



## **Correspondence Items Presented for Information April 29, 2024**

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- 1) Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Re: Policy updates.
  - a) New federal infrastructure and housing items in upcoming 2024 budget.
  - b) Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*, 2024.
- 2) Correspondence from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Re: Advocacy updates.
  - a) Modernizing the *Municipal Elections Act* for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
  - b) Province introduces Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*, 2024.
- 3) Correspondence from the Chair, Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group (MMEWG) Re: Invitation to join the MMEWG.
- 4) Correspondence from the Treasury Board President, Treasury Board Secretariat Re: First annual report on the *Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan*.
- 5) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Request to province to amend the blue box regulation for 'ineligible' sources:
  - a) City of Owen Sound
  - b) Town of Cobourg
  - c) Prince Edward County
- 6) Correspondence from the Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Town of Goderich Re:
  - a) Legislative amendments to improve municipal code of conduct.
  - b) Recommended phase-out of free well water testing in the 2023 Auditor General's report.
  - c) Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates.
- 7) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Social and economic prosperity review:
  - a) Township of Horton
  - b) Municipality of St. Charles

- 8) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Intimate partner violence and coercive control.
  - a) City of Sault Ste. Marie
  - b) Town of Bracebridge
- 9) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Proposed amendment to subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
  - a) City of Richmond Hill
  - b) Township of Scugog
- 10) Correspondence from the Clerk, Loyalist Township Re: Affordability of water and wastewater rates.
- 11) Correspondence from the Clerk, City of Peterborough Re: Jurisdiction of Ontario's Ombudsman.
- 12) Correspondence from the Clerk, Town of Grimsby Re: Endorsement of Bill C-63, *The Online Harms Act*.
- 13) Correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles Re:
  - a) Carbon tax.
  - b) Conservation officer reclassification.
  - c) Catch and release justice.
  - d) Provincial and national fire fighting strategy.
  - e) Household food insecurity.
- 14) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Expanding the life of fire apparatus.
  - a) Municipality of St. Charles
  - b) Township of Chatsworth
- 15) Correspondence from the Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services, Municipality of West Perth Re: *Conservation Authorities Act*.
- 16) Correspondence from the Clerk/Acting CAO, Township of Lanark Highlands Re: Return to combined ROMA and OGRA conferences.
- 17) Correspondence from the Director of Legislative Services, Hastings County Re: Sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities.
- 18) Correspondence from the Municipality of Wawa Re:
  - a) Potential municipal equipment operator course.
  - b) Municipal accessibility fund.
  - c) Support for amendment to the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* to clarify the definition of employer.

- 19) Correspondence from the Clerk/Director of Corporate Services, Town of Bracebridge Re: Request for provincial support for cemetery operations.
- 20) Correspondence from the Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Re: Support for small business enterprise centre funding.
- 21) Correspondence from the Interim CEO, Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII) Re: NII update.
- 22) Correspondence from Grey Bruce Public Health Re: Opioid situation report – January to March 2024.
- 23) Correspondence from the Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses Re: Monthly femicide in Ontario fact sheet.



## Policy Update – New Federal Infrastructure & Housing Items in Upcoming 2024 Budget

Recently, the Federal Government announced new investments in [infrastructure](#), changes to increase construction of [rental apartments](#), and actions to protect and increase [affordable housing](#) that will be coming forth in Canada's 2024 Budget.

### New Infrastructure Investments

**A new Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund** will provide:

- \$1 billion directly to municipalities to support urgent infrastructure needs
- \$5 billion for agreements with provinces and territories for longer-term priorities.

Agreements with provinces and territories will require commitment to housing-related conditions, for example:

- Adoption of four units as-of-right
- Implementation of measures from the Home Buyers' Bill of Rights and Renters' Bill of Rights
- A three-year freeze on increasing development charges for municipalities with a population greater than 300,000

In addition, the announcements noted a **top-up to the Housing Accelerator Fund** with an additional \$400 million, and signaled criteria to access the federal government's forthcoming public transit fund.

These much-needed investments to municipal infrastructure required for growth can help to offset the almost \$100 billion in growth-related infrastructure that Ontario's municipalities are planning for over the next 10 years. Significant questions remain regarding funding eligibility, including accessibility for regional municipal governments



and the scope of eligible investments, as well as the potential impact of key conditions – most notably the three-year freeze on development charges.

AMO is working with municipal staff to unpack potential implications to help inform next steps with provincial and federal partners.

## Measures to Improve Housing Affordability and Rent

**Investments and changes to the Canada Construction Loan Program**, including:

- An additional \$15 billion investment in the program
- Modifications to conditions (e.g., extending loan terms, extending access to financing to include housing for students and seniors)
- A partnership program to help support provincial and territorial housing plans

The new funding can help get more residential rentals built, including affordable units and is consistent with recommendations in AMO's [Blueprint for Action: An Integrated Approach to Address the Ontario Housing Crisis](#).

At the same time, the federal government also announced a series of actions to support rental tenants with housing affordability, including:

- Launching a new \$15 million Tenant Protection Fund
- Creating a new Canadian Renters' Bill of Rights, to be developed and implemented in partnership with provinces and territories
- Making sure renters get credit for on-time rent payments

AMO looks forward to additional details on the Home Buyers' Bill of Rights and Renters' Bills of Rights in the federal Budget.

## Measures to Protect and Create New Affordable Housing Apartments

The federal government will be launching a new \$1.5 billion Canada Rental Protection Fund intended to protect affordable housing and create thousands of new affordable apartments.

The fund will provide \$1 billion in loans and \$470 million in contributions to non-profit organizations and other partners so they can acquire units and preserve rent prices in the long term.

These measures are responsive to AMO advocacy dating back to 2022.

## Additional Announcements

The Federal Government also announced funding for a [National School Food Program](#), investing \$1 billion over 5 years to provide meals to 400,000 more kids every year, beyond those served by existing school food programs. [AMO wrote to Minister Freeland](#) in March expressing our support for the implementation of a national school food program and we are pleased to see it will be included in the 2024 Budget.

A [\\$2.4 billion investment](#) in Artificial Intelligence measures were also announced.



## Policy Update – Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*, 2024

Today the Government [introduced Bill 185](#), the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*. This omnibus bill includes changes to [a range of legislation](#) including changes to development charges and Ontario's land-use planning framework with the stated intent of removing barriers to building 1.5 million homes by 2031.

### Changes to Development Charges

In response to AMO advocacy, Bill 125 would make significant steps towards restoring municipalities' ability to fund growth-related infrastructure by:

- repealing the five-year phase-in of development charges introduced under Bill 23, and
- restoring studies as eligible development charge costs.

The bill moves forward with development charge exemptions for affordable units, with a commitment to release a bulletin by June providing necessary implementation information. AMO has supported these exemptions following the inclusion of income criteria in the definition of affordable.

AMO will continue to highlight the need to reinstate both housing services and the cost of land as eligible DC costs. Together, these changes are costing municipalities around \$4 billion over a 10-year period and will have a material impact on municipalities' ability to invest in community housing.

AMO recognizes that that these changes are the result of a renewed approach to collaboration between the province and municipalities. The proposed changes make progress in walking back elements of Bill 23 that significantly undermined municipalities' ability to support housing. They do not, however, replace the need for a

comprehensive conversation to update the provincial-municipal fiscal framework to support sustainability, affordability and economic prosperity.

## **Minister's Zoning Orders**

Bill 185 would replace the Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator (CHIA) tool with a new Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) [framework](#) that requires:

- Demonstration of how infrastructure servicing will be addressed;
- Anticipated timelines for downstream approvals and project completion;
- Evidence that they deliver on a provincial priority or are supported by a single-tier or lower-tier municipality.

The new MZO framework takes steps towards improving transparency, but fall short of AMO's recommendations that the government:

- use MZOs only in collaboration with municipalities
- use MZOs only in situations of extraordinary urgency, and
- enshrine this requirement in legislation.

## **Land-Use Planning Changes**

Bill 185 includes a number of changes intended to streamline planning processes and speed up housing development, including:

- Allowing municipalities to reallocate infrastructure servicing allocations from stalled developments to ready-to-build ones in order to better support growth
- Removing the planning application fee refund framework introduced through 2022's Bill 109
- Exempting public universities from planning approvals to facilitate faster construction of student residences
- Limiting third-party appeals for approved Official Plans and Zoning By-laws
- Authorities needed to move forward with removing planning authorities from seven upper-tier municipalities

Along with these measures, the government is introducing the next edition of the Building Code and will be sharing an updated draft of the next Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) for a 30-day consultation.

AMO calls on the province to support effective implementation of measures by limiting future changes to the land-use planning process and restoring stability and certainty to the system.

## **Other Items**

Bill 185 also proposes to streamline the anti-bonusing exemptions process by providing the Lieutenant Governor in Council the authority to allow municipalities to grant direct or indirect assistance to specific types of businesses, subject to certain conditions.

Bill 185 makes changes to the *Hazel McCallion Act (Peel Dissolution)* which would require the transition board to provide recommendations on the transfer of powers, responsibility or jurisdiction from Peel Region with respect to land use planning, water and wastewater, storm water, highways and waste management. AMO will continue to monitor the work of the Peel Transition Board to identify any policy recommendations that may impact municipalities in the future.



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## Advocacy Update

Learn more about our work as we advocate on behalf of AMCTO members

April 8, 2024

### Advocacy Update: Modernizing the *Municipal Elections Act* for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

As the largest voluntary municipal association in Ontario, it is our position that local governments are the most transparent order of government with openness at the core of their operations as the level of government closest to the people, and that through modernized legislation, municipalities continuously improve on transparency and accountability. With this in mind, we are proud to announce the release of an all-new submission and related toolkit to better support our members and municipal staff.

#### Modernizing the *Municipal Elections Act* for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

This submission represents a significant milestone as it advances our *Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA)* advocacy under the Legislation and Regulation category of our Issue Profile. This advocacy principle is about modernizing the legislative and regulatory environment to support and enable the work of municipal public servants, making it easier to understand, enforce and be innovative while ensuring policies and practices reflect current needs and situations and focus on outcomes.

This principle supports a continuous improvement to the *MEA* and related legislation (such as the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990*) as well as updated provincial tools, guidance and forms.

Municipal administrators need legislation that:

- Strengthens public trust and electoral integrity
- Enhances accountability and transparency while making compliance and enforcement easier
- Ensures permissive legislation that reduces administrative complexity

The goal of this submission and related member toolkit is to have the Province make priority updates to the *Act* in consultation with the sector well ahead of the next 2026 municipal elections. Ahead of the 2030 municipal elections, we would like to see a full review and rewrite of the *MEA* including the adoption of some of our longer-term submission recommendations.

This submission and related work would not have been possible without the support of our *MEA* Working Group. Comprised of AMCTO members from across the province, the Working Group reviewed, analyzed, and evaluated a suite of possible reforms to the *MEA* to support the recommendations in this submission that aim to modernize the legislation in a way that considers current and future challenges and opportunities. We want to sincerely thank the AMCTO *MEA* Working Group for their commitment to this project.

### **Get Involved: Download our Advocacy Toolkit**

To help support you, our members, and your municipalities in advancing this important advocacy work, we invite you to download the following toolkit that contains resources you can use within your own day-to-day discussions with local representatives and with council.

**DOWNLOAD TOOLKIT**

In the toolkit, we have provided a template council resolution that calls on the Province to act swiftly to make priority updates, while supporting a call for a wider review and rewrite of the *Act*. The more voices we add to a common request, the more impact we can make. Awareness of municipal resolutions will help us strengthen the case that municipalities agree on the need for change.

Within the toolkit, you will also see a summary of **key messages** to help your municipality address any questions you may receive about support for *MEA* modernization from members of council, the public, or your local media. We ask that you please also inform us if you or a member of your team is contacted by a member of the media – this will help us to continue tracking and monitoring our advocacy efforts.

We've also prepared a **short Issue at Glance briefing note** that summarizes some of the key issues within the submission and AMCTO members' ideal solutions. This document can be used as part of a council report, or to assist with talking about *MEA* reforms to local provincial representatives.

