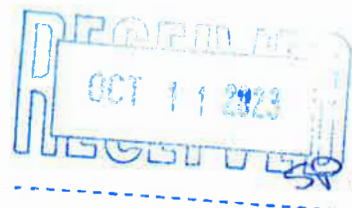




Correspondence Items Presented for Information October 23, 2023

- 1) Correspondence from Faith Leitch, Owen Sound resident re: Petition for City Council to deny Official Plan Amendment No. 13 and Zoning By-law Amendment No. 49 for 1235 and 1259 3rd Avenue East (Old Courthouse and Jail).
- 2) Correspondence from Rick Pettigrew, Owen Sound resident re: Official Plan Amendment No. 13 and Zoning By-law Amendment No. 49 for 1235 and 1259 3rd Avenue East (Old Courthouse and Jail).
- 3) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Establishing a guaranteed livable income.
 - a) Municipality of West Grey
 - b) County of Brant
 - c) Town of Greater Napanee
 - d) Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
- 4) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Chronic pain treatments.
 - a) City of Quinte West
 - b) Town of Greater Napanee
- 5) Correspondence from the Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk, Northumberland County re: *Highway Traffic Act* amendments.
- 6) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Township of Alnwick/Haldimand re: Municipal insurance costs.
- 7) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: "Catch and Release" justice in Ontario.
 - a) Town of Midland
 - b) Township of Howick
 - c) Town of Cobourg
- 8) Correspondence from Ray Botten re: Accessibility Advisory Committee.
- 9) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: provincial regulations regarding short-term rental digital platforms.
 - a) Town of Parry Sound
 - b) City of Burlington
- 10) Correspondence from the Mayor, City of Hamilton re: Basic income.

- 11) Correspondence from the Mayor, City of Owen Sound re: Formation of Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Action Table.
- 12) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, City of Owen Sound re: Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee.
- 13) Correspondence from the Clerk, Town of Aurora re: Strong mayor powers.
- 14) Correspondence from the MPP, Waterloo re: Bill 21 *Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part Act)*.
- 15) Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) re: Policy update – *Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act*.
- 16) Correspondence from the Interim Executive Director, Participation Lodge Grey Bruce re: Critical funding need for developmental sector.
- 17) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Illegal land use enforcement.
 - a) Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
 - b) Town of Cobourg
- 18) Correspondence from the Clerk, Township of Severn re: Climate emergency just transition transfer.
- 19) Correspondence from the Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach re: Illegal car races.
- 20) Correspondence from Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) re: September Board meeting highlights – homelessness and service access.
- 21) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic.
 - a) City of Cambridge
 - b) Town of Aurora
 - c) Township of The Archipelago
- 22) Correspondence from the Clerk, City of Pickering re: Request to abandon Greenbelt development.
- 23) Correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Housing Affordability Task Force’s Recommendations.
- 24) Correspondence from the City of Owen Sound re: Top Five Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations for Response.
- 25) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Township of The Archipelago re: Cigarette producer responsibility.



TO Mayor Ian Boddy, Members of the Owen Sound City Council

DATE October 10, 2023

SUBJECT Petition to deny the applications by F.C. Hospitality/Nick Ainus to change the Official Plan and Zoning of the Old Courthouse and Jail , located at 1235 and 1259 3rd Avenue East, Owen Sound to allow an event and entertainment facility

This property is surrounded by family homes, designated as R5 and MC (Mixed Commercial) that is comprised mostly of private homes. The applications to change the Official Plan and Zoning with a Special Provision 14 to allow on-street parking outside of our homes, will overwhelm our residents with traffic and noise into the early hours of the morning throughout the year. The zoning bylaws require a minimum of 262 parking spaces. These will be spread out over 500M (although further extension is being considered into the municipal lots). The use of shuttle buses and valet parking will add to the commotion. Winter will cause its own set of problems as guests will have to be warned of snow removal times. Will the taxpayers of Owen Sound have to bear the cost of police services to monitor after-hour guests or neighbourhood complaints? The inhabitants of this neighbourhood have witnessed the futility of calling on City bylaw enforcement for help and Police Services are overwhelmed by far more serious issues. Will the presence of vehicles crowding our streets hamper emergency services (ambulance, fire) from getting to us? Where are our guests supposed to park or will they take up spaces "reserved" for the facility? The noise of the entertainment element will disturb our peace and quiet enjoyment of our properties as a projected 710 guests will swarm this property. The figures presented in the new owner's study do not take into account staff that will be required on site (their report suggests that they come and go by city and municipal buses). Another study projects that traffic will overwhelm 10th Street East and West, forcing traffic onto the side streets not designed for that amount of traffic and suggests that local inhabitants use bicycles to get around -- for their health. Their studies claim that underground services are adequate yet there are still 100-year old sewer pipes in the ground and our water pressure is low as increasing it years ago blew the water mains requiring reducing the pressure. Now, imagine 710+ people flushing and washing while you and your guests are also.

The jail section has been vacant (and quiet) since 2011; the Old Courthouse has been vacant since 2015 when the Grey-Bruce Arts Council was unceremoniously kicked out. The pigeons and seagulls, feeding off the garbage falling out of the dumpster bin, have disappeared and songbirds has returned, no longer frightened away by backup beepers, diesel trucks and lots of people yelling and shouting. We got our neighbourhood back, we want to keep it. They keep telling us that we need commercialization of our neighbourhood. They point out that we have fire and ambulance services and a corner store providing us with our needs. This facility will make our neighbourhood even better, they say. We say that this is incompatible and inappropriate to this area. We have young couples and families coming into this area. They are buying our old houses and putting their sweat equity into fixing them up. They see a future here where they can raise their children and build a community. This facility will drive them away and destroy our neighbourhood.

The City of Owen Sound has allowed this property to become derelict under its ownership, refusing to maintain it. They have refused to invest in this area and now will accept any proposal to get it off their hands. Unfortunately, it is left to us to pay.

Refuse to approve these applications for Commercial zoning, get busy with taking care of your citizens, return the courthouse zoning to Residential (removed in 1986), remove the derelict jail sections and contamination and build the needed housing. This area is already used to high density housing with townhouses, houses converted to apartments as well as actual apartment buildings (Strathcona). We did not need nor want this facility in our midst.

Please add this letter and petition to the official record.

Faith Leitch

1275-3rd Avenue East,

Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 2L6

PETITION

PETITION TO: The City Council of Owen Sound

PETITIONER : Faith Leitch
 1275-3rd Avenue East
 Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 2L6
 email: [REDACTED]
 email: saveourneighbourhood.1239@gmail.com

PROPERTY: 1235 and 1259 3rd Avenue East, Owen Sound, Ontario

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These applications will adversely affect the residents that surround this property on all four sides (including, but not limited to, traffic, parking, noise, environmental contamination, property values).

I acknowledge that by signing this petition, I am consenting to the use of my information on the public record.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER/Email	SIGNATURE
ELIZABETH WILLMOTT Elizabeth Willmott	1285-3rd Avenue E.	[REDACTED]	Elizabeth Willmott
Jamie Pettit	330 14th St. E.	[REDACTED]	Jamie Pettit
Eric King	1396 3rd Ave E	[REDACTED]	Eric King
Pat Brennan	1358 3rd Ave East	[REDACTED]	Pat Brennan
James Forrest	1302 3rd Ave E	[REDACTED]	James Forrest
Matthew MacInnis	226 13th St. E	[REDACTED]	Matthew MacInnis
Amanda Preston	1-204 13th St. E	[REDACTED]	Amanda Preston
Bonnie Mills	351 13th St. E	[REDACTED]	Bonnie Mills
Cambria Main	402 13th St. E	[REDACTED]	Cambria Main
Matt Lyall	404 13th St W	[REDACTED]	Matt Lyall
Jennifer Prior	440 13th St. E.	[REDACTED]	Jennifer Prior
Terry Thomson	445 13th St E	[REDACTED]	Terry Thomson
Julie Wingle	445 13th St E	[REDACTED]	Julie Wingle
R. Russell	376-13th E	[REDACTED]	R. Russell
ADAM BENNEWIES	354 13th St E.	[REDACTED]	Adam Bennewies

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Emily Fleming	1272 4th Ave O.S.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Emily Fleming
CHRIS McLEAN	1255 4th Ave East	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Chris McLean
Kim Bowers	1239 4th Ave East	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Kim Bowers
Nicole Lienhart	1233 4th Ave East	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Nicole Lienhart
Samantha Hammill	1224 4th Ave East	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Samantha Hammill
Amy Stewart	1218 4th Ave E	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Amy Stewart
Sean Stokes	1236 3rd Ave E	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Sean Stokes
Liada Stokes	1236 3rd Ave E	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Liada Stokes
Victoria M'Niece	325 12th St. E	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Victoria M'Niece
Sherry Brainard	325 12th E	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Sherry Brainard
Kelly Smith	351-12th St E	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Kelly Smith
[REDACTED]	" "	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Brandon	180 12th St e	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Brandon
Kyle MacMillan	1271 2nd Ave E	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Kyle MacMillan
Edy Victor	1275 2nd Ave	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Edy Victor

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Clara Berna	3 rd Ave E	[REDACTED]	[Signature]
Sandra Brown	3 rd AVE E.	[REDACTED]	Sandra Brown
Nicole Sprague	3 rd Ave East	[REDACTED]	Nicole Sprague
Bobbie Muzzell	3 rd Ave.	[REDACTED]	Bobbie Muzzell
Michelle Sim	368 13 th St. E	[REDACTED]	M. Sim
Catherine Caple	1282 4 th Ave. E	[REDACTED]	Catherine Caple
DAVID BERUBE	1282 4 th Ave E.	[REDACTED]	[Signature]
Brenda Gibbons	1284 4 th Ave East	[REDACTED]	Brenda Gibbons
Darcy Miller	" " "	[REDACTED]	Darcy Miller
RICK PETTIGREW	" " "	[REDACTED]	R. Pettigrew
Gary Brennan	1278 4 th Ave E	[REDACTED]	Gary Brennan
Mike McIntyre	1279 ✓	[REDACTED]	Mike McIntyre
Michele Marpini	1279 4 th Ave E	[REDACTED]	Michele Marpini
Jimmy Brown	1275 4 th Ave E	[REDACTED]	Jimmy Brown
Keira Lebeuf	1275 4 th Ave E	[REDACTED]	Keira Lebeuf

TOPIC

THE INAPPROPRIATE USE OF
INNERCITY MUNICIPAL PROPERTYOCT 11 2023
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THE FIRE AND EMS RESPONSES TO THE ENTIRE CITY ORIGINATE NEXT DOOR TO THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION.

