



Correspondence Items Presented for Information November 4, 2024

- 1) Correspondence from The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Ontario Minister of Energy and Electrification Re: Ontario's affordable energy future.
- 2) Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Re:
 - a) Policy update – Advocacy on transportation, energy and housing policy.
 - b) Policy update – Fall Economic Statement.
- 3) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Town of the Blue Mountains Re: Support for establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.
- 4) Correspondence from the Institute of South Georgian Bay Re: Regional Community Affordable Action Plan event.
- 5) Correspondence from the Executive Assistant, Town of Tillsonburg Re: Continued funding support – Southwest Community Transit.
- 6) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Northumberland County Re: Public sector salary disclosure.
- 7) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Recommendations for updates to the *Municipal Elections Act*.
 - a) Town of Bracebridge
 - b) Township of McGarry
- 8) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Township of Clearview Re: Support for increase to the Tile Drain Loan limit.
- 9) Correspondence from the Finance and Administration Clerk, Township of Larder Lake Re:
 - a) Government regulations of nicotine pouches.
 - b) Canada Community Building Fund.
- 10) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Ontario Provincial Police costs.
 - a) Township of Whitewater Region
 - b) Town of Wasaga Beach
 - c) Town of Petawawa

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October 23, 2024

Dear Energy Stakeholder:

I am writing today to share [Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power](#), and to share information about next steps on integrated energy resource planning.

Ontario's energy demand is expected to increase by 75 per cent by 2050, as a result of economic development, housing for its growing population and electrification. There is a need to move to an integrated planning process across fuels and sectors, coordinating the build-out of an energy system that remains affordable, abundant and clean.

To support this work, I am pleased to release *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power*, which sets out our priorities in meeting the challenge of a growing Ontario. We are also initiating a consultation and engagement process that would inform the development of Ontario's first Integrated Energy Resource Plan. This plan, which we intend to release in 2025, will consider a long-term, integrated view of energy use across the economy and across all sources of energy.

To help guide this consultation and engagement process, the ministry has released a consultation posting on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#), which includes *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power*, together with links to contextual and background information and a series of questions to help guide feedback from our consultation and engagement. The ministry is seeking feedback from the public, Indigenous communities, and key stakeholders to help shape the plan, and we would like to hear from you.

On October 23, 2024, I also introduced Bill 214, the *Affordable Energy Act, 2024*, for approval by the legislature. This legislation would, if passed, enable the development of Integrated Energy Resource Plans, and take other steps to achieve our vision of an affordable energy future. The proposal includes statutory amendments that would make it more cost-effective to connect to the electricity grid, help reduce energy use to save families and businesses money and support the growth of electric vehicles in Ontario.

Our legislative initiative, along with *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future*, builds on significant work completed over the past six years to refine energy system planning and guide the transition to cleaner forms of energy. I appreciate the valuable contributions from the sector to help inform this work so far, such as the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's engagements. I look forward to continuing to work together through this process.

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I encourage you to review *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power* as well as [Bill 214, the Affordable Energy Act, 2024](#), and submit your feedback through the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

If you have any specific questions about this consultation process, please contact the following Ministry of Energy and Electrification staff:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Lecce', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen Lecce
Minister

c: Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries
Matt Hiraishi, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Energy and Electrification
Crystal Mason, Chief of Staff to the Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries
Susanna Laaksonen-Craig, Deputy Minister of Energy and Electrification
Karen Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister of Energy and Electrification



AMO Policy Update - Advocacy on Transportation, Energy and Housing Policy

Responding to [Bill.878;Reducing.Gridlock?Saving.You.Time.Act](#)

The Minister of Transportation tabled [Bill.878;Reducing.Gridlock?Saving.You.Time.Act](#) that proposes a series of changes to:

- Expedite highway construction for Highway 413, Bradford Bypass, Garden City Skyway Bridge (and future potential priority highway projects) including accelerating property acquisitions and facilitating 24/7 construction, among other measures
- Create a faster environmental assessment process for Highway 413 and the extensions of Highways 410 and 427, and exempt certain nearby early works
- Require municipalities to receive approval from the province before installing new bike lanes that would result in the removal of lanes for traffic
- Freeze fees for driver testing
- Make a Tow Zone Pilot permanent on four sections of 400-series highways in the GTA
- Provide the Minister of Infrastructure with the ability to use an expedited expropriations process for establishing easements that internet service providers require to install and build new broadband infrastructure

AMO will submit comments and seek to speak at Standing Committee to relay the challenges some of the Bill's components create for municipalities. As a start, AMO recently [outlined](#) that municipal expertise is best positioned to make decisions on bike

lanes and local transportation planning, and these proposed changes are an overreach into municipal jurisdiction.