### What's Next

We will be engaging the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in the coming weeks and months to urge the ministry to update the *Act*. This includes continuing to look for opportunities to collaborate, co-design and share promising practices and lessons learned from you, our members, to inform legislation, policies, programs, and services.

For more information on this submission, our toolkit or more of our advocacy efforts, [please contact us](#).

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## Advocacy Update

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April 17, 2024

### Advocacy Update: Province Introduces Bill 185 *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*

On April 10, 2024, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Legislative Affairs, Hon. Paul Calandra introduced Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*. Presented as part of a red tape reduction package, its stated intent is to streamline approvals and help build more homes and infrastructure faster. The omnibus bill proposes legislative amendments related to development charges (DCs), planning, line fences and more, many of which directly affect municipal fiscal sustainability, service delivery, and staffing.

#### Development Charges

Some of these changes come in response to our [submission to the Standing Committee](#) on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*. AMCTO is supportive of the government's efforts to address housing supply and measures to improve local and provincial processes, and we have kept pressure on the Province to recognize the financial and administrative impacts on municipalities. In our submission we asked for amendments to Bill 23 to ensure that municipalities can continue to provide hard and soft services to their communities without incurring significant financial impact. Through Bill 185, the Province proposes to remove the five-year phase-in for development charges (DCs),

reinstate studies as an eligible DC cost, reduce the DC freeze timeframe from two years to 18 months, and streamline the process for municipalities to extend existing DC bylaws – helping municipalities ensure growth pays for growth.

## Public Notice Requirements

Public notice requirements is another issue we, on behalf of members, raised with the Province earlier this year in a letter to Minister Calandra and at our Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) delegation with the Minister of Red Tape Reduction. Dozens of municipalities have flagged that current legislation on public notice requirements is increasingly difficult and potentially costly, even more so due to the recent closure of various newspaper print publications. We are pleased to see some clarification on this in the *Planning Act* and the *Development Charges Act*, such as allowing municipalities to give notice of new planning decisions on their website where no local newspaper is available. We know the notice issue goes beyond publication and includes concerns around mailing as well. The Province is consulting on proposed changes with a deadline of May 10, 2024.

## Line Fences Act

In addition to the above, the Province intends to allow notices to be sent electronically when it comes to the *Line Fences Act*, along with other proposed modernization amendments such as removing the requirement for municipalities to provide stenographic services during appeals hearings. We previously submitted comments on the proposed repeal of the *Line Fences Act* due to the administrative burden to municipalities. The Province is consulting on proposed changes with a deadline of May 10, 2024.

## Producer Pays

Within the red tape reduction package, the Province is further considering changes to producer responsibility regulations for recycling related to reporting requirements, clarifying rules, how producers and producer responsibility organizations (PROs) establish and operate collection networks, and more. Throughout the transition to the producer responsible model, we saw much of the financial responsibilities related to collection, material management, promotion, education, and reporting shift from municipalities to producers, reducing the financial and administrative burden on municipalities. Changes that remove producer responsibility would be of concern as they could have adverse impacts on municipalities.

Also on our radar is that under certain circumstances, municipalities are currently considered producers, such as when it comes to paper usage which has potentially burdensome reporting requirements attached to it. This is an area where we are continuing to gather information, data and feedback from members to better understand the problem and necessary solutions. We look forward to working collaboratively with other municipal associations on this issue. Share your feedback on this and other burdensome reporting through our intake form below.

[SHARE FEEDBACK](#)

## Other Administrative and Reporting Burden

We are also further examining other proposed changes to the reporting burden such as changes to municipal planning data reporting. In 2023, [we submitted comments](#) to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing about Municipal Reporting on Planning Matters. In this, we shared our concern that if approved, this would add more burden on municipalities. Our recommendations included asking the Province to work with the municipal sector to ensure the right data is collected, removing the requirement of five years of historical data, reducing the frequency of reporting to one or two times a year, among others. The Province is [consulting on proposed changes](#) with a deadline of May 10, 2024.

## Next Steps

Our team is considering making submissions on these items, but we need your help and support to do so. If you have comments on the above proposals, please complete our feedback form (linked in the button above) or [contact us](#) directly to share your ideas, comments, or concerns by **Monday, April 29**.

We will continue to monitor the proposed changes for impacts to municipalities and opportunities for consultation. The above-noted proposed amendments within Bill 185 are those most relevant to our Association's proactive advocacy work, however, the other changes announced also affect municipalities. A more extensive list of Bill 185's changes can be found on [our blog](#).

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**MULTI-MUNICIPAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP**

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Dear Mayor and Member's of Council,

The Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group (MMEWG) is comprised of elected officials and citizen representatives appointed by participating municipal Council's. The group originally formed in 2010 as the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group following rising concerns surrounding safety, adverse health affects and best practises associated with industrial wind turbine projects. Through time, the group has continued to study, research and advocate for stronger measures to be put in place to combat the concerns.

As the province continues to look at ways to increase capacity and ensure sufficient supply to support the anticipated future electricity needs, new energy generation and storage facilities are being proposed throughout the province. With these proposals, comes another wave of growing concern, similar to what was seen with the introduction of industrial wind turbines. In response to the changes in the industry, the MMEWG has adjusted its mandate to include all forms of energy generation and storage infrastructure, allowing the work of the group to address a broader area of concern.

In response to the IESO's procurement process for 2,518 MW of capacity, a large number of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) proposals were brought to the table and municipal Council's were asked to provide their approval of the facilities in the absence of fire suppression direction, minimum setback requirements and zoning regulations. The IESO has now issued a second RFP to procure another 5,000 MW and this is expected to include a large number of wind turbine proposals.

It is now, more than ever, that more research, understanding and advocacy is needed and as Municipal Leader's, we need to fully understand the implications of these proposals to ensure that we meet our mandate under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to provide measures necessary for the health, safety and well-being of citizens within our jurisdiction.

The Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group would like to extend an invitation to all municipalities within Grey and Bruce Counties to join its membership, allowing you the opportunity to receive valuable information, expert advice, and collaborated advocacy.

The MMEWG generally meets bi-monthly at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month virtually via Microsoft Teams. The annual membership fee for 2024 is \$500.00 for a Full Membership. This would allow for the appointment of two municipal Council members to sit on the Working Group, one alternate appointed member and an appointed citizen member for the purpose of bringing additional expertise to the discussion. We have also introduced a \$400.00 Associate Membership, which provides members the opportunity to receive circulated information and attend and participate in meetings as a non-voting member, without the need for any official appointments. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Recording Secretary, Julie Hamilton at the details noted below.

We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate together with our municipal partners.

Yours truly,

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Tom Allwood,  
Chair, Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group  
Councillor, Municipality of Grey Highlands

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Dear Head of Council:

Today I am proud to release Ontario's [first annual report on the Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan](#), reporting on progress made to move emergency management forward in collaboration with our partners.

The report highlights key actions the province is taking in collaboration with partners to ensure that communities across Ontario are as safe and prepared as possible before, during and after emergencies. It also sets out future priorities that will guide our work moving forward to keep Ontarians safe.

We have made substantial investments, created new grant programs and expanded training opportunities to ensure that emergency management partners across Ontario have the resources and tools necessary to prepare for, and respond to, emergencies such as floods, wildland fires and cyber attacks.

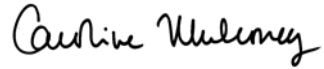
The province collaborated with municipal and Indigenous partners to highlight the progress we have made since releasing our plan in 2023. Those accomplishments include:

- Launching the [Community Emergency Preparedness Grant](#) to help communities and organizations purchase critical emergency equipment and supplies.
- Leading and participating in 85 emergency exercises and drills with government and non-governmental partners to strengthen emergency practice and preparedness.
- Launching the Provincial Exercise Program, a multi-year plan to exercise, test and strengthen multi-sector emergency plans and whole-of-government emergency response.
- Providing municipalities and provincial partners with resources to help them plan, set up and coordinate emergency exercises on their own.

The report demonstrates Ontario's leadership as the first jurisdiction in Canada to require annual and public reporting on progress made towards emergency management goals.

We are grateful for your valued partnership and look forward to continuing to work together to move emergency management forward.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Caroline Mulroney  
President of the Treasury Board  
Minister responsible for Emergency Management

c: Bernie Derible, Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency Management,  
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April 19, 2024

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

**Re: Support for Loyalist Township's Resolution respecting an Amendment to the Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources**

City Council, at its meeting held on April 15, 2024, considered the above-noted matter, and passed Resolution No. R-240415-005 as follows:

**"THAT in consideration of correspondence received on the April 15, 2024 Consent Agenda respecting amendments to the Blue Box Regulation for 'ineligible' sources, City Council:**

- 1. Supports the resolution passed by Loyalist Township to request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources; and**
- 2. Directs staff to send this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and Rick Byers, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound."**

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

Sincerely,

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Staci Landry  
Deputy Clerk

Encl. Loyalist Township Resolution

cc: Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Loyalist Township



March 18, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office  
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources**

At our regular meeting on March 12, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Loyalist passed the following:

**Resolution 2024-48**

Moved by Councillor Willis  
Seconded by Councillor Parks

**WHEREAS** under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

**AND WHEREAS** 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, commercial farms and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

**AND WHEREAS** should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

**AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Loyalist hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;



**AND THAT** Council of The Corporation of Loyalist Township hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings – Lennox & Addington, and to all Ontario municipalities.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Anne Kantharajah  
Township Clerk

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cc: Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings – Lennox & Addington  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Jim Hegadorn, Mayor, Loyalist Township  
Rebecca Murphy, CAO, Loyalist Township  
Councillor Willis, Loyalist Township  
Councillor Parks, Loyalist Township



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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April 8, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to  
Amend the Blue Box Regulation

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on March 27, 2024, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council support the recommendation of the Township of Perry and send a copy of the support letter to the Premier of Ontario, AMO and member municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Enclosure.

cc. AMO  
All Ontario Municipalities



# Township of Perry

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February 26, 2024

*Via Email*

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

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for  
'Ineligible' Sources**

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At their last regular meeting on Wednesday February 21, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following:

**"Resolution #2024-52**

**Moved by: Paul Sowrey**

**Seconded by: Jim Cushman**

**Whereas** under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

**And Whereas** 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

**And Whereas** should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

**Be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue

*Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;*

***And further that*** Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

***And further that*** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

***Carried."***

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Beth Morton  
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

c.c. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka  
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April 11, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of April 9, 2024 the following resolution regarding seeking support for the Province to amend Ontario Regulation 39/121: Blue Box for 'ineligible' sources.

**RESOLUTION NO.**    **2024-179**

**DATE:**                    **April 9, 2024**

**MOVED BY:**            **Councillor Engelsdorfer**

**SECONDED BY:**       **Councillor Braney**

**WHEREAS** under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

**WHEREAS** 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks

**WHEREAS** should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

**WHEREAS** Prince Edward County has approximately 600 or more "non-eligible" sources that will not be provided service from the Producer Responsibility Organization after transition begins.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of Prince Edward County joins the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in their appeal to the Provincial Government to amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte MPP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the

Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, Quinte Waste Solutions, and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Engelsdorfer, and Marcia Wallace, CAO



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Monday, April 8, 2024

Michael de Rond  
Clerk  
Town of Aurora  
100 John West, Box 1000  
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SENT VIA EMAIL: [mderrond@aurora.ca](mailto:mderrond@aurora.ca)

RE: Town of Goderich Resolution – Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Code of Conduct

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Dear M. Rond,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Thompson  
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

**WHEREAS** all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;  
and

**WHEREAS** municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and Whereas several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst municipal members of councils across Ontario; and

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

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

**WHEREAS** municipal governments have limited abilities in their toolkit to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

**WHEREAS** the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal member of council is the suspension of pay for 90 days, even when egregious acts are committed and substantiated; and



**WHEREAS** AMO has called on the government to table and pass legislation that reflects the following recommendations:

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Town of Goderich supports the call of action the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has submitted to the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them, in consultation with municipal governments; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's letter of recommendations which includes options for enforcing compliance by council members with municipal Codes of Conduct such as;
  - Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment.
  - Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario.
  - Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the Province.
  - Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner o Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce, and the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Ontario municipalities.