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC AND THE PROLIFERATION OF PARKING ^{ED} ~~SPACES~~ ^{CARS} WILL MAKE IT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO PULL TO THE RIGHT ~~AND~~ ~~TO~~ AND GIVE WAY TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

IF SNOW PLOWS ON THESE VITAL ROUTES ARE FORCED TO CURVE AROUND ^{PARKED} VEHICLES THE ^{UNDRIVABLE} ~~UNUSABLE~~ LENGTH OF OBSTRUCTION WILL TRIPLE.

THE OPERATORS OF THESE EMERGENCY VEHICLES ARE SENSITIVE TO THE IMMEDIATE RESIDENTS BEING SUBJECTED TO A HIGH FREQUENCY OF SIRENS. THIS CONGESTION CAN ONLY EXASPERATE THE NECESSITY OF USE.

MANY OF THE DESIGNATED OR PROPOSED TENANTS FOR THIS PROPERTY ARE MERELY CHANGING LANDLORDS SO, THERE WILL BE LITTLE OR NO REVENUE GAINS TO THE CITY'S ECONOMY AND NO DISCERNABLE IMPROVEMENT TO THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE.

AS FOR ENTERTAINMENT VENUES, ~~IN~~ AN ALMOST PURELY RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD, CHILDREN PETS AND PEDESTRIANS DON'T MIX.!

ADDING BY-LAW EXEMPTIONS TO HOURS OF OPERATION AND NOISE ABATEMENT IS A SAD APPLICATION OF COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY.

CONCLUSION

"WHERE IF NOT HERE" WILL YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR SHARE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROMISED TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BE APPLIED!

'WHERE' IS THERE A BETTER CENTRAL LOCATION, SURROUNDED BY THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES ALREADY AVAILABLE 'IN WALKING DISTANCE'!

I ASK THIS COUNCIL 'WHERE' IS YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS DISGRACEFUL HOUSING CRISIS!

IN YOUR HANDS IS A LETHAL WEAPON AGAINST HOMELESSNESS!

"AIM IT"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

RICK PETTIGREW
1284 42R AVE E
N4K 2P6

(12 YEAR RESIDENT)



**Corporation of the
Municipality of West Grey**

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

September 22, 2023

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on September 19, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230919-005 as follows:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received September 8, 2023 from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, council directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, the MP and MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities."

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Eckenswiller".

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

Attachment: Town of Grimsby – Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Alex Ruff, MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

Office of the Town Clerk

160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby, ON L3M 0J5

Phone: 905-945-9634 Ext. 2171 | **Fax:** 905-945-5010

Email: bdunk@grimsby.ca

September 8, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON, K1A

Attention: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 5, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded by: Councillor Freake

Whereas the Canadian livable wage for Niagara Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 below the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in Grimsby as of August 2023 is now \$2000 a month; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In Niagara west, rent is approximately 272% of Ontario Works, 145% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 75% of minimum wage full-time, and 150% of minimum wage part time; and

Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

Whereas there are no housing units under Niagara Regional Housing for single adults or families with dependents, including 2,3,4 or five bedrooms in our community; and

Whereas the Grimsby Benevolent Fund reported that in 2022:

- 70+ households received monthly rental supplement totaling \$237,744
- \$79,500 was invested into one time emergency housing support as of June 7, 2023
- 78 households are receiving monthly financial benefits to make rental housing more affordable; and

Whereas food inflation was 8.3% and groceries rose by 9.1%; and

Whereas the Grimsby Food Bank numbers from June 2023 reported:

- 19 new households
- 447 served households
- 1055 served individuals
- 7 emergency visits; and

Whereas the Grimsby Economic Strategic Plan identified the general high cost of living and housing affordability as primary obstacles in our workforce attraction.

Therefore be it resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby encourage these same municipalities to join us in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.

Be it further resolved the Town of Grimsby Clerks Department circulates this resolution to Niagara West MP Dean Allison and Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff, requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby, through its Finance and Human Resources departments, undertake a comprehensive assessment to explore the feasibility and implementation of a living wage policy for all Town of Grimsby employees, with the aim of ensuring that all municipal workers receive fair compensation that aligns with the principles of a living wage and that staff be directed to explore becoming a living wage employer.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West



September 27, 2023

to Whom it May Concern

Re: Support for Motion RE: Guaranteed Livable Income

At the meeting of September 26, 2023, the Council of the County of Brant adopted the following resolution in support of the September 5th resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby on Guaranteed Livable Income :

“Whereas the Canadian livable wage for the Brant—Niagara—Haldimand—Norfolk Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 above the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas County of Brant residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in the County of Brant as of 2022 was \$1143.90 a month, and the County of Brant does not have current AMR for September 2023; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In the County of Brant, rent is approximately 156% of Ontario Works, 83.13% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 45% of minimum wage full-time (before tax), and 90% of minimum wage part time; and

Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

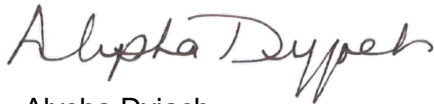
Whereas the recent report by the County of Brant Policy Planning and Corporate Strategy departments determined that the County of Brant has serious shortfalls in both affordable and attainable housing supply;

Therefore be it resolved the County of Brant supports the resolution shared by the Town of Grimsby; and

Be it further resolved that The County of Brant circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result; and

Be it further resolved that The County of Brant encourage these same municipalities to join the County of Brant in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.”

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alysha Dyjach".

Alysha Dyjach
Director of Council Services, Clerk
County of Brant



Executive Services
99-A Advance Avenue, Napanee, ON K7R 3Y5 www.greaternapanee.com

September 27, 2023

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

Re: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following resolution at its regular session meeting of September 26, 2023:

RESOLUTION #486/23: Hicks, Martin

That Council receive the correspondence from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income;
And further, that Council direct staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, MP Kramp-Neuman, MPP Bresee, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact jwalters@greaternapanee.com if you require any further information with respect to this resolution.

Sincerely,

Jessica Walters
Clerk

cc. Hon. Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington
Hon. Ric Breese, MPP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington
All Ontario municipalities



The Township of Alwick/Haldimand

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Council Meeting Date: **September 19, 2023**

Council Resolution Number: _____

Agenda Item Number: 10.1


Agenda Item Title: Communications "Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income"

"Whereas the Council of the Township of Alwick/Haldimand reviewed the resolution supported by the Town of Grimsby re: 'establishing a guaranteed livable income';

Therefore be it resolved that Council directs staff to review the current salary grids for Township jobs and make recommendations during the 2024 Budget Process as to how an Eastern Ontario living wage could be established for any jobs that are below the living wage hourly salary, and the financial impact that would result; and

Further be it resolved that Council directs staff to circulate this resolution to: MPP David Piccini, MP Philip Lawrence, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario."

- Carried
- Defeated
- Deferred
- Recorded Vote



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Josh Machesney, City Clerk

September 25, 2023

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

RE: Support for Municipality of Wawa Resolution re: Chronic Pain Treatments

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on September 20, 2023 Council supported the attached resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding maintaining OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments by passing the following resolution:

“And further that Staff be directed to prepare a letter of support for Item 12.1 (e) Resolution from the Municipality of Shuniah in relation to Support for the Municipality of Wawa regarding Chronic Pain Treatments.” **Carried**

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

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

Josh Machesney,
City Clerk

CC: Municipalities of Ontario
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Todd Smith, MPP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Hon. Michael A. Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Moved by: 	Seconded by: 
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WHEREAS the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons has made a decision that will lead more people who suffer from chronic pain to turn to opioids to alleviate their pain and;

WHEREAS the College is targeting community pain clinics by requiring the use of ultrasound technology in the administration of nerve block injections by licensed physicians. This requirement will increase the time it takes to administer the nerve block and, therefore, reduce the number of patients a physician can see in a day and;

WHEREAS the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is proposing to reduce coverage for several vital healthcare services, including a drastic reduction in the number and frequency of nerve block injections a patient can receive and;

WHEREAS these changes have been proposed without any consultation with pain management medical professionals or with their patients and;

WHEREAS this cut will force chronic pain clinics to shut down, putting a greater strain on family physicians and emergency rooms and;

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa is requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities of Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	
	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES NO
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
[REDACTED]	



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September 27, 2023

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

Re: Chronic Pain Treatments

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following resolution at its regular session meeting of September 26, 2023:

RESOLUTION #487/23: Hicks, Pinnell Jr.

That Council support the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much needed care for the people of Ontario;
And further, that Council direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MP Kramp-Neuman, MPP Bresee, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact walters@greaternapanee.com if you require any further information with respect to this resolution.

