Council has strong mayor powers and duties;

THEREFORE, this Municipality of Shuniah, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:

1. These changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Municipality of Shuniah;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should listen to concerns raised by Associations such as AMO and AMCTO;
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

Council further directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Thunder Bay MPP's, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other Municipalities in Ontario."



**Carried**



**Defeated**



**Amended**



**Deferred**



## SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES – MEETING #91

**MEETING:** SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

**DATE:** FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

**TIME:** 1:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:** GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Chair, Carl Kuhnke  
Andrew Barton, Stan Eby, John Fruin, Harley Greenfield, Dick Hibma,  
Les Nichols, Dan Orr, Troy Pelletier, Gord Timmerman,

**Virtual Attendance:** Tara Saab, Mitch Twolan  
Mary Gooding, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation  
and Parks (MECP)  
Karen Gillan, Program Supervisor & Communications Specialist, DWSP

**Others Present:** Carl Seider, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)  
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

**Also in Attendance:** Tim Lanthier, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation  
Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation  
Danielle Walker, Wellington County DWSP  
Devon Wilhelm, Water Operator, Chippewas of Nawash

**Regrets:** Robert Emerson

The newly appointed Chair introduced himself and welcomed all present including Source Protection Committee members and visitors.

#### 1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.**  
**SPC-23-243**

**Moved by John Fruin**  
**Seconded by Stan Eby**

**THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.**

**Carried**

## **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest**

Source Protection Committee (SPC) members were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest that may arise during the course of the meeting. No disclosures of pecuniary interest were expressed at this time.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

**Motion No.  
SPC-23-244**

**Moved by Dick Hibma  
Seconded by Les Nichols**

**THAT the Minutes of the November 25, 2022 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.**

**Carried**

## **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

No matters arose from the previous minutes. The Project Manager noted that the pesticides issue will be carried forward to a future meeting.

## **5. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence at this time.

## **6. Reports**

### **Administration Report 6a**

#### **Source Protection Committee Chair Appointment:**

The Project Manager thanked member Dick Hibma for graciously and capably acting as interim chair until the formal appointment of Chair Kuhnke was finalized.

The Project Manager welcomed the newly appointed Chair of the SPC, Carl Kuhnke, who comes to the Committee with extensive experience, having recently retired as the CEO of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre, is the President and CEO of the Owen Sound Transportation Company, as well as a municipal councillor in Brockton and representative on the Brockton Police Services Board.

#### **Source Protection Committee Representative Appointments:**

Several members' terms are ending and searches are in progress for renewals/replacements. CAOs of the relevant municipalities were contacted for names of candidates respecting the municipal representatives, resulting in the appointment of Troy Pelletier and Harley Greenfield who replaced Dennis Kefalas and Jim Uram respectively. Notices have been issued respecting two agricultural representatives and one environmental representative and the usual appointment process will be followed.

### **Scott's Point Well Update:**

Work continues respecting the delineation of the new wellhead protection area (WHPA) around the new Scott's Point well in the Municipality of Kincardine. Staff confirmed that, since the new WHPA delineation falls completely within the old area and there were no new threats affecting property owners, Source Protection Plan (SPP) amendments can be completed as part of the other planned sec. 34 amendments. The original well will not be a backup well and will be decommissioned when the replacement well comes online and the new WHPA is delineated.

### **Chesley Well:**

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie has plans to drill a new test well in the spring of 2023 in the hopes of locating a suitable location for the production well.

**Motion No.  
SPC-23-245**

**Moved by Gord Timmerman  
Seconded by Andrew Barton**

**THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Administration Report 6a for information and welcomes Harley Greenfield as the new Municipal Sector Representative Group #4 on the Committee.**

**Carried**

### **Communications Report 6b**

The Communications Specialist reviewed Communications Report 6b and advised that work is underway to complete the annual newsletter and documents that accompany the release of the Annual Progress Report. Information respecting salt distribution was shared earlier in the winter. The Children's Water Festival will be an in-person event this year and the organizing committee is seeking volunteers to share their knowledge and expertise. The Communications Specialist and Project Manager attended the Grey-Bruce Farmers week and helped inform attendees about the Source Water program.

## **7. New Business**

### **Annual Progress Report 7a**

The Project Manager reviewed the Annual Progress Report 7a and advised that the Annual Progress Report covers the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and highlights the progress of the Source Protection Plan (SPP) implementation, results of municipal monitoring programs, risk management activities, Ministry reporting of prescribed instruments, and reporting requirements for Conservation Authorities under the local Source Protection Plan. Out of 164 Risk Management Plans (RMP) in this Region, 160 have been completed. The remaining 4 RMPs are in progress awaiting responses from owner corporations. The terms of the RMPs are spread out over time to enable Staff to monitor the Plans. New RMPs will be required with the introduction of the amended salt policies. Staff is anticipating a larger number of RMPs in the Wellington County portion of the Region, perhaps double the current numbers.

Municipalities continue to conduct regular septic inspections and some previous inspections are being updated after the 5-year inspection period expires. Municipalities are pro-active in this matter and some have consultants conducting inspections on their behalf.

The Committee discussed that the message being sent to the Ministry with the Annual Progress Report and agreed that there should be an emphasis on the increasing cost of implementation and climate change.

**Motion No.  
SPC-23-246**

**Moved by John Fruin  
Seconded by Harley Greenfield**

**THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives a copy of the draft Source Protection Annual Progress Report and directs Staff to provide the Report, along with any comments, as discussed, to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by May 1, 2023.**

**Carried**

#### Septic Policy Report 7b

The Project Manager reviewed Septic Policy Report 7b and advised that the proposed septic policy impacting Lake Rosalind and Marl Lake were discussed at a recent Council meeting for the Municipality of Brockton, with the municipal representative from the SPC, John Fruin, the General Manager of Saugeen Conservation, Jennifer Stephens, and the Lake Association members in attendance. The new policy will be drafted to reduce the risk of drinking water systems from septic systems or holding tanks in vulnerable areas around the Lakes. The matter was discussed at some length and a motion passed as below.

**Motion No.  
SPC-23-247**

**Moved by John Fruin  
Seconded by Harley Greenfield**

**THAT: Staff is directed to continue discussions with the Municipality of Brockton, the Lake Rosalind Residents Association and the residents surrounding Lake Rosalind/Marl Lake regarding the possibility of future Source Protection Plan amendments,**

**AND FURTHER: THAT: Staff is directed to submit draft wording for a new Moderate/Low policy for a discretionary inspection program for septic systems around Lake Rosalind/Marl Lake to Ministry staff for early engagement consultation.**

**Carried**

#### Snow Policy Report 7c

The Project Manager reviewed Snow Policy Report 7c and advised that the thresholds for snow storage and distance that would determine a significant threat have been lowered according to the 2021 Director's Technical Rules. Amended snow storage policies were reviewed given these Technical Rule changes.