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**CARRIED**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or [afisher@goderich.ca](mailto:afisher@goderich.ca).

Yours truly,

Andrea Fisher  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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cc. Premier Doug Ford [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Matthew Pearson  
 Chair  
 Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee  
 71108 Morrison Line  
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SENT VIA EMAIL: [mpearson@bmross.net](mailto:mpearson@bmross.net)

RE: Recommended Phase-Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report

Dear M. Pearson,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren  
 Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That the Town of Goderich direct a letter to Minister Lisa Thompson requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario;

And Further That area municipalities, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, other Source Protection Committees, and local health units be forwarded the letter and asked for their support.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or [afisher@goderich.ca](mailto:afisher@goderich.ca).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher  
 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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cc. Premier Doug Ford [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
 Hon. Paul Calandra [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Catalina Blumenberg  
Clerk  
Prince Edward County  
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SENT VIA EMAIL: [clerks@pecounty.on.ca](mailto:clerks@pecounty.on.ca)

RE: Town of Goderich Resolution – Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates

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Dear C. Blumenberg,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

**WHEREAS** poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

**WHEREAS** the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

**WHEREAS** people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

**WHEREAS** Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

**WHEREAS** Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 percent as of July 2023 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall below their value in 2018 (\$1,376 when adjusted for inflation) and significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month);

**WHEREAS** OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

**WHEREAS** designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health-related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

**WHEREAS** leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Goderich requests the Provincial Government to urgently:

1. At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;
2. Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;
3. Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Huron County Social and Property Services, the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or [afisher@goderich.ca](mailto:afisher@goderich.ca).

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher

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**Moved by: Councillor Campbell**

**Resolution No.: 2024-40**

**Seconded by: Councillor Humphries**

**April 2, 2024**

**WHEREAS** current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

**AND WHEREAS** nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

**AND WHEREAS** municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

**AND WHEREAS** unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

**AND WHEREAS** inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

**AND WHEREAS** property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income redistribution programs for those most in need;

**AND WHEREAS** the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;





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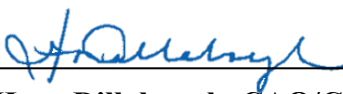
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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Horton requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, John Yakabuski; and all municipalities in Ontario.

**X CARRIED**

  
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**Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk**

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE**



**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 8.4.

**Resolution Number** 2024-072

**Title:** Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #10 and 20

**Date:** March 20, 2024

**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus

**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**WHEREAS** current provincial - municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

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**AND WHEREAS** inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

**AND WHEREAS** property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can not afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

**AND WHEREAS** the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; **BE**

**IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles requests that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR

The Corporation of the  
City of Sault Ste. Marie



Clerk's Department

Rachel Tyczinski  
City Clerk

April 11, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Sir:

**Re: Intimate Partner Violence and Coercive Control**

Please be advised that at its April 8, 2024 City Council meeting, Sault Ste. Marie City Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the jury that heard the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam inquest (The Renfrew County Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas recommendation #85 of the inquest is to include "coercive control", as defined in the *Divorce Act*, as a criminal offence or as a type of assault under section 265 of the *Criminal Code*; and

Whereas according to experts, a perpetrator has privileged access to information about the target by virtue of the closeness of an intimate relationship and, as such, is able to identify unique vulnerabilities that can be exploited for coercive control; and

Whereas Coordinating Community Responses to Domestic Violence cites scholars and advocates in the field have consistently described intimate partner violence as both an expression of, and an attempt to maintain, power and control over intimate partners; and

Whereas in 2019, according to the Government of Canada, of the 107,810 people aged 15 and over who experienced intimate partner violence 79% were women. 55% of women who experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence feared a partner at some point. Being afraid of a partner can indicate intimate partner violence that is more coercive, more severe, and more likely to reflect a pattern of abusive behaviours; and

Whereas between 2014 and 2019 in Canada, there were 497 victims of intimate partner homicide, and 80% (400 victims) were women; and

Whereas while Indigenous women account for about 5% of all women in Canada, they accounted for 21% of women killed by an intimate partner between 2014 and 2019 (83 victims). In 2021, the rate of gender-related homicide of Indigenous women and girls was more than triple that of gender-related homicides of women and girls overall (1.72 versus 0.54 per 100,000 women and girls); and

Whereas the Government of Canada names coercive control as one of the acts included in intimate partner violence, but does not include coercive control as an offence contained within the *Criminal Code* of Canada\* and

Whereas Bill C332, a private member's bill to amend the Criminal Code to create an offence of exercising coercive control of an intimate partner by engaging in a pattern of conduct that consists of any combination, or any repeated instances, of any of the following acts: using, attempting to use or threatening to use violence against certain persons, coercing or attempting to coerce the intimate partner to engage in sexual activity or engaging in other conduct that could reasonably be expected to cause the intimate partner to believe that their safety, or the safety of a person known to them, is threatened\*\*

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Sault Ste. Marie City Council express its support for Bill C-332 as well as call on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-332 and enact the necessary amendments to the *Criminal Code* of Canada to include coercive control of an intimate partner; and

Further it be resolved that a copy of this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services, the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health, the Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, the Honourable Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice, City of Sault Ste Marie MP Terry Sheehan, MP Laurel Collins, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

- \* <https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/gender-based-violence/intimate-partner-violence.html>
- \*\* <https://www.parl.ca/documentviewer/en/44-1/bill/C-332/second-reading>
- <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2023001/article/00003-eng.htm>

Sincerely

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Rachel Tyczinski  
City Clerk



April 18, 2024

**Re: Item for Discussion – Correspondence from Muskoka Domestic Abuse Review Team, dated January 2024, regarding Declaring Gender-Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic**

At its meeting of April 10, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-068, regarding Declaring Gender-Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic, as follows:

“WHEREAS in June 2022 the Culleton, Kuzyk & Warmerdam Inquest was held to investigate the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam, all of whom were killed by the same perpetrator on September 22, 2015;

AND WHEREAS the jury returned eighty-six (86) powerful recommendations, the first calling on the Ontario Government to declare of Intimate Partner Violence as an epidemic;

AND WHEREAS on August 16th, 2023, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada 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 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 Violence and Gender-Based Violence has not kept pace;

AND WHEREAS by declaring Gender-Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic, the Town of Bracebridge can join the growing number of municipalities in Ontario demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge declares Gender-Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to declare Gender-Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic;

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AND FURTHER THAT that this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; Attorney General; Solicitor General; Minister of Health; Member of Provincial Parliament for Parry Sound-Muskoka; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); Muskoka Area Indigenous Leadership Table (MAILT); and all Ontario Municipalities."

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

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Lori McDonald  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk





## 15. Committee and Staff Reports

### 15.1 Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#05-24 held April 3, 2024

#### 15.1.10 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Extension of the Deadline for Listed Non-Designated Heritage Properties - (CW Item 12.1)

Moved by: Councillor Shiu  
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas, subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on or before January 1, 2025; and

Whereas, since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the municipal heritage committee in the City of Richmond Hill have been working to review the municipal heritage register, research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties, review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties, determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

Whereas, the above-noted work involving 235 listed properties in the City of Richmond Hill is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024.

Now therefore be it resolved,

That Council for the City of Richmond Hill requests the Government of Ontario to amend Subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary





That the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of the Province of Ontario; the Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Richmond Hill MPP Daisy Wai; Aurora - Oak Ridges - Richmond Hill MPP Michael Parsa; AMO; and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Unanimously



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April 18, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
 Premier of Ontario  
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
 Toronto, ON  
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The Honourable Michale D. Ford  
 Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
 14th Floor, 56 Wellesley Street  
 Toronto, ON  
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**RE: Proposed Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act with respect to the removal of listed (non-designated) properties from Municipal heritage registers**

Please be advised that the Township of Scugog, at its Regular Council meeting on March 25, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Town of Cobourg regarding Proposed Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act with respect to the removal of listed (non-designated) properties from Municipal heritage registers:

1. **THAT** the Council of the Township of Scugog authorize the Mayor to send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act be amended to extend the deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030;
2. **AND THAT** Council direct staff to forward this resolution to all 443 municipalities in Ontario seeking support of the ACO correspondence.

Attached please find a copy of the Architectural Conservancy Ontario correspondence dated February 8, 2024.



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I know that you value the history and heritage of our province and the contributions made to our society of those who came before us. By preserving our architectural and built heritage, we honour those contributions and the historical foundations of our communities.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wilma Wotten".

Wilma Wotten  
Mayor, Township of Scugog  
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Enclosure

CC All Ontario Municipalities



April 12, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
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Toronto ON M7A 1A1

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Motion regarding Affordability of Water and Wastewater Rates**

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of April 9, 2024, Loyalist Township Council passed the following resolution:

**Resolution 2024-77**

Moved by Councillor Willis  
Seconded by Councillor Parks

**WHEREAS** a resolution passed by the County of Renfrew regarding the unaffordability of rural and small urban water and wastewater systems has been circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** due to the typical geography of rural Ontario, it is not unusual for smaller municipalities to be responsible for several treatment facilities; and

**WHEREAS** the costs associated with the operations, upkeep and upgrade of a number of treatment facilities and other infrastructure to meet provincial regulations in both environmental and financial planning capacities for smaller urban centers, which typically has a much lower population density per total kilometers of water and sewer as compared to larger municipalities, is a significant financial burden on system users for this essential necessity;



**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of Loyalist Township supports the County of Renfrew's request to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally;

**AND THAT** if the unaffordability is determined to be systemic, provincial and federal governments appropriately fund an assistance program for smaller municipalities with financial oversight of drinking water and wastewater systems;

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings - Lennox & Addington; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**Motion carried.**

Sincerely,

Anne Kantharajah  
Township Clerk  
[akantharajah@loyalist.ca](mailto:akantharajah@loyalist.ca)  
613-386-7351 Ext. 121

cc: the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure  
the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings - Lennox & Addington;  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Jim Hegadorn, Mayor, Loyalist Township  
Rebecca Murphy, CAO, Loyalist Township  
Councillor Willis, Loyalist Township  
Councillor Parks, Loyalist Township



City of  
Peterborough

500 George Street North, Peterborough, ON, K9H 3R9

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April 11, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
via Email:  
minister.mah@ontario.ca

**Re: Jurisdiction of Ontario's Ombudsman**

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at their meeting on April 8, 2024, is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in [Report LSOCS24-005](#), dated April 2, 2024 of the Commissioner, Legislative Services, as follows:

- a) That the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be requested to introduce a Bill to amend the Ombudsman Act to require the Ontario Ombudsman to provide to each municipality, if requested by the municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation, matter or case respecting the municipality that is referred to in each of the Ombudsman's Annual Reports to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each such investigation, matter or case including:
  - i) a copy of each complaint, as applicable, redacted only to the extent of individuals' personal information contained therein;
  - ii) the identities of the municipality's employees, officers and members of Council with whom the Ombudsman was consulting in respect of the investigation, matter or case; and
  - iii) particulars of the outcome of the investigation, matter or case including the Ombudsman's findings, conclusions and recommendations, if any.
- b) That the City Clerk forward Council's resolutions resulting from Council's approval of these recommendations to Minister Calandra, MPP David Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.

Sincerely,

*J. Kennedy*

John Kennedy, City Clerk

cc: David Smith, MPP  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby  
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April 16, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Honourable Arif Virani  
Minister of Justice & Attorney General  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani,

**RE: Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on April 2, 2024, passed the following resolution:

**Moved:** Councillor Charrois

**Seconded:** Councillor Korstanje

Resolved that Council support the Township of Clearview's resolution regarding the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons.