Sincerely,

Jessica Walters
Clerk

cc. Hon. Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington
Hon. Ric Breese, MPP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington
All Ontario municipalities
Elias Diamantopoulos of GTA Strategies
info@nationalchronicpainsociety.org



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



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

September 25, 2023

Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development &
MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Northumberland County Resolution – ‘Highway Traffic Act Amendments’

At a meeting held on September 20, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-09-20-647 adopting the below recommendation from the September 7, 2023 Public Works Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Highway Traffic Act Amendments', recommend that County Council support the correspondence, and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Council Resolution # 2023-09-20-647

Carried

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

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather

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Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

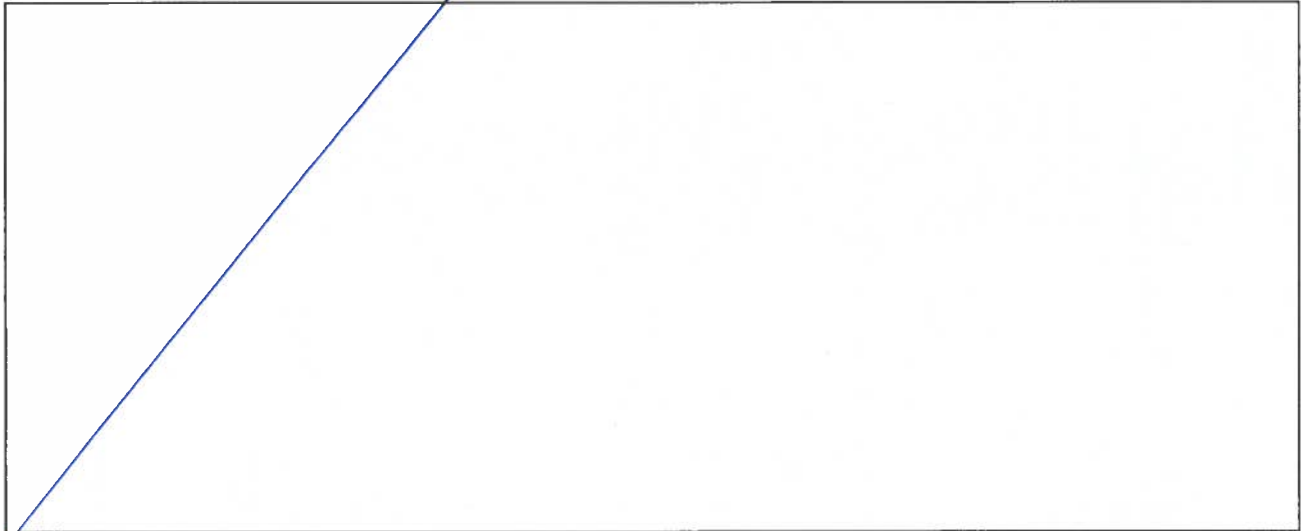
Council Resolution

Moved By O. Hankivsky
 Seconded By J. Logel

Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number
 2023-09-20 647

Council Date: September 20, 2023

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held September 5, 6, and 7, 2023), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
			

~~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 Shouley Reardon
 Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
 Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
 Warden's Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: September 7, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.a



Resolution Number: 2023-09-07-629

Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: H. Martin

Council Meeting Date: September 20, 2023

"That the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Highway Traffic Act Amendments', recommend that County Council support the correspondence, and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."


Carried  Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____ Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____ Committee Chair's Signature

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



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

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
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Division
The City of Cambridge
50 Dickson Street, P.O. Box 669
Cambridge ON N1R 5W8
Tel: (519) 740-4680 ext. 4585
mantond@cambridge.ca**

May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

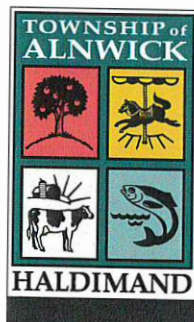
Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

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



September 25, 2023

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

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Calandra:

RE: Endorsement of Resolutions – Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand at their Regular Council Meeting on April 18th, 2023, passed the following resolution supporting the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the City of Owen Sound's Resolutions calling for action to reduce municipal insurance costs:

Moved by Councillor Greg Booth, seconded by Councillor Mike Ainsworth;

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand receive the correspondence from the City of Owen Sound dated April 4, 2023 regarding support for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's resolution regarding reducing municipal insurance costs; and

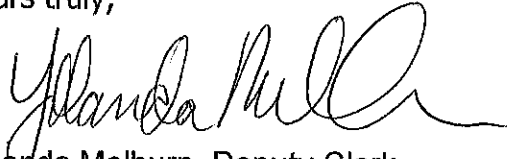
Further that Council direct the staff to forward a letter of support to the City of Owen Sound, AMO, Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Attorney General, Premier Doug Ford, MPP David Piccini, and MP Philip Lawrence."

CARRIED

A copy of the above noted resolution from the City of Owen Sound is attached for your reference.

Annual increases to insurance premiums have been a significant constraint in limiting yearly tax levy increases over the years and as such the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand supports the call to action to reduce municipal insurance costs.

Yours truly,



Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
905-349-2822 ext. 32
ymelburn@ahwp.ca

Encl.

Cc: AMO (resolutions@amo.on.ca)
Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca)
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General (doug.downey@ontario.ca)
Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca)
MPP David Piccini (david.piccini@pc.ola.org)
MP Philip Lawrence (Philip.lawrence@parl.gc.ca)

Staci Landry, Deputy Clerk
City of Owen Sound
808 2nd Avenue East
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Email: slandry@owensound.ca
Website: www.owensound.ca

April 4, 2023

Via email

To All Ontario Municipalities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Staci Landry, Deputy Clerk
City of Owen Sound
808 2nd Avenue East
Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4



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Website: www.owensound.ca

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Staci Landry".

Staci Landry
Deputy Clerk

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

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND

Item 7a

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September 8, 2023

The Senate of Canada
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Via Email: sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario

At its September 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting with Closed Session the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

That the Town of Midland send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system; and

That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Thank you.

Yours very
truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210

The Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
arif.virani@parl.gc.ca
VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Downey
Ministry of the Attorney General
McMurty-Scott Building
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Toronto, ON M7A 2S9
doug.downey@ontario.ca
VIA EMAIL

October 12, 2023

Dear Minister Virani and Minister Downey,

RE: “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario

Please be advised that at their meeting held on October 3, 2023, the Council of the Township of Howick passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 351-23

Moved by: Councillor Grimes

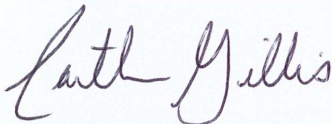
Seconded by: Councillor Rognvaldson

That Council of the Township of Howick supports Item 9.5 of correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding the current “catch and release” justice in the Ontario legal system.

Carried.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Caitlin Gillis
Clerk-Administrator
Township of Howick
clerk@howick.ca
519-335-3208 ext, 2

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities

Enclosure: Correspondence from the Town of Midland – “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario

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September 8, 2023

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Via Email: sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca

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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Thank you.

Yours very
truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
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The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Cobourg Police Services Board
107 King Street West,
Cobourg, ON K9A 2M4
VIA EMAIL:
sue.bernardi@cobourgpsb.com

Town of Cobourg
55 King Street West,
Cobourg, ON, K9A 2M2
clerk@cobourg.ca

October 12, 2023

RE: Correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding Catch and Release Justice in Ontario

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on October 2, 2023, passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Miriam Mutton
Seconded by Councillor Randy Barber

Resolution No: 315-2023
October 2, 2023

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding Catch and Release Legislation for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council support the resolution from the Town of Midland and direct Staff to circulate to Ontario municipalities and the Cobourg Police Services Board.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Cc: Ontario Municipalities

Enclosure: Correspondence from the Town of Midland – “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario

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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Thank you.

Yours very
truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210

From: Ray Botten [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 3:46 PM
To: Briana Bloomfield <bbloomfield@owensound.ca>
Subject: For Council Correspondance...

September 26, 2023

Greetings to our Mayor and city Councilors of Owen Sound.

Hi, it's Ray Botten today responding to the recent abolishment of our Accesibilty Committee. Today, I read The Sun Times news article describing what took place during a city council meeting vote ie: to abolish the Accesibilty Committee.

I think it's important to engage our council today of my feelings and purposed intent to have Volunteered this (coming year) on the Accesibilty Committee in Owen Sound.

It truly broke my heart to see this Committee disbanded.

As many now know, I am a recent amputee.

My gratitude for all the city provides for us who are disabled is much appreciated!

However, my heart was broken when I learned that our Accessibility Committee will be no more!

I felt my own personal voice was taken away! Understanding the council has now favored a regional approach, tells me that our voice as disabled persons will not have the human touch we so desperately need and appreciate.

I was angry and hurt when I see a successful committee and persons doing Great work pushed aside.

I feel parts of council are out of touch and could remedy this scenario by revisiting their descion to abandon our voice locally!

Please know, I appreciate the hard work and each person on council.

But I felt to share my concern and pain that have made feel abandoned by my friends in council.

I hope that my concern will turn to good and Not lose our true voice as people of challenges.

Wishing you all God's best!

Sincerely,
Ray Botten

[REDACTED]



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2023 - 138

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: September 19, 2023

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

MOVED BY:

_____ G.A.

SECONDED BY:

_____ B. Keith

CARRIED: DEFEATED: Postponed to: _____

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Parry Sound has received resolutions from the Town of Fort Erie and the Township of The Archipelago with regards to controls on Airbnb, VRBO and other global technology platforms which affect municipal rentals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the request to the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations; and

Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality; and

Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound calls upon the Province of Ontario to work with municipalities to address situations in which long term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey



905-335-7600 ext. 7702
905-335-7675
kevin.arjoon@burlington.ca

Sent via email

September 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Provincial legislation for third-party short-term rental companies

Please be advised that at its meeting held Tuesday, September 26, 2023, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

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

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; and

Therefore, be it resolved that Burlington City Council calls on the Provincial Government to move forward as soon as possible to legislate all third-party short-term rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, requiring them to:

- appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings, and to compel compliance; and
- establish a registry system, making it mandatory for each rental listing to register and pay an appropriate annual fee, with the requirement that STR companies are to provide the registry and collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located, allowing municipalities to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds to assist with the response and enforcement of issues surrounding STR properties; and
- de-list/remove a property from the STR company's listing when a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc. to ensure a property cannot be rented; 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 and Halton MPPs.

If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 7702 or the e-mail address above.

