



Correspondence Items Presented for Information May 27, 2024

- 1) Correspondence from the Ontario Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Re: Online marriage licence application pilot program implementation.
- 2) Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Re:
 - a) Policy update – “Team Ontario” federal infrastructure funding agreement negotiation and Bill 185 comments to standing committee.
 - b) Policy update – National housing strategy, Ontario health teams, Ontario Building Code, affordable housing, building and planning submissions.
- 3) Correspondence from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Re: Advocacy update – Bill 185 *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*.
- 4) Correspondence from the Outreach Manager, Women’s House Serving Bruce and Grey Re: Take Back the Night.
- 5) Correspondence from the Clerk, Prince Edward County Re: National housing affordability crisis.
- 6) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Re:
 - a) Amenity sharing memorandum of understanding with school boards for evening/weekend gymnasium use.
 - b) Request for new provincial-municipal fiscal framework.
 - c) Mental health services of Renfrew County hoarding program.
- 7) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Request to Province to amend blue box regulation for ‘ineligible’ sources.
 - a) Township of North Glengarry
 - b) Township of Larder Lake
- 8) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Operational budget funding.
 - a) Township of Puslinch
 - b) Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

- 9) Correspondence from the Clerk/Deputy CAO, Township of Manitouwadge Re: Review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates.
- 10) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities.
 - a) Township of Stirling-Rawdon
 - b) Municipality of East Ferris
 - c) Township of Georgian Bay
- 11) Correspondence from the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand Re:
 - a) Support for provincial national fire fighting strategy.
 - b) Social and economic prosperity review.
 - c) Support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus.
 - d) *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* modernization.
- 12) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Proposed amendment to subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
 - a) Township of Puslinch
 - b) Town of Orangeville
- 13) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Proposed phase out of free well water testing.
 - a) Township of Puslinch
 - b) Town of Greater Napanee
 - c) Town of Gore Bay
 - d) Municipality of East Ferris
 - e) Township of Amaranth
- 14) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Provincial regulations needed to restrict keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals.
 - a) City of Welland
 - b) Township of Larder Lake
 - c) Municipality of East Ferris
- 15) Correspondence from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Lake of Bays Re: Request for royal assent of the Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario *Building Code Act*.
- 16) Correspondence from the Clerk, Municipality of Casselman Re: Regulatory changes under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.
- 17) Correspondence from the Clerk, Town of Deep River Re: Affordability of water and wastewater systems for rural and small urban municipalities.

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May 6, 2024

His Worship Ian Boddy
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Boddy:

Please accept my gratitude and appreciation for your leadership and active involvement in the implementation of our Online Marriage Licence Application pilot program.

Your municipality's invaluable participation will play a crucial role in ensuring a seamless transition as we roll out the online service province-wide, with a targeted launch date in early 2025.

Embracing digital innovation is a vital step in simplifying the process and making it more convenient for couples planning to marry in Ontario. Our government will continue to implement tools and practices that will empower you to serve your citizens and residents more efficiently and effectively. The online marriage licence application is a prime example of ServiceOntario's commitment to creating better, people-centric public services that will enhance Ontarians' quality of life by making it easier for them to get the services they need — and that matters most to them.

Thank you, Mayor Boddy, for your collaboration in developing simpler, faster, and better public services for the people of this great province. My ministry and I look forward to our ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd J. McCarthy', written in a cursive style.

The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery

AMO Policy Update: "Team Ontario" Federal Infrastructure Funding Agreement Negotiation and Bill 185 Comments to Standing Committee

"Team Ontario" Approach

On April 18, Minister Calandra sent a [letter](#) to AMO's President proposing a collaborative "Team Ontario" approach to federal infrastructure funding agreement negotiations. AMO strongly supports municipalities working collaboratively with the province to achieve the alignment needed across all the levels of government to get housing built in Ontario.

These much-needed investments could help offset some of the approximately \$100 billion in municipal capital expenditures planned over the next 10 years - but the funding requirements need to make sense for Ontario. While details remain unclear regarding eligibility for upper-tier municipalities, the potential impact of the proposed development charge freeze is a definite concern for all municipalities with populations over 300,000. A potential three-year freeze on development charges on these municipalities could actually reduce their ability to keep pace with anticipated growth.

AMO will continue to work with municipal staff and provincial officials to ensure the federal government understands the impacts these restrictions would have on development in Ontario. By municipalities and the province working together, we can ensure these federal funds are accessible and effectively address the critical infrastructure needs of all Ontario municipalities.

For a broad overview of key infrastructure funding programs, AMO has developed this helpful resource to give our sector a full picture of its [infrastructure funding](#).

Bill 185 Comments to Standing Committee

Yesterday, AMO commented and [provided a written submission](#) on the Bill at the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs' public hearings. Comments focused on the positive outcome of the province's collaboration with municipalities, demonstrated with the reversal of two key Bill 23 development charge reversals. AMO called for the reversal of additional development charges to enable municipalities to fund the infrastructure required for growth.



AMO Policy Update: National Housing Strategy Funding, Ontario Health Teams, Enhancing Digital Security and Trust, Next Building Code Edition, Affordable Housing Bulletin, Housing and Planning Submissions

National Housing Strategy

Last week, Minister Fraser wrote to municipal Social Services Commissioners and DSSAB CEOs confirming the federal government's intention to flow National Housing Strategy funding directly to Service System Managers. AMO, OMSSA, and NOSDA sent joint letters to [Minister Fraser](#) and to the [Premier and Minister Calandra](#), respectively, highlighting the need for collaborative tri-lateral federal-provincial-municipal discussions to stabilize National Housing Strategy funding and implementation.

AMO will continue to work with OMSSA and NOSDA to engage federal and provincial officials to ensure that the individuals and families relying on these programs are not adversely impacted.

Proposed New Regulations for Ontario Health Teams

Last month, AMO submitted [comments](#) on proposed new Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) regulations. The proposed regulations include creating a not-for-profit coordinating corporation and a primary care network as well as demonstrating home care readiness.

AMO continues to push for municipalities to have a say in health systems planning. We've asked for stronger OHT governance and for municipalities to have a seat at the table for the new non-profits. The submission also highlights the importance of ongoing funding from the province for municipalities as OHTs develop.

AMO will continue to work with the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health on the appropriate role and relationship for municipalities and OHTs.

Enhancing Digital Security and Trust

The province has recently proposed legislation to better protect children's privacy and data in provincial settings. Bill 194 also includes enabling provisions allowing the province to create regulations requiring public sector entities, including municipalities, to develop and implement cyber security programs and technical standards respecting cyber security.

AMO will look forward to working collaboratively with the province to develop effective solutions for the municipal sector on this important issue.

Next Edition of the Building Code Released

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing released the 2024 Building Code which will come into effect on January 1, 2025. The new code moves towards harmonization with the National Construction Codes with some exceptions, notably that the code does not harmonize with national energy efficiency standards and retains provincial flexibility on minimum sizes for secondary suites. The new [Building Code regulation](#) is only one page long, referencing the national building code and the [2024 Ontario Amendment](#) document for the differences in the province.

AMO will continue to advocate for the inclusion of green building standards in the Ontario Building Code.

Province Releases Affordable Housing Bulletin

The government's Affordable Residential Units bulletin clarifies how municipalities exempt affordable housing from development charges, as Bill 23 mandated. This takes effect June 1, 2024.

AMO looks forward to working with the province on key implementation issues, including:

Preventing "micro-condos" by adding minimum size requirements to the bulletin

Creating compliance tools to ensure new housing is rented and sold at an affordable price

Improving data accuracy for local home sale and rental costs, and

Providing a municipal-owner standard agreement ensuring affordability for 25 years.

AMO's Submission to Bill 185 Consultations

AMO [provided a submission](#) to the Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Energy on Bill 185 and related Environmental and Regulatory Registry postings.

A summary of the top comments is below, and you can read more about AMO's ongoing advocacy on land use planning and housing on [our compendium page](#).