In addition to the Bill, the government announced related [proposals](#) including plans to consult with municipalities on a new pothole fund for the 2025 construction season. This fund would help small municipalities maintain their roads, which are often difficult to fund due to limited tax bases. AMO will collaborate with the province on the development and rollout of this new fund.

Ontario Announces New Electricity Distribution Funding Legislation

The Minister of Energy and Electrification [has announced](#) plans to introduce legislation that would allow the province to regulate electricity distribution infrastructure costs for new homes and businesses. The Minister has also directed the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to implement recommendations from its [Housing Connections Report Back](#) to the Minister which was recently made public.

This proposal would allow distributors to spread the costs of new infrastructure over 40 years instead of 25. It would also require the OEB to review the current practice of collecting upfront costs from early connectors within the first five years and convene a table with municipalities, utilities, and builders to explore ways to reduce the costs of new connections.

This direction aligns with AMO's June [submission to the OEB](#), which advocated for a series of principles to guide funding model changes. In particular, it advances the principle of fairness by ensuring that the upfront costs of new electricity infrastructure are balanced between existing and new residents.

Advancing Advocacy on Energy Procurements

AMO has [sent the IESO comments](#) to support the design of the upcoming [LT2 Procurement](#) process. Submissions for LT2 projects are expected to be open from December 2024 to Fall 2025, and municipalities are likely to be contacted by proponents seeking municipal support during this time.

Our advocacy stresses the importance of ensuring municipalities have support to make sound local decisions on energy projects and encouraging energy builders to engage early

and often with municipalities. This includes calling on the IESO to ensure LT2 is clear on requirements for project location (including incentives for siting on Crown land and in northern communities), agricultural protection, and Indigenous participation.

AMO has also called for community benefit agreements (CBAs) to become a standard part of energy procurements. This would ensure municipalities receive revenue to offset costs to service energy project sites, and to hire experts to support local energy approvals including energy or legal consultants.

Improving Ontario's Housing Data

Questions and concerns persist on how housing targets are being measured. AMO has worked closely with the province, municipalities and the CMHC to improve data to maximize municipal Building Faster Fund allocations this year. In a recent [letter to Minister Calandra](#), we urged the province to fix 2024 allocations and commit to implementing advice from the sector on how to improve housing data.



AMO Policy Update - Fall Economic Statement

This afternoon, the province released its [2024 Fall Economic Statement](#). The statement included the following announcements impacting municipalities:

- A \$100 million increase in the **Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)** over the next two fiscal years. AMO welcomes this OMPF enhancement as an important step in addressing municipal fiscal sustainability, including rural and Northern communities who will benefit from this increase. 2025 OMPF allocations, totaling \$550 million, and supporting materials have been posted [online](#).
- Supporting consolidation of **municipal electricity utilities (MEUs)** by extending and expanding transfer tax breaks. AMO welcomes this measure to ease the financial burden when local decisions are made to merge utilities.
- While the **provincial property tax review** is ongoing, property tax reassessments will continue to be deferred. The province is also undertaking work to permit municipalities to reduce municipal tax rates on affordable rental housing properties, explore property tax changes for student housing, and improve information and data sharing between the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and municipalities. AMO looks forward to continued engagement on the property tax review, and these specific measures to ensure that the property tax system continues to work for municipalities.
- Scope expansion on Bill 212: *Fighting Gridlock, Saving You Time Act*. It now proposes to give the province power to **remove existing bike lanes**. AMO's recent [policy update](#) on the Bill highlights how the province's overreach into municipal planning is ineffective and counterproductive. AMO will oppose this in its comments to standing committee.

The province has included stronger revenue and economic growth projections than were included in the 2024 Budget. The provincial fiscal foundations are in place for meaningful partnership with municipalities on a Social and Economic Prosperity Review.