Sincerely,



Kevin Arjoon
City Clerk



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Mail

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
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The Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Office of the Premier
Queen's Park, Legislative Building,
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

September 19, 2023

Dear Prime Minister and Premier,

At the City of Hamilton Council meeting of September 13, the following motion was approved:

7.2 Municipal Resolution in Support of Basic Income for the City of Hamilton

WHEREAS, The City of Hamilton recognizes the social and economic challenges faced by its residents that have a detrimental impact on the determinants of health including income inequality, poverty, inadequate housing and precarious employment;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City of Hamilton to strive for the well-being and prosperity of all its residents, which includes ensuring access to basic needs and opportunities to improve health;

WHEREAS, through addressing poverty and improving access to healthcare, a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income can potentially reduce healthcare costs enabling people to afford preventive care and timely treatments while preventing more costly healthcare interventions, leading to better overall population health,

WHEREAS, a Basic Income program was tested in Hamilton during the Ontario Basic Income Pilot project between 2017 and 2019 and more than 1,000 local residents reported positive outcomes including the alleviation of food and housing insecurity, improved physical and mental health, financial stability, social equity and greater connection to the labour market;

WHEREAS, the Federal Budget Office upon reviewing the concept of a national Guaranteed Basic Income program determined it could, if properly set out, be a major economic driver to the Canadian economy; and

WHEREAS, a Basic Income program can complement and enhance existing social support systems, ensuring a comprehensive and inclusive approach to addressing the needs of Hamilton residents including persons with disabilities and aligns and complements the City of Hamilton's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton supports the concept of a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to combat poverty, income inequality, and economic insecurity within our community; and supports the continuing advocacy of the Basic Income Hamilton Working Group (under the auspices of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction) to share research and the unique experiences of local residents who participated in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot project;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton calls upon the provincial and federal governments to collaborate to implement a national Guaranteed Livable Basic Income program;
- (c) That Hamilton City Council directs the Office of the Mayor to write a letter to the Prime Minister, local Members of Parliament and the Senate, the Premier of Ontario, local Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, calling on these orders of government to work collaboratively towards implementing a National Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their basic needs; and
- (d) That the City of Hamilton encourages other municipalities across the province and the country to join in advocating for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income as a key policy tool in the fight against poverty and inequality and to this end, Hamilton City Council will advocate through its representatives at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Canadian Federation of Municipalities for Guaranteed Livable Basic Income resolutions at meetings of those organizations.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrea Horwath", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mayor Andrea Horwath
City of Hamilton

cc: Hamilton Area Members of Parliament
Hamilton Area Members of Provincial Parliament
All Municipalities of Ontario

From: [Kolar, Loren](#)
To: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca
Subject: City of Hamilton (Ontario) Correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:02:00 PM
Attachments: [Correspondence City of Hamilton re Basic Income.pdf](#)

Prime Minister,

Hamilton (Ontario) City Council approved the following as part of a greater resolution respecting Support for Basic Income:

(c) That Hamilton City Council directs the Office of the Mayor to write a letter to the Prime Minister, local Members of Parliament and the Senate, the Premier of Ontario, local Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, calling on these orders of government to work collaboratively towards implementing a National Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their basic needs; and

Please see the attached correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income, for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk
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 **Hamilton**
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From: [Kolar, Loren](#)
To: premier@ontario.ca; [Donna Skelly Flamborough Glanbrook](#); [M Taylor Hamilton Mountain](#); [N. Lumsden Hamilton East Stoney Creek](#); [S Shaw Hamilton West Ancaster Dundas](#); [Sarah Jama, Hamilton Centre](#)
Subject: City of Hamilton (Ontario) Correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:04:00 PM
Attachments: [Correspondence City of Hamilton re Basic Income.pdf](#)

Premier,

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From: [Kolar, Loren](#)
To: ["C Collins MP Hamilton East Stoney Creek"](#); ["D Muys MP Flamborough Glanbrook"](#); [F Tassi, Hon. MP Hamilton West—Ancaster—Dundas](#); ["L Hepfner Hamilton Mountain"](#); ["M Green MP Hamilton Centre"](#)
Subject: City of Hamilton (Ontario) Correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:05:00 PM
Attachments: [Correspondence City of Hamilton re Basic Income.pdf](#)

Members of Parliament,

Hamilton (Ontario) City Council approved the following as part of a greater resolution respecting Support for Basic Income:

(c) That Hamilton City Council directs the Office of the Mayor to write a letter to the Prime Minister, local Members of Parliament and the Senate, the Premier of Ontario, local Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, calling on these orders of government to work collaboratively towards implementing a National Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their basic needs; and

Please see the attached correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income, for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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September 26, 2023

Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Steering Committee
Alexis Cook, Coordinator
acook@brucecounty.on.ca

Re: Formation of Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Action Table

Dear Alexis:

City Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2023, considered the above-noted matter, and passed Resolution No. R-230925-020 as follows:

"WHEREAS the majority of the municipalities of Bruce and Grey, including the City of Owen Sound, and the organizations who serve them have come together to create one regional, collaborative Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

AND WHEREAS cross-sector Community Safety and Well-Being Planning leads to numerous benefits for individuals, the broader community, and participating partner agencies and organizations;

AND WHEREAS Community Safety and Well-Being Planning needs to occur in all four areas of the framework, which includes social development, prevention, intervention, and incident response;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council directs the Mayor to immediately send a letter to request that an Action Table be formed by the Bruce-Grey Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Steering Committee (as per the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan) that will identify specific actions that one or more of the 70 members of the Advisory Committee can contribute to a positive outcome around crime prevention, homelessness, and addictions in Grey County's urban centre – Owen Sound, where a majority of social services exist and various incidents of violence over recent months has occurred that have

impacted the sense of safety and well-being of Owen Sound residents and those who visit and work in the City."

I would request that you please provide this letter to the Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Steering Committee members in advance of your meeting on September 27, 2023 for consideration.

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

Sincerely,



Ian C. Boddy
Mayor

Cc. Councillor Jon Farmer, CSWBP Steering Committee Council Representative
Tim Simmonds, City Manager

Staci Landry, Deputy Clerk
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September 28, 2023

Via Email

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Dear Grey County Council:

Re: Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

Owen Sound City Council ("City Council") at its meeting held on September 25, 2023, considered [Staff Report CR-23-077](#) respecting the City's Accessibility Advisory Committee. In consideration of the report, City Council passed Resolution No. R-230925-003a, requesting that staff send a letter to Grey County to notify them that City Council would like to opt-in to the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee ("GCJAAC") effective February 1, 2024.

In addition, City Council is requesting that Grey County Council consider adding one (1) public member to the GCJAAC that must reside within the City of Owen Sound. This additional member would provide an opportunity for:

- the City's current Accessibility Advisory Committee members to apply to the GCJAAC; and
- representation on the GCJAAC that is unique to persons living with disabilities in Owen Sound.

Thank you for considering this request. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Staci Landry
Deputy Clerk

cc: Owen Sound City Council
Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Christine Farrell, Chair of the City's Accessibility Advisory Committee



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September 28, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 26, 2023
Motion 10.4 - Councillor Weese; Re: Aurora Council Opposition to Strong Mayor
Powers in Aurora**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 26, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Head of Council is required to confirm in writing his commitment to meet a municipal housing target by October 15, 2023, in order to receive Strong Mayor Powers; and

Whereas the municipality is required to submit a formal housing pledge which will outline how the municipality plans to meet the housing target by December 15, 2023; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers will result in the Head of Council being granted powers such as:

- **Choosing to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer;**
- **Hiring certain municipal department heads and establishing and re-organizing departments;**
- **Creating committees of council, assigning their functions, and appointing the chairs and vice-chairs of committees of council;**
- **Proposing the municipal budget, which would be subject to council amendments and a separate head of council veto and council override process;**
- **Vetoing certain by-laws if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a provincial priority;**

- **Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the head of council is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority; and**

Whereas these Strong Mayor Powers undermine democratic processes executed through municipal elections; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers may also violate by-laws established in Aurora that provides accepted and legal procedures for governance; and

Whereas Aurora Town Council recognizes the important role each Councillor provides the residents in their Ward and the community-at-large;

- 1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That the Aurora Town Council opposes Strong Mayor Powers provided to the Head of Council; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That this approved Motion is to be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Paul Calandra; the Regional Municipality of York; and each of the Municipalities in Ontario.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of York
All Ontario Municipalities



10. Motions

10.4 Councillor Weese; Re: Aurora Council Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in Aurora

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

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Yeas (4): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Nays (3): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

Carried (4 to 3)



Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Ian Boddy
Mayor of City of Owen Sound
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RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Boddy,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Fife".

Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2022, the Till Death Do Us Part Act, passed second reading in the Ontario legislature after being [introduced for the third time in September 2022](#). The bill was then referred to the Ontario Legislature's Social Policy Committee. You can view highlights of the second reading debate here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYRlgQqDe2k>

I have been pushing for the Standing Committee on Social Policy to schedule a time to begin the work of reviewing Bill 21 since November 2022. **Today marks 286 days since the Act passed second reading at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.** Unfortunately, the Bill has yet to be called to committee.

Bill 21, which was formerly Bill 153 and 95, respectively, had passed second reading and was sent to the Justice Committee in December 2019, but was wiped off the order paper when Premier Ford prorogued the house in 2021. It was reintroduced early 2022 but did not have time to progress before the election.

Since I first introduced this Bill in 2019, the number of people who've reached out to my offices with heartbreaking stories of couples entering long-term care who are torn apart has skyrocketed. Simply put, Ontario seniors deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age. Of note, Nova Scotia passed similar legislation, titled the [Life Partners in Long-Term Care Act](#) in 2021.

Following many meetings with stakeholders, it's clear that "care campuses" which offer different levels of care (independent, assisted living and long-term care) are the progressive model for investing in quality care for Ontario's aging population. Care campuses are an essential element to keeping couples together as they often age at different rates. This level of choice has been brought to my attention as especially important to rural and northern municipal leaders across Ontario. The care campus model for seniors housing that builds different levels of care has unique financial savings that will be critical as we grapple with a rapidly aging province.

We need the Bill to be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy as soon as possible. We know that couples who are separated across Ontario cannot wait any longer for this legislative change to be made.

Here are the links to recent media coverage of the Till Death Do Us Part Act, which provide more specific insights into the lived experiences of older adults who are separated from their spouses:

- [CTV News Kitchener: Ontario seniors separated in long-term care pushing for the right to remain together](#)
- [CityNews Kitchener: Waterloo MPP appeals for seniors bill to be brought forward](#)
- [Waterloo Region Record: Cambridge senior calls for end to separating couples in long-term care](#)

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October 3, 2023

Policy Update - *Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act* Introduced and Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations Response

***Affordable Homes, Good Jobs Act* Introduced**

On September 28, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced [new legislation](#) that, if enacted, would incorporate an income component into the definition of affordable housing for the purposes of exemptions from development charges. Consistent with the approach advocated by AMO, the definition is based on the standard of housing costing no more than 30 percent of household income. Precise details are still required as part of the Minister's Affordable Housing Bulletin to enable implementation. AMO will continue to highlight for the government the importance of issuing this bulletin as soon as possible to enable municipalities to understand implications for budgets.