Development Charges (Regulatory Registry 24-MMAH006)

Bill 185 takes significant steps towards restoring municipalities' ability to fund growth-related infrastructure by repealing the mandatory five-year phase-in of new DC rates and restoring studies as eligible DC expenses. To enable municipalities to keep pace with growth infrastructure needs, AMO continues to call on the province to reinstate the cost of land and housing services as eligible DC expenses.

Minister's Zoning Orders (Regulatory Registry 24-MMAH010)

The government's new framework requiring those requesting an MZO to provide timelines for downstream approvals, project completion, and demonstrate how infrastructure servicing will be addressed – a good start, but legislation is needed to ensure MZOs are only used with municipal collaboration and in situations of extraordinary urgency.

"Use it or Lose it" (Regulatory Registry 24-MMAH010)

AMO supports a new discretionary authority allowing municipalities to reallocate servicing capacity from developments that have not pulled building permits within a reasonable amount of time to make better use of infrastructure capacity and incent developers to move forward with housing.

Proposed Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, and Municipal Act Changes from the proposed Bill 185 (ERO 019-8369, Regulatory Registry 24-MMAH010)

Bill 185 introduces a number of changes intended to improve the land-use planning process. Some examples include:

Removing application fee refund provisions to reflect that all development partners impact the amount of time it takes to finalize planning approvals

Limiting third-party appeals to Official Plan and Zoning By-law decisions which will maximize local planning decisions made by municipal planners

Establishing enabling legislation to facilitate the implementation of standardized housing designs – this will be critical to meeting the proposed Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund which requires provinces allow “as of right” construction from the future federal housing design catalogue

Proceeding with downloading regional planning responsibilities to lower-tier governments – AMO has expressed concern that this will misalign land-use and infrastructure planning

Exempting public universities from the Planning Act and expediting approvals for “community service facilities” including schools and long-term care homes.

Proposed policies for a new provincial planning policy instrument (ERO 019-8462)

Alongside Bill 185, the province has released a new draft version of an updated Provincial Planning Statement (PPS). The draft walks back previous proposed policies that would have permitted lot creation in prime agricultural areas through additional severances, however ambiguity remains on when severances and settlement boundary expansions may be permitted under the new framework.

The draft PPS also includes measures to encourage intensification around transit corridors, setting local targets for affordable housing based on a reinstated definition for affordable, and encouraging a mix of housing options in designated growth areas.

AMO remains concerned about the impact of downloading environmental risks to municipalities. With the diminished role of Conservation Authorities, it will be critical to ensure appropriate resources are in place to support municipalities in managing environmental protections. The draft PPS also remains vague on Indigenous consultation and consent – amendments and detailed guidance will be required to support a shared understanding of obligations and best practices to underpin strong Indigenous-municipal relationships.

Changes Related to Newspaper Notice Requirements (ERO 019-8370)

Bill 185 responds to municipal concerns about statutory requirements for certain land-use planning notices and DC by-laws by allowing municipalities to public notice on municipal websites where no local newspaper is available. AMO will continue to encourage other ministries to coordinate changes to other public notice provisions to ensure residents maintain access to important information.

Changes to modernize leave-to-construct approvals for pipeline relocation or reconstruction projects (ERO 019-8527)

Bill 185 proposes changes that would exempt hydrocarbon pipeline relocation and reconstruction projects from seeking leave-to-consult in more circumstances, particularly where they are minor in nature and facilitate transit and housing initiatives. The changes would retain Duty to Consult requirements with Indigenous communities.

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May 16, 2024

Advocacy Update:

Bill 185 Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes

In response to the Province's Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*, we made the below submissions last week to call on the province for better government-wide approaches to modernizing *newspaper notice provisions*, the *Line Fences Act (LFA)* and other municipal services. Our submissions outline opportunities to reduce administrative burden while supporting enhanced local service delivery.

Submission on Newspaper Notice Requirements

Since the discontinuation of many local newspapers, providing municipal notices to the public is an ongoing challenge. While Bill 185 includes a range of options for planning-related notices, there remains uncertainty as the future operation of online media outlets and news publications is unknown. There are also anticipated increases in planning-related notice activities and associated costs for municipalities.

Notice requirements must balance operational and administrative needs, capacity, resources and available technology with the importance of ensuring community members are kept up to date about various local matters and decisions.

We encourage the Province to:

- Review outdated language in legislation and specifically legislation that unnecessarily limits the mediums to provide notices
- Review requirements beyond technological references which may become out of date
- Invest in a one-source database of contact records for Ontarians to improve providing notice
- Engage the Ministry of the Attorney General in a government-wide effort to consistently address notice requirements across provincial legislation

READ OUR FULL SUBMISSION

Submission on the *Line Fences Act (LFA)*

Similarly, we are pleased to see the Province offer a range of mailing and electronic options for sending line fence-related notices and awards to try and reduce administrative burden on municipalities. Ultimately, municipalities, which tend to be small and rural communities, should be able to fulfill requirements in the way that best suits their individual, local needs.

Through our submission (which was sent to both the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs) we highlight opportunities to further reduce the burden and improve the value of the *Act* and effectiveness of service delivery, including:

- A mechanism such as frivolous and vexatious provisions to ensure that where the process is working effectively, it can continue to do so, and where requests are frivolous or vexatious, administrators have the authority and guidance to dismiss the request
- Setting out qualifications of fence viewers to help with appointment of fence viewers
- Updating manuals and training to be clear and concise, and support fence viewers in writing awards
- Clarifying and reviewing the circumstances in which fence viewings are required

READ OUR FULL SUBMISSION

Thank you to those members for bringing forward their expertise to help inform our Bill 185 submissions. As the Standing Committee wrapped up public hearings on the Bill yesterday, May 15, we will continue to monitor its progress.

For more information, [please contact us](#).





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May 20, 2024

To: Carol Merton

Re: Take Back the Night

As per our discussion, you had suggested that I may write something that you would bring up for us at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday evening. I hope the following is both appropriate and thought provoking, for all.

May is Sexual Assault Awareness month, and as the organization in Grey and Bruce County that holds the responsibility to help people through possibly the most traumatic time of their lives, whether it be yesterday or ten years ago, we want to bring the alarming concern to the consciousness of people.

Take Back the Night began in England in 1877 as a women only protest against the violence and fear women encountered walking the streets at night. The first of these protests in Canada was not until 1978 in Vancouver, to raise voices of women to end violence of all forms against women, so that they can move about their communities freely in a safe manner. This has become an annual march occurring on the third Friday in September. So why May 25th in Owen Sound you might ask?

For those of you that are not aware, in 2022, 7 years after 3 women were murdered within a 5-hour span of time by one man, who had previous relationships with these women, in Renfrew County Ontario, an inquest was called and there were 86 recommendations set forth. The first recommendation that was brought, is to "Formally declare Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic." There have been 95 communities that have declared IPV as an epidemic, however, in Grey and Bruce Counties, there has yet to be one community that has independently declared this as even an issue.

This is one of the main reasons for the walk on Saturday evening, to bring awareness to the public regarding the need for these recommendations to be taken significantly, and at least the first and most straightforward recommendation to be taken seriously and to be championed in our communities.

Please join us on Saturday May 25th, 2024, beginning at 630pm at Women's House Serving Bruce and Grey located at 229 10th St., Owen Sound, and become part of the solution. We will walk to City Hall, and then back to Women's House for some conversation and refreshments.

Thank you so much for your time and support.

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Working towards awareness and elimination of violence

**GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN
GREY AND BRUCE COUNTIES**

Why Should We Declare This an Epidemic?

DEFINITIONS

What is gender-based violence?

Gender-based violence is any act of violence based on someone's gender, gender expression, gender identity or perceived gender. While we often think of it as “just physical”, GBV typically falls into these four categories:

- **Emotional violence,**
- **Physical violence,**
- **Financial violence,**
- **Sexual violence.**

Who is most affected by gender-based violence?