**Motion No.  
SPC-23-248**

**Moved by John Fruin  
Seconded by Harley Greenfield**

**THAT: Drinking Water Source Protection Staff is directed to submit draft wording for snow policy amendments to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for early engagement consultation purposes.**

**Carried**

## **8. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Motion No.  
SPC-23-249**

**Moved by John Fruin  
Seconded by Harley Greenfield**

**THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives all reports presented at this meeting for information, including all recommendations contained therein.**

**Carried**

## **9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, July 28, 2023 at Grey Sauble Conservation.

There being no further business, Stan Eby made a motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.



Carl Kuhnke  
Chair



Nancy Guest  
Recording Secretary



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August 9, 2023

Greetings,

Today, I am writing to provide you with an update on recent decisions made by the province to modernize Ontario's environmental assessment (EA) program.

**Moving to a Project List under the *Environmental Assessment Act***

A key element of the EA modernization initiative is identifying projects that should be subject to EA requirements in a regulation. The move to a project list approach is a shift from the current framework where environmental assessment requirements are based mainly on who is undertaking the project.

In November 2021, the ministry began consultation on a proposal for the projects that would require a comprehensive EA and related actions, and the ministry is now proceeding with certain policy elements from the 2021 proposal. Specifically, the ministry has made amendments to three regulations and updated two related guides, as further described below. The changes will simplify processes and provide new exemptions. The remaining elements of comprehensive EA projects regulation proposal and related actions are under consideration.

In March 2023, the ministry updated the Moving to a Project List Environmental Registry posting with a revised proposal. The revisions to the proposal do not relate to the policy elements discussed within this update.

**Amendments to Certain Regulations under the *Environmental Assessment Act***

Amendments to three regulations under the *Environmental Assessment Act* have been approved, and related actions have been taken, implementing certain policy elements of the proposal [Moving to a project list approach under the Environmental Assessment Act](#):

- The Waste Management Projects Regulation (Ontario Regulation 101/07) was amended to change the environmental assessment requirements for certain landfill expansion projects and to make the minister the decision-maker for a request to elevate a waste management project following the streamlined environmental assessment process to an individual environmental assessment

- The Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings (Ontario Regulation 231/08) was amended to authorize the minister to amend or revoke conditions previously imposed in a notice given by the minister to allow the proponent to proceed with a transit project.
- The General Regulation (Ontario Regulation 334) was amended to expand the current exemption for Crown undertakings (activities) related to land claim settlements to include those Crown undertakings related to any settlement of the Algonquins of Ontario Land Claim.
  - The Algonquin Land Claim Declaration Order was also amended to align with the exemption in the regulation.

### **Updated Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Waste Management Projects**

The Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Waste Management Projects ([Waste Guide](#)) has been updated to reflect amendments to the environmental assessment requirements set out in Ontario Regulation 101/07, and to make other administrative updates. The changes include:

- Updating the EA requirements for certain landfill expansion projects.
- Making the minister the decision-maker in relation to elevation requests.
- Updating the regulatory terminology and description of EA requirements in light of recent amendments to the Regulation related to thermal treatment, to include advanced recycling and the resulting recovery of materials, and identifying information to be included when undertaking the Environmental Screening Process for an advanced recycling (thermal treatment) project.
- Administrative updates recognizing the Guide was last updated in 2007.

### **Updated Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects**

The Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects ([Electricity Guide](#)) has been updated to change the decision-making authority for elevation requests for electricity projects and make other administrative updates to reflect changes since the guide was last updated. The changes include:

- Adding information to Section A.6.2.3 (Consultation with Indigenous Communities) of the guide to align with the Waste Guide, including in relation to the Crown's duty to consult, contacting the ministry for a list of Indigenous communities for consultation, and documenting the consultation process.
- Updating the ministry's name to "Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks".
- Updating the thresholds for transmission line projects that determine the type of environmental assessment process required.

The regulations were filed and came into force on August 8, 2023 and the updated guides are in effect (posted to the Environmental Registry website on August 8, 2023).

Further details of the amendments to the three regulations and related actions and copies of the updated guides are available on the Environmental Registry of Ontario ([ERO 019-4219](#)). Details about the regulatory amendments made with respect to advanced recycling are available here ([ERO 019-4867](#)). More information on our other efforts to modernize the EA program can also be found at: [Modernizing Ontario's environmental assessment program](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact my team at [EAModernization.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:EAModernization.mecp@ontario.ca) if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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

Annamaria Cross  
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.2.

**Resolution Number** 2023-150

**Title:** Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #4, 10, 11, 12, and 19

**Date:** July 19, 2023

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**Moved by:** Councillor Laframboise


**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles expresses support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the Court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated to the municipalities represented by the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus;**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Parliament (MP); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
MAYOR

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.3.  
**Resolution Number** 2023-151  
**Title:** Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #9 and 15) and from the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #19)  
**Date:** July 19, 2023

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**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

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

AND WHEREAS the 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;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the Corporation of 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 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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), the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

  
MAYOR

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.4.

**Resolution Number** 2023-152

**Title:** Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #16) and the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #10)

**Date:** July 19, 2023

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**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier

**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the City of Cambridge, on May 9, 2023, regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments;**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO); the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge**  
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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



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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.6.  
**Resolution Number** 2023-154  
**Title:** Resolution Stemming from June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #21  
**Date:** July 19, 2023

**Moved by:** Councillor Laframboise  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**WHEREAS** the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it the most;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality of St.-Charles understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality of St.-Charles understands that the Federal National Housing Strategy allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in Community Housing Network as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national Community Housing Network relative to every other province and territories;

**AND WHEREAS** receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing;

**AND WHEREAS** the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

**AND WHEREAS** a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through Reaching Home, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of Community Housing Network nationally;

**AND WHEREAS** there is an inequitable distribution of Reaching Home funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality of St.-Charles understands the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long- term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project;

**AND WHEREAS** taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national Canadian Housing Network amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal National Housing Strategy;

**AND WHEREAS** the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the Social Housing Agreement for several decades through federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs;

**AND WHEREAS** without some flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main National Housing Co-Investment Fund program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency and accessibility;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles appreciates the federal government's commitment to end chronic homelessness and wishes this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding Reaching Home funding to all Service Managers;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles also supports the provincial position in relation to the provinces and territories Repair Fund under the National Housing Co-Investment Fund;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal Housing Accelerator Fund. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understanding that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles wishes to request that Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation consider actions taken by municipalities under the province's Housing Supply Action Plans into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles believes the federal government should heed the precedent of the Social Housing Agreement and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the Rapid Housing Initiative's 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service Managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can

undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles urges the Federal Government provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all our residents;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of the Resolution be forward to the individuals listed below for consideration and support, Prime Minister Trudeau; Minister Ahmed Hussen; the local Member of Parliament (MP); Premier Ford; Minister Clark; the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



## The Corporation of the Township of Emo

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August 14, 2023

Via email only

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

**Re: Black Ash Tree Classification as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act**

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Emo, at its meeting held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 passed the following resolution.