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

Regards,

Victoria Steele  
Town Clerk

CC: Township of Clearview  
Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities





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March 27, 2024

Honourable Arif Virani  
Minister of Justice & Attorney General  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Sent by Email

**RE: Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons**

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Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview at its meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following resolution in support of the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas The Canadian Federal Government has drafted Bill C-63, The Online Harms Act, currently in front of Parliament and has had its first reading; and,

Whereas Bill C-63 requires that online tech companies and social media platforms remove child pornography and other dangerous content within 24 hours once the operator identifies the content, while also mandating the following duties:

- Duty to protect children;
- Duty to act responsibly;
- Duty to remove egregious content; and,

Whereas The Canadian Federal Government proposes to establish a "Digital Safety Commission" and nominate an "independent" Ombudsperson to proactively circumvent potential harms on behalf of Canadians; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to adhere to existing Criminal Laws; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to be held accountable to keep platforms safe from predators targeting children and other vulnerable Canadians and to protect them from bullying, hate, extremism, violence, discrimination, self harm, exploitation and sexual extortion that can lead to the most dire of consequences; and,

Whereas Clearview Township, as all Canadians, endeavours to foster safe homes, communities, schools and public spaces;

Be It Resolved That the Mayor and Council of Clearview Township endorse the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a "digital safety commission" and nomination of an "independent" Ombudsperson; and,

That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Terry Dowdall, MP; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada. Motion Carried.

Sincerely,



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Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC

Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
Simcoe Grey MP Terry Dowdall  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 8.8.

**Resolution Number** 2024-076

**Title:** Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #27

**Date:** March 20, 2024

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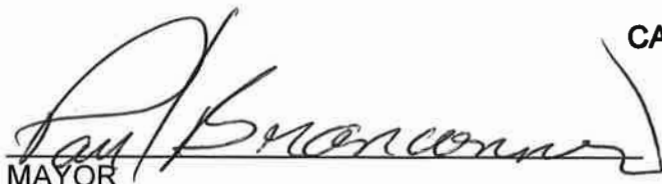
**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier

**Seconded by:** Councillor Loftus

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the City of Sarnia on January 15, 2024; and the support resolution passed by the Corporation of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming on February 14, 2024, regarding Carbon Tax;

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

  
MAYOR



The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
[Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)  
(sent via e-mail)

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Re: Carbon Tax

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the City of Sarnia regarding Carbon Tax.

**Motion #12**

Moved by Councillor John van Klaveren

Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey

That Council support correspondence item 'o' from the City of Sarnia regarding Carbon Tax.

***Carried.***

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

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn  
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



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January 19, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
[Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Carbon Tax**

At its meeting held on January 15, 2024, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution:

***Whereas the federal government recently increased the carbon tax in April 2023 and will almost triple it by 2030; and***

***Whereas the Parliamentary Budget officer has admitted that when fiscal and economic impacts of the federal fuel charge are considered that the vast majority of households will see a staggering loss; and***

***Whereas this tax flows through from producers to transporters to the grocery store floor for our citizens; and***

***Whereas this tax does very little to reduce pollution and emissions; and***

***Whereas two thirds of Canadians are approximately \$200 away or less from not being able to pay all their bills at the end of the month; and***

***Therefore, be it resolved that Sarnia City Council write a Letter to the Federal government (and copied to other Municipalities for their consideration) strongly urging them to cancel the carbon tax which is financially hurting our citizens at a time***

***when affordability concerns are at an all-time high to ease the financial and inflationary pressure on our Citizens.***

Your consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Amy Burkhart'.

Amy Burkhart  
City Clerk

cc: All Ontario Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council



**Agenda Number:** 8.7.

**Resolution Number** 2024-075

**Title:** Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #24

**Date:** March 20, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier

**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the Township of Coleman on November 20, 2023; and the support resolution passed by the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands on January 23, 2024, regarding Conservation Officer reclassification;

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Graydon Smith; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

  
MAYOR



February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**ATTENTION: Premier of Ontario**

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Resolution – Conservation Officer Reclassification**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024:

*Moved by Councillor Roberts*

*Seconded by Councillor Summers*

**THAT**, Council supports the resolution from Coleman Township regarding Conservation Officer Reclassification;

**AND THAT**, this resolution of support be circulated to the Premiere of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, local Members of Parliament and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Resolved**

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël,  
Clerk/Acting CAO

Encls.

c.c. Minister of Natural Resources, Graydon Smith  
Local MP's and MPP's  
Association of Municipalities  
All Ontario Municipalities



**Resolution  
Regular Council Meeting**



**Agenda Number:** 9.4.  
**Resolution Number** 23-371  
**Title:** 23-R-49 Letter of Support - Conservation Officer Reclassification  
**Date:** Monday, November 20, 2023

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**Seconded by:** M. Lubbock

**Moved by:** S. Cote

WHEREAS Ontario has 196 field Conservation Officers including 6 canine handlers who provide protection to Municipalities Natural Resources and uphold public safety by enforcing hunting and firearm laws and investigate gruesome injuries and even deaths that result from hunting-related accidents; in addition, Conservation Officers are often First Responders and ensure public safety by facilitating evacuations and enforcing Emergency Area orders during forest fires during record breaking wildfires such as we witnessed this past summer; and

WHEREAS Conservation Officers perform comparable work to Police Officers and other Enforcement Officers within the province and are professional, armed Peace Officers trained to police standards and undergo the same training; and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required that their constituents are informed, and their interests are safeguarded and ensure they have access to outreach and natural resources compliance services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Coleman does here by support the Ontario Conservation Officer's Association (OCA) in their efforts to have Conservation Officers in the Province of Ontario reclassified as Enforcement Officers and be compensated fairly; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution with a letter of support be forwarded to Ontario Premiere Doug Ford, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, the Local Provincial Member of Parliament (MPP) John Vanthof, Temiskaming Municipal Association and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

**YES: 4**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

S. Cote

M. Lubbock

P. Rieux

L. Perry

Certified True Copy

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Christopher W. Oslund  
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer

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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 8.6.

**Resolution Number** 2024-074

**Title:** Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #23

**Date:** March 20, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Laframboise

**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the City of Cambridge on February 13, 2024, regarding catch and release justice;

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Arif Virani; Attorney General of Ontario, Doug Downey; Ontario Solicitor General, Michael Kerner; Premier Doug Ford; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament (MP); our 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**  
**Tel: (519) 740-4680 ext. 4585**  
**[mantond@cambridge.ca](mailto:mantond@cambridge.ca)**

February 14, 2024

**Re: Catch and Release**

At its Council Meeting of February 13, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** this council believes that the safety of our community and its protection from crime in all its forms is of utmost importance.

**WHEREAS** our taxpayer-funded judicial system exists to protect the public, who in return for their tax dollars are entitled to a system that works.

**WHEREAS** the number of charges laid for failure to comply with court orders – primarily failure to comply with the terms of a promise to appear, undertaking, recognizance, probation order, or peace bond – are steadily on the rise in the province of Ontario.

**WHEREAS** there has been a notable increase in the number of violent offences committed in the province of Ontario by individuals who are concurrently subject to release orders.

**WHEREAS** the Ontario justice system is backlogged, court systems under strain, and police and prosecutors overwhelmed by their caseloads.

**WHEREAS** we have seen a dramatic lowering of the threshold for release, resulting in violent, serious, or repeat offenders who should by rights have been reasonably detained in custody, released on supervision plans that are increasingly deficient.

**WHEREAS** the general sense among the criminal population is that breaching bail conditions will not result in much by way of consequence for the offender, as evidenced by a clear pattern province-wide of unjustifiable release, a pattern which is bound to continue given insufficient resources to conduct Crown bail reviews, surety bond estreatment hearings, and ensure the subsequent collection of surety bond funds after judgment.

**WHEREAS** a 'catch and release' system constitutes a failure of government to perform a core function of its existence, that being the protection of public safety and that this failure constitutes a clear and present danger to the public.

**WHEREAS** the current hard drug crisis has contributed to a desperate criminal element that is exacting a significant financial and emotional toll on communities across Canada including Cambridge.

**WHEREAS** our police services are being demoralized by expending precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of these habitual criminal offenders within a system that limits their ability to effectively protect the public.


**AND WHEREAS** this ineffective follow-through by our judicial system unfairly erodes the public's trust in our police services, who consequently become the target of frustrated and angry residents who feel they are no longer being protected from crime.

**AND WHEREAS** the increasing erosion of public faith and trust in our judicial system ultimately brings the administration of justice in the province of Ontario into disrepute and leads to a growing feeling amongst residents that they are no longer protected by a system perceived to prioritize the rights and freedoms of the criminal over the rights and safety of themselves and their families.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk for the City of Cambridge send a letter to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Attorney General of Ontario Doug Downey, Ontario Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MP Bryan May, MP Valerie Bradford, MPP Jess Dixon, MPP Bryan Riddell, Police Chief Mark Crowell, Waterloo Regional Police Service, all Ontario Police Associations and Police Departments, Ontario Provincial Police, all Ontario MPPs and MPs, and all municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration, requesting additional funding in Ontario's legal system to support a meaningful resistance to the current "catch and release" practice, including hiring sufficient court staff, with a specific focus on additional assistant Crown Attorneys.

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 Trudeau

Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Attorney General of Ontario

Ontario Solicitor General

Hon. Premier Ford

Ontario Police Associations

Ontario Police Departments

Ontario MPPs and MPs

All Ontario Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 8.5.

**Resolution Number** 2024-073

**Title:** Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #16

**Date:** March 20, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance

**Seconded by:** Councillor Loftus

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin on January 30, 2024, regarding provincial and national fire fighting strategy;

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Minister of National Defence, Bill Blair; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Graydon Smith; Minister of Economic Development, Vic Fidei; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

  
MAYOR





# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

## Council Resolution

**Date:** January 30, 2024

**Resolution Number:** 2024-31

**Moved By:** Councillor Moreton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Manson

**Background:** Before Calvin township became a township, it was burned by numerous forest fires. This was before the time of fire towers, water bombers, and municipal fire departments. A 1881 report from Lawrence Tallan, Provincial Land surveyor, states: *"The township of Calvin has been traversed by repeated and severe fires – so well have the flames done their work that with the exception of an insignificant portion, scarcely a vestige of the original timber remains."*

History has a way of repeating itself, and now rural municipalities and remote areas need more than ever to be prepared to respond to forest fires. Invasive pests like the emerald ash borer and the spruce bud worm are killing large numbers of trees, leaving copious amounts of dry kindling in our forests just waiting for a careless human or a lightning strike. Our forests are choked with deadfall and forest fires are becoming increasingly difficult to control. Add to this the effects of rising temperatures and drier seasons, or climate change, and we could be facing increasingly disastrous forest fires. This is not the time to be caught short with limited forest fire-fighting resources.

Jordan Omstead of the Canadian Press recently wrote: "But as Canada's water bombers age – and wildfire seasons are expected to intensify – some wildland

firefighters and emergency preparedness experts say the country needs to prop up its fleet of firefighting aircraft, even though several provinces are playing down concerns about capacity.” He quotes Eric Davidson, president of the Ontario Professional Association of Wildland Firefighters, “We’re really starting to see the effect of the aging fleet.”

The article further states the John Gradek, lecturer at McGill University estimates that almost half of the larger water bombers used to fight Canadian forest fires are nearing the end of their service life.

However, a Canadian company making a large skimmer-style water bomber is backed up with orders from European countries until the end of the decade.

Ontario has its own fleet of aircraft. They have 20 fixed-wing aircraft which includes 9 CL215 and CL415 water bombers that are 24 years old on average. The remaining 11 aircraft are an average of 54 years old. Melissa Candelaria, a spokesperson for Minister Graydon Smith says the MNR can handle Ontario fires with these aircraft, but Jennifer Kamau, communications manager for the Canada Interagency Forest Fire Centre, CIFFC, noted that other provinces contract out firebombers and last year there was a strain in Canada to get the resources to areas in need because there were so many fires across the country at the same time and very few aircraft available.

Peter Zimonjic of the CBC quoted the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) President Ken McMullen, “It's not often that the fire chiefs sound the alarm. We are very concerned about this impending crisis that the summer of 2024 and beyond is going to bring our sector.”

In 2023 we all smelled the smoke and saw the sky turn brown. Buildings can be replaced, but lives cannot. And once an area is burned it takes more than a lifetime for it to return to its original state.

**WHEREAS** Forest fires are a very real threat to rural municipalities.



**AND WHEREAS** smoke from forest fires put people's health at risk. This is especially true of children and the elderly. The David Suzuki Foundation reports that wildfires kill many thousands of people per year and most of the deaths are from smoke inhalation.