The bill, if enacted, would also support St. Thomas to provide municipal incentives as part of the building of an electric vehicle battery manufacturing plant; would streamline Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) decisions through regulatory change; and provide municipalities with the option of accessing Vendors of Records under Supply Chain Ontario. AMO plans to work with its Land Use Planning and Resources Task Force to make a submission to the government as part of the OLT regulatory consultation.

Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations Response

At its meeting on September 29th, the AMO Board considered the recent request made by Minister Calandra to mayors across Ontario regarding their views on the recommendations of the Housing Affordability Task Force. The Minister has requested that all heads of council respond to the request by **October 16th** or risk financial penalties for their municipality. AMO had previously requested that the ministry extend the deadline to

allow mayors to consult with councils, however the request was not granted. AMO urges *all* members who received a letter from the Minister – including those without provincial housing targets – to meet this deadline to remain eligible for investments under the Building Faster Fund.

To support members as consider their response, the AMO Board has [sent a letter to Minister Calandra](#) and stated that the letter would be shared with all municipal governments. While mayors will each make individual decisions that reflect local circumstances, AMO states that at a sector-level, **municipalities conditionally support all Task Force recommendations** with a few exceptions, provided that the government puts in place:

1. A **fair and sustainable funding framework** to support infrastructure and growth, that is not unduly subsidized by existing property taxpayers;
2. A **comprehensive, sequenced implementation plan** that gives both developers and municipalities certainty regarding costs and rules to support effective long-term decision-making;
3. An **accountability framework** that accurately recognizes the roles and responsibilities of different housing partners and does not hold municipalities accountable for the actions of developers or provincial ministries. Mechanisms must be included to ensure that public investments are tied to outcomes in the public interest;
4. A core focus on **non-market housing**, which was not within the mandate of the Housing Affordability Task Force. A robust non-market housing sector is a critical part of a well-functioning overall housing system and needs to be prioritized by governments.
5. A **public policy review by the Ontario Public Service** verifying that each recommendation is feasible, likely to result in increased housing supply and/or affordability and is in the public interest.

The letter identifies top recommendations from the Task Force for prioritization, as well as three recommendations that AMO objects to on principle.

AMO has previously stated that the government has chosen its own path in addressing the housing crisis in Ontario, despite the advice of municipalities, and will be accountable for its outcomes. AMO has also stated that municipalities will do everything within their power to help the province to achieve its housing targets and outcomes. The AMO Board believes that the response outlined in the letter is reflective of this approach.



To: **Mayor Ian Boddy**

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Dear Mayor Boddy,

Critical Situation for Participation Lodge Grey Bruce:

As the pressures on the Provincial finances grow, it is important for you to become more aware of a small but underserviced sector of care in Grey Bruce.

The needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, often also having medical disabilities, are not being addressed in any of the funding increases being announced at this time. The funding in this sector has served to keep salaries well below other sectors such as long term care and even community programs. These are our competitors for staff.

Participation Lodge Grey Bruce (PLGB) is a congregate home for 22 developmentally disabled adults and 6 individuals with Acquired Brain Injury, located 25 min south of Owen Sound in a beautiful country setting of 25 acres. The corporation also includes 20 apartment supported living individuals, 3 intensive supported individuals and an outreach program. We are funded by the Ministry of Health (65%) and the Ministry of Children and Community services (35%).

Background:

During the covid years (2020-22) staffing became very difficult, and volunteers were not possible to recruit or even allow in. The implementation of Bill 124 and the award of \$3.00/hr supplement for PSWs created a situation which has become untenable. The salary compression between PSWs and RPNs is nonexistent now, and between staff and managers there is so little compression that one overtime shift puts a staff member's wage above that of a manager. This situation has created friction between staff levels, and disillusionment in the management team.

Because of staff shortages across all sectors, applicants have many choices and shop around for the best salary, benefits, schedules, etc. Unions are currently negotiating for significant salary increases. Our management, staff and supported individuals suffer from these shortages and difficulties recruiting.

Analysis:

- Recruitment of staff has become extremely difficult. There are many vacant positions in our geographical area (i.e. competition) and many offer higher wages, most notably long term care (LTC);
- RPNs are not applying at all due to the low wages in the Developmental Sector and because of the many other opportunities out there. We are now attempting to find agency nurses (at more than double the cost) although there are very few agency nurses in Grey Bruce;
- Therefore, we are no longer able to have nurses around the clock: we are down to 1 FT RPN and 1 casual. Because of that we have trained several PSWs as Unregulated Care Providers (UCPs) taking charge roles and giving medications. Their scope does not include assessing unstable individuals or giving medications in an emergency: this is critical: a huge problem for meeting standards for both MCCSS and the Ministry of Health;
- Dietary and ESW staff are daily assisting in providing direct care in addition to their own responsibilities;
- Managers no longer have time to adequately supervise their staff as they themselves are often filling vacant shifts;
- Several Managers have left the organization because of the stress of staff shortages and the belief that their work is undervalued as evidenced by their wages and expectations;
- Directors and the ED have also been filling vacant staff shifts due to the shortages;
- Our Recreation program has suffered due to covid restrictions x 3 years, mechanical problems with the therapeutic pool, outdated equipment in our gym, aging accessible vehicles and lack of volunteers or staff to transport people to events;
- Our 2023-24 budget is in a deficit of \$400,000 based on Increased expenses (3%), estimated union rate changes and necessity to increase compensation to keep all staff;
- The ability of PLGB to continue providing a congregate setting is now at high risk;
- The shortages mean that our supported individuals can be at risk for a lower standard of care;
- The ability to keep all of our programs running is also at tremendous risk now, as we cannot compete for RPN and PSW positions;
- Communication with families has suffered as the staff are constantly running to keep up with the workload when they are short staffed;
- Transporting our supported individuals to medical appointments is problematic, again due to lack of staff and volunteers and aging vehicles;

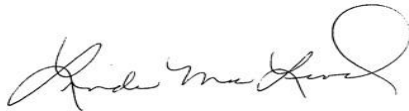
Recommendation

Competitive remuneration is essential if we are to remain viable. Our recommendation is for an increase of \$500,000 in base annual funding to cover rate changes for all staff: salaries: \$235,000 ***Plus benefits and needed technology \$200,000.

Ontario Health and MCCSS seem focused on acute care, long term care and mental health. We ask that both ministries now review and act on their commitment to the Developmental sector and address this critical funding need as well as the support provided to all supported individuals. Support from our municipalities will strengthen this request.

We are ready to meet with you at your convenience.

Respectfully,



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Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council Resolution of September 27, 2023, Re: Correspondence from Township of Puslinch and Town of Caledon, re: Illegal Land Use Enforcement

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 27, 2023, and in this regard, Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council supports the resolution from the Town of Caledon regarding illegal land use enforcement; and

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville recognizes that combatting illegal land use enforcement effectively is challenging, and an issue of municipal importance; and

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville recognizes that illegal land use has a negative impact on local residents and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville believes that the tools currently available to municipalities under the Municipal Act are insufficient to combat illegal land uses; and

THAT Council direct Staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

THEREFORE, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville passes this resolution regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement:

THAT the Province be requested to strengthen municipal enforcement powers by:

- Amending the Municipal Act to enable municipalities to physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations; and
- Increasing the maximum penalty amounts in the Planning Act to \$50,000 for an individual upon conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted; and

- Including provisions to ensure a corporation is liable to fines of not more \$100,000 upon first conviction and not more than \$50,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the corporation was initially convicted.

THAT a copy of this report be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calanda, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; and

THAT a copy of this report be provided to the municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe area seeking support in the request for strengthened enforcement powers to combat significant illegal land uses negatively impacting communities across Ontario and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Kind regards,

Monica Beattie

Monica Beattie
Senior Clerk's Coordinator

Attachment

Copy: Hon. Paul Calanda, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Staff Report 2023-0327

Meeting Date: June 6, 2023

Subject: Illegal Land Use Enforcement Update

Submitted By: Mark Sraga, Director, Building Services and Municipal Law Enforcement

RECOMMENDATION

That the Illegal Land Use Enforcement Taskforce's mandate be expanded to include other types of illegal land uses and not solely on illegal trucking land uses; and

That the Province be requested to strengthen municipal enforcement powers by:

- Amending the *Municipal Act* to enable municipalities to physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations;
- Increasing the maximum penalty amounts in the *Planning Act* to \$50,000 for an individual upon conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted; and
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REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Constant and undeterred enforcement efforts by both the Municipal Law Enforcement Division and the Legal Services Division is achieving the results that were envisioned when Council approved the creation of this dedicated enforcement effort.

- The Town has been successful in pursuing injunctions through the courts and will continue utilizing this enforcement mechanism for property owners that do not come into compliance to the Town's By-laws through normal enforcement actions.
- Land use permissions and performance standards should be developed and enacted through the Town's Zoning By-law to permit and regulate the creation of legal truck storage facilities.
- Advocacy with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is necessary to secure additional enforcement powers that are needed to provide more effective and cost-efficient enforcement of municipal land use B-law with respect to illegal land use.
- That the Illegal Land Use Enforcement Taskforce (Trucking) expand its mandate to include other types of illegal land uses including but not limited to event centres, institutional uses and places of worship.

DISCUSSION

Background

In 2019, staff were approved by Council to implement an Illegal Land Use Enforcement Taskforce with the objective of addressing the growing illegal land use issues related to the parking and storage of tractor trailers and commercial vehicles. This includes all property types in the Town, both those of a smaller scale (e.g., one or two trucks parked on rural properties), as well as those properties with a larger commercial operation. To effectively address the scope and scale of the issue, it was determined that staff would take a proactive approach to identify properties where the parking and storage of tractor trailers and commercial vehicles exist rather than relying solely on a complaint-based method and engage in education and enforcement. The dedicated resources allocated for this initiative included the following staff compliment; two (2) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, one (1) assistant Town Solicitor and one (1) coordinator. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, implementation of this dedicated staff group was delayed until July 2021. Since that time, they have been actively involved in undertaking proactive educational and enforcement efforts.