**Resolution June 14, 2023 No. 16**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks listed the Black Ash Tree as endangered in the Province of Ontario as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation in eastern and southern Ontario;

WHEREAS this classification was given even though the Emerald Ash Borer is not known to be widespread in Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Black Ash Tree is assumed to remain abundant on the landscape of Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) classification of "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits killing (Harvesting), harming, harassing, possessing, transporting, trading, and selling of live or dead Black Ash, and damaging or destroying its habitat on both Crown and Private Land;



# The Corporation of the Township of Emo

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WHEREAS the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) classification of “endangered”, for the Black Ash Tree, came into effect on January 26, 2022;

WHEREAS the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy is proposed to come into enforcement in January 2024;

WHEREAS the strategy is not expected to change the 50-99% destruction of Black Ash by the Emerald Ash Borer;

WHEREAS the strategy contains 170 references to possibilities that “may” be or are “poorly understood”, including 80-year climate change models;

WHEREAS one of these unknown factors is the Rainy River forests of Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Rainy River forests, while having features of Great Lakes – St. Lawrence, also include Boreal and Prairie habitats following a continuum from northern Minnesota rather than from Southern Ontario;

WHEREAS the strategy, if applied, will certainly have severe impact on the economy, agriculture, forestry, tourism, recreation, First Nations and residential landowners of the Rainy River District;

WHEREAS it would be impossible to fully comply with the strategy and continue living in much of the Rainy River District;

WHEREAS consultation on the Black Ash and Emerald Ash Borer did not include the majority of Northwestern Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Rescind the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy at least as it concerns the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario;
- b) Seek further understanding of the health of the Black Ash in the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario.
- c) Complete a provincial study regarding socio-economic impact on this part of Northwestern Ontario

in consultation with stakeholders BEFORE any policies are passed and enacted upon.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Regards,



Crystal Gray  
CAO/Clerk-Deputy Treasurer  
Acting Treasurer  
Township of Emo  
E: [cao@emo.ca](mailto:cao@emo.ca)  
P: (807) 482-2378

cc. Thunder Bay – Superior North MP, Marcus Powlowski  
Premier Doug Ford  
Kenora-Rainy River MPP, Greg Rickford  
Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs  
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)  
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)  
The Federation of Agriculture  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
Office of the Ontario Regional Chief – Chiefs of Ontario  
Northwestern Ontario First Nations  
Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA)  
Rainy River District Clerks & CAO's





**The Corporation of the  
County of Northumberland**  
555 Courthouse Road  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6



## Northumberland County Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**August 18, 2023**

Hon. Paul Calandra (Minister of Long-Term Care)  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance)  
Hon. David Piccini (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for  
Northumberland - Peterborough South)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Northumberland County Resolution – 'Use of Long Term Care Funding to  
Support Community Care Services'**

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At a meeting held on August 16, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-08-16-556 adopting the below recommendation from the July 31, 2023 Community Health Committee meeting.

**Moved by:** Councillor Lucas Cleveland  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** the Community Health Committee, having considered correspondence from the City of Pickering regarding 'Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services', recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Long-Term Care), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

**Council Resolution # 2023-08-16-556**

**Carried**



**The Corporation of the  
County of Northumberland**

555 Courthouse Road  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Mather".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County



## Council Resolution

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Moved By L. Cleveland

Seconded By R. Crake

Agenda  
Item 10

Resolution Number  
2023-08-16 - SSG

Council Date: August 16, 2023

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held July 31, August 1, and August 2, 2023), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

| Committee<br>Name | Item<br># | Description | Held By |
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|  |  | - Community Health Committee, Item 7.b, 'Correspondence, Municipality of Port Hope 'Public Health and Opioid Overdose Crisis – Renewal of a Drug Strategy' – Held by Councillor Cleveland |  |
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**And Further That** the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote  
Requested by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Carried

Wendy Rantier  
Warden's Signature

Deferred

\_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Defeated

\_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

## Community Health Committee Resolution

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**Committee Meeting Date:** July 31, 2023

**Agenda Item:** 7.a

**Resolution Number:** 2023-07-31- 516

**Moved by:** L. Cleveland

**Seconded by:** M. Martin

**Council Meeting Date:** August 16, 2023

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"**That** the Community Health Committee, having considered correspondence from the City of Pickering regarding 'Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services', recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Long-Term Care), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

**Carried**   
Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

Sent by Email

May 29, 2023

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

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](mailto:ltcminister@ontario.ca)

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

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

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

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

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

We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

*Chris Bantock*

Chris Bantock  
Deputy Clerk

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



**City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department**

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August 17, 2023

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

[resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)

200 University Ave., Suite 801

Toronto, Ontario M5H 3C6

Re: Resolution – Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct

At their July 10, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted a resolution supporting the call by AMO for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation strengthening Municipal Codes of Conduct.

A copy of the resolution is attached. We have also provided this resolution to our area MPP Matthew Rae and MP John Nater and respectfully requested support in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Tatiana Dafoe*

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

Encl.

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cc: MPP Matthew Rae  
MP John Nater  
All Ontario municipalities



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD**  
**Resolution: Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct**

**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** the City of Stratford 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:

- 1. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment**
- 2. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario**
- 3. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province**

- 4. 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**
- 5. Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;**

**AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for endorsement.**

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Adopted by City Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford on July 10, 2023.

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



Date: August 1, 2023

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: M. Wand

That the correspondence from the Women of Ontario Say No regarding Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement be received;

**AND FURTHER THAT** all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

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

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

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

**THAT** municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

**THAT** municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

**THAT** the Municipality of Powassan Council 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; and

**THAT** the legislation encompasses 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, and;

**THAT** this legislation be prioritized for the fall of 2023 given the urgency of this issue; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Fedeli, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, AMO and all municipalities.