**AND WHEREAS** forest fires are a very real danger to the climate and according to The Guardian, in 2023 they emitted three times as much carbon as the entire carbon footprint of Canada.

**AND WHEREAS** according to the John Crace interview in The Guardian with William Kurz, a retired scientist with Natural Resources Canada, around two billion tonnes of carbon have been released into the atmosphere from forest fires in 2023.

**AND WHEREAS** carbon emissions from forest fires are not counted against Canada's Paris agreement commitments, according to Kurz, but they far exceeded all of the emissions tied to Canada's economy (670 mega tonnes, or 0.67 billion tonnes, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada).

**AND WHEREAS** that standing healthy forest serves as a carbon sink, drawing in carbon, but once destroyed by fire, even though second growth takes its place, it is much less effective for many decades.

**AND WHEREAS** the federal government owns no water bombers and assists the provinces through the CIFFC, Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, a spokesperson with CIFFC says that last year there were too many requests and not enough inventory to meet the needs of the country.

**AND WHEREAS** as reported by De Havilland Canada who manufacture the Canadian made water bomber, they have contracts with European countries for the next 22 of its new DHC-515 planes, which will take until 2029 or 2030 to complete and there will be very little production available to replace the aging water bombers in Ontario and the rest of Canada.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the council of the Corporation of Calvin Township urges and encourages the Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy of firefighting. Furthermore, we urge the federal government to consider the measures necessary for acquiring a national fleet of Canadian-made waterbombers, with home bases strategically located to best serve and respond to the needs of rural communities, and a national fire administration to better coordinate and manage efforts across the country. We also encourage the introduction of a program similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) which was ended in 2013.

And we encourage Minister Graydon Smith to step up the on-the-ground firefighting capability and water bomber acquisitions in Ontario.

**AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, The Honourable Vic Fideli, Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

**AND THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and adoption.

**Results: Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

<u>Member of Council</u>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Mayor Gould	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Moreton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Latimer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Manson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Regular Meeting of Council



**Agenda Number:** 8.3.

**Resolution Number** 2024-071

**Title:** Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8

**Date:** March 20, 2024

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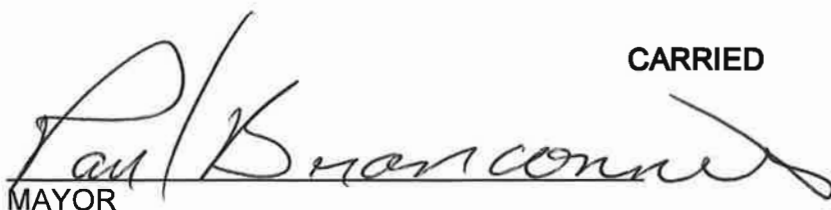
**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier

**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by Public Health Sudbury & Districts on January 18, 2024, regarding household food insecurity;

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Michael Parsaco; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

  
MAYOR



**Public Health**  
**Santé publique**  
SUDBURY & DISTRICTS

January 24, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

Dear Recipient:

**Re: Household Food Insecurity**

At its meeting on January 18, 2024, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #06-24:

*WHEREAS food security is a chronic and worsening health issue as documented by annual local data on food affordability and as recognized by multiple Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) resolutions: [A05-18](#) (Adequate Nutrition for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program), [A18-02](#) (Minimum Wage that is a Living Wage), [A15-04](#) (Basic Income Guarantee), and [A23-05](#) (Monitoring Food Affordability in Ontario and the Inadequacy of Social Assistance Rates)*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts call on the provincial government to incorporate local food affordability findings in determining adequacy of social assistance rates to reflect the current costs of living and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and*

*THAT in the context of the Public Health Strengthening roles and responsibilities deliberations, the Board of Health urge all health system partners to remain committed to population health assessment and surveillance as it relates to monitoring food environments and, specifically, to monitoring food affordability; and share this motion broadly with local and provincial stakeholders.*

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Household food insecurity is one of the strongest predictors of poor health, making it a serious public health issue (PROOF, 2023). Individuals who are food insecure are at higher risk of diet-related diseases like diabetes and are at higher risk for a wide range of chronic conditions such as depression and anxiety disorders, arthritis, and chronic pain. Household food insecurity leaves an indelible mark on children's health and well-being (PROOF, 2023). The experience of food insecurity in childhood is associated with mental health concerns throughout childhood and into early adulthood (PROOF, 2023). In Ontario, the healthcare costs of individuals who are the most food insecure can be more than double that of individuals who are food secure (PROOF, 2023, Tarasuk et al., 2015).

Thank you for your attention to this important issue – the solutions for which will not only help many Ontarians in need but also protect the sustainability of our critical health and social services resources.

Sincerely,



Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC  
Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
Honourable Peter Bthlenfalvy, Ministry of Finance  
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health  
France Gélinas, Member of Provincial Parliament, Nickel Belt  
Jamie West, Member of Provincial Parliament, Sudbury  
Michael Mantha, Member of Provincial Parliament, Algoma-Manitoulin  
Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health  
Jacqueline Edwards and Jennifer Babin-Fenske, Co-chairs, Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council  
Richard Lathwell, Local Food Manitoulin  
Colleen Hill, Executive Director, Manitoulin Family Resources  
All Ontario Boards of Health  
Association of Local Public Health Agencies

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PROOF (2023). What are the implications of food insecurity for health and health care? Identifying Policy Options to Reduce Household Food Insecurity in Canada. Retrieved from:  
<https://proof.utoronto.ca/food-insecurity/what-are-the-implications-of-food-insecurity-for-health-andhealth-care/>

Tarasuk, V., Cheng, J., de Oliveira, C., Dachner, N., Gundersen, C., Kurdyak, P. (2015). Association between household food insecurity and annual healthcare costs. Canadian Medical Association Journal. 1 87 (14) E429-E436. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1503/cmaj.150234>

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 8.2.

**Resolution Number** 2024-070

**Title:** Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #7, 28 and 30

**Date:** March 20, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus

**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 Corporation of the County of Prince Edward on January 16, 2024, and the support Resolutions passed by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming on February 14, 2024, and by the Township of McMurrich / Monteith on February 6, 2024, regarding expanding the life span of fire apparatus;

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades, David Piccini; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

  
MAYOR

January 22, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 16, 2024 the following motion regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46**

**DATE:** January 16, 2024

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Nieman

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Branderhorst

**WHEREAS** By-Law 3256-2013, being a By-Law to Establish, Maintain, and Operate a Fire Department established service level standards for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Fire Department;

**AND WHEREAS** apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

**AND WHEREAS** fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

**AND WHEREAS** Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

**AND WHEREAS** on November 16, 2023, Council, received report FD-06-2023 regarding asset Management - Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

**AND WHEREAS** no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;



**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

**THAT** the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

**THAT** this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

**THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Nieman, Councillor Branderhorst, Marcia Wallace, CAO and Fire Chief Chad Brown





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

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

**Motion #11**

Moved by Councillor Bob Woolvett  
Seconded by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues  
That Council support correspondence item 'r' from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

***Carried.***

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

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn  
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development – David Piccini  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Paul Calandra  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
All Ontario Municipalities



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February 16, 2024

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

Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, at its meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, pass the following motion supporting the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

Resolution #2024-53

Moved by: Vicky Roeder-Martin

Seconded by: Terry Currie

Be It Resolved that Council supports resolution 2024-46 from the County of Prince Edward relating to a request to the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements. Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com](mailto:clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com)

Yours truly,

Cheryl Marshall  
Clerk-Treasurer

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Paul Calandra  
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development – David Piccini  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities



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April 18, 2024

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808 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E.  
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**Re: Support for the Province to Expand the Life Span of Fire Apparatus**

Please be advised at Township of Chatsworth Council held on April 17, 2024 the following resolution was carried:

THAT Township of Chatsworth Council hereby support the resolution from the City of Owen Sound regarding the Support for the Province to Expand the Life Span of Fire Apparatus; and  
FURTHER THAT the City of Owen Sound be notified of our support.

Should you require additional information please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Emma Fidler  
Administrative Assistant



April 16, 2024

Conservation Authorities and  
Natural Hazards Section  
Ministry of Natural Resources and  
Forestry – RPDPB  
By E-mail: [ca.office@ontario.ca](mailto:ca.office@ontario.ca)

Matthew Rae  
MPP for Perth-Wellington  
By E-mail: [matthew.rae@pc.ola.org](mailto:matthew.rae@pc.ola.org)

**RE: Conservation Authorities Act**

Please note that in response to the attached Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's proposal "Regulation detailing new Minister's Permit and Review powers under the Conservation Authorities Act" on April 5, 2024, Council of the Municipality of West Perth at its Regular Council Meeting held on April 15, 2024, passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: 122/24

Moved By: Councillor Trentowsky

Seconded by: Councillor Duck

CARRIED

"That the Council for the Municipality of West Perth recommends to the province that any proposed changes contemplated by the province be put on hold until such time that the planning statement is finalized by the province and communicated to the municipalities and that this motion be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) All Ontario Municipalities for support."

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Department.



Daniel Hobson  
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk  
Municipality of West Perth

cc: Matthew Rae, MPP for Perth-Wellington  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

# Regulation detailing new Minister’s Permit and Review powers under the Conservation Authorities Act.

ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number	019-8320
Notice type	Regulation
Act	Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1990
Posted by	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Notice stage	Proposal
Proposal posted	April 5, 2024
Comment period	April 5, 2024 - May 6, 2024 (31 days) Open
Last updated	April 5, 2024

This consultation closes at 11:59 p.m. on:

**May 6, 2024**

## Proposal summary

We are proposing a regulation specifying the circumstances under which the Minister may issue an order to prevent a conservation authority from making a permitting decision and make the permitting decision in the place of a conservation authority or may undertake a review of a conservation authority permitting decision.

## Proposal details

Conservation authorities regulate development and other activities through a permitting process under the *Conservation Authorities Act* for the purposes of natural hazard management and to protect people and property from natural hazards, such as flooding and erosion. Each conservation authority implements the permitting framework based on provincial legislation, regulatory

requirements, and technical standards, as well as conservation authority board-approved policies that outline how the conservation authority administers regulations locally.

Recently proclaimed provisions in the *Conservation Authorities Act* and associated regulations came into effect on April 1, 2024, including new powers for the Minister to 1) issue an order to prevent a conservation authority from issuing a permit and to take over the permitting process in the place of a conservation authority, and 2) review a conservation authority permit decision at the request of the applicant.

The Ministry is proposing a regulation which would set out the circumstances under which these powers could be used. If the regulation is approved, public guidance would be made available on the criteria and processes outlined in the regulation.

## 1. **Permits issued by the Minister**

Existing requirements under the *Conservation Authorities Act* regarding permits issued by the Minister under section 28.1.1 include:

- The Minister may issue an order directing a conservation authority not to issue a permit to a specific individual to engage in a specified activity, or to persons who may wish to engage in a certain type or class of activity, that would be prohibited under section 28 without a permit.
- The Minister's decision to issue an order is discretionary, and it may be issued either before or after an application for a permit has been submitted to the relevant conservation authority.
- Notice of any order must be provided to affected conservation authorities, any person who applied for the permit in question prior to the order and be posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario)) within 30-days.
- If an order made, the Minister has the power to issue a permit in place of the conservation authority. When making a permitting decision, the Minister is required to satisfy the same criteria concerning natural hazards and public safety that are considered by conservation authorities. This includes whether the activity is likely to affect the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or unstable soil or



bedrock. It also must consider whether the activity is likely to create conditions or circumstances that, in the event of a natural hazard, might jeopardize the health or safety of persons or result in the damage or destruction of property.

- The Minister may refuse the permit or issue a permit subject to such conditions as the Minister determines are appropriate.