GBV can affect anyone due to their gender, gender expression, gender identity or perceived gender. But some groups are at higher risk of experiencing GBV, including:

- **Young women and girls (under 25)**
- **Indigenous, Black and other racialized women, including newcomers to Canada**
- **Women with disabilities, and mental health, and addiction issues**
- **Transgender and Gender diverse people**
- **Women living in northern, rural and remote communities**
- **Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex and Asexual Plus (2SLGBTQIA+) people**
- **Women living in poverty, and are vicariously housed**

What is Intimate Partner Violence?

Intimate partner violence (IPV), also known as spousal or domestic violence, is a prevalent form of gender-based violence (GBV). It refers to multiple forms of harm caused by a current or former intimate partner or spouse.

IPV can happen in many forms of relationships, including:

- **within a marriage, common-law, or dating relationship**
- **regardless of the gender and sexual orientation of the partners**
- **at any time during a relationship and even after it has ended**
- **whether or not partners live together or are sexually intimate with one another**

THE RENFREW RECOMMENDATIONS

On September 22nd 2015, 3 women, Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam were all killed by Basil Barutski, with hours of each other. He was a man with a violent past, he had been charged more than 30 times, most related to intimate partner violence and had been convicted of nearly half. At the time of the murders, he was on probation, and subject to a weapons ban, however, was becoming more violent in his charges. At the time of his arrest he still had his firearms license as well as a gun that he used to kill 2 out of the 3 women. That is the Coles Notes version of the story. The inquiry to this did not happen until June of 2022, 7 years later.

As a result of the Inquiry into the deaths of these 3 women, 86 recommendations came to be. I would like to highlight 2 recommendations that would be a great start in our own communities, here is the link to learn more about the full report:

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/24437160-renfrew-county-recommendations>

THE RENFREW RECOMMENDATIONS

I would like to focus on 2 important recommendations that were a result of this Inquiry, that our community needs to be more aware of. The women that were killed in Renfrew County, lived in rural and remote locations, with supports not readily at hand. This is the same for many women living in Grey and Bruce Counties. Our outreach team at the Women's House travel throughout Grey and Bruce counties everyday supporting women in need. Our staff is really creative find safe and confidential places to meet women where they are at: could be an office, library, coffee shop, walk by a lake, or even in a car. These are just some of the challenges when trying to meet women where they are at, when our region covers such a large area. With this being said, we have to educate more people, and bring this crisis out of the cars, the walks and the coffee shops. The number 1 recommendation is to “**Formally declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic.**” I have really struggled with this, I believe it is more of an “Endemic,” as this has been going on for years, but I digress. The following slide depicts all of the municipalities, towns and cities in Ontario that have declared IPV as an epidemic.

[HTTPS://WWW.BUILDINGABIGGERWAY
E.ORG/ACTIONS/GBV-EPIDEMIC](https://www.buildingabiggerwaye.org/actions/gbv-epidemic)

As you can see there is not a community within Grey and Bruce that has declared GBV/IPV an Epidemic. Though Kincardine Council Supports Prince Edward County Resolution To Declare Intimate Partner Violence As Epidemic, but not it's own.

RENFREW RECOMMENDATIONS

The second recommendation that I would like to focus on is: **10. Encourage that IPV be integrated into every municipality's community safety and well-being plan.**

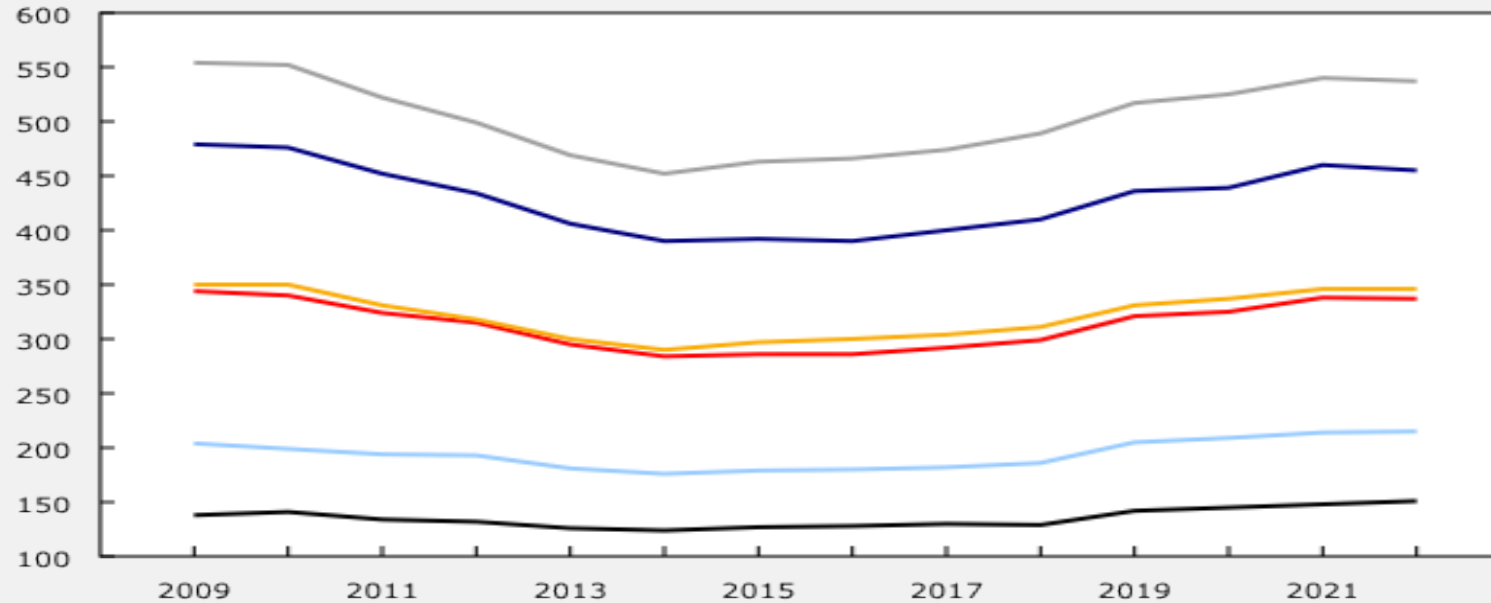
When we look at the Community Safety and Well Being Plan for Grey and Bruce Municipalities, and look at the Priorities for Action they are:

- Addiction/ Substance Use
- Mental Health
- Crime Prevention
- Housing and Homelessness
- Poverty and Income

If we go back to the definition of GBV and see who is most at risk, the people that are, fall in to these 5 categories, yet there is on a few mentions of GBV, and IPV in the plan. There should be a more robust effort to highlight this issue to the community, to remove the stigma, so that more women may reach out for help.

VICTIMS OF POLICE-REPORTED FAMILY VIOLENCE AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE, GENDER AND YEAR, CANADA, 2009 TO 2022

rate per 100,000 population



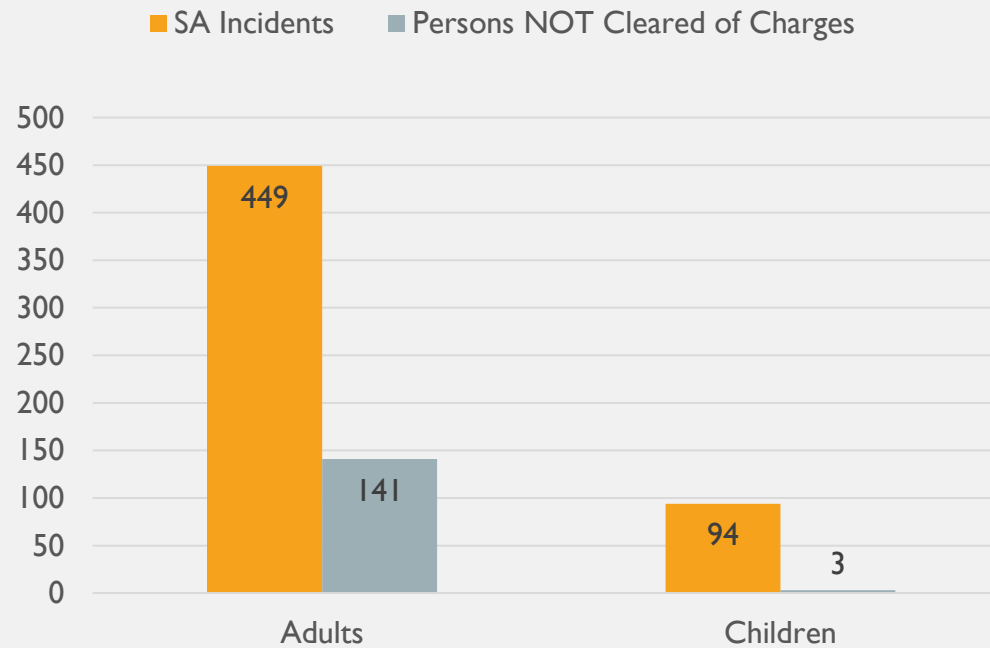
- Family violence, female victims
- Family violence, male victims
- Family violence, total victims¹
- Intimate partner violence, female victims
- Intimate partner violence, male victims
- Intimate partner violence, total victims¹