  
Carried

Defeated

Deferred

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Mayor

Recorded Vote: Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

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| Councillor Randy Hall   |      |      | Mayor Peter McIsaac |      |      |
| Councillor Markus Wand  |      |      |                     |      |      |
| Councillor Dave Britton |      |      |                     |      |      |
| Councillor Leo Patey    |      |      |                     |      |      |

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| DATE OF COUNCIL MTG. | aug 1 |
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HAMILTON

**VIA: Mail**

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

August 1, 2023

Dear Premier Ford:

City Council, at its meeting held on July 14, 2023, approved Item 13 of Planning Committee Report 23-011 which reads as follows:

**13. Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (Greenbelt Plan Amendment No. 3) (PED23046(a)) (City Wide) (Item 11.4)**

- (a) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff, in conjunction with Legal Services staff, be directed to provide input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator under protest with respect to any private development proposals and associated community benefits within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area;
- (b) That the Eleven Directions to Guide Development attached as Appendix "D", as amended, to Report PED23046(a), which were previously approved by Council as part of the City's Municipal Comprehensive Review process, be utilized as the framework for the City's input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Areas;

**Direction #11**

The City of Hamilton considers agricultural use to be of prime consideration, along with the protection of wetlands and natural heritage features.

- (c) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to schedule a public meeting of the Planning Committee for the purpose of

obtaining public input as to the City's priorities and expectations with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area; and, that staff consult with City of Hamilton Public Engagement staff to ensure: the statutory meeting meets best engagement practice as much as possible; that the statutory meeting be held in the evening, be live streamed, and be held at a publicly accessible facility that is in close proximity to the Book Road lands; and, that the *Provincial Land and Development Facilitator*, all MPP and MP's be extended an invitation to attend.

- (d) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to request public discussion except where excluded under the provisions of the Municipal Act, including public agendas, a list of participants and minutes.
- (e) That the Mayor send a letter regarding these recommendations to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario Municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C23-012 when responding to this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Mayor Andrea Horwath

File #C23-012

c.c. Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
All Ontario Municipalities (by email)





## Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network



**Greetings from the Niagara Escarpment**



Aanii to all who enjoy the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere. To hike the trails within this region is eye-opening to the beauty nature provides for us. We get to stand along the edge of and see for miles in both directions. Some trails are rough but some paths are worn from avid hikers checking out the seasons. As you walk out in these nature trails you will find such a variety of growth. Spring growth is fragrant with new growth. Summer has such amazing trees and flowers all along the trail. We have waterfalls that are just amazing. Springs are also found throughout so you can get a refreshing drink. Fall shows us colors in nature that creation has painted for us. Enjoy these walks, protect these trails, for this is a gift for all to enjoy.

*Charlene Winger*

— Charlene Winger-Jones is vice chair of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network

### Find Out More




## Partners in stewardship: The role of education in preserving and protecting Niagara's Biosphere

As a hub for applied learning, research, and innovation in the region, Niagara College is a proud partner in the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network. Our Daniel J. Patterson Campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake sits on 125 acres at the foot of the escarpment — Canada's first nationally recognized post-secondary wildlife sanctuary and one of the country's most unique learning environments.







### Find Out More

#### Contribute to Science

Every observation can contribute to biodiversity science, from the rarest butterfly to the most common backyard weed. We share your findings with scientific data repositories like the [Global Biodiversity Information Facility](#) to help scientists find and use your data. All you have to do is observe.



#### Nature At Your Fingertips

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|  <b>Keep Track</b><br>Record your encounters with other organisms and maintain life lists, all in the cloud. |  <b>Create Useful Data</b><br>Help scientists and resource managers understand when and where organisms occur. |
|  <b>Crowdsource Identifications</b><br>Connect with experts who can identify the organisms you observe.      |  <b>Become a Citizen Scientist</b><br>Find a project with a mission that interests you, or start your own.     |
|  <b>Learn About Nature</b><br>Build your knowledge by talking with other naturalists and helping others.     |  <b>Run a Bioblitz</b><br>Hold an event where people try to find as many species as possible.                  |

## Bioblitz of the full length of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere underway with iNaturalist

The Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network (NEBN) has the responsibility to manage the Biosphere designation under the Man and Biosphere Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The NEBN is a network of networks where everyone can be involved. One of its mandates is to monitor and promote conservation of biodiversity.

### Find Out More



## Youth Training on Georgian Bay

Today, I am sitting on the deck of a former fish processing plant, which is now our office, typing this story on my laptop while I hear belly laughs from the eight Indigenous youth and their canoe trip trainers who are sitting in the driveway around an easel and learning in a circle. Down the driveway, I can see the waves on the waters of Georgian Bay, which Andrew Akiwenzie, the president of the Bagida'waad Alliance, has fished for over 40 years and knows the waters better than anyone else ever could. He is around to help with the small things, like getting out the cots for some of the youth, since there is a thunderstorm coming in tonight, and is around to keep an eye out and lend his knowledge when needed.

**[Find Out More](#)**





### **The Field and Stream Rescue Team: Grassroots Action in the Hamilton-Halton Region**

The Field and Stream Rescue Team is an environmental charity with a mission to revitalize urban areas by rehabilitating watercourses, forests, and natural areas through community education and hands-on activities. Serving the Hamilton-Halton region, our volunteer events offer a variety of opportunities for all community members to participate in projects that improve the overall health of the local environment.

**[Find Out More](#)**



### **Crawford Lake Becomes Indicator of Climate Change**

An international panel of scientists announced that Crawford Lake, a small body of water located 50 kilometres west of Toronto, has emerged from among a dozen candidates around the world as the place that best records the dawn of the human epoch. That epoch, they say, began during the middle of the 20th century, when our species effectively became the main driver of global change.

**[Find Out More](#)**





### **Are we living in the Anthropocene? How does the Niagara Escarpment fit into the discourse?**

In 2009, the International Subcommission on Quaternary Stratigraphy (SQS) commissioned a working group to investigate whether the “Anthropocene” had substance as a potential new epoch of geological time. The term was popularized by atmospheric chemist, and Nobel laureate, Paul Crutzen, who insisted that human impact had altered the planet well beyond the norms of the previous 12,000 years — i.e., the Holocene Epoch was over (Crutzen & Stoermer, 2000).