### **Proposed additional requirements that would be set out in regulation include:**

- The Minister may make an order to prevent a conservation authority from making a permitting decision and take over the permitting process only if the development activity or type or class of permits pertains to or supports a specified provincial interest, including:
  - Housing (community, affordable and market-based)
  - Community services (health, long-term care, education, recreation socio-cultural, security and safety, environment)
  - Transportation infrastructure
  - Buildings that facilitate economic development or employment
  - Mixed use developments
- If a proponent wishes to petition the Minister to issue an order, the proponent must submit a request to the Minister that would include information on:
  - Overview of proposed development.
  - Why the Minister's involvement is requested (e.g., development of provincial interest, timing/urgency; permitting process to date if applicable; other barriers) and preferable to the standard process in the *Conservation Authorities Act*.
  - Indication of whether the local municipality has endorsed the project and the request for Minister's involvement (e.g., by municipal letter or resolution).
  - Status of other required project approvals including the extent of any engagement with the conservation authority in the permitting process that the applicant has had to date.

## 2. Permits reviewed by the Minister

Existing requirements under the *Conservation Authorities Act* relating to requests for review under section 28.1.2 regarding permits where there is an order made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing under section 34.1 or 47 of the *Planning Act* and section 28.1 regarding all other conservation authority permits include:

- An applicant who has been refused a permit or had conditions attached to a permit by a conservation authority to which the applicant objects can, within 15-days of receiving reasons for the authority's decision, submit a request to the Minister for the Minister to review the authority's decision. Alternatively, an applicant also has the option to appeal the authority's decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- After receiving a request, the Minister has 30-days in which to decide whether or not they intend to conduct a review. If the Minister decides to conduct the review, a notice shall be posted on the ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) within 30-days of a reply indicating the Minister intends to review the decision by the authority. If the Minister does not reply within 30-days of the request, this is deemed to indicate that the Minister does not intend to conduct a review.
- After conducting a review, the Minister may confirm or vary the authority's decision or make any decision that the Minister considers appropriate, including issuing the permit subject to conditions.
- The Minister is required to base the decision on same criteria concerning natural hazards and public safety that are considered by conservation authorities. This includes whether the activity is likely to affect the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or unstable soil or bedrock. It also must consider whether the activity is likely to create conditions or circumstances that, in the event of a natural hazard, might jeopardize the health or safety of persons or result in the damage or destruction of property.

**Proposed additional requirements that would be set out in regulation include:**

- The Minister may conduct a review of a conservation authority permit decision only if the development activity pertains to or supports a development of specified provincial interest, including:
  - Housing (community, affordable and market-based)

- Community services (health, long-term care, education, recreation socio-cultural, security and safety, environment)
- Transportation infrastructure
- Buildings that facilitate economic development or employment
- Mixed use developments

Note: This criteria would not apply to permit reviews under section 28.1.2 regarding permits where there is an order made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing under section 34.1 or 47 of the *Planning Act*.

- The request submitted to the Minister for a review would include information on:
  - Overview of proposed development.
  - If the request relates to conditions imposed by the conservation authority to which the applicant objects, identification of the specific conditions that are subject to the request for review, the changes requested to the conditions and the rationale in support of the requested changes.
  - If the request relates to an authority's decision to refuse a permit, the rationale in support of requesting that the Minister varies the decision and issues the permit.
  - Why the Minister's involvement is requested (e.g., development of provincial interest, timing/urgency; permitting process to date; other barriers) and preferable to alternative mechanisms in the *Conservation Authorities Act*.
  - Indication of whether the local municipality has endorsed the project and/or the request for Minister's involvement (e.g., by municipal letter or resolution).
  - Status of other required project approvals.

## Regulatory impact analysis

By clearly communicating the circumstances under which the Minister would consider whether to issue an order to prevent a conservation authority from making a permitting decision and to make permitting decisions in place of a conservation authority or to review a conservation authority permitting decision, this proposal would ensure that development proponents pursue the appropriate permitting channel. Efficiently navigating the permitting process is

expected to help save proponents time and resources. We expect that there will be some minor administrative costs for development proponents based on the time needed to learn about and understand the proposed changes.

## Supporting materials

### Related links

Conservation Authorities Act

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90c27#BK43>)

O. Reg. 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/240041>)

### View materials in person

Some supporting materials may not be available online. If this is the case, you can request to view the materials in person.

Get in touch with the office listed below to find out if materials are available.

MNRF - RPD PB - Resources Development Section  
300 Water Street  
2nd Floor South  
Peterborough, ON  
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Canada

## Comment

Let us know what you think of our proposal.

Have questions? Get in touch with the contact person below. Please include the ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number for this notice in your email or letter to the contact.

[Read our commenting and privacy policies. \(/page/commenting-privacy\)](#)

## Submit by mail

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April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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Ben Lobb, MP  
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**ATTENTION: Hon. Doug Ford, Hon. Paul Calandra, & MP Ben Lobb**

Dear Premier Ford, Hon. Paul Calandra, & MP Benn Lobb:

**RE: Resolution – Return to combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

*Moved by Councillor Kelso*

*Seconded by Councillor Closs*

**THAT**, the Council of the Township of Lanark Highlands supports the resolution from the Town of Goderich regarding the return to combined ROMA and OGRA conferences;

**AND THAT**, this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MP Ben Lobb and be circulated to the Mayor of Mississippi Mills as the Zone 8 Representative on the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) board of directors, and the Municipalities of Ontario.

**Resolved**



Sincerely,

*Amanda Noël*

Amanda Noël,  
Clerk/Acting CAO

Encls.

c.c. Christa Lowry, Mayor of Mississippi Mills & Zone 8 Representative on the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) board of directors  
All Ontario Municipalities



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April 17, 2024

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

RE: Hastings County Motion regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities

Please be advised that Hastings County Council, at its meeting held on March 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

**WHEREAS** in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

**WHEREAS** small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

**WHEREAS** the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;



**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

**WHEREAS** small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

**WHEREAS** it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Hastings County call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

**AND THAT** small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

**AND THAT** both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

**AND THAT** both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group that includes a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

**AND FINALLY THAT** this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington; MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

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

Sincerely,



Cathy Bradley  
Director of Legislative Services

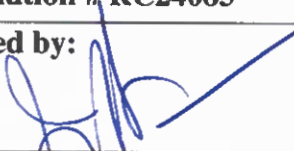



# The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### RESOLUTION

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Resolution # RC24085	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

**WHEREAS**, municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

**AND WHEREAS**, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

**AND WHEREAS**, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

**AND WHEREAS**, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

**THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Municipality of Wawa supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

**AND FURTHERMORE THAT**, the Municipality of Wawa calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

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**The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLUTION**

**AND FINALLY RESOLVED THAT**, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccini, MPP John Yakabuski, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, and all Ontario Municipalities."

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

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

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

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

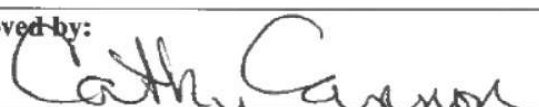
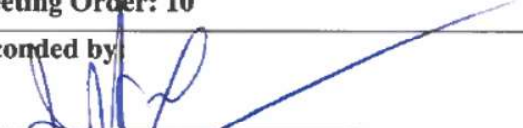


# The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### RESOLUTION

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Resolution # RC24087	Meeting Order: 10
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

**WHEREAS** the Accessibility for Ontarians With Disabilities Act (AODA) is ground-breaking legislation, created to help people with disabilities fully participate in society, bring them to the table in crafting regulations, and build mechanisms to enforce standards;

**AND WHEREAS** Rich Donovan, an expert in accessibility issues, was appointed as the Independent Reviewer of the Act in 2022, and in his 2023 legislative review declared a crisis as a necessary catalyst to get Ontario back on track for accessibility;

**AND WHEREAS** at least 2.9 million Ontarians currently live with a disability, representing at least 22% of the consumer base and the workforce, but due to barriers, Ontarians with disabilities are too often falling short of their full potential;

**AND WHEREAS** the AODA aims to develop, implement and enforce standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings before Jan. 1, 2025, and municipalities, as the level of government closest to the people are at the front lines, developing, implementing and enforcing these standards without meaningful guidance on its implementation and/or enforcement by the Province;

**AND WHEREAS** people with disabilities and advocates, note the slow pace of current and previous Ontario governments in implementing the AODA and there are growing concerns there will be no renewed push to keep accessibility issues at the forefront after 2025;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality of Wawa is dedicated and committed to creating a welcoming environment so that all people may have equitable access to programs, goods, services and facilities, but making investments to achieve the AODA standards has been challenging given the lack of consistent and stable funding for municipalities to remove accessibility barriers;

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## The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### RESOLUTION

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa Council strongly encourages action on the part of the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) create a "Municipal Accessibility Fund" for municipalities to develop, implement and enforce AODA standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings. Such a fund could be modelled after the Canada Community-Building Fund or the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund on a per household basis;
- b) to commit to working with municipalities to implement the Donovan Review immediate crisis recommendations;

**AND FURTHER THAT** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
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#### 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.

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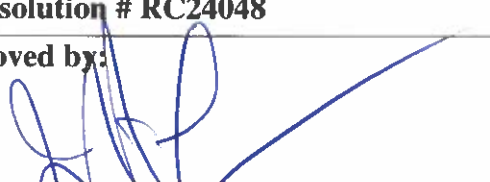



## The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

## RESOLUTION

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Resolution # RC24048	Meeting Order: 9
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

**RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Wawa, having considered the correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and Township of Larder Lake regarding 'Support for amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of Employer', support this correspondence and attached motion from the City of Greater Sudbury; and

**AND FURTHER, THAT** that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honorable David Piccini Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, and the Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
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Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
	





April 18, 2024

**Re: Item for Discussion – Request for Provincial Support for Cemetery Operations**

At its meeting of April 10, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-066, regarding Request for Provincial Support for Cemetery Operations, as follows:

“WHEREAS under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

AND WHEREAS over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

AND WHEREAS municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

AND WHEREAS the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery operations:

1. That the Province of Ontario provide annual funding (equitably allocated based on the operating costs of cemeteries) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;

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2. Provide free training opportunities and resources for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
3. Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, the Bereavement Authority of Ontario CEO/Registrar, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); and all Ontario Municipalities."

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. McDonald', written in a cursive style.

Lori McDonald  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk





Monday, April 15, 2024

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

Hon. Vic Fedeli  
Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade  
College Park 18th Flr,  
777 Bay St  
Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

Dear Honourable Minister Fedeli,

**Re: Western Ontario Warden's Caucus Support for Small Business Enterprise Centre Funding**

As you are aware, Small Business Enterprise Centres play an invaluable role in supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses across Ontario. For over 25 years, these centres have been instrumental in providing essential resources, tools, and guidance to individuals embarking on their entrepreneurial journeys.

There are 12 SBEC's located within the WOWC Counties, they are Collingwood, Orangeville, Niagara Falls, Stratford, Woodstock, Huron County, Sarnia-Lambton, St Thomas, Essex, Port Elgin, Owen Sound, Bruce County.

These centres serve as crucial hubs for budding entrepreneurs and existing small businesses alike. From assisting with business plans to aiding in recovery during challenging times, SBECs are pivotal in fostering economic growth and resilience within our communities. Small businesses are the backbone of the economy, making up 98% of all employer businesses in Ontario and Western Ontario is no different.

At the regular meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus on Friday, April 5, 2024 the Caucus supported Small Business Enterprise Centres with the following resolution:

**Moved by H. MacDonald, seconded by D. Bailey:**

**Whereas** for more than 25 years, the 47 Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBEC's) across Ontario have supported entrepreneurs and small businesses by providing the essential fundamentals, tools, and contacts they need to start and grow their businesses; and

**Whereas** 12 SBEC locations offer services in WOWC member municipalities; and Whereas the Small Business Enterprise Centres, or SBEC's, are often the first stop on an entrepreneur's journey; and

**Whereas** In addition to working with entrepreneurs at the start of their journey, SBEC's are called upon to support existing businesses, typically with 10 or less employees; and

**Whereas** this support comes in the form of supporting them with growth plans, succession planning, and with recovery during difficult times; and

**Whereas**, operating funding has stagnated, impacting the ability to maintain services, diminishing the time spent with clients, time spent in the community, and involvement in local events and programming; and

**Whereas** the short-term duration of the Transfer Payment Agreements, makes budgeting and long-term planning difficult; and

**Whereas** SBEC's Transfer Payment Agreements with the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, expires on March 31, 2024

**Therefore** be it resolved that Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus requests that the Province continue to fund SBECs and increase annual amounts in line with inflation and population growth.