SEXUAL ASSAULT BASED CRIMES IN GREY AND BRUCE BETWEEN 2018 TO 2022

Police Detachment/ Level of Charge	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Owen Sound					
Level 1	37	39	38	24	44
Level 2	1	0	2	0	0
Level 3	0	0	0	0	0
SA involving Children	5	6	13	10	14
Meaford	Nothing	Reported	To	Stats	Canada
Hanover					
Level 1	3	3	11	9	9
Level 2	0	0	1	1	0
Level 3	0	0	0	0	0
SA involving Children	1	2	2	0	1
West Grey					
Level 1	14	5	14	8	5
Level 2	0	0	0	0	0
Level 3	0	0	0	0	1
SA involving Children	3	1	1	7	0
Saugeen Shores					
Level 1	8	20	21	13	17
Level 2	0	0	2	1	0
Level 3	0	0	0	0	0
SA involving Children	4	1	4	4	7
Warton OPP					
Level 1	1	4	1	4	3
Level 2	0	0	0	0	0
Level 3	0	0	0	0	0

SA involving Children	0	0	0	0	2
Grey Highlands OPP					
Level 1	10	6	4	6	5
Level 2	0	0	0	0	0
Level 3	0	0	0	0	0
SA involving Children	1	0	4	1	2
Kincardine OPP					
Level 1	8	20	8	4	14
Level 2	0	0	0	0	0
Level 3	0	0	0	0	0
SA involving Children	2	4	1	5	3
Walkerton OPP	Nothing	Reported	To	Stats	Canada

TOTAL OF SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENTS IN GREY AND
BRUCE COUNTIES BETWEEN 2018 AND 2022
(INCIDENTS VS PEOPLE LEFT TO ANSWER TO CHARGES)





WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- Many of you know that I worked with many different organizations during the Covid Pandemic. The communities came together to best support the people that needed it the most, many of us working outside the box, developing amazing things.
- So I guess my final question to you is, if we declared Gender Based Violence an Epidemic in Grey and Bruce counties, can you imagine what we could all do together to protect and empower some amazing people?



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May 9, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 7, 2024 the following resolution regarding seeking support for the Province and Federal Government to work together to help end the national housing affordability crisis.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-224
DATE: May 7, 2024
MOVED BY: Councillor Branderhorst
SECONDED BY: Councillor Roberts

WHEREAS there is an unprecedented national housing affordability crisis and substantial investments in new affordable social housing are required to address the overwhelming need;

WHEREAS substantial investments in revitalizing existing affordable social housing are required to maintain existing housing stock so as not to make the national housing affordability crisis worse;

WHEREAS social support expansions are required to prevent families choosing between housing and other basic necessities of life;

WHEREAS the national housing affordability crisis is most acute in Ontario, and unlike most Provinces and Territories in Canada, 47 Service Managers and District Social Service Administration Boards (SM/DSSAB) are responsible for delivering social supports, including housing affordability supports in this Province;

WHEREAS many of these 47 SM/DSSABs in Ontario are larger than many provinces and territories in other provinces in the country, but lack the revenue, policy tools and powers of the Provincial and Federal governments to end the housing affordability crisis on their own;

WHEREAS on March 25, 2024 our local SM/DSSAB (Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services) was notified by the Province that the Federal Government would be cutting \$355 million in funding intended to support affordable social housing across the province, due to a disagreement about how community housing units are counted as part of the National Housing Strategy Action Plan;

WHEREAS any reductions in funding from the Federal and Provincial governments risks the termination of critically needed housing and social supports for some of the most vulnerable across Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward requests that the funding dispute between the Federal and Provincial governments be resolved to limit mounting harms to some of Ontario's most vulnerable people;

THAT the Federal and Provincial governments to continue to fund SMs/DSSABs in an amount equivalent to the monies under the CMHC-Ontario Bilateral agreement in the National Housing Strategy until a new funding agreement can be reached;

THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward advocate to the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a trilateral table including the SMs/DSSABs, to negotiate the final 3 year tranche of funding under the National Housing Strategy;

THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Housing urgently requesting confirmation that financial support will continue for vulnerable households across Ontario currently in receipt of the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit prior to May 31, 2024; and

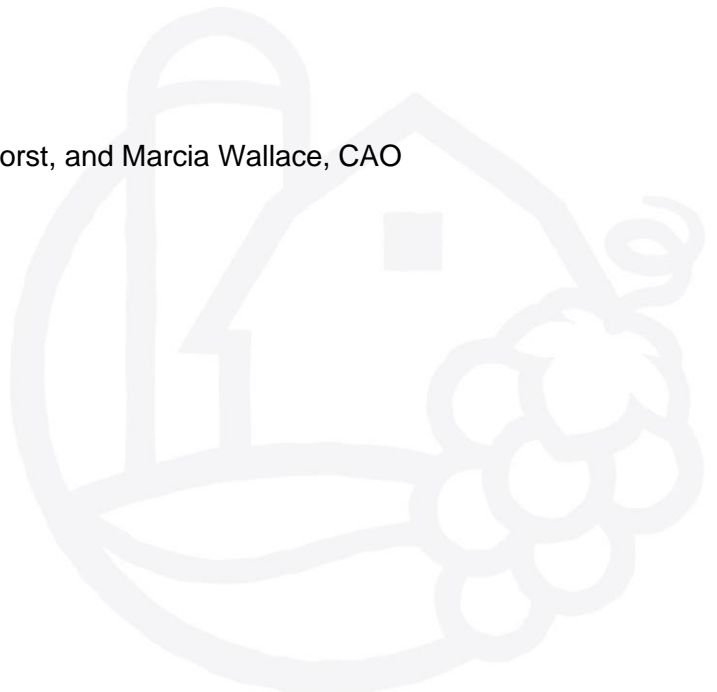
THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

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





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May 1, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Dear Mr. Ford,

Re: Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Supporting the Town of Aurora's Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use"

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday May 1st, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-05-01-09

Moved By: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be It resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the Town of Aurora's Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

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**Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk**

**Cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
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Legislative Services
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Town of Aurora
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March 6, 2024

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

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024
Member Motion 8.2.7 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend
Gymnasium Use**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aurora recognizes the importance of fostering community engagement and providing recreational opportunities; and

Whereas schools are funded by local taxpayers; and

Whereas school gymnasiums serve as valuable amenities that can enhance recreational activities for residents; and

Whereas existing school board policies/procedures do not prioritize municipal residency within their allocation of the use of space; and

Whereas the school board charges a premium rate to use the schools on weekends causing a barrier for the Town or local organizations to afford;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That this Council requests the Province and the Minister of Education to assist in making school board facilities available to local municipalities on a priority, at a cost recovery rate; and**
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- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this request be sent to the relevant School Boards, expressing the Town's interest in establishing a collaborative agreement for evening and weekend gymnasium access; and**

4. **Be It Further Resolved That the Town staff is directed to collaborate with the School Boards in drafting the terms and conditions of the MOU, ensuring clarity and fairness in the shared use of these facilities; and**
5. **Be It Further Resolved That upon reaching an agreement, the MOU shall be presented to Council for review and approval; and**
6. **Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**
7. **Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration of support.**