**Find Out More**

### **UPDATE: Greenbelt Foundation Project Enhancing Biodiversity Awareness in the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere**

The Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network (NEBN) with its partners The Bruce Trail Conservancy, Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, Royal Botanical Gardens, Niagara College, and Brock University are honored to work together to raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity in the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere. The project is supported by a grant from the Greenbelt Foundation.

**[Find Out More](#)**



### **Designing signage along the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere**

I've always had an interest in both science and the arts, so this project is really a combination of my two favourite things: learning about life around me and making visually appealing work. I'm very lucky to be able to explore both through my studies as an education student, as taking courses in biology and visuals arts is necessary to be able to teach the material. While graphic design isn't the same as my usual illustrative process, this project has allowed me to work outside of my normal artistic comfort zone and expand my skills.

**[Find Out More](#)**



### **Finding a balance between research, education, and outreach through learning from nature**

I grew up close to nature between a farm and the woods in various regions of the province of Quebec. I love nature and I decided early on to become a biologist as a teenager. Through my undergraduate and graduate studies, I returned to nature for reconnection and research. I rapidly discovered the importance of protecting nature and reducing human impacts. This is probably why my master's degree was in conservation and my postdoctoral work on climate change. Then, everything changed when I became research associate at University of Sherbrooke where I discovered the importance of interdisciplinary research. This is when I realised how research alone is not enough. Education is important but especially community outreach. This is where the tires hit the road.

**Find Out More**







July 19, 2023

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network (NEBN)

We are writing to express our support for the work carried out by the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network (NEBN) and to emphasize the importance of the Niagara Escarpment to the Town of Lincoln. The Town of Lincoln is proud to endorse this organization and its dedication to the conservation and sustainable development of our cherished natural heritage.

The Niagara Escarpment holds a special place in the heart of our community. As one of the most iconic geological formations in the region, it provides a wealth of environmental, cultural, and economic benefits. The escarpment is a living testament to the rich natural history and diverse ecosystems that make Lincoln a truly unique place to live, work, and play. Beyond its cultural significance, the Niagara Escarpment plays a crucial role in the town's environment. It is a haven for diverse plant and animal species, contributing to the overall ecological health of the region. The escarpment also offers abundant recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. Its scenic beauty, hiking trails, and waterfalls attract outdoor enthusiasts, boosting tourism and supporting local businesses.

The NEBN plays a crucial role in ensuring the long-term well-being of the Niagara Escarpment. The organization promotes the conservation of this precious landscape while encouraging responsible and sustainable development practices. Their work aligns with the Town's commitment to environmental stewardship, community engagement, and the preservation of our natural resources.

The NEBN plays a critical role in safeguarding the Niagara Escarpment for future generations, protecting its unique beauty, ecological integrity, and cultural significance.

We look forward to witnessing the continued success and positive impact of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network in our community.

Sincerely,

Sandra Easton  
Mayor  
Town of Lincoln

Michael Kirkopoulos  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Lincoln

**Find Out More**

**NIAGARA ESCARPMENT BIOSPHERE NETWORK**

**Newsletter Communication**

You are receiving this newsletter because you live in or near a World Biosphere Site, the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere to be precise.

Did you know scientific studies show regular contact and physical activity in natural environments such as the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere result in health benefits such as reduced negative physical symptoms including muscular pain and tension, and negative emotional symptoms such as depression, anxiety, and stress.

## Find Out More

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

Greetings,

Further to my letter dated May 29<sup>th</sup>, I am writing to inform you that after reviewing and considering the feedback received in response to the ministry's proposal (ERO # [019-6767](#)), a decision has been made to move forward with the expanded list of changes that can be made to existing pit or quarry site plans in Ontario without ministry approval (provided specific conditions and eligibility criteria are met).

These changes will add five additional activities to the existing list of routine site plan amendments that may be self-filed by authorized pit and quarry operators in Ontario. It's important to note that only those site plan amendments which satisfy all conditions and criteria set out in the updated regulation are eligible for submission under the self-filing process. All other amendments will continue to be subject to review and authorization by the ministry under the formal amendment process.

For complete details of these changes please refer to amended section 7.2 of [Ontario Regulation 244/97](#).

In addition to these changes, we have made administrative updates to the Technical Reports and Information Standards document, as well as the Amendment Without Approval and Objection forms. You can access the latest versions of these documents through our website, at [ontario.ca/aggregates](http://ontario.ca/aggregates).

No decision has been made yet with respect to the proposed amendments policy that was consulted on as part of the same proposal. The ministry continues to review and consider the feedback received in response to the proposed policy and will communicate the outcome once a decision has been reached, including a decision notice on Environmental Registry.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about these changes or should you require a French version of this letter, please contact us by email at [aggregates@ontario.ca](mailto:aggregates@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Keyes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Keyes,  
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch

**Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry**

Resources Planning and Development  
Policy Branch  
Policy Division  
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Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

**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  
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September 1, 2023

Subject: Proposed *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* regulation changes for special projects and well security

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Hello,

We are writing today to share information about regulation changes being proposed under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* that would:

- Establish the processes and requirements that would enable projects to test or demonstrate new or innovative activities in Ontario to pursue authorization under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*, including measures to support the protection of people and the environment and provide for local and Indigenous community engagement and consultation, where appropriate, on applications for licences and permits.
- Remove well security exemptions and caps, going forward, for all wells under this Act, when
  - wells are newly drilled, deepened or converted to another use, or
  - a well licence is transferred.
- Increase security caps when companies amalgamate (i.e., no longer allow for security to be refunded to operators on the basis of a security cap when companies amalgamate).

If approved, the proposed changes would come into effect on January 1, 2024.

If approved, the proposed changes to well security exemptions and caps would also apply to operators who make requests for transfers, new well licences, conversions, deepening, or consents to adjust security due to amalgamations, that are received by the ministry after the date these proposed changes were posted to the environmental and regulatory registries.

More details on the proposed changes can be viewed in the proposal notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-7507>. Feedback on the proposed changes can be provided directly to the ministry or through the environmental registry.

The decision notice for changes to the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* to support the regulation of special projects and to enhance measures to safeguard people and the environment that were proposed last spring through *Bill 91, Less Red Tape, Stronger Economy Act, 2023* (<https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-43/session-1/bill-91>) has now been posted and can be viewed here: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6752>.