**And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:**

- Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade
- MPP Effie J. Triantafilopoulos, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- MPP Andrew Dowie, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- MPP Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business
- Stephen Rhodes, Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade
- Anne Bermonte, Assistant Deputy Minister, Innovation and Economic Partnerships
- Division, Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Western Ontario MPPs
- Municipalities in Western Ontario.

- **CARRIED**

We were encouraged to see in the budget that Ontario is investing an additional \$6.8 million over the next two years to enhance the Starter Company Plus program, allowing more eligible entrepreneurs to receive a Starter Company Plus Grant of \$5,000, that will provide grants to an additional 500 entrepreneurs over two years. As well as supporting the Summer Company Program, providing student between the ages of students between the ages of 15 and 29 with at least 12 hours of business training, one-on-one mentoring and grants up to \$3,000.

The budget failed to address operating funding for the SBEC's that has stagnated over the years, leading to challenges in maintaining services and adequately supporting clients. Core funding from the province has remained unchanged since 2014 and municipalities have increased their contributions by 68% over that period. Additionally, the short-term nature of Transfer Payment Agreements with the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade further complicates long-term planning and sustainability for these centres.

We look forward to collaborating with you on ensuring the prosperity of our small business community.

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil,  
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc:

MPP Effie J. Triantafilopoulos, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade  
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Members of Council, City of Owen Sound

April 15, 2024

Dear Members of Council,

On behalf of the Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII), I am pleased to provide you with an update on recent changes and growth at our organization.

In March, NII underwent a change in leadership, and I am pleased to be in the role of Interim CEO. Over the past weeks, I have begun to advance and expand NII's work, including economic development programs and partnerships, policy and advocacy, STEM education, and nuclear industry innovation.

As I continue shaping NII's next chapter, our talented team has the breadth and depth of experience to drive change, supporting the clean energy transition and the technological innovation required to get there: from advancing clean energy policy and partnerships to driving STEM education and trades training to sparking the region's economic development.

The NII Board of Directors and I recognize the opportunity and leadership role our organization will play as the nuclear sector continues its growth here in the Clean Energy Frontier, across the country and internationally. NII deeply values and relies upon the diverse support of our partners, whose collaboration is vital in advancing our strategic objectives and realizing our shared vision.

I am committed to active collaboration and open lines of communication with your municipality's leaders and staff as we drive progress together, creating meaningful change for our communities in our collective pursuit of a net-zero future.

Thank you for being a champion of this unique organization—we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Linthorne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.

**Jessica Linthorne**

Interim CEO, Nuclear Innovation Institute

[jessica.linthorne@nii.ca](mailto:jessica.linthorne@nii.ca)



## Grey Bruce Public Health Opioid Situation Report January to March 2024

Notes: Data retrieved through the Grey Bruce Opioid Overdose Early Warning System (data sources include primarily EMS, in addition to Police, Fire, and the [211 Report a Bad Drug Online Form/Call-in Process](#)).

All data is preliminary and subject to change.

Locations of overdoses outlined below refer to pick up location by EMS.

### January

- 8 reports of suspected opioid-related overdoses
- All non-fatal
- 5/8 or 62.5% occurred in Grey County (3 in Owen Sound, 1 each Hanover and Chatsworth)
- 3/8 or 37.5% occurred in Bruce County (2 in Saugeen Shores, 1 in Kincardine)
- 8/8 or 100% of cases in males, median age of 30
- Naloxone administered and successful in all cases;
- Information on the dosage and route of administration (ROA) of naloxone was provided with the following breakdown:
  - 2 doses/8 mg nasal: 2 cases
  - 3 doses/12 mg nasal: 2 cases
  - 4 doses/16 mg nasal: 1 case
  - 1 dose/0.4 mg injectable: 2 cases
  - 1 dose of Naloxone reported given in 1 additional case(s), no information on route of administration (ROA) provided.
- Information on suspected substance(s) reported in 6/8 cases; 5/6 or 83% of these cases involved fentanyl; other involved substances included heroin and meth; 1 case of polysubstance use; Break down:
  - Fentanyl only: 4 cases
  - Fentanyl and meth: 1 case
  - Heroin: 1 case
  - Unknown: 2 cases
- In 4 cases where information on ROA was provided, all cases were smoking.
- Comments: Reports of lime green fentanyl in the region.

### February

- 12 reports of suspected opioid-related overdoses
- 10/12 or 83% non-fatal, 2/12 or 17% fatal
- All cases occurred in Grey County (8 in Owen Sound, 3 in Hanover, 1 in Georgian Bluffs)
- 8/12 or 67% of cases in males, median age of 37
- 4/12 or 33% in females, median age of 38
- Median overall age of 37

- Naloxone administered in 6 cases; successful 100%.
- Information on the dosage and route of administration (ROA) of naloxone was provided with the following breakdown:
  - 1 dose/4 mg nasal: 1 case
  - 2 doses/8 mg nasal: 1 case
  - 3 doses/12 mg nasal: 3 cases
  - 1 dose/0.4 mg injectable: 1 case
- Information on suspected substance(s) reported in 10 cases; 6/10 or 60% of these cases involved fentanyl; other involved substances included other (unspecified) opioids, cocaine, oxycodone, meth, and alcohol. 2/9 or 22% of cases involved polysubstance use; Break down:
  - Fentanyl Only: 4 cases
  - Fentanyl and meth: 1 case
  - Fentanyl and alcohol: 1 case
  - Other Opioids: 2 cases
  - Oxycodone: 1
  - Cocaine: 1
- In 9 cases where information on ROA was provided, 5/9 cases or 56% were smoking, 2/9 cases or 22% were injection, and 1 case each was oral consumption and a combination of smoking and oral consumption.
- Comments: Reports of purple fentanyl and a red powder in the region.

### March

- 26 reports of suspected opioid-related overdoses
- 23/26 or 88% non-fatal, 3/26 or 12% fatal
- 24/26 or 92% occurred in Grey County (22 in Owen Sound and 2 in Hanover)
- 2/26 or 8% occurred in Bruce County (1 each in Port Elgin and Wiarton)
- Of the 21 cases in which gender was reported, 16/21 or 76% of cases in males, median age of 39.
- Of the 21 cases in which gender was reported, 5/21 or 24% in females, median age of 34.
- Median overall age of 38
- Naloxone administered in 10 cases; successful in 9/10 or 90% of cases in which it was administered.
- Information on the dosage and route of administration (ROA) of naloxone was provided with the following breakdown:
  - 1 dose/4 mg nasal: 4 cases
  - 2 doses/8 mg nasal: 5 cases
  - 3 doses/12 mg nasal: 1 case
  - 4 doses of Naloxone reported given in 1 additional case(s), no information on ROA provided.
- Information on suspected substance(s) reported in 11 cases; all these cases involved fentanyl only; no cases of polysubstance use reported.

- In 10 cases where information on ROA was provided, 8/10 cases or 80% were smoking, 2/10 or 20% of cases were injection drug use.

#### Summary of January to March 2024

- 46 reports of suspected opioid-related overdoses
- 41/46 or 89% non-fatal, 5/46 or 11% fatal
- 41/46 or 89% occurred in Grey County; 5/46 or 11% in Bruce County; Breakdown:
  - Owen Sound: 33
  - Hanover: 6
  - Saugeen Shores: 2
  - Georgian Bluffs: 1
  - Chatsworth: 1
  - Kincardine: 1
  - Port Elgin: 1
  - Wiarton: 1
- Of the 41 cases in which gender was reported, 32/41 cases or 78% were among males, 9/41 or 22% were among females.
- Median overall age of 36
- Naloxone was successful in 24/25 cases in which it was administered this quarter. Breakdown:
  - 1 dose/4 mg nasal: 5 cases
  - 2 doses/8 mg nasal: 8 cases
  - 3 doses/12 mg nasal: 6 cases
  - 4 doses/16 mg nasal: 1 case
  - 1 dose/0.4 mg injectable: 3 cases
  - 4 doses of naloxone reported given in 1 additional case, no information on ROA provided.
  - 1 dose of naloxone reported given in 1 additional case, no info on ROA.
- Information on suspected substance(s) reported in 27 cases; fentanyl was involved in 22/27 or 81% of cases; other involved substances included other unspecified opioids, heroin, oxycodone, meth, alcohol, and cocaine. Breakdown:
  - Fentanyl Only: 19 cases
  - Fentanyl and Meth: 2 cases
  - Fentanyl and Alcohol: 1 case
  - Other Opioids (unspecified): 2 cases
  - Oxycodone: 1 case
  - Cocaine: 1 case
  - Heroin: 1 case
- Polysubstance use was reported in 3/27 or 11% of cases this quarter.
- In 23 cases where information on ROA was provided, 17/23 cases or 74% were smoking, 4/23 or 17% of cases were injection, and 1 case each for oral consumption and smoking + oral consumption.
- Information related to the 5 fatalities:

- 4/5 cases in Grey County (all in Owen Sound)
- 1/5 cases in Bruce County (Port Elgin)
- All males
- Age range 21-45, median age of 38
- Naloxone used in 1/5 cases; in the case in which naloxone was used, it was reportedly used with success initially.
- Suspected substance(s) was fentanyl in 1 case and unknown in the other 4 cases.
- ROA was 1 case smoking, 1 case injection, and unknown in 3 cases.
- Comments: 7 overdose alerts and 2 media releases sent out in response to clusters of suspected opioid-related overdoses and/or deaths. Reports of lime green and purple fentanyl, and a red powder in the region.

Questions? Contact: [harmreduction@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:harmreduction@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)

For more information:

- [Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms 2007-2020 – Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms Scientific Working Group](#)
- [CSUCH | Home](#)
- [Interactive Opioid Tool | Public Health Ontario](#)
- [Ontario Opioid Indicator Tool - ODPRN](#)
- [Characteristics of Substance-Related Toxicity Deaths in Ontario - ODPRN](#)