Education and Communication Strategy

As part of the initiative to address the illegal land use issue, staff engaged with an external consultant to develop a public education and strategic communications strategy in consultation with our Communications staff. The objective of the strategy is to effectively educate external stakeholders and property owners on the Town's land use policies and Zoning By-law; the types of properties on which the parking and storage of tractor trailers and commercial vehicles are permitted; the processes that must be followed to be in compliance with the applicable regulations; and updated enforcement efforts undertaken by enforcement staff assigned to this initiative. The result of this effort was the creation of a guide that provides an easy-to-understand explanation of the Zoning By-laws as it

relates to truck parking and storage along with the actions being taken by the Town with respect to enforcing these rules.

Along with the production of this guide, staff continue to utilize a variety of communication tactics to help inform residents and operators of illegal truck storage facilities of the rules and consequences for violating the Town's By-laws. These efforts include:

- a month-long radio campaign on Parvasi radio,
- resident focused social media campaign,
- numerous media releases highlighting successful outcomes through the courts
- media interviews and responses

Enforcement Efforts

As previously referenced the commencement of proactive enforcement efforts began in July 2021 with the Officers conducting inspections on properties that had been previously identified by residents or Town staff as possibly having illegally stored trucks. Since then, Officers have investigated over 310 properties for potential illegal truck storage violations occurring (see Figure 1 for illustration of location of properties investigated).

Figure 1: Location of properties investigated



Over 137 enforcement actions have been commenced because of these investigations. Depending on the severity of the By-law contraventions different enforcement actions were employed to seek compliance with the Town's By-laws. These enforcement actions

include the issuance of letters notifying the property owner of the By-law contravention(s), issuance of tickets, laying of charges or seeking court injunctions. While voluntary compliance has been achieved for some of the properties there are 36 properties where the matters are still before the courts.

While the overall enforcement objective is to achieve compliance with the Town's By-laws, the Town seeks meaningful financial penalties for those property owners who willfully ignore the Town's By-laws or do not voluntarily come into compliance. Through the combined efforts of the Officers (who are employing additional investigative techniques to provide stronger evidence) and Legal staff (who can educate and demonstrate in Court of the severity of these offences) the Courts are now imposing very significant fine amounts when a defendant is found guilty of a violation related to an illegal trucking operation. The Courts have the sole discretion in determining the fine amounts and staff have been successful in achieving fine amounts between \$35,000 - \$50,000 dollars which is the maximum amount prescribed in the *Planning Act*. To date the total amount of fines levied by the courts has been over \$350,000.00. Along with these significant fine amounts the Courts are also starting to issue Prohibition Orders. Prohibition Orders are a Court directive for the convicted party to cease using the property in noncompliance with the Order effective the date the Order is issued. Should the prohibition use continue then the Enforcement Team may lay charges for failing to comply with an Order, which would result in fines that could be imposed daily. This can result in significant consequences for the owner/operator as these daily fines can become financially onerous depending on how long the property remains noncompliant.

In addition to these court charges the Town has been successful in obtaining Superior Court issued injunctions against some of the most egregious illegal trucking operations and to date there have been 3 successful court injunctions issued for the following properties:

- 6086 Mayfield Road
- 6186 Mayfield Road
- 6230 Mayfield Road (all illegally stored vehicles have been removed from this property – see Schedule A).

While these injunctions are a very powerful enforcement tool, they are very costly for the Town to instigate and carry through the Court systems and can in some instances be a slow process, taking up to a year or beyond to achieve a Superior Court decision and Order. Along with these Zoning related enforcement actions staff have also undertaken actions to achieve compliance with the Town's other By-laws, such as the Traffic By-law and the Fill By-law, where possible and warranted. This includes actions such as placing concrete barriers on the Town's right-of-way when illegal entrances have been created

(see Figure 2) with intent of preventing the continued unpermitted use of the Town's right-of-way or the removal of illegally placed fill.

Figure 2: Example of physical enforcement action



Along with physical actions being taken such as the placement of barriers or removal of illegally placed fill, another action undertaken to help reduce the cost advantage of operating illegally has been to inform the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) through Finance staff of changes in use of the property and have the property reassessed. Often, illegal operators are surreptitiously converting farm properties to commercial properties and by informing MPAC of the actual use of the property appropriate taxes can be levied, ensuring equal treatment for legal and illegal operators. To date there have been 25 properties reassessed and this has resulted in more than a \$384,000 increase in the tax levy for these properties; another 24 properties are still waiting to be reassessed. Staff also regularly inform our contacts at the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) of these operations as we have found that there is a significant amount of cash transactions between the vehicle operators storing their vehicles on the property and the operators of these yards. Staff also regularly communicate with other enforcement agencies such as the Toronto and Region and Conservation Authority (TRCA), Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), and the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) on these illegal operations and coordinate our enforcement efforts with them as much as possible.

Current Challenges and Solutions

Illegal land uses are not just restricted to illegal trucking operations/storage facilities but other uses such as event centres, institutional uses or places of worship are becoming more common in Caledon. These illegal uses all have significant impacts on adjacent property owners due to the disturbances created and non-compatibility with adjacent

residential properties or road safety. Therefore, it is recommended that this taskforce's enforcement mandate be expanded to include these other types of illegal land uses and not just focused solely on the illegal trucking land uses. While this change to the mandate will not have an immediate impact on the staff compliment it will re-enforce the work the team is doing and enable them to utilize their enforcement/legal skills on these complex files. The investigative and enforcement tools used for the illegal trucking uses are identical to the ones used for these other types of illegal uses and they are all regulated by the same provincial legislation and municipal regulations (ie. *Planning Act* and *Zoning By-law*) as well as the same enforcement challenges while pursuing compliance amongst non-compliant property owners.

Prosecution matters can typically take months and sometimes years to resolve and while the matter is being dealt with through the Courts, the illegal operation continues to make money for the operator. Also, while the fine amounts being ordered by the Courts are increasingly significant, for some of the larger illegal operations these fines are just considered the "cost of doing business". More robust and efficient enforcement measures are needed if the Town is to be successful in combatting these illegal operations. These suggested new enforcement measure need to include more significant financial penalties prescribed in the *Planning Act* including special fines provisions. Currently, the maximum fine amounts are as follows:

- An individual is liable to a fine of not more than \$25,000 upon first conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$10,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted.
- A corporation is liable to fines of not more \$50,000 upon first conviction and not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the corporation was initially convicted.

It should be noted that directors or officers of corporations can also be charged and if found guilty of the charges they would be subject to the same penalty provisions as an individual.

In view of the revenues being generated from some of these large illegal operations the maximum fine amounts should be doubled, and special fine provisions like those found in the *Municipal Act* should also be introduced in the legislation. A special fine amount would enable a Court to levy a fine higher than the maximum amount prescribed in the legislation in circumstances where there has been an economic advantage or gain by violating the *Zoning By-law*. An example of this is in the Town's *Business Licensing By-law* which has a special fine provision that states, "a special fine equal to the amount of the economic gain may be imposed".

In addition to these increased fines the Town needs further enhanced enforcement powers including the authority for the municipality to bar entry to the property in circumstances where the illegal land use is occurring and it is having significant detrimental impacts on adjacent properties/occupants, the environment or creating unsafe situations such as traffic safety. These enhanced enforcement powers should be like the ones that currently exist in the provincial *Cannabis Control Act* in terms of that authority to issue a closure order along with the authority to physically block or restrict access to the property. Recognizing that this type of enforcement authority is very significant it is necessary to also have an appeal mechanism which property owners or tenants can avail themselves of when such orders and actions are taken, or the property owner has removed the illegal use. This appeal process should be through the Superior Court of Justice so that a hearing by a Judge can be held and the Judge should have the authority to confirm, modify or rescind a closure order. Implementation of such powers would be extremely effective and efficient in addressing illegal land uses such as the ones that are currently occurring in Caledon.

It needs to also be understood that even if the province was to implement these additional enforcement provisions there is a clear need for proper truck parking/storage facilities within the Town. Currently the Town's Zoning By-law does not permit such a use and considering the number of logistic facilities that have been constructed in the Town and the volume of new ones that are slated to be built both within and within proximity to the Town then this need will only continue to grow. Having clear land use designations in the most appropriate locations in the Town along with the necessary performance standards to mitigate the impacts these uses may have will help reduce the volume of illegal operations especially when combined with a very robust enforcement program regarding the illegal operations.

Recommended Advocacy to Combat Illegal Land Use Issues

Staff are recommending that the Town advocate to the Province to support municipalities in efforts to combat illegal land use issues through the following means:

- Amend the *Municipal Act* to enable municipalities to physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations.
- Increase the maximum penalty amounts in the *Planning Act* to \$50,000 for an individual upon conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted.
- Include provisions to ensure a corporation is liable to fines of not more \$100,000 upon first conviction and not more than \$50,000 for each day in which the

contravention has continued after the day in which the corporation was initially convicted.

Summary

Constant and undeterred enforcement efforts by both the Municipal Law Enforcement division and the Legal division is achieving the results that were envisioned when Council approved the creation of this dedicated Enforcement initiative. This success can be directly attributed to the professionalism and commitment of the staff and the leadership who have been assigned to this endeavour. Even though it will take time to achieve compliance with some of the more flagrant contraveners, staff will utilize all the enforcement tools provided for in the *Planning Act* along with other legal remedies as we work towards achieving compliance amongst these non-compliant property owners.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications are contained throughout this report.

COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Subject matter is not relevant to the Council Workplan.

ATTACHMENTS

Schedule A: Illustration showing the successful enforcement action at 6230 Mayfield Road

Schedule A to Staff Report 2023-0327





The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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VIA EMAIL:
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October 11, 2023

RE: Correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on October 2, 2023, passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Miriam Mutton
Seconded by Councillor Brian Darling

Resolution No: 314-2023
October 2, 2023

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council endorse and support the resolution from the Township of Puslinch and Council direct staff to send a duplicate resolution to associated ministries and Ontario Municipalities.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Illegal Land Use Enforcement Taskforce's mandate be expanded to include other types of illegal land uses and not solely on illegal trucking land uses; and

That the Province be requested to strengthen municipal enforcement powers by:

- Amending the Municipal Act to enable municipalities to physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations;
- Increasing the maximum penalty amounts in the Planning Act to \$50,000 for an individual upon conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted; and



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

- Including provisions to ensure a corporation is liable to fines of not more \$100,000 upon first conviction and not more than \$50,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the corporation was initially convicted.