On behalf of municipalities, AMO is calling on the provincial government to make investments that will improve the quality of life of Ontarians in communities across the province. Municipalities need a provincial partner that will:

- **Sustainably invest in public infrastructure** to support growth, improve transportation, and prepare for the impacts of climate change.
- **Reduce the province's \$4 billion reliance on municipal revenues to fund provincial programs**, like health and social services, so municipal tax dollars can go toward supporting thriving communities.
- **Take action on the root causes of homelessness** through investments in mental health and addictions programming and improved income security that allows people to keep a roof over their heads.

This policy update is also available on [AMO's Website](#).



**The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting**

Title: Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association and Antoine Boucher, President, Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors

Date: Monday, October 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence of Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association and Antoine Boucher, President, Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors Re: Request for Council Consideration of Support for Resolution regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program;
WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;
AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;
AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;
AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural strained health care system;
AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario’s rural roads; and
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

YES: 6

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Mayor Matrosovs

Councillor Ardiel

Councillor Hope

Councillor Maxwell

Councillor McKinlay

Councillor Porter

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

Deputy Mayor Bordignon

From: Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Town Clerk <townclerk@thebluemountains.ca>
Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Good Roads

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: Town of The Blue Mountains Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Too many Ontarians are being seriously injured or killed on our roads.

In 2023, there were 616 people killed and 36,090 people injured. The number of fatalities is up nearly 20% in the last ten years.

In 2021, the most recent year of complete data from MTO's *Ontario Road Safety Annual Report* (ORSAR), there were 561 fatalities – 426 of which occurred on municipal roads. While rural Ontario only represents 17% of the province's population, 55% of these deaths occurred on rural roads. By any measure, Ontario's rural roads are disproportionately more dangerous.

At the same time, municipal insurance premiums continue to increase. With no plausible reform being considered for joint and several liability, municipalities need to find innovative means for managing risk, particularly on their roadways,

To deal with this crisis, Good Roads has designed a multifaceted rural road safety program and have been in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to fund it. The program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and save lives. This program is designed to be cost effective while also providing rural municipalities with a direct means for addressing risk associated with their roadways.

Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year \$183 million program that leverages our 131 years of municipal road expertise and our industry partnerships to quickly put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads.

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

If the Town of The Blue Mountains would be interested in pursuing this, a Council resolution similar to the example below should be adopted and sent to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation:

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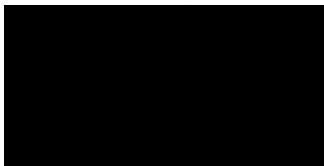
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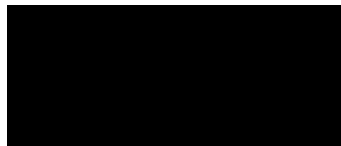
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact Thomas Barakat, Good Roads' Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations, at thomas@goodroads.ca at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Scott R. Butler
Executive Director



Antoine Boucher
President
Good Roads Board of Directors



- [Register now to Explore the Regional Community Affordable Housing Action Plan on November 13th! and](#)
- [Updates on Affordable Housing Initiatives in the Town of Collingwood](#)
- [Best Practices for Green Building event on November 7th in Collingwood](#)
- [Register for a Screening of “Uncharitable” and Let’s Rethink Philanthropy and Social Change](#)
- [Our heartfelt thanks to Dale Biddell, Philanthropist and retiring Board Member](#)

REGISTER NOW! Regional Community Affordable Housing Action Plan

Wednesday, November 13, 4:30-6pm via Zoom: [Register Now!](#)



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REGISTER TO JOIN US ON
NOVEMBER 13TH 2024
FROM 4:30-6:00 PM

ZOOM

EXPLORE THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTION PLAN
with the Social Finance and Housing Group of the Institute of Southern Georgian Bay

SUPPORT MORE COMMUNITY PROJECTS LIKE THIS ONE BY VISITING:
WWW.TISGB.COM/JOINUS

The Institute of Southern Georgian Bay is inviting you - community members, housing professionals and municipal leaders - to the **online event Wednesday, November 13, 4:30-6pm to explore the draft *Regional Community Affordable Housing Action Plan*. [Register NOW](#).**

More than two years of learning, collaborative events, listening to solution-focused speakers from across Canada, and much community discussion, has resulted in a draft plan to increase our supply of affordable housing.