# Overdose Events 2023

## January - December

### Legend

#### Overdose Counts

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4-5

6-10

11-110

Northern Bruce Peninsula

Neyaashiinigmiing 27

Chief's Point No. 28

Georgian Bluffs

South Bruce Peninsula

Meaford

Arran-Elderslie

Saugeen Shores

Chatsworth

Grey Highlands

Kincardine

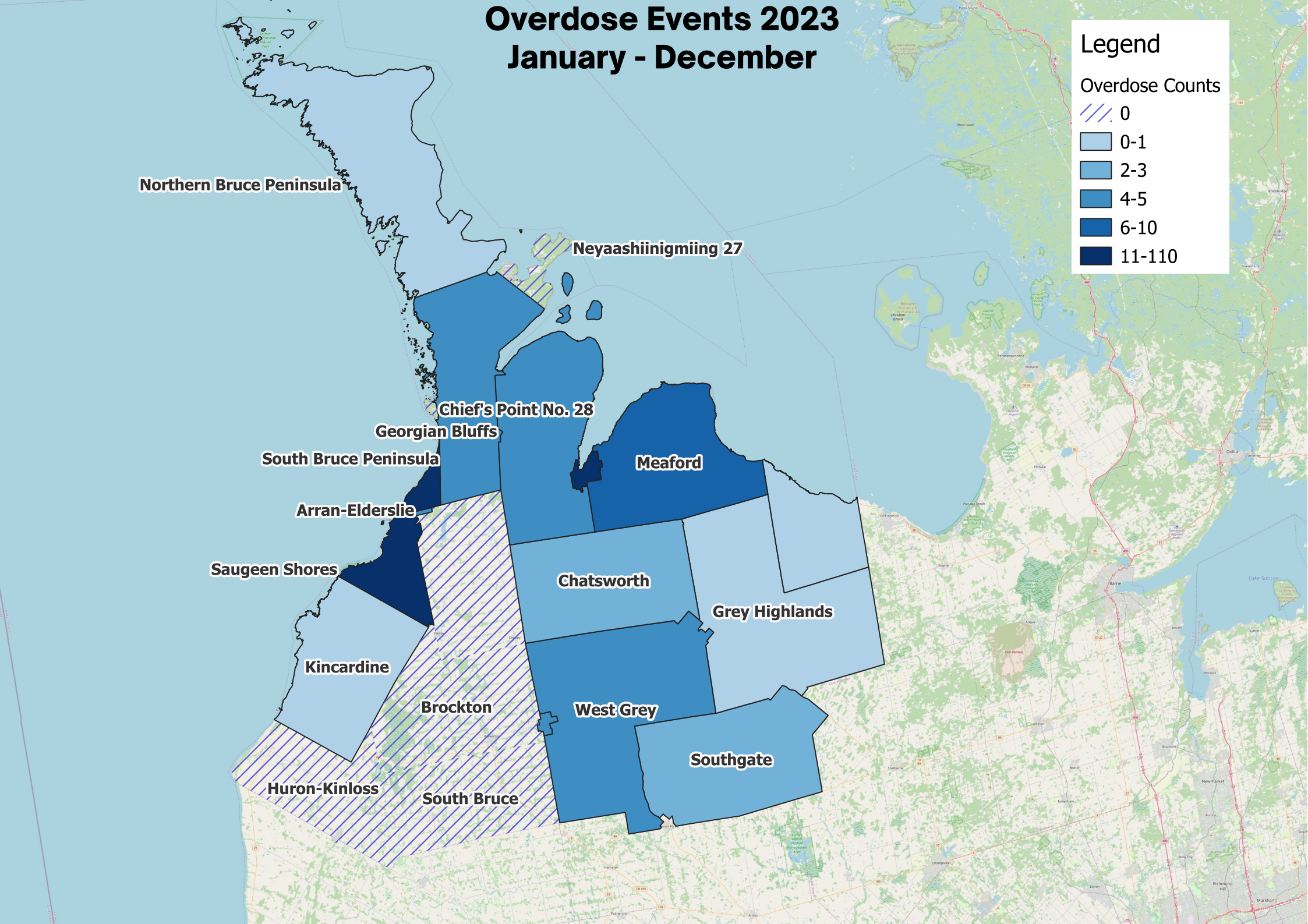
Brockton

West Grey

Southgate

Huron-Kinloss

South Bruce





Femicides in Ontario  
March 2024

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## MONTHLY FEMICIDE IN ONTARIO FACTSHEET



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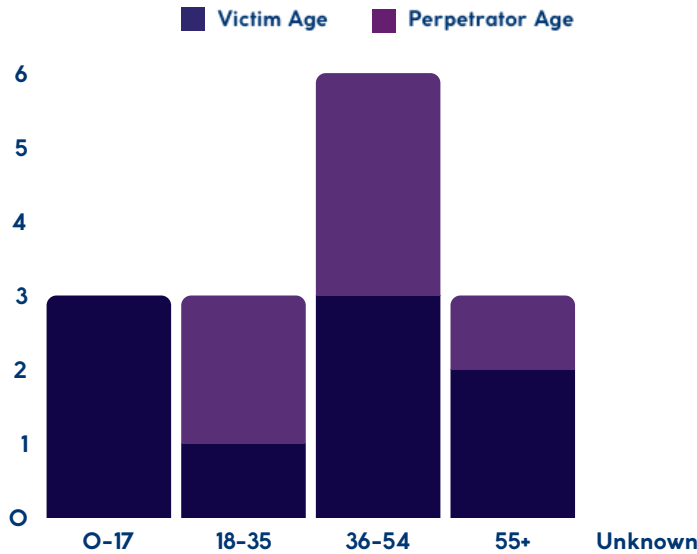
### Quick Facts

- OAITH's femicide definition includes a gender-based killing of a woman, child, trans woman, 2-Spirited Person, or gender non-conforming individual where a man has been charged in relation to the death

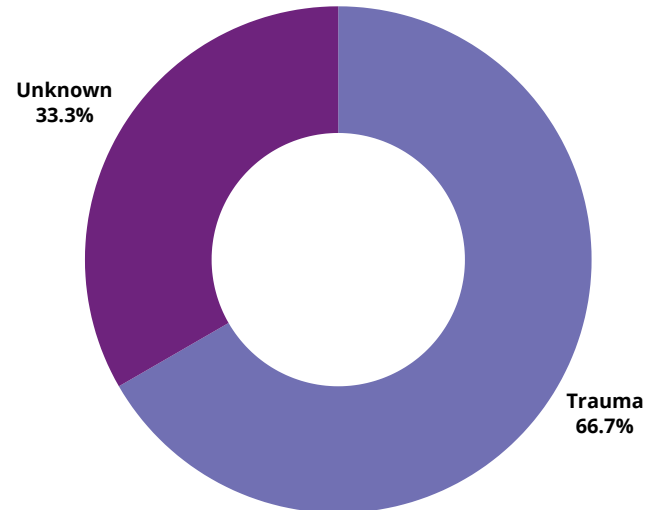
### OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)

Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
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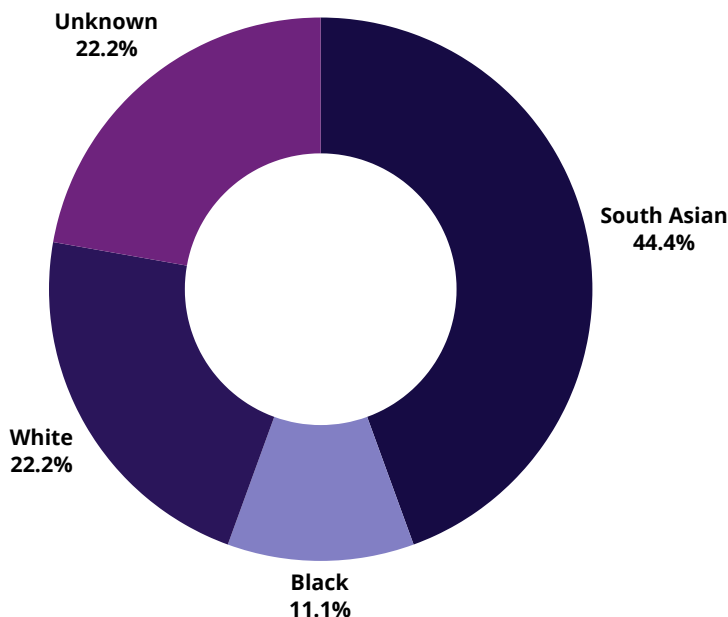
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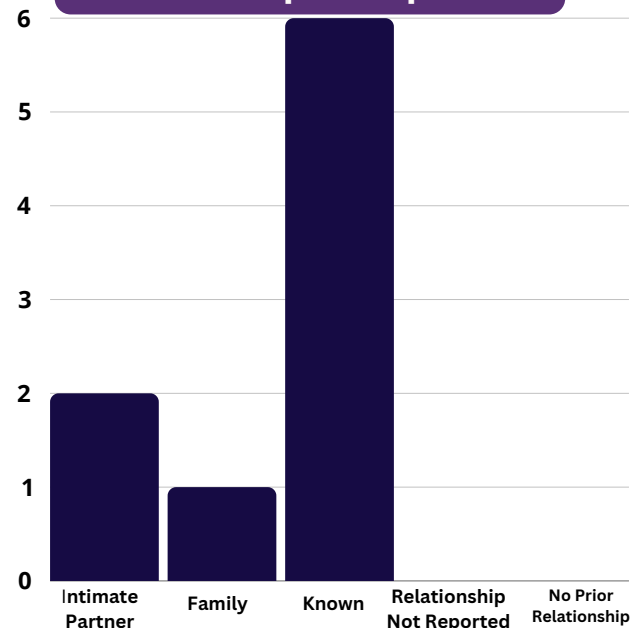
### Cause of Death



### Victim Race



### Victim & Perpetrator Relationship Comparison







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## Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 9

### Central Region

**Estella Wheeler, 64 - Vaughan, ON**



National Media: <https://bit.ly/EstellaWheelerTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/EstellaWheelerTorontoSun>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/EstellaWheelerGlobalNews>

### Toronto Region

**Julia MacIsaac, 42 - Toronto, ON**



National Media: <https://bit.ly/JuliaMacIsaacTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JuliaMacIsaacTorontoSun>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JuliaMacIsaacCBCNews>

### West Region

**Celine-Marie Owens, 75 - St. Catharines, ON**



National Media: No report available at time of publication

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/CelineMarieOwensStCatharinesStandard>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/CelineMarieOwensCTVNews>

### North Region

**Jane Doe, 38 - Thunder Bay, ON**



National Media: No report available at time of publication

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeThunderBayTBNewsWatch>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeThunderBayCBCNews>

### East Region

**Jennifer Polak, 45 - Ajax, ON**



National Media: <https://bit.ly/JenniferPolakTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JenniferPolakDurhamRegion>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JenniferPolakCBCNews>



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### East Region



**Darshani Banbaranayake Gama Walwwe Darshani Dilanthika Ekanyake, 35 - Ottawa, ON**

National Media: <https://bit.ly/DarshaniEkanyakeNationalPost>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/DarshaniEkanyakeOttawaCitizen>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/DarshaniEkanyakeCBCNews>



**Ashwini Wickramasinghe, 4 - Ottawa, ON**

National Media: <https://bit.ly/AshwiniWickramasingheTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/AshwiniWickramasingheOttawaCitizen>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/AshwiniWickramasingheCTVNews>



**Rinyana Wickramasinghe, 2 - Ottawa, ON**

National Media: <https://bit.ly/RinyanaWickramasingheGlobeAndMail>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/RinyanaWickramasingheOttawaCitizen>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/RinyanaWickramasingheGlobalNews>



**Kelly Wickramasinghe, 2 months - Ottawa, ON**

National Media: <https://bit.ly/KellyWickramasingheNationalPost>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/KellyWickramasingheOttawaCitizen>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/KellyWickramasingheGlobalNews>



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## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT



### Prioritization of Safe Housing Options to Address High Rates of Femicides in Ontario

In March, there were nine confirmed femicide cases. This month, femicide cases have occurred within every MCCSS service region across the province. The ages of the victims range from 2 months old to 75 years old. While femicide cases this year have been commonly reported to be perpetrated by the victim's intimate partner, this month, femicides occurred across multiple relationship types, including intimate partner relationships, familial relationships and other known relationships. According to media reports, 100% of femicide victims killed this month were killed inside of a residence. Access to safe and affordable housing continues to be a key priority area due to the current housing crisis and shortages in the province. Without access to safe and affordable housing, many survivors do not have the ability to escape violent situations. The current housing shortages also impact GBV shelter's capacity to support survivors in their community, as the lack of housing options and long waitlists is extending shelter stays for many survivors and hindering their ability to transition back into the community. In turn, shelters' capacity to support other survivors in their community is also impacted (OAITH, 2020). As housing initiatives intersect with multiple levels of government it will be imperative that there is intergovernmental collaboration across jurisdictions to develop, implement and oversee housing initiatives. Specifically, housing policies must prioritize the creation of new safe and affordable housing stock to support the current needs. It will also be beneficial to explore further opportunities to access private market housing, which could be supported through additional investments to the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) and increased protections for rent increase limits. Policy makers should also explore models that can help provide protection for survivors to maintain their housing and provide survivor and aggressor-focused wrap-around supports to address harmful behaviours and prevent further violence from occurring.

Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH). 2020. Pre-Budget Submission, January 17, 2020. Dying To Get In and No Way to Get Out. [bit.ly/2020OAITHBudgetSubmission](https://bit.ly/2020OAITHBudgetSubmission)

[mulberryfinder.ca](https://mulberryfinder.ca)

To locate phone/chat/text support  
through gender-based violence  
services in Ontario

[training.oaith.ca](https://training.oaith.ca)

To locate competency-based training  
to effectively respond and support  
those experiencing and impacted by  
gender-based violence

**Suggested Citation:**

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Transition Houses (OAITH), 2024.  
February Monthly Femicide in Ontario  
Factsheet.

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