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

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: York Region District School Board
York Catholic District School Board
Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
All Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario municipalities



8. Standing Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the Standing Committee Reports, items 8.1 and 8.2, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.1.7, 8.1.8, 8.2.1, 8.2.4, 8.2.6, and 8.2.8, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

Carried (6 to 0)

8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2024

8.2.7 Member Motion - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use

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Carried



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May 1, 2024

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

Dear Mr. Ford,

**Re: Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Supporting the Town of
Bracebridge “Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-
Municipal Fiscal Framework”**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday May 1st, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-05-01-08
Moved By: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the Town of Bracebridge letter dated March 14th 2024, regarding the request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers; Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMTCO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

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

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
John Yakabuski, Local Member of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
(AMTCO)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



March 14, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – Resolution of Support Regarding Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

At its meeting of March 13, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-053, regarding Resolution of Support Regarding Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework, as follows:

"WHEREAS the 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 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;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge calls on 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;

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corporate services and finance fax: (705) 645-1262
public works fax: (705) 645-7525
planning & development fax: (705) 645-4209

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); the Muskoka and 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori McDonald". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

**Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk**



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May 1, 2024

Re: Mental Health Services of Renfrew County (MHSRC) Hoarding Program

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday May 1st, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-05-01-11
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution from the Town of Arnprior and their support for the Mental Health Services of Renfrew County (MHSRC) Hoarding Program and its benefits to all residents within the County of Renfrew.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Pembroke Regional Hospital, all local municipalities and the County of Renfrew in support of the MHSRC Hoarding Program.”

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Pembroke Regional Hospital
All Local Municipalities
County of Renfrew

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DATE: May 6, 2024

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

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, April 29th, 2024, Municipality of North Glengarry Council Meeting:

Resolution: No. 7
Moved By: Councillor Jeff Manley
Seconded By: Councillor Michael Madden

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 including 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 Municipality of North Glengarry 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 requests the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

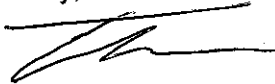
And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, and the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, to MPP of Glengarry, Prescott, Russel, MPP Stéphane Sarrazin, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Wright', written over a horizontal line.

Timothy Wright
Director of Public Works

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 6

Resolution #:

Date: May 14, 2024

THAT the Council of the Township of Larder Lake supports the resolution passed by the Council of the Township of North Glengarry regarding a request to the province to amend the blue box regulation for ineligible sources as follows:

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 including 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 Municipality of Larder Lake 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 requests the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, and the Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7

Resolution #:

Date: May 14, 2024

Honourable Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, to MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane and all Municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

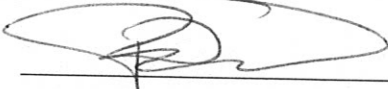
Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: 

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Hon. Paul Calandra
Ministry of Municipal
Affairs and Housing

VIA EMAIL:

Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org

Warden Andy Lennox
Mayor, Township of
Wellington North

VIA EMAIL:

andy@wellington.ca

Township of Puslinch
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May 9, 2024

RE: Resolution No. 2024-124 regarding 6.14 Township of Amaranth Resolution regarding Operational Budget Funding

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 10, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-124:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.14 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the resolution from the Township of Amaranth regarding Operational Budget Funding;

That Council direct staff to forward a support resolution accordingly; and further

That the resolution be forwarded to the County Warden Lennox for information.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Premier of Ontario, AMO , Ontario Municipalities



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March 12, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent by email to: Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org

Re: Operational Budget Funding

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 6, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution.

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: G Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

Whereas all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes, and;

Whereas all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial funding for their Police operating budget, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province, approximately 40% less than the average Dufferin rural municipal tax rate.

Be it Resolved That the Township of Amaranth call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk
C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities



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May 1, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Email: PaulmCalandra@pc.ola.org

Dear Mr. Calandra,

Re: Operational Budget Funding

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday May 1st, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-05-01-10
Moved By: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the request of the Township of Amareth calling upon the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amount to all Ontario municipalities.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Thompson".

**Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk**

**Cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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CARRIED

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Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk
C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities



May 06, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Andrea Fisher, Clerk
The Town of Goderich
57 West Street
Goderich, Ontario
N7A 2K5

Dear Clerk Fisher,

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

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Manitouwadge passed and endorsed the attached resolution concerning the Town of Goderich's resolution regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,

Joleen Keough
Clerk/Deputy CAO
The Township of Manitouwadge

CC: Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Paul Calandra
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce
Hon. Sylvia Jones
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANITOUWADGE

May 01, 2024

Session No. 2024- 122

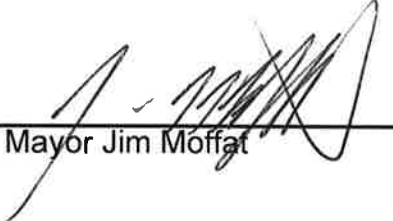
Moved by: TR

Seconded by: B. Hayes

RESOLVED THAT: The Town of Goderich's resolution regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates be received and endorsed.

Recorded Vote	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Kathy Hudson		
Councillor Coady Keough		
Councillor Braden Kotyk		
Councillor Tonilynn Ruff		
Mayor Jim Moffat		

CARRIED DEFEATED



Mayor Jim Moffat



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
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April 23, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Andrea Fisher, Clerk
The Town of Goderich
57 West Street
Goderich, Ontario
N7A 2K5

Dear: Clerk Fisher,

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

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on April 15, 2024, passed, and endorsed the following resolution:

Moved: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded: Councillor DiFlavio

Resolved that the Town of Goderich's resolution regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates be received and endorsed.

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

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC: Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Paul Calandra
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce
Hon. Sylvia Jones
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
Ontario Municipalities

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Catalina Blumenberg
Clerk
Prince Edward County
332 Picton Main Street
Picton, Ontario
K0K 2T0

SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@pecounty.on.ca

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

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.

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher

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Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org
Hon. Sylvia Jones Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org
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Phone: 613-395-3380 Fax: 613-395-0864

May 8, 2024

Cathy Bradley
County of Hastings
Postal Bag 4400
Belleville, ON K8N 3A9

Dear Ms. Bradley,

Re: Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

At their meeting held on May 6, 2024, Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon passed the following resolution:

**Moved by Councillor Graff
Seconded by Councillor Stewart**

That the correspondence from Hastings County calling on the Provincial and Federal Governments to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities be received; and further

That Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon supports the establishment of an intergovernmental working group which would include a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma facing small rural municipalities; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Housing Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, the Acting President and CEO of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Premier, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MPP Ric Bresee, AMO, ROMA, EOWC and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Thank you for bringing this important matter to the attention of Council.

Sincerely,

Sydney Dodson
Deputy-Clerk

/sd

cc: Prime Minister, Minister of Housing Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, Acting President and CEO of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Premier, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MPP Ric Bresee, AMO, ROMA, EOWC, all municipalities in Ontario

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

HELD
May 14th, 2024

2024-104**Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers****Seconded by Councillor Champagne**

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support the resolution from Hastings County calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT 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 Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, Good Roads and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-104 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 14th day of May, 2024.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk

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**The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Council - 13 May 2024**

Item 12.(a)

Date: May 13, 2024**C-2024-165**

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

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 the Township of Georgian Bay 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;

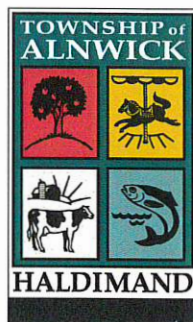
AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, 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.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bocek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



May 8, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, M.P.,
 Prime Minister of Canada
 Office of the Prime Minister
 80 Wellington Street
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

RE: Resolution of Support – Provincial National Fire Fighting Strategy

At its Regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand passed the following resolution:

RES:20240213-19

Moved by Councillor Mary Catherine O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Mike Ainsworth;

"Whereas the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand considered the Resolution from the Municipality of Calvin regarding a request for a Provincial National Fire Fighting Strategy;

Be it resolved that Council hereby provides its support; and

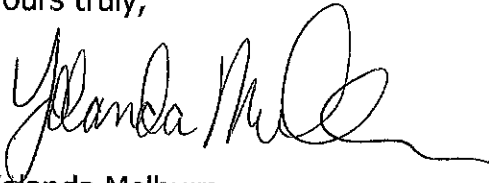
Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to: the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of National Defence, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED.