We now know what is needed and are inviting you to a virtual event to explore a whole community collaborative solution. Our communities are learning from the projects of other communities and, with our own unique twists, can provide the affordable housing we need. The Institute's **Social Finance & Affordable Housing Group** will set out elements of the plan. We will hear how county plans can enable or support the work.

In addition to local non- market housing developers and concerned residents, this event's speakers will include the following **County Representatives**:

- **Liz Buckton, Senior Policy Planner, Grey County**
- **Clair Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, Bruce County**
- **Kristin Pechkovsky, Planning Program Supervisor – Innovation and Acceleration, Simcoe County**

[Please take a moment to review the plan in advance](#) and come and hear more about the two spheres of integrated activity, which we believe are the best bet for progress: focusing municipal leadership on affordability and working through community to reach the goal.

Hear more about the key components of the plan:

- a regional view to achieve scale,
- focused municipal support for affordable development,
- supporting our “nonmarket” housing providers,
- using new mechanisms such as land trusts and cop-ops, and
- increasing access to capital for affordable acquisition of land and buildings.

In addition, hear how the **Provincial Policy Statement on Planning will impact municipalities**; how Grey County is responding with the Housing Plan Update; Simcoe County’s Housing Attainable Supply Action Plan (Housing ASAP), and learn about progress in various municipalities.

If you want to be up-to-date on the shifting terrain for affordable housing, and wish to contribute to this regional plan, this is the event to participate in and help move all of us forward, together!

[Register Today!](#)

Affordable Housing Initiatives, Town of Collingwood

By Jack Vanderkooy, Co-Lead, Social Finance & Affordable Housing Group, TISGB

In early October, approximately 70 Collingwood residents gathered at Trinity United Church, to participate in a panel discussion addressing the Affordable Housing situation. The evening, part of the church’s Trinity Talks series, was moderated by Terry Geddes, a former Mayor of Collingwood. The three panelists were Doug Linton,

Chair of the Collingwood Affordable Housing Task Force, Claire de Souza, Collingwood Housing Development Coordinator and Jack Vanderkooy, Co-Lead of the Institute of Southern Georgian Bay's Social Finance and Affordable Housing Group.

Doug reviewed the work and progress of the task force since 2021, including the creation of the **master plan** <https://www.collingwood.ca/affordablehousing>. The new mandate given by Council for the year ahead includes community engagement, communication and education related to affordable housing. He challenged the audience to understand all things related to affordable housing and to change the narrative as you discuss these topics with friends to ensure that we are an inclusive community with housing for all.

Claire spoke of initiatives the town has taken to enable more affordable housing. Included is the **annual funding of an affordable housing reserve fund, streamlining the planning process, enabling and funding accessory residential units, by-law changes to allow up to 4 units per residential lot, and reduced parking requirements.**

[Read Full Recap Here!](#)

Best Practices for Green Home Development



The Collingwood Climate Action Team, in collaboration with ORCCA, are excited to host their inaugural **Best Practices for Green Home Development** forum featuring Ryan Zizzo as the keynote speaker. The event will also include an expert-led panel and discussions on the co-benefits of low-carbon and resilient home building practices.

Join Green Building industry leaders for breakfast at the Blue Mountain Golf & Country Club in Collingwood, Ontario on Thursday November 7th, 2024 to learn, engage, network, and discover the value-added outcomes of development practices which reduce climate pollution and climate change impacts.

- Learn about innovative building practices and projects in the region from industry experts.
- Join the dialogues about low-carbon and resilient home building.
- Connect with peers and potential clients. Be a part of developing a resilient future for our community.

Lead the way to more resilient construction! Discover how building low-carbon, resilient homes can position your business at the forefront of innovation.

[Register Now!](#)

Join us for a Screening of: Uncharitable: Rethinking Philanthropy and Community Change

Join us on November 29th for a screening of *Uncharitable: Rethinking Philanthropy and Community Change*, an inspiring evening of film and conversation at Simcoe Street Theatre. We'll be screening *Uncharitable*, a powerful documentary inspired by Dan Pallotta's groundbreaking TED Talk on philanthropy. This thought-provoking film examines the constraints placed on nonprofits and calls us to reimagine our approach to supporting social purpose organizations.