If you would like more information or have any questions about the proposed changes, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: [Resources.Development@ontario.ca](mailto:Resources.Development@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Keyes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Keyes  
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch

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**Item 23**

234-2023-4205

August 22, 2023

Dear Head of Council,

**Subject: Building Faster Fund**

The housing supply crisis affects all of Ontario – from rural communities to large, urban centres. Our government is committed to building at least 1.5 million homes by 2031, with municipalities across the province as our key partners.

On August 21, 2023, Premier Ford announced the new Building Faster Fund, a new three-year-\$1.2 billion program to help municipalities meet or exceed their share of the province's 1.5 million homes goal.

**As announced by Premier Ford, 10% of the overall funding will be set aside for small, rural and northern communities that have not been assigned a housing target by the province, in order to address their unique needs in supporting growth in housing supply.**

Ontario will be consulting with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team on program design details of the Building Faster Fund, including how the funds can best support small, rural and northern communities, and I look forward to sharing more information with you in the future. As Ontario grows, we need to build more homes. I look forward to your support in ensuring that everyone – newcomers, young families and seniors – can afford a place to call home.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Steve Clark.

Steve Clark  
Minister

c: Hon. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Housing  
Ryan Amato, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office  
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August 11, 2023

Climate Emergency Unit  
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Dear Erin Blondeau, Director of Communications

Re: Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT)

Please be advised that the Council for the Township of Severn received correspondence respecting the Just Transition Transfer (JTT) at their recent August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council meeting.

Following discussion Motion C2023-042 was passed:

**Moved by Councillor - Ward 3 Phil Brennan**

**Seconded by Deputy Mayor Judith Cox**

**WHEREAS Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are slowly starting to trend downward, but the reduction trajectory remains incongruent with what science and justice demands;**

**WHEREAS Canada must spend what it takes to confront the climate emergency, and there is an urgent need for Canada to spend more on climate infrastructure that would drive down GHGs and hasten the transition off fossil fuels;**

**WHEREAS Canada needs to make an audacious and hopeful offer to those workers and communities whose employment and economic security is currently tied to the fossil fuel industry (and to a lesser extent the auto, steel, concrete, and agriculture industries, etc., all of which face substantial transition challenges), and to Indigenous communities on the frontlines of fossil fuel extraction;**

**WHEREAS the federal government has introduced a *Sustainable Jobs Act*, but this Act needs to be paired with and backed-up by a substantial investment in the jobs of the future;**

**WHEREAS much of the climate infrastructure needed will come under provincial, municipal and Indigenous jurisdiction (renewable energy, grid upgrades, public transit, zero-emission housing, etc.), and training comes under provincial jurisdiction, but it is the federal government that has the greatest capacity to pay;**

**WHEREAS a new federal Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT) specifically linked to funding climate infrastructure projects that would create hundreds of thousands of jobs, along with training and apprenticeships programs for workers and those leaving the oil and gas industry -- would be a transformative program that signals that Canada is indeed entering emergency mode;**

**WHEREAS the JTT would be an annual transfer of approximately \$25 billion from the federal government to provincial/territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments, purpose-built to meet the climate emergency imperative to decarbonize our society, ensuring communities can fund the infrastructure and training needed to transition off fossil fuels, while creating thousands of sustainable jobs in a way that is specific to their needs and locale;**

**WHEREAS the JTT's distribution would be based on a formula linked to recent GHG emissions in each province (but fixed from that point onward, so as not to perversely incentivize continued high GHGs), recognizing that some jurisdictions face a more challenging task to transition their local economies;**

**WHEREAS the JTT would transfer federal funds to newly established just transition agencies in each province and territory -- jointly governed by the federal government, provincial/territorial governments, municipal governments, and local Indigenous nations -- and in some case directly to Indigenous nations, ensuring the transfer money is not simply absorbed into provincial or municipal budgets or used to displace other infrastructure or**

**training funds, but rather, ensuring the money is used for its intended purpose, and that fund are allocated in a manner sensitive to local climate action plans, the unique GHG profiles of each region, and to local labour market/training needs;**

**WHEREAS a JTT could provide significant, stable, multi-year funding for the climate infrastructure and training/employment needs of municipalities, Indigenous communities, energy utilities, public transit authorities and public housing authorities;**

**WHEREAS the federal government is welcome to title such a new transfer as they see fit (e.g. a Sustainable Jobs Transfer or a Climate Infrastructure Transfer);**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Severn formally endorses the call for a new Just Transition Transfer; and**

**THAT the Township of Severn urges the federal government to establish a new Just Transition Transfer, starting with a major financial commitment in the next federal budget; and will write to the federal ministers concerned expressing this support;**

**AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities.**

**Carried**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (705) 325-2315 x 232 or by email at [agray@severn.ca](mailto:agray@severn.ca)

Regards,

*Alison Gray*

Alison Gray, BAH, CMO, AOMC  
Clerk

Cc Ontario Municipalities

**From:** ROMA Chair <ROMAChair@roma.on.ca>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 4:01 PM

**To:** Briana Bloomfield <bbloomfield@owensound.ca>

**Subject:** ROMA meeting at AMO 2023 on Drainage Act disputes between rural municipalities and national railways

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## UPDATE

August 10, 2023

### **Join ROMA on August 21 at AMO to Discuss *Drainage Act* Disputes with National Railways**

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) is playing a key role by seeking intervenor status in the ongoing issue of *Drainage Act* disputes between rural municipalities and national railways.

On Monday, August 21 at 6 p.m. at the [2023 AMO Conference](#) in London, ROMA Chair and Mayor of Westport, Robin Jones will be joined by legal representative Stephane Emard-Chabot and representatives from Chatham Kent. This one-hour session will explore what [actions ROMA has taken to date](#) on behalf of rural municipalities, the legal concerns and issues at hand and important next steps in working to recover costs of drainage work by CP, CN and VIA rail on municipal lands.

#### **Background**

For more than a century, railways complied with laws requiring landowners to help cover the cost of municipal work on private property. Now, Canada's railways are saying they are above provincial law. Railways are delaying important work, costing municipalities hundreds of thousands of dollars, and putting thousands of hectares of property at risk.



## **ROMA's Actions**

ROMA is taking action to support rural municipalities who cannot take on the multi-billion-dollar rail industry alone. If your municipality is impacted by the actions of Canada's national railways join this important discussion. A video has been prepared featuring Chair Jones and Stephane Emard-Chabot outlining the issues at play, actions underway and what more is needed to address this ongoing concern.

Watch the [video](#) to learn more.