Please find attached the resolution from the Municipality of Calvin as supporting documentation.

We respectfully submit the resolution and supporting documentation for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yolanda Melburn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Yolanda Melburn
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

Cc: Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario
Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



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"/>



May 9, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 155 University Avenue, Suite 800
 Toronto, ON M5H 3B7
amo@amo.on.ca

Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: Resolution of Support – Request Province to Undertake with AMO a
Comprehensive Review of Municipal Finances Across Ontario**

At its Regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand passed the following resolution:

RES:20240213-24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joan Stover, seconded by Councillor Mike Ainsworth;

"Whereas Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand received letters from the Town's of Hanover and Orangeville supporting the province committing to the undertaking of a social and economic prosperity review; and

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 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;

Therefore, be it resolved 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

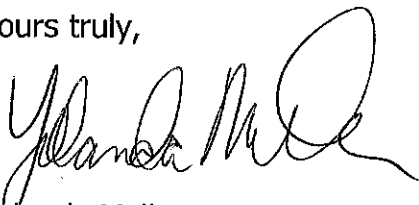
Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Premier Doug Ford, MPP David Piccini - Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED.

Please find attached the resolution from the Town's of Hanover and Orangeville as supporting documentation.

We respectfully submit the resolution and supporting documentation for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Yolanda Melburn
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

Cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Dev.
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
All Ontario Municipalities

Corporate Services

January 26, 2024

Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on January 22, 2024, approved the following resolution:

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; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Orangeville 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, Sylvia Jones; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Yours truly,

Raylene Martell

Raylene Martell
Town Clerk

February 1, 2024

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

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Hanover adopted the following resolution at their meeting of January 15, 2024 regarding the above noted matter;

Moved by COUNCILLOR KOEBEL Seconded by COUNCILLOR HOCKING

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

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;

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

Whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

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;

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

Whereas property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

Whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

Whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

Therefore be it resolved 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 further that a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tanya Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tanya Patterson
Deputy Clerk

/tp

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities



May 3, 2024

Honourable David Piccini, MPP
 Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
 117 Peter Street
 Port Hope, ON L1A 1C5
david.piccini@pc.ola.org

Dear Sir:

RE: Resolution of Support – Expand Life Span of Fire Apparatus

At its Regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand passed the following resolution:

RES:20240213-18

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

"Whereas the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand considered the Resolution from the County of Prince Edward regarding support to request the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks, due to insurance requirements;

Be it resolved that Council hereby provides its support; and

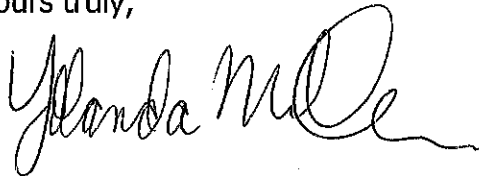
Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to: MPP David Piccini - Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED.

Please find attached the resolution from the County of Prince Edward as supporting documentation.

We respectfully submit the resolution and supporting documentation for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yolanda Melburn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Yolanda Melburn
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

Cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing
All Ontario Municipalities

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





May 13, 2024

Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and
Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
AMCTO Advocacy Team
(advocacy@amcto.com)

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: MFIPPA Modernization

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand at their Special Council Meeting on January 25th, 2024, passed the following resolution:

RES:20240125-11

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joan Stover, seconded by Councillor Greg Booth;

"Whereas the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990 (MFIPPA) has not been comprehensively reviewed in over 30 years; and

Whereas municipalities consider transparency an important tool for building and maintaining public trust and recognize the importance of continuously improving; and

Whereas municipal administrators need legislation that supports effective local program delivery, is responsive to current technology and reflects its original intent of open and accountable government; and

Whereas MFFIPA presents a number of challenges for municipal staff which can hinder its effectiveness and efficiency when it comes to serving the public; and

Whereas municipalities should have updated legislation that ensures municipal resources are best allocated; increases trust in public institutions through strengthening

accountability, transparency and responsiveness; and addresses the needs of the digital era; and

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has comprehensively reviewed MFIPPA and put forward recommendations in their submission "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act";

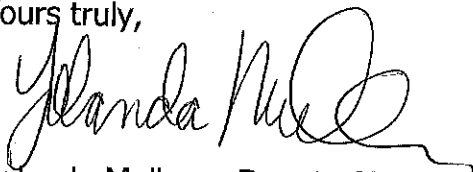
Be it resolved that the Ministry of Public Business and Service Delivery be requested to review MFIPPA and consider recommendations as outlined by AMCTO within their submission, "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act"; and

Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to AMCTO's Advocacy Team, the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED

We respectfully submit the resolution supporting the review and reform of MFIPPA.

Yours truly,



Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
905-349-2822 ext. 32
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Cc: Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery
All Ontario Municipalities



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Premier of Ontario
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Hon. Michael Ford
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Township of Puslinch
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May 9, 2024

RE: Resolution from Town of Coburg Council regarding Request to Amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 10, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-123:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.13 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the resolution from the Town of Cobourg Council regarding a Request to Amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

That Council direct staff to forward a support resolution accordingly; and

That Council refer this consent item to the Heritage Advisory Committee for its information.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,



Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

All Ontario Municipalities

Sent via email

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

March 8, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the Architectural Conservancy Ontario 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

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on February 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

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 Town of Cobourg have been diligently 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; contact owners of such 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 213 listed properties in the Town of Cobourg is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the limited municipal resources available.



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobourg authorize the Mayor to promptly 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 above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to all 443 municipalities in Ontario seeking support of the ACO correspondence.

Sincerely,



Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

May 6, 2024

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Town of Orangeville, regarding an element of the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23).

As you are aware, this omnibus Bill introduced several changes to various pieces of legislation, including the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act, The Conservation Authorities Act, and the Ontario Heritage Act. It is within the context of the latter that I am reaching out to you today.

Specifically, I wish to draw your attention to subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act, which stipulates that any non-designated heritage property that is listed on the municipal register as of December 31st, 2024, shall be removed from the register on or before January 1st, 2025, unless the Council of the municipality gives notice of intention to designate the property under section 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Heritage Committee for the Town of Orangeville, comprised of dedicated volunteers, alongside our staff members, have diligently worked to review the current non-designated register, which contains a staggering 454 properties. However, despite their best efforts, they are unable to complete this monumental task by the looming deadline due to resource constraints and competing interest, most notably the urgent need to review and support new housing development proposals.

Therefore, on behalf of Council for the Town of Orangeville, I am requesting an amendment to subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act, extending the deadline from January 1st, 2025 to January 1st, 2030. This extension will provide the necessary time and resource allocation to thoroughly assess each property's heritage value, engage with property owners, and take the appropriate steps to designate those deemed significant under the provisions of section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

In light of the urgency of this matter, I kindly ask for your support in facilitating this amendment. I have been authorized to by my Council to send this letter and its attached resolution, which received unanimous support at our Council meeting on Monday, April 29th, 2024.

Thank you in advance for your quick attention to this pressing issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Lisa Post
Mayor

cc. Hon. Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Hon. Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin/Caledon, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
John Ecker, Chair of the Ontario Heritage Trust
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario MPPs
Municipal Councils across the Province
Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO)

Corporate Services

May 1, 2024

Re: Ontario Heritage Act Amendment

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on April 29, 2024, approved the following resolution:

Whereas the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23)* received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. As part of this omnibus Bill, several changes were implemented to various pieces of legislation, including but not limited to, *The Planning Act, The Development Charges Act, The Conservation Authorities Act, and The Ontario Heritage Act;*

And 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, 2024 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 Section 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on or before January 1, 2025;

And whereas, the Heritage Orangeville committee comprises of a handful of dedicated volunteers who are not able to review the current non-designated register containing 454 properties on or before the deadline of December 31, 2024;

And whereas, Heritage Orangeville committee along with staff members would need to review the municipal heritage register, research the heritage value and interest of listed non-designated properties, contact owners of such 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 454 listed properties in the Town of Orangeville is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

- 1. The Council of the Town of Orangeville request that Subsection 27 (16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and**
- 2. That the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust; and**
- 3. That the Town Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Provincial MPPs, Municipal Councils across the province, and the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO).**

Carried Unanimously.

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell
Town Clerk



Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Via e-mail: lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org

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May 9, 2024

Dear Minister Thompson,

In the 2023 Auditor General's Value-for-Money Audit of Public Health Ontario (PHO) released in December 2023, recommendation number 5 states that PHO, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health (MOH), are to update and implement a laboratory modernization plan within 12 months to streamline the laboratory's operations.

https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_publichealth_en23.pdf

This stemmed from a 2017 proposal by PHO, collaboratively with the MOH at the request of the Deputy Minister to close six of the 11 public health laboratory sites (Hamilton, Kingston, Orillia, Peterborough, Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins) and gradually discontinue private drinking water testing. The justification:

- Mitigating rising costs of maintaining facilities
- Establishing a more efficient operating model that reduces the rerouting of samples to other PHO laboratory sites

The residents of the Township of Puslinch do not have access to a municipal water supply and rely exclusively on private wells. The phasing out of free well water testing will impose an additional barrier to water sampling.

At the April 10, 2024, meeting of the Township of Puslinch's Council the following resolution was unanimously approved:



Resolution No. 2024-134:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That correspondence item 10.2 regarding the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee recommendation Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing be received for information; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch in receipt of the February 26, 2024 letter from the Ausable Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee (via the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee Meeting of March 28, 2024) to Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs concerned Public Health Ontario's recommended phase out of free well water testing; and

Whereas the residents of the Township does not have access to a municipal water supply and rely exclusively on well water; and

Whereas the phasing of free well water testing will impose an additional barrier to ensuring safe drinking water when it is already difficult to encourage residents to test their water;

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch supports the letter from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee to Minister Lisa Thompson and requests staff to send a similar letter of concern Minister Lisa Thompson, Honourable Sylvia Jones Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Honourable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, Hon. Ted Arnott, and MPP Rae.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk



CC: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Hon. Andrea Khanjin, MPP Rae, Hon. Ted Arnott, All Ontario Municipalities

February 26th, 2023

Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Via e-mail: lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org

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

Dear Minister Thompson,

In the 2023 Auditor General's Value-for-Money Audit of Public Health Ontario (PHO) released in December 2023, recommendation number 5 states that PHO, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health (MOH), are to update and implement a laboratory modernization plan within 12 months to streamline the laboratory's operations.

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- Mitigating rising costs of maintaining facilities
- Establishing a more efficient operating model that reduces the rerouting of samples to other PHO laboratory sites

About 50% of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Region population is serviced by private wells. The proposed removal of PHO's free private drinking water testing is of concern to our Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Committee, particularly when Source Protection Regions have been directed by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Source Protection Branch, to deliver education and outreach to private well owners under the new Best Practices initiative.

In our region, we have been working with service and community organizations such as the Lions, Optimists and Lakeshore Residents Associations to co-host very successful Best Practices 'Water Wise' events that encourage private well owners to sample their drinking water using the free microbial testing provided by the province. By distributing water sample bottles ahead of the event and delivering the samples to Huron Perth Public Health for lab analysis, most of

the barriers to water sampling are removed. At these events 25% to 50% of a communities well water will be sampled in one day or night.

Well owners understand the importance of testing their well water; it is the inconvenience of doing so that is the barrier. One of the goals of the 'Water Wise' events is to encourage well owners to get in the habit of testing their water regularly as part of Best Practices for protecting their drinking water. The hope is that the community groups and service clubs that Source Protection staff work with will make Water Wise water sampling events part of their regular activities.

Private drinking water systems in Ontario do not have the legislated safeguards that are required for municipal/communal/public systems under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*. Only municipal water supply systems fall under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and the Source Water Protection program. Health Canada's guidance on waterborne pathogens references three studies that determine that private systems are vulnerable and there is evidence that demonstrates they are more likely to contribute to gastrointestinal illness than public drinking water systems.

If the free water testing phase out recommendation is approved, well owners would have to use a commercial lab for a fee, which disincentivizes testing. When water is not monitored regularly, there is no way to know the true quality of the water, which puts people at increased risk of becoming ill. With private systems being stand-alone systems, any associated illnesses are isolated sporadic events and do not come to public attention like those seen during the Walkerton outbreak.

The private drinking water test data maintained by PHO has been used by researchers to publish evidence that helps support public health policy. Source Protection Committees can access data associated with their area, as was presented at our March 2023 meeting. The data can be used to inform well owners of regional water quality concerns and associated health risks. If PHO stops testing, this data and affiliated research will no longer be available.

In the Walkerton Inquiry Report Part 2, Justice O'Connor concluded the privatization of laboratory testing of drinking water samples connected directly to the *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak in Walkerton Ontario in May 2000. Twenty-four years later, there is a proposal to privatize water testing once again.

At the January 31st meeting of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee the following resolution was unanimously approved:

MOTION #SPC: 2024-02-04

Moved by Philip Keightley

Seconded by Mary Ellen Foran

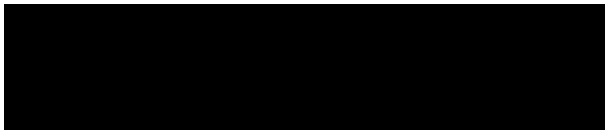
“THAT the Source Protection Committee direct a letter to Minister Thompson requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase out of free private well testing in Ontario, and

“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.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely



Matthew Pearson

Chair

Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee

Cc Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Municipalities of Adelaide Metcalfe, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Bluewater, Central Huron, Goderich, Howick, Huron East, Lambton Shores, Lucan Biddulph, Mapleton, Middlesex Centre, Minto, Morris-Turnberry, North Middlesex, North Perth, Perth South, South Bruce, South Huron, Warwick, West Perth, Wellington North
Townships of Huron-Kinloss and North Huron

Huron Perth Public Health, Lambton Public Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health

Source Protection Regions: Cataraqui; Central Lake Ontario, Toronto, Credit Valley; Essex; Hamilton Halton; Grey Sauble, Saugeen, Northern Bruce Peninsula; Lake Erie; Lakehead; Mattagami; Mississippi-Rideau; Niagara; North Bay; Quinte; Raisin South Nation; Sault Ste. Marie; South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe; Sudbury; Thames -Sydenham and Region; Trent Conservation Coalition



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May 14, 2024

Sent via email: info@karea.ca

Kingston and Area Real
Estate Association
720 Arlington Park Place
Kingston, ON K7M 8H9

Re: Protecting Our Community's Water

Dear Erin Finn,

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following resolution at its regular session meeting of April 30, 2024:

RESOLUTION #155/24: Pinnell Jr., Norrie

That Council receive for information the correspondence from the Kingston and Area Real Estate Association regarding the local impacts of the proposed closure of the Kingston public health lab;

And further, that Council send a letter of support to the President of the Kingston and Area Real Estate Association;

And further that a copy of the letter to be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, Ric Bresee, MPP - Hastings Lennox and Addington; Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP- Hastings and Lennox and Addington and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Jessica Walters
Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
Ric Bresee, MPP for Hastings-Lennox & Addington
Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP for Hastings-Lennox &
Addington
All municipalities of Ontario



Dear Mayor Richardson and Council

As a valued members of our community I feel it is important to share with you a matter of significant concern that affects us all, especially those of us living in or considering rural properties in Hastings, Lennox and Addington and Frontenac Counties.

Recent recommendations have put the future of our local Public Health Ontario laboratory in jeopardy. This facility is crucial for conducting no-cost water testing, a service that many of our rural residents rely on to ensure their drinking water is safe. The proposed closure of the Kingston lab could have a direct impact on our community's health and safety, as well as potential implications for property values and the attractiveness of rural living.

Why Your Support is Needed:

- Community Health: Safe drinking water is a cornerstone of public health. Losing access to local, no-cost water testing could lead to increased health risks.
- Rural Impact: Rural residents, in particular, depend on these services due to the absence of municipal water services in many areas.
- Economic Considerations: The availability of reliable water testing services is essential for maintaining property values and the desirability of rural properties.

How You Can Help:

The Kingston and Area Real Estate Association is spearheading a petition to keep the Kingston water testing lab operational and its services free. We believe that by coming together as a community, we can ensure that our voices are heard and that this essential service remains available to those who need it most.

We kindly ask for your support by:

1. Note and receive this letter for information and to provide a motion that a copy of this letter is sent to:
 - Premier Doug Ford
 - Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvie Jones
 - MPP Ric Bresee
 - MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman
 - All remaining 443 Ontario Municipalities

2. Spread the Word: Please share this information with friends, family, and neighbours. The more voices we gather, the stronger our appeal.

Your engagement in this cause is not just about preserving a service; it's about upholding the health and well-being of our community. Together, we can make a difference.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message and for considering this call to action. Your support means everything to us and to rural communities across Ontario.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Erin Finn

2024 President Kingston and Area Real Estate Association (KAREA)



May 14, 2024

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

Dear Premier Ford:

Re:Public Health Ontario proposes phasing out free water testing for private wells

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Gore Bay adopted the following resolution at their meeting of May 13, 2024, regarding the above noted matter;

15772

Moved by Kelly Chaytor

Seconded by Rob Dearing

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gore Bay Council supports the Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services;

FURTHER, this resolution is circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, and Sudbury District Health Unit.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

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

Stasia Carr
Clerk

Cc:

Minister of Health sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

Sudbury District Health Unit sutcliffep@phsd.ca

Ontario Municipalities



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD
May 14th, 2024

2024-105

**Moved by Councillor Trahan
Seconded by Councillor Kelly**

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the resolution from the Township of the Archipelago regarding requesting the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services;

AND FURTHER THAT that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, MPP Nipissing.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-105 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 14th day of May, 2024.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
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May 16, 2024

Sent Via Email

Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 15, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution concerning Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water.

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

Whereas free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, including the entire Township of Amaranth, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; and

Whereas the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; and

Whereas the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that The Township of Amaranth hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

Further Be It Resolved that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit, and MPP Sylvia Jones.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

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

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

CC:
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister of Health
Wellington Dufferin Public Health Unit
MPP Sylvia Jones
All Ontario Municipalities



Clerks Division
Tara Stephens
City Clerk
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tara.stephens@welland.ca

May 15, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
Niagara Region
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Dear Ann-Marie:

Re: Correspondence from the City of St. Catharines regarding Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Nonnative (“exotic”) Wild Animals.

At its meeting on May 7, 2024, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and supports the correspondence from the City of St. Catharines dated April 23, 2024, regarding Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Nonnative (“exotic”) Wild Animals.”

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tara Stephens'.

Tara Stephens
City Clerk

- c.c.:
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - Local Area Municipalities, sent via e-mail
 - The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General
 - The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Local MPPs
 - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
 - Municipal Law Enforcement Officers’ Association of Ontario (MLEAO)
 - All Municipalities of Ontario

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 8

Resolution #:

Date: May 14, 2024

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of exotic wild animals in captivity;

AND WHEREAS exotic wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province;

AND WHEREAS the keeping of exotic wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife;

AND WHEREAS owners of exotic wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with exotic wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of exotic wild animals and

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 9

Resolution #:

Date: May 14, 2024

roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of exotic wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the exotic wild animal population;

AND FINALLY THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario's Solicitor General, Ontario's Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, AMO, AMCTO, MLEAO, Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

HELD
May 14th, 2024

2024-106**Moved by Councillor Kelly****Seconded by Councillor Champagne**

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support the resolution from the City of St. Catharines regarding petitioning the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario’s citizens and the non-native (“exotic”) wild animal population;

AND FUTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-106 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 14th day of May, 2024.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk

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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS
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May 14, 2024

Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attention: Paul Calandra
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Mr. Calandra:

RE: Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act.

The Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) is an enforcement tool approved by the Provincial Government in August of 2009 and was originally used for parking offences to free up court time and cost.

A large number of municipalities have adopted an AMPS program and have applied AMPS to other Municipal enforcement by-laws as a replacement to the standard Part 1 Provincial Offences Act (POA) ticket system, as it provides the alleged offender with a flexible appeal system and the municipality the ability to apply unpaid penalties on to the property taxes. AMPS frees up valuable Provincial Offences Court time saving the province and the municipalities valuable resources and funds.

AMPS was written into the Building Code Act in December of 2017 however it has not received Royal Assent. AMPS has proven to be a valuable tool for education and enforcement of other Municipal by-laws. On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, we ask that AMPS receive Royal Assent. In doing so this would free up time for Building Officials to conduct their primary job (building inspections) instead of having to attend court normally a full day to hear an appeal to Part 1 ticket, at the same time providing the offender a more streamlined appeal system.

Sincerely,

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

TG/lv
Copy to:

MPP, Graydon Smith
Association of Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipal Clerk and Treasurers of Ontario
All Area Municipalities



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**MUNICIPALITY OF CASSELMAN
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING**

Regular Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.1.1.
Resolution Number 2024-134
Title: Geneviève Lajoie - Autonomy of Conservation Authorities in Ontario
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Moved by: Genevieve Lajoie
Seconded by: Paul Groulx

WHEREAS the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has proposed regulatory changes under the Conservation Authorities Act, as detailed in posting #019-8320 on the Environment Registry of Ontario, which grant the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry unprecedented powers to i) prevent a conservation authority from issuing a permit and decide on a permit application in the place of the conservation authority, and ii) review a conservation authority permit decision at the request of an applicant, as notified by Jennifer Keyes, Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch;

AND WHEREAS these changes threaten to undermine the expertise, autonomy, and localized knowledge of conservation authorities, risking the effective stewardship of Ontario's natural resources, as articulated in the letter from Genevieve Lajoie, Mayor of Casselman and dedicated board member of the South Nation Conservation;

AND WHEREAS the proposed changes may lead to developments that compromise water quality, public health, and biodiversity, and ignore the critical role of conservation authorities in climate adaptation strategies, indigenous rights and knowledge, and environmental and economic sustainability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Casselman stands in solidarity, expressing deep concern and opposition to the proposed regulatory changes under the Conservation Authorities Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Casselman supports the call to uphold the principles of scientific integrity, local expertise, and community input in conservation efforts, advocating for the autonomy of conservation authorities to protect our environment from decisions that favor development at the expense of environmental integrity;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Municipality of Casselman urges all Ontario municipalities to join in this call by supporting the letter addressed to the MNRF by Mayor Genevieve Lajoie, and to advocate for the MNRF to reconsider the proposed regulatory changes in favor of environmental stewardship, public trust, and the rights of future generations.

Sébastien Dion

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May 16, 2024

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on April 24, 2024, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River passed the following resolution in support of the County of Renfrew Council resolution regarding Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems:

6.1.1 Rural and Small Urban Municipalities - Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems
Renfrew County Council

RESOLUTION 2024 117

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes
SECONDED BY: Councillor Giardini

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence from the County of Renfrew Council regarding the affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems of rural and small urban municipalities, be received,

THAT Council of the Town of Deep River endorses the motion, and

THAT it be forwarded to the same persons as listed in the County of Renfrew distribution list.

CARRIED



Kind Regards,



Jackie Mellon, on behalf of the Council of the Town of Deep River
Clerk
Town of Deep River

cc: The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions
and Intergovernmental Affairs
The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to
the Minister of the Energy
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
All Ontario Municipalities



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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

RE: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 31, 2024, The County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives; and

WHEREAS in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of

the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

WHEREAS in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

WHEREAS in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

WHEREAS in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Renfrew:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate 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 a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.