After the screening, join a dynamic discussion led by TISGB Board Member and Philanthropist Jordie Burton, exploring how we can break traditional molds, drive community change, and elevate philanthropy in our region. This event is for anyone interested in supporting impactful social enterprises, charitable organizations, or community development.

[Register NOW](#) to this FREE event today and become a part of the movement to rethink philanthropy!

Our heartfelt thanks to Dale Biddell, Philanthropist and retiring Board Member

On behalf of the Board, and all the people involved in the work of the Institute, I would like to give our deepest thanks to Dale Biddell.



Dale is one of those extraordinary people who gives in so many ways. She joined the Board five years ago, just before the pandemic, when she was Chief Executive Officer, United Way Simcoe Muskoka. She believed in the work of the Institute and did not miss a beat in thinking about ways that our organizations were aligned and, in the early days of the pandemic, offered some much-needed administrative/communications support from UWSM, which kept us connected.

She became Co-Lead of Governance and worked with then Board member Yvonne Hamlin do some deep thinking about moving the Institute from a start-up towards an ongoing enterprise and helped create the Institute's bylaws.

We could always count on Dale to:

- ask the hard questions,
- learn with all of us, and
- invest in the work needed to move us forward.

Dale's profound interest in the wellbeing of others helped us fine-tune our priority program areas. She focussed her time contributions on Affordable Housing and learning more about how Social Finance tools can help. She was also interested in the multiple benefits of moving all sectors towards a greener economy.

At one of our 2022 events, Dale gave an inspiring presentation about her own philanthropic journey and the impact each of us can have. **We were taken by surprise when she announced a major philanthropic investment in the work of the Institute. The announcement was followed by a \$25,000 donation to the Institute's Endowment/Flowthrough Fund**, held at the Community Foundation Grey Bruce. This is the biggest gift the Institute has ever received!

This funding helped support two big program areas by ensuring the success of:

- the November 2023 Affordable Housing Forum, our biggest cross-country gathering ever done, as well as the January 2024 Housing Retreat. The result is the comprehensive report featuring financing solutions to address the housing affordability gap now posted at the top of our Affordable Housing Toolkit - <https://tisgb.com/social-finance-and-housing/affordable-housing-toolkit/> and
- The Green Economy Hub Pilot Project, our first multi-sector collaborative project which has evolved out of our programming operational work. This pilot project focusses on helping local businesses become more sustainable, mitigate costs and risks related to climate change, and strengthen their brand. The Institute was able to provide \$15,000 in seed money to support Collingwood Climate Action Team to take on the role of Lead Charitable, Local Partner in this project. **Find out more and consider businesses that could**

join this pilot

- <https://www.collingwoodclimateaction.com/greeneconomy>

Dale, you have been an extraordinary Board member – engaged, steadfast, strategic, and extremely generous.

Thank you from all of us involved in the Institute – our gratitude is deep!

Rosalyn Morrison, Volunteer Past Chair

Who Is The Institute?

It's all of us! If you've found value in this newsletter, please consider sharing it with your friends, family, and colleagues so we can widen the impact of these important community conversations.

Other ways to stay in the loop!





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October 11, 2024

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Re: Continued Funding Support - Southwest Community Transit

Please be advised that the Town of Tillsonburg Council, at its meeting held on October 7, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution # 2024-474

Moved By: Councillor Luciani

Seconded By: Councillor Spencer

Whereas the County of Brant, Middlesex County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Norfolk County, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Grey County, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, and Wellington County have successfully utilized government funding to create and sustain local community transit through Southwest Community Transit; and

Whereas 85,000 riders have utilized the Southwest Community Transit services in the first half of 2024 alone, demonstrating significant community reliance on these services; and

Whereas the economic impact of this transit system is estimated to be \$748,800,000 annually, largely due to its role in providing transportation to employment opportunities; and

Whereas the current funding for this critical small urban and rural



inter-community transit service is set to expire in March 2025, putting the sustainability of the service at risk:

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Tillsonburg council urges the provincial government to continue funding Southwest Community Transit beyond March 2025 to ensure the ongoing viability of this essential service for small urban and rural Ontario

Be it further resolved that this resolution be circulated to the County of Brant, Elgin County, Middlesex County, Norfolk County, Oxford County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, Wellington County, Bruce County, Municipality of Bayham, Municipality of Thames Centre and other relevant stakeholders for their support and advocacy.