That a copy of this report be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; and

That a copy of this report be provided to the municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe area seeking support in the request for strengthened enforcement powers to combat significant illegal land uses negatively impacting communities across Ontario and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon,
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
Rural Ontario Municipal Association,
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August 11, 2023

Climate Emergency Unit
c/o The David Suzuki Institute
201 Pringle Farm Rd
Saltspring Island, BC
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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 9th, 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 funds 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

Regards,

Alison Gray

Alison Gray, BAH, CMO, AOMC
Clerk

Cc Ontario Municipalities

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September 28, 2023

Premier of Ontario
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Illegal Car Rally – Provincial Task Force

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their September 14, 2023 Council meeting adopted the following resolution regarding illegal car rallies:

WHEREAS the prevalence of unsanctioned car rally events has grown in recent years throughout North America;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Wasaga Beach has been the target of unsanctioned car rallies over the past four years resulting in property damage, threats to public order, and significant risk to people's safety and enjoyment of their property;

AND WHEREAS the protections afforded by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are being violated by unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants, thereby infringing on the rights of others and undermined the response of enforcement personnel;

AND WHEREAS unsanctioned car rally activity crosses multiple jurisdictions requiring a province wide coordinated response framework to protect all communities from the same disruption and risk to public safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach requests that a provincial task force be assembled to create a municipal response framework to protect communities from unsanctioned car rallies with a mandate to include, but not limited to:

- Investigate legislative enhancements and tools to assist municipalities in responding and enforcing unsanctioned car rallies.
- Investigate expanded powers for municipal law enforcement officers.
- Develop a proactive approach to awareness, prevention, enforcement and collaboration across all enforcement personnel, including police, municipal law enforcement officers and other provincial offences officers.
- Investigate harsher penalties and increased fines for unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants.

AND FURTHER THAT the Province provide funding to municipalities to assist with the cost in enforcing unsanctioned car rallies;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, MPP Brian Saunderson, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, County of Simcoe, FCM, and AMO;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities requesting a letter of support be sent to senior levels of government.

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844.

Respectfully yours,



Brian Smith, Mayor Town of Wasaga Beach

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Brian Saunderson, MPP – Simcoe-Grey
Commissioner Thomas Carrique, Ontario Provincial Police
County of Simcoe Council
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities



UPDATE

September 29, 2023

September ROMA Board Meeting Highlights

Managing Homelessness Encampments

- The off-site, in-person meeting gave the Board an opportunity to hear and see first-hand experience, and innovations in managing homelessness from local experts. Speakers included the Region's housing staff, Waterloo BIA and Wilmot Mayor Natasha Salonen.
- Waterloo Mayor Dorothy McCabe shared how the City is working with the Region's housing department to handle homeless encampments in public parks following a high-profile court case. This included a tour of the region's managed encampment. The site houses 50 or so residents in small modular shelters that provide safety, security and privacy. There is round-the-clock staff and a variety of supports to help people get off the streets for good.
- **Key learnings:** Peer mentorship for those experiencing homelessness creates a stronger level of trust and is critical to success. Collaboration is also critical, with cooperation between the municipality, non-profit service agencies, and BIA/Business organizations.

Access to services

- Preliminary feedback from ROMA's member survey confirms that key barriers to accessing services include the lack of family doctors and healthcare professionals, limited mental health services and absence of transportation services.
- ROMA is using this information, combined with other research and consultations, to create strategic recommendations to address barriers to health services that it will present at the 2024 ROMA Conference this January.
- Access to services is just one of the priorities outlined in ROMA's 2022 Plan for Action: [Opportunities for Rural Ontario in a Post-COVID World](#).

2024 ROMA Conference: Closer to Home

ROMA's 2024 Conference will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto, from January 21 to 23, 2024. The theme, *Closer to Home*, speaks ROMA's continued policy and advocacy work on access to services. Early Bird rates are available until Friday, October 27, 2023. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

To learn more about the September meeting, please watch the ROMA Board Chair [Video](#)

You can stay in touch with ROMA via our [website](#), or by following us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
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September 20, 2023

Re: Declaring Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an Epidemic

At its Council Meeting of September 12, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS the safety of our community and its members is of extreme importance to every single Cambridge resident, as well as to Cambridge Council;

WHEREAS intimate partner violence, often referred to as domestic violence, means any use of physical or sexual force, actual or threatened in an intimate relationship, including emotional and/or psychological abuse or harassing behaviour, and persons of any gender or sex can be victims of intimate partner violence;

WHEREAS Waterloo Region is experiencing a rise in intimate partner violence (IPV) and domestic violence during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Waterloo Region Police Service (WRPS) experiences an average of 17 calls related to IPV per day, with a total of 6,158 calls in 2022 and 66,000 calls for service in total, despite the fact that 70% of IPV incidents go unreported due to feelings of shame, fear, and secrecy;

WHEREAS the WRPS has laid more than 35,000 charges related to IPV, or an average of 3,500 per year;

WHEREAS in 2022, five out of six homicides in Waterloo Region stemmed from IPV and domestic violence, with over 3,800 criminal charges issued by WRPS in relation to IPV;

WHEREAS between 2012 and 2022, the WRPS received a total of 20,870 calls related to IPV in Cambridge, and laid a total of 11,020 charges related to IPV in Cambridge;

WHEREAS Indigenous women are approximately 3.5 times more likely to experience some form of intimate partner violence than non-Indigenous women, and the homicide rate for Indigenous women and girls is approximately 6 times higher than for non-Indigenous women and girls, and Indigenous women are 12 times more likely to be murdered or missing than any other women in Canada, and 16 times more likely than white women;

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Cambridge joins over 30 other Ontario municipalities in supporting the Recommendation #1 from the Culleton, Kuzyk and Warmerdam Inquest (C.K.W. Inquest) in formally declaring intimate partner violence (IPV) as an epidemic;

AND THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to declare that intimate partner violence and violence against women is an epidemic, in accordance with Recommendation #1 of the C.K.W. Inquest;

AND THAT Cambridge recommends that Waterloo Regional Council integrates intimate partner violence in the Region's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan, in accordance with Recommendation #10 of the C.K.W. Inquest, and set out gender-based violence/intimate partner violence as a separate priority within the plan;

AND FURTHER THAT the City Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the Region of Waterloo, Province of Ontario, The Right Honourable Prime Minister, Members of Parliament, Provincial Members of Parliament, United Nations, and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Members of Parliament
Provincial Members of Parliament
United Nations
Province of Ontario
Region of Waterloo
All Ontario Municipalities



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September 28, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
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Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 26, 2023
Motion 10.2 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence
Epidemic**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 26, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas 42 municipalities and regions including OBCM (Ontario Big City Mayors) and MARCO (Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario) members Ajax, Brampton, Burlington, Clarington, Hamilton, London, Oakville, Ottawa, Pickering, Whitby, Toronto, and Windsor, along with Peel, Durham and Halton Regions as well as Lanark County, Essex County and Renfrew County across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic (as of August 18, 2023); and

Whereas on August 16, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as "an epidemic" in the federal government's formal response to a coroner's inquest, also stating that his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic "in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response"; and

Whereas by declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, the Town of Aurora can join the growing number of municipalities and regions in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic; and

Whereas the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence increased exponentially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has not decreased, while funding to provide the growing demand of services and support

for victims and survivors of intimate partner and gender-based violence has not kept pace;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora recommend that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare a gender-based and intimate partner violence epidemic across the country; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the inquest into the 2015 murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County, Ontario, which provide a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the federal government starts this enactment by adding the word Femicide as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada; and**
- 6. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions, and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



10. Motions

10.2 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

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Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)



The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.4.

Resolution Number 23-169

Title: Request to Province to declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic in Ontario - Resolution to Support

Date: Friday, October 13, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Lundy

Seconded by: Councillor Cade Fraser

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of The Archipelago receives and supports the Town of Aurora's resolution declaring gender-based and intimate partner violence an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada (Hon. Justin Trudeau), the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), Leaders of Opposition Parties, Parry Sound-Muskoka MP (Hon. Scott Aitchison), Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP (Hon. Graydon Smith), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried



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September 28, 2023

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

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 26, 2023
Motion 10.2 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence
Epidemic**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 26, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

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The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



10. Motions

10.2 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

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Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

Sent by Email

October 4, 2023

Andrea Horwath
Mayor
City of Hamilton
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mayor@hamilton.ca

Subject: Re: City of Hamilton - Request to Abandon Greenbelt Development
Corr. 29-23
File: A-1400

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on September 25, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 29-23, from Andrea Horwath, Mayor, City of Hamilton, dated September 11, 2023, regarding City of Hamilton – Request to Abandon Greenbelt Development, be received and endorsed.

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 Municipal Affairs and Housing
Janet Pilon, Acting City Clerk, City of Hamilton
All Ontario Municipalities



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Mail

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

September 11, 2023

Dear Minister Calandra:

On August 18, 2023, Hamilton City Council approved Item 7.5 which reads as follows:

7.5 City of Hamilton – Request to Abandon Greenbelt Development

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to reducing the cost of housing and has pledged to facilitate the construction of 47,000 housing units by 2031;

WHEREAS, City of Hamilton staff have concluded that residential housing development within the former Greenbelt lands is unnecessary to facilitate construction of the pledged housing units;

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2023, Hamilton City Council declared “The Minister’s decision to remove 795 hectares of land from the Greenbelt Plan is unnecessary and is not supported by the City of Hamilton”;

WHEREAS, the Auditor General for the Province of Ontario has confirmed Hamilton’s conclusion that “Greenbelt land was not needed to meet the current housing targets assigned to them by the Housing Ministry”;

WHEREAS, development of the Greenbelt would be a significant financial liability to Hamilton taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the Auditor General for the Province of Ontario stated: “Land sites removed from the Greenbelt in December 2022 were largely not serviced, were not in their servicing plans, and that many of the sites would be challenging to prioritize and service in the near future...” and “Some of these sites would require considerable infrastructure to prepare them for housing development”; and

WHEREAS, the Greenbelt should be protected as a vital element of Hamilton's environmental and agricultural resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton requests the Province of Ontario abandon its plan to develop the Greenbelt and that all lands within the City of Hamilton removed from the Greenbelt be reinstated; and
- (b) That this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities where Greenbelt lands were slated for development for support and a similar declaration to the Province of Ontario.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C23-015 when responding to this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Mayor Andrea Horwath

File #C23-015

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

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234-2023-4597

September 15, 2023

Dear Head of Council,

**Subject: Responding to the Housing Affordability Task Force's
Recommendations**

As you know, in February 2022, the Housing Affordability Task Force delivered [its final report](#) with recommendations to help Ontario tackle the housing supply crisis and build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031. Including sub-items and appendices, the Task Force made 74 unique recommendations, some of which apply to all communities in Ontario, with others more specific to large and urban municipalities. While Ontario has made progress in acting on these recommendations — with 23 implemented to date helping to achieve the highest level of housing starts in over three decades — as the province grows at incredible speed, all levels of government need to do more.