Join in on this important discussion: **August 21 in salon J, first floor of the RBC Place, 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

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**Subject:** Ontario invests in more Asset Management support tools and programs for municipalities |  
L'Ontario investit davantage dans les outils et programmes visant à aider les municipalités à gérer leurs actifs

Good afternoon:

I am pleased to inform you that our government is investing an additional \$1.2 million to broaden the availability of the AMP it Up program to additional municipalities. The program provides tools and supports to assist municipalities in developing asset management plans that meet requirements under the *Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure* regulation (O.Reg. 588/17).

We understand that the development of asset management plans may be challenging for some municipalities. With this additional funding, the Ministry of Infrastructure, in partnership with the Municipal Finance Officers' Association, will continue to provide municipalities with asset management tools and supports, including one-on-one coaching for municipalities with a population of fewer than 5,000, detailed workshops on regulatory topics, and communities of practice to enhance collaboration amongst municipalities with similar infrastructure needs. I encourage municipalities to share this news in your communities using the social media toolkit attached to this letter.

This additional investment will ensure more municipalities are supported and set up for success in the management of their infrastructure assets. Asset management plans are important tools to help municipalities make the right infrastructure investments in the right places and at the right time, using an evidence-based decision-making process. With a high-quality asset management plan in place, municipalities can better understand the important services that need to be supported over the long term, identify infrastructure challenges and opportunities, and find innovative solutions to better address their local infrastructure needs.

The next regulatory deadline is July 1, 2024, for municipal asset management plans to include all municipal assets, as well as current levels of service and costs to maintain those service levels. Municipalities should begin work now to ensure the upcoming regulatory deadline is met.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Kinga Surma  
Minister of Infrastructure

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**Subject:** Red Tape Reduction for Designated Broadband Projects | Réduction des formalités administratives pour les projets de large bande désignés

Good afternoon:

As you may know, our government is committed to ensuring that communities across Ontario have access to high-speed internet. We have made a historic investment of nearly \$4 billion in funding-based opportunities to help us meet our goal of bringing high-speed internet access to every community in Ontario by the end of 2025.

I am pleased to share an update on our efforts to expand high-speed internet access across the province.

In Spring 2023, Ontario introduced the *Less Red Tape, Stronger Economy Act, 2023* to help reduce burden for businesses, not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and other provincially regulated entities. As part of this initiative, the government has made legislative and regulatory amendments to the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021 (BBFA)* to address barriers to timely municipal permit approvals and efficient infrastructure data collection.

This summer, the government has just released a newly updated version of the *Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Guideline* to provide additional clarity and best practices for completing work for designated broadband projects in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements. This Guideline was first released in April 2021 with input from municipalities, ministries, and other partners as a tool to expedite the delivery of designated high-speed internet projects. It was updated in August 2022 to reflect new regulatory requirements that came into effect after its original release.

I'm happy to share our newly updated Guideline which provides additional clarity and best practices for completing work for designated broadband projects in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements under the BBFA, the *Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012* (One Call Act) and the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEBA).

To further support timely progress towards our end of 2025 commitment, Infrastructure Ontario has tools in place to help municipalities meet requirements under the legislation. These include the Technical Assistance Team (TAT), and the use of an online platform called the Broadband One Window (BOW). The Ministry has also re-started its Technical Working Group with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to enhance these tools and ensure municipalities have the support they need to build broadband faster.

Thank you for your ongoing support to ensure that the people we serve have the access

they need to participate in the digital world and help to grow Ontario's economy. We appreciate your continued partnership in helping us achieve this important goal.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Tuesday, August 8, 2023

**Re: Letter of Support for CMHA Grey Bruce's 14<sup>th</sup> Street Project in Owen Sound**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Owen Sound, we are writing to lend our support to the Canadian Mental Health Association Grey Bruce's request for funding for staffing and program costs associated with the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Project in Owen Sound. The project will provide a high-intensity, 24/7 transitional supportive housing program for individuals who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, due to barriers related to mental health and problematic substance use. The program is in partnership with Grey County, which has purchased and renovated a building to create 12 affordable housing units, offices for service providers, and space for life enrichment activation activities.

At present, there are no high-intensity, 24/7 supportive housing programs in Grey and Bruce Counties for the target population, despite there being a significant need for such services in this area as evidenced by the Grey Bruce By Names List.

This program will improve population health by implementing a pathway for people experiencing homelessness due to serious mental illness and substance use to be successfully transitioned to housing with appropriate supports aimed at achieving and maintaining recovery and maintaining housing. Being successfully housed will help to reduce the prevalence and cost associated with the physical health comorbidities associated with homelessness. The housing model will also incorporate harm reduction approaches and strategies that will further improve population health.

This program will reduce the cost of care by reducing emergency department visits, hospital admissions, and hospital readmissions by providing clients with the resources needed to address mental health or physical health challenges in the community rather than in hospital.

People with serious mental illness, problematic substance use, and a history of homelessness are more likely to be excluded from traditional affordable housing or supportive housing programs due to concerns that their support needs are too high and that they will not be able to maintain a successful tenancy. The population, therefore, is typically unable to access appropriate housing. Access to housing is one of the most important social determinants of health. The chronic homelessness experienced by this population further perpetuates their mental health and addiction challenges and is likely to contribute to further health problems. This funding will contribute to reducing health inequities by implementing a high-intensity supportive housing model that will be accessible to individuals with high needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Boddy', is written over a white background.

Ian Boddy

Mayor of Owen Sound

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August 29, 2023

## Update on our Assessment Cycle Advocacy

As you are aware, we joined the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the private sector in calling for a return to the assessment cycle [earlier this year](#) and [again more recently](#).

On August 16, the Ontario government filed [Regulation 261/23](#) under the *Assessment Act* to extend the current assessment cycle through to the end of the 2024 taxation year. This means that valuations from 2016 will continue at least for another year. In addition, we have been advised that the Province will undertake a review of the property taxation and assessment system with a professed “aim to focus on fairness, affordability and business competitiveness” and “exploring modernized administrative tools to support municipalities.”

While we are disappointed that the reinstatement is delayed, we welcome a review of the system which has been in place since the mid-1990s. Last week at the 2023 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference, when asked about the delay in reassessment, Finance Minister Bethlenfalvy said that the Government wants to take the time to get the next assessment cycle right and ensure that there are modernized transparency tools to support ratepayers.

We remain cautious about what the Province's intentions are with its review and how it will be conducted and we will continue to monitor this development. In the meantime, we welcome your comments, concerns, or recommendations on property taxation and the assessment system to help inform future advocacy in this area. To get involved, we encourage you to volunteer as part of our Roster of Municipal Advisors – this is a great way to provide support in a more informal way and to have your voice heard.

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We also continue to collect your most problematic reporting requirements. We hope that through our [renewed advocacy strategy](#), we will see more specific and timely actions from the Province to reduce the municipal reporting burden.

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For more information or to discuss further, [please contact us](#).

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August 29, 2023

## AMCTO at the 2023 AMO Conference

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) held its annual general meeting and conference from August 20-23 in London, Ontario, where we were proud to exhibit at the conference tradeshow and represent our members' interests in delegation meetings.

President Stephen O'Brien and staff participated in five delegation meetings over the course of the conference, including with the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, the Ministry of Red Tape Reduction, and with members of the NDP, Liberal and Green caucuses.

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### ***Delegation with Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery***

Following up on our conversation with Minister Rasheed during the **2023 ROMA conference**, we met with Parliamentary Assistants Riddell and Sabawy, to continue our advocacy asks for a comprehensive review of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990 (MFIPPA)*. This was the first time we have delegated with the Ministry since our **Board-approved MFIPPA recommendations in June**. We provided an overview of the key themes and some of the items we expect to raise in our forthcoming submission to the Minister.

### ***Delegation with Ministry of Red Tape Reduction***

As part of our **renewed advocacy strategy to reduce the municipal reporting burden**, we met with Parliamentary Assistant Oosterhoff to re-introduce the municipal reporting burden and talk about our upcoming work in this area. If members have not already done so, **please respond to our call for burdensome reports today** so that we can provide the ministry with some practical examples and potential solutions for the most troublesome reports and processes.

### ***Delegations with Opposition Parties***

Continuing to build our relationships with the opposition parties, we met with the NDP, Liberal and Green caucuses to discuss how we can work together to advance the issues that matter most to our members. These productive meetings included discussions around our forthcoming submission on *MFIPPA*, our work reviewing the *Municipal Elections Act*, the municipal reporting burden, our concerns about the role of staff within the new strong mayor environment and the continued lack of clarity regarding Bill 23. This includes measures impacting development charges and making municipalities whole.

### ***Announcements Tied to AMCTO Advocacy***

During Premier Ford's speech to delegates, he announced the **Building Faster Fund** – an initiative that assigns new housing targets to 21 additional municipalities and incentivizes building more homes faster with a \$1.2 billion performance fund over three years. With this new program, the Government also announced their plans to extend strong mayor powers to 21 municipalities that sign a housing pledge. All pledges must be signed by October 15, 2023, with subsequent strong mayor powers to begin on October 31, 2023.

While the new Building Faster Fund is welcome, the available funding is a drop in the bucket compared to municipalities' infrastructure needs. This funding is also tied to building homes — the responsibility of builders and developers, not municipalities. AMCTO will monitor whether this initiative is connected to the Province's commitment to make municipalities whole. We also flagged to the Ministry of Red Tape Reduction that the Province should consider streamlining any potential reporting requirements resulting from this new program to avoid burdensome reporting.

We continue to support our members and municipalities in the transition to strong mayors and will continue to reach out to prospective strong mayor municipalities who may wish to participate in information sharing meetings and to contribute to a shared resource space. If your municipality is part of the group to whom this authority will be extended and you have not received an invitation, [please reach out to us by email](#) to get connected with our group and to access available resources.

During his speech to delegates, Minister Clark highlighted that by September 11, the Province would appoint the long-awaited facilitators who will review service alignment in Durham, Halton, Niagara, York and Waterloo Regions and the County of Simcoe. He also announced his intention to introduce a fall bill that will clarify the definition of affordability for legislation changes brought forward by Bill 23 and that will be in alignment with the new Provincial Policy Statement. [As you will recall, AMCTO and other municipal associations](#) were vocal in our concerns about the broad and unresolved issue of what affordable and attainable housing means in the context of changes to development charges among other concerns. We will provide a further update on this once the bill has been introduced.

During the popular 'Bear Pit' session, the Government faced tough questions about their intentions on a range of topics. Of particular note, when asked about the Government's willingness to look into tools to ensure that developers move forward on approved projects, Minister Clark said he is "all ears" for municipalities' suggestions. Minister Clark also faced a question on the Government's lack of action on strengthening municipal codes of conduct that was met with a standing ovation from the crowd. In response, Minister Clark identified that poor behaviour from members of council is a "bigger problem" than codes of conduct and more must be considered particularly given that there have been several members of council, clerks and chief administrative officers who have resigned their positions.

Finance Minister Bethlanfalvy also faced some tough questions. When asked about the delay in reassessment, he said that the Government wants to take the time to get the next assessment cycle right and ensure that there are modernized transparency tools to support ratepayers. Also, in response to a question on revenue tools, he confirmed that the Government would not be introducing any new taxes.

## ***Moving Forward***

The AMO conference provided us with an important platform to continue to advance our advocacy priorities. We will be following up with the government and opposition officials to continue these conversations and advocate on our members' behalf.

For additional takeaways from the AMO conference, check out our [latest blog post](#).

For more information or details about how to get involved in our advocacy efforts, please [contact us](#).

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August 28, 2023

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His Worship  
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Dear Mayor Boddy:

We are pleased to announce that the governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1.5 million over two years to help improve the removal, handling, and disposal of deadstock across the province. The Increasing Deadstock Capacity Initiative application intake will be open from September 21, 2023, to February 1, 2024. All approved projects must be completed by February 1, 2025. You can find additional information, including how to apply, on the Agricultural Adaptation Council Website at [info@adaptcouncil.org](mailto:info@adaptcouncil.org).

This program is being offered through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP). The cost-share funding initiative will help address some of the gaps identified in a Livestock Research Innovation Corporation (LRIC) report released this year and will provide opportunities for the deadstock industry to streamline operations and improve accessibility by increasing capacities and establishing new service standards.

Please note that expenses, where applicable, must meet regulatory requirements, including [Ontario Regulation 105/09](#) under the Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001 (FSQA), and [Ontario Regulation 106/09](#) under the Nutrient Management Act, 2002 (NMA), (or any applicable requirements under the Safe Food for Canadians Act for federally registered plants), and be suitable for use. The undertaking of these activities for cost-share funding may still be subject to regulatory approvals.

Our governments are committed to supporting the agri-food sector and rural communities in Ontario.

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We encourage you to take advantage of this funding opportunity and submit an application. Together, we can ensure that Ontario's agricultural communities can continue to operate sustainably and without interruption.

Sincerely,



Lawrence MacAulay  
Minister of Agriculture  
and Agri-Food



Lisa M. Thompson  
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