Carried

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

Sincerely,

Laura Pickersgill
Executive Assistant
Town of Tillsonburg

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



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



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

October 21, 2024

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

Re: Correspondence, Township of Stirling-Rawdon 'Public Sector Salary Disclosure

At a meeting held on October 16, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2024-10-16-717, adopting the below recommendation from the October 1, 2024 Corporate Support Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor John Logel
Seconded by: Council Alternate Michael Metcalf

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Stirling-Rawdon regarding 'Public Sector Salary Disclosure', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland- Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2024-10-16-717

Carried

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

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather

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

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By J. Logel Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2024-10-16- 717
 Seconded By M. Metcalf

Council Date: October 16, 2024

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the four Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held September 30, 2024 and October 1 and 2, 2024), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
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- Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee, Item 9.b, Correspondence, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 'Request to Repeal Official Plan Amendments Adopting By-law' – **Held by Councillor Logel**
- Public Works Committee, Item 9.a, Report 2024-122, 'Transfer of Thompson Bridge from Northumberland County to the Municipality of Trent Hills' – **Held by Council Alternate Michael Metcalf.**
- Social Services Committee, Item 5.a, Delegation, James Bisson 'Homelessness and Encampment Response Report' – **Held by Deputy Warden Hankivsky**
- Social Services Committee, Item 8.a(1), Delegation, Vivian Vandenhazel 'Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update – Presentation' – **Held by Councillor Cleveland**
- Social Services Committee, Item 8.a(2), Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update - Presentation – **Held by Councillor Cleveland**

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
 Councillor's Name

Carried 
 Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
 Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
 Warden's Signature

Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: October 1, 2024

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2024-10-01- 615

Moved by: S. Dibb

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: October 16, 2024

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Stirling-Rawdon regarding 'Public Sector Salary Disclosure', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland- Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature



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August 21, 2024

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

Dear Hon. Ford,

Re: Public Sector Salary Disclosure

At the August 6, 2024 Standing Committees meeting, Committee made the following recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Dean Graff
Seconded by Councillor Don Stewart

That the report from the CAO-Treasurer entitled, "Public Sector Salary Disclosure" be received; and

That Committee recommends to Council the following resolution be adopted and forwarded to the Province of Ontario Premier's Office, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be updated to reflect the inflation rates since 1996; and further

That the Act be further updated so that the inflation rate is applied each year to the requirement to report public salaries.

Carried.

This resolution was subsequently ratified and confirmed by Council at their meeting of August 19, 2024.

Sincerely,

Sydney Dodson
Deputy Clerk

/sd

Cc: Roxanne Hearn – CAO/Treasurer, Premier Doug Ford, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, all Ontario Municipalities



October 15, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

At its meeting of October 9, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-184, regarding the AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act, as follows:

“WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections;

AND WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process;

AND WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026;

AND WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill;

AND WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce;

AND WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today’s needs and tomorrow’s challenges;

AND WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities;

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AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration;

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND FURTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery; Minister of Finance; the Premier of Ontario; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); 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', written in a cursive style.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



October 8, 2024

Resolution No. 310/2024

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
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MOVED BY *Alaine Fui*

SECONDED BY *Francine Plante*

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce.

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules and streamlining and simplifying administration.

AND WHERAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of McGarry calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer- term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca) the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca) the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca) , Sylvia Jones MPP (sylvia.jones@ontario.ca) and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com)

Defeated _____ / Carried Bonita Culhane
Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote Requested by _____

	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Keft	_____	_____
Councillor Francine Plante	_____	_____



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October 22, 2024

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Hon. Rob Flack

Sent by Email: Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org

RE: Request for Support – Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Please be advised at its meeting held on October 21, 2024, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution supporting the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe’s request that the Province consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the motion from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requesting that the Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$100,000; and,

That Council direct staff to send this support motion to the Honourable Rob Flack - Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities



March 22nd, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St.
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

RE: Township of Adelaide Metcalfe – Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Dear Minister Thompson,