To bring the dream of home ownership into reach for more people, I have asked my ministry to renew its efforts to review and, where possible, implement the Task Force's remaining recommendations with minimal delay. As part of that review, I am asking for you, as head of council, to prioritize your top five recommendations for future consideration. For these top five priorities, this could include your advice to revisit the way a recommendation has been implemented up to this point, as well as how some of the recommendations could or should be implemented with amendments.

Accompanying this letter, you will find a chart with space to rank the top five Task Force recommendations. While I know that some of the recommendations may not be applicable to all small, rural, and Northern communities, I ask that you rank those recommendations that you feel would be, or have been, the most useful in increasing housing supply in your community.

As we look to do more to solve the housing supply and affordability crisis together, it's important for the province to have a full understanding of our municipal partners' positions on these recommendations as quickly as possible. I ask that you **please return the completed chart to housingsupply@ontario.ca no later than October 16, 2023.**

I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure that more people can afford a place to call home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Calandra', with a large, stylized initial 'P' and 'C'.

The Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c: Hon. Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
- Kirstin Jensen, Interim Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
- Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
- Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market Housing Division
- Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Growth Division
- Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division

Attachment:

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Please identify the top 5 HATF recommendations that you support, and rationale / comments	
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From: Pam Coulter
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 4:05 PM
To: housingsupply@ontario.ca
Cc: Tim Simmonds; rick.byers@pc.ola.org; Briana Bloomfield
Subject: Housing Affordability Task Force

Hon. Minister Colandra,

Thank you for the correspondence dated September 15, 2023 requesting input on the top five priorities of the remaining recommendations.

In addition to our top five, which reflect and support the comments of the County of Grey, we offer some additional comments below the chart for your consideration.

We sincerely appreciate this opportunity to provide input.

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Pamela Coulter, BA, RPP
Director of Community Services

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Attachment: Top Five Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF) Recommendations for Response

Please identify the top 5 HATF recommendations that you support, and rationale / comments	
1.	<p>4 (3b) Modernize the Building Code and other policies to remove any barriers to affordable housing construction and to ensure meaningful implementation (e.g., allow single-staircase construction for up to four storeys, allow single egress, etc.)</p> <p>Rationale: Safety should remain a key consideration. Initial building costs should be considered, as well as long term maintenance and energy efficiency which should be factored into changes.</p>
2.	<p>31 (26) Require appellants to promptly seek permission (“leave to appeal”) of the OLT and demonstrate that an appeal has merit, relying on evidence and expert reports, before it is accepted.</p> <p>Rationale: Improve OLT processes and timelines – including the OLT vetting appeals prior to accepting the appeal, considering the municipal decision where this is also supported by a region or County. Perhaps an initial review of the appeal and the municipal decision should be completed and the appeal would be considered dismissed or warrant a hearing process. Appeals of subdivisions have been removed for most third parties, however, zoning amendments are often required to accompany these and these can be appealed delaying development.</p>
3.	<p>40 (33) Waive development charges on all forms of affordable housing guaranteed to be affordable for 40 years.</p> <p>Rationale: City supports this – agreeing with the County of Grey Comment, that this is subject to:</p> <p>a) affordability is defined to be tied back to income levels in that area of the province,</p>

	<p>b) legislative tools exist to municipalities to be able to track and enforce such agreements on affordability without being too administratively burdensome, and</p> <p>c) funding be provided to municipalities from senior levels of government to make municipal revenues ‘whole’, such that the loss of any waived development charges is offset by the senior governmental funding.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <p>Municipalities and Counties and regions rely on development charges to finance future infrastructure and growth needs. Without development charges municipal property taxes will need to be increased, unless further funding is received by senior levels of government.</p> <p>Staff see merit in development charge exemptions for affordable housing, provided it truly is affordable based on average regional income levels. Furthermore, staff have concerns that current development charges exemption agreements and tracking could become onerous to ‘police’ the 40-year affordability requirement, so additional tools are needed for municipalities for this purpose. As such, while waiving development charges for affordable housing is supported, staff would recommend that this be offset by funds from senior levels of government to make municipal revenues whole including for infrastructure that has already been built by municipalities assuming that development charges would be collected.</p>
4.	50 (42) Provide provincial and federal loan guarantees for purpose-built rental, affordable rental, and affordable ownership projects
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70 C-1 Review surplus lands and accelerate the sale and development through RFP of surplus government land and surrounding land by provincially pre-zoning for density, affordable housing, and mixed or residential use. • 71 C-2 All future government land sales, whether commercial or residential, should have an affordable housing component of at least 20%. • 72 C-3 Purposefully upzone underdeveloped or underutilized Crown property (e.g., LCBO). • 74 C-5 The policy priority of adding to the housing supply, including affordable units, should be reflected in the way surplus land is offered for sale, allowing bidders to structure their proposals accordingly. <p>Rationale:</p>

It is critical that the sale of public lands be guided by strict adherence to policy and process to ensure transparency and accountability. Lands owned by Conservation Authorities that are for public use should not be part of this land sale.

City staff also support the following comment from the County of Grey:

Staff would recommend that the province consider surplus lands at all levels of government, including arms length government agencies (school boards, LCBO, etc.), such that any surplus lands need to be considered for housing first, where appropriate, before being considered for other uses. Lands within serviced settlement areas, close to hard and soft services, which are not industrial in nature, should be considered first for affordable housing. The ability to acquire such lands, without having to purchase them at fair market value, should be extended to municipalities or not-for-profits, where affordable housing is an outcome. Where lands are being sold to for-profit developers, minimum affordable housing thresholds should be required as a condition of sale.

In addition to the 5 items identified, the City supports recommendations that:

- Support skilled trades and the education of tradespeople within existing colleges
- In fully serviced urban areas, municipalities are challenged to upgrade and extend servicing to allow new development in the urban boundary. Additional federal and provincial dollars supporting servicing infrastructure for housing development would relieve the strain on municipal governments, especially given changes to development charges.
- Ministry comments on planning applications where municipal decisions are held to fixed timelines, should be aligned to allow municipal decisions to be completed within the legislated timelines.
- The City agrees with the Province, that there is a housing shortage that is a high priority. Acknowledging this need, where lot creation is approved either through consent or plan of subdivision/condominium that does not include a component of affordable housing, similar to parkland dedication where no parkland is provided in a development, that municipalities would collect an affordable housing dedication at an amount per lot to be determined provincially. These funds would be transferred to the level of government locally responsible for housing. In the case of Owen Sound, these funds would be transferred to Grey County.



The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.13.
Resolution Number 23-178
Title: Cigarette Producer Responsibility
Date: Friday, October 13, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Sheard
Seconded by: Councillor MacLeod

WHEREAS cigarette manufacturers play a crucial role in the creation and distribution of cigarette products. Cigarettes, are responsible for significant environmental damage and contribute to waste and pollution; and

WHEREAS cigarette butts are the most common form of litter worldwide and pose a threat to aquatic life and ecosystems. As reported 26 July 2023 to the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, Pollution Probe's Great Lakes Plastic Cleanup identified cigarette butts one of the top five items of microplastics found in the Great Lakes, and

WHEREAS cigarette filters are composed of non-biodegradable materials that can take several years to degrade, exacerbating the problem of waste accumulation; and

WHEREAS the concept of producer responsibility promotes the idea that the party that profits from the creation and sale of a product should also be responsible for managing the product's end-of-life environmental impact; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has successfully implemented producer responsibility programs for various industries, such as electronics, packaging, and batteries, resulting in significant improvements in waste management and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS the exclusion of cigarette manufacturers from current producer responsibility programs in our province creates an inconsistency in environmental policy and hampers our overall efforts to reduce waste and protect our environment. It is imperative to address the environmental impact of cigarette manufacturing, usage, and disposal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of The Archipelago hereby requests the Province of Ontario to include cigarette manufacturers within the scope of producer responsibility regulations and programs;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Government takes necessary steps to develop and amend legislation to ensure cigarette manufacturers are responsible for the collection, recycling, and proper disposal of cigarette waste and the Province of Ontario be encouraged to work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders, including public health organizations, environmental groups, and retail associations, to develop comprehensive and effective strategies for the inclusion of cigarette manufacturers in producer responsibility program, taking into account the unique challenges posed by tobacco products;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario allocate adequate resources and establish monitoring systems to ensure compliance with the newly imposed responsibilities by cigarette manufacturers, including penalties for non-compliance;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario adopts regulations and policies that require cigarette manufacturers to:

1. Take financial responsibility for the collection, transportation, recycling, or safe disposal of discarded cigarettes and related waste materials.
2. Develop and engage in public awareness campaigns to educate the public about the environmental impact of cigarette butt litter and implement programs to educate the public on the safe disposal of cigarette butts.
3. Implement measures to minimize the environmental impact of their products through the use of sustainable materials, reduced packaging, and improved recycling initiatives;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED The Ministry of the Environment actively collaborates with other provinces and territories within Canada to encourage a nationwide approach towards including cigarette manufacturers in Producer Responsibility initiatives;

AND FURTHER BE FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honorable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservations and Parks, relevant Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Leader of the Opposition parties, All Municipalities in Ontario, Pollution Probe, Georgian Bay Forever, Georgian Bay Association, and other pertinent stakeholders as appropriate, urging their support and action in this matter.

Carried