On March 18, 2024, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS farm drainage is of paramount importance in Ontario due to its significant impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. Effective drainage systems help mitigate waterlogging, control soil moisture levels, and enhance soil structure, thereby optimizing growing conditions for crops;

WHEREAS improved drainage also facilitates timely field operations, reduces erosion, and minimizes nutrient runoff, contributing to environmental conservation efforts;

WHEREAS Ontario's diverse agricultural landscape, where weather variability is common, well-maintained drainage systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable yields, economic viability, and long-term resilience for farmers across the Province;

WHEREAS the Tile Loan Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. T.8 allows for the borrowing of money for the purpose of constructing drainage works;

WHEREAS the maximum annual limit for these loans, unchanged since 2004, is currently set at \$50,000.

WHEREAS costs for Tile Drainage has increased markedly since 2004;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated the Honourable Lisa Thompson – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

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 #: 7
 Date: October 22, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports resolution no. 2024-325 passed by the Municipality of St. Charles, regarding recommendations for government regulations of nicotine pouches; And

FURTHER THAT, this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, the Deputy Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; our local member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); THE Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Public Health Sudbury & Districts and ALL Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

<input checked="" 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 #: 6

Resolution #: 6

Date: October 22, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports resolution no. 24-366 passed by the City of Quinte West, regarding a call on the federal government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CCBBF agreement for 2024-2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years; And

FURTHER THAT, this resolution be forwarded to MFOA, AMO, MP Charlie Angus, and Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
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Because:
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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.



Council Members

Mayor Neil Nicholson
Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier

Councillors:
Mark Bell
Michael Moore
Chris Olmstead
Connie Tabbert
Joey Trimm

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Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Re: Resolution - OPP Notice of Motion for funding support - Municipality of Tweed

At its meeting of October 16, 2024, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;
AND WHEREAS Ontario’s small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:
AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario’s operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;
AND 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;
AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations;
AND 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; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;**

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AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

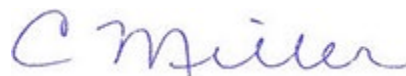
AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Whitewater Region call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities: AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca). Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca), MPP John Yakabuski (john.yakabuskico@pc.ola.org) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried as amended - Resolution #2024 - 5187

Sincerely,



Carmen Miller
Clerk/CEMC





TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH

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October 25, 2024

Ministry of the Solicitor General
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Michael.Kerzner@pc.ola.org

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Honourable Michael Kerzner,

RE: Resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach re: OPP Detachment Billing Increases

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their October 24, 2024 Council meeting passed the following resolution regarding OPP Detachment Billing Increases.

WHEREAS current police services within the Town of Wasaga Beach (hereinafter referred to as the 'Town') are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (hereinafter referred to as the 'OPP');

AND WHEREAS the Town and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades;

AND WHEREAS historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 5%;

AND WHEREAS the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Town on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$1.3M (22.8%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 1.6% tax rate increase, on top of what the Town was contemplating for the residents of Wasaga Beach;

AND WHEREAS the Town was not consulted nor provided any advanced notice from the Commissioner regarding the significant cost increase received for OPP services;

AND WHEREAS the Town cannot afford to absorb this unexpected and entirely preventable increase without causing undo financial strain to our taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach wishes to dispute the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 5% increase that is more manageable for the Town and in line with historical trends;

AND FURTHER THAT any increase above 5% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town request that the County of Simcoe undertake a feasibility study for a County Police Force;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP Brian Saunderson, the County of Simcoe and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP.

Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2225.

Sincerely,



Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach

/kf

cc: (via email)

Premier Doug Ford

MPP Brian Saunderson

The County of Simcoe

All municipalities serviced by the OPP



TOWN OF PETAWAWA

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October 25, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier Ford:

RE: Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 21, 2024, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa supports Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

And further, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

The Town of Petawawa appreciates the Province's attention to the financial challenges faced by small rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colin Howard".

Colin Howard, Dipl.M.M., Bus.Admin.
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Encl: Municipality of Tweed Resolution No. 229

cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities of Ontario
Neil Nicholson, Mayor, Township of Whitewater Region

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 229
Title: Councillor P. Valiquette
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Moved by P. Valiquette
Seconded by J. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;
AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND 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;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND 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; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried