



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
March 29, 2021

- 1) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Ontario Fire College.
 - a) Town of Bracebridge
 - b) Township of Limerick
 - c) Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
 - d) Municipality of Leamington
 - e) Municipality of Muskoka
 - f) Town of Plympton-Wyoming
- 2) Correspondence from the Administrative Assistant, Grey Sauble Conservation re: February 24, 2021 full authority board of directors meeting highlights.
- 3) Correspondence from the Mayor, Town of The Blue Mountains re: COVID-19 recovery funding.
- 4) Correspondence from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of South Glengarry re: Provincial vaccine rollout.
- 5) Correspondence from the Mayor, Municipality of Tweed re: Joint and several liability.
- 6) Correspondence from the Mayor, Township of Terrace Bay re: Community safety and well-being.
- 7) Correspondence from the Clerk, Town of Plympton-Wyoming re:
 - a) Carbon tax
 - b) Colour-coded capacity limits with COVID-19 response framework
- 8) Correspondence from the Manager, Airports and Ports Real Property, Transport Canada re: MS Norgoma project on the public port of Owen Sound.



March 9, 2021

Re: Item for Discussion – Request the Province of Ontario to Reverse Decision to Close Ontario Fire College

At its meeting of March 3, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motions 21-GC-057, regarding the request to the Province of Ontario to reverse the decision to close the Ontario Fire College, as follows:

“WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College (OFC) has been in existence since 1949;

AND WHEREAS the OFC is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters;

AND WHEREAS the OFC has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the OFC has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the OFC gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications;

AND WHEREAS the OFC is the most cost-effective method to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018;

AND WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the OFC as it is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.”

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

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

Yours truly,

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Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



March 9, 2021

Premier Doug Ford

By email only premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the February 22, 2021 Limerick Township Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Ingo Weise
Seconded By: Councillor Jan MacKillican
Resolution No. 036-2021

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has announced that as of March 31, 2021 the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College will be permanently closed and
Whereas, the Province of Ontario announced plans to modernize and expand access to firefighter training in Ontario; and
Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how firefighter training in the absence of the Ontario Fire College campus; and
Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how firefighter training in Ontario will be modernized and expanded; and
Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario regarding the costs or funding for modernized and expanded firefighter training in Ontario; and
Whereas, the Township of Limerick is a small rural municipality that operates a volunteer fire department to provide fire protection;
Now therefor, be it resolved that Council respectfully request a clear plan be communicated that establishes how the Province intends to modernize and expand firefighter training ensuring equal access to all municipal fire departments in Ontario, and as well, present a plan for funding to subsidize and or regulate the cost for firefighter training in the Province of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Victoria Tisdale

Victoria Tisdale – Clerk-Treasurer

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March 10, 2021

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

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Please be advised that at their March 2nd, 2021 meeting the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry passed motion 66-2021 to endorse and support the resolution requesting the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst.

MOTION
66-2021

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Sharen Zinn

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and 6

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

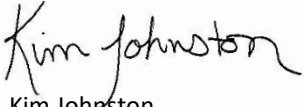
WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried.

Thank you,

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

Kim Johnston
Deputy Clerk
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

c.c Municipality of Charlton and Dack



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March 15, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL

RE: Support of Save the Ontario Fire College Resolution dated February 11, 2021, received from Chris McConnell, President, OPSEU Local 317

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, February 23, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

No. C-48-21

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Leamington requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

Sincerely,

Signature on File

Brenda M. Percy, Clerk

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal
All Ontario Municipalities

The District Municipality of Muskoka

Moved By: H. Lorenz

Seconded By: P. Kelly

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AND WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters;

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AND WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018;

AND WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT The District Municipality of Muskoka requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

AND THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried ✓

Defeated _____


District Clerk



March 19th 2021

Sent via e-mail

Re: Town of Gravenhurst Resolution – Ontario Fire College

Please be advised that on March 10th 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Town of Gravenhurst – Ontario Fire College.

Motion #13 – Moved by Netty McEwen, Seconded by Tim Wilkins that Council support item “v)” from the Town of Gravenhurst regarding the Ontario Fire College.

Motion Carried.

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

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WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Plympton-Wyoming requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

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

Sincerely,



Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming



Sent via Email

February 11, 2021

RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE

At the Town of Gravenhurst Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 9, 2021 the following resolution was passed:

**Moved by Councillor Lorenz
Seconded by Councillor Murray**

WHEREAS the site of the Ontario Fire College has been in institutional use since 1902 as the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives and the site of many heritage buildings that require protection;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Gravenhurst has been home to the Ontario Fire College since 1957, providing world-class training and camaraderie to thousands of Firefighters from across the Province in a unique setting;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has established the reputation to certify both Volunteer and Career firefighters in a cost effective manner, offering top-tier training to all Fire Departments in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS there is concern from several municipalities and firefighters across the Province that the closure is detrimental to their training and that downloading of training is simply too expensive for municipalities and not included in their 2021 budgets;

AND WHEREAS the Fire Marshal has a duty (F.P.P.A.S 9.2(e)) to operate and maintain a central fire college and that regional training facilities are unproven and the closure of the Ontario Fire College was implemented with no stakeholder consultation;

AND WHEREAS the community of Gravenhurst has benefitted from the employment opportunities that the Ontario Fire College has provided;

AND WHEREAS the closure of the facility will result in significant job losses and would be a detriment to the broader community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario reconsider the closure of the Ontario Fire College;

AND THAT if the closure occurs, the facility and site in the Town of Gravenhurst be considered to be the location of a Regional Training Centre for Fire and Emergency Services, for all the people of Ontario;

AND THAT the Province engage the Town of Gravenhurst and community partners to use the site in a matter that fosters growth of the community in a responsible way;

AND FINALLY THAT this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Norm Miller, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Sincerely,



Kayla Thibeault
Director of Legislative Services / Clerk
Town of Gravenhurst

DRAFT MOTION:

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

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WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **TOWNSHIP/MUNICIPALITY** requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (GSCA)

Board Meeting Highlights 02/24/2021



Forestry

a. Report Back on Bruce Trail Partnership

GSCA is developing a new expanded partnership with the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC). Recently, non-rural landowners looking to offset their carbon footprint have contacted GSCA about planting trees on their behalf. GSCA has reached out to the BTC, as an existing partner, to see about planting these trees on BTC-owned properties. This new partnership will enable more trees to be planted throughout the watershed, will provide carbon offset opportunities, and will allow the community to be more involved in taking action against climate change.

b. Report Back on One Tree Planted

Forestry Coordinator, Mike Fry, spoke with respect to a partnership with the charity, One Tree Planted. One Tree Planted is a charitable organization from Vermont (USA) that focuses on tree planting efforts. Through this agreement, One Tree Planted will provide GSCA with \$55,300 USD to help offset the costs private landowners must cover for tree planting projects. Staff hope to foster this relationship further into the future.



Conservation Lands

a. Report on Old Baldy CA Parking Agreements

Manager of Conservation Lands, Rebecca Ferguson provided a report to the Board of Directors regarding striking an agreement with several residents seeking to utilize the Old Baldy Conservation Area parking lot for overnight parking during the winter months. The Board of Directors has provided Staff with direction to move forward with getting agreements in place.

Operations

a. Parking By-Law Report

CAO, Tim Lanthier spoke with respect to the increase in nuisance and/or illegal parking along the roadways outside of GSCA properties. Dramatic increases in visitation to GSCA properties is causing increased roadside parking outside of several conservation areas and this situation presents a safety risk and causes a nuisance for GSCA's neighbours.

As GSCA does not have the jurisdiction to control parking on roadways and local municipalities may not have staff scheduled during busy times or enough staff hours to cover the need, there is an opportunity for GSCA and certain affected member municipalities to collaborate on addressing this issue.

In seeking a solution, staff have initiated discussions with municipal partners to review the feasibility of GSCA staff providing parking enforcement on behalf of the member municipalities in the locations of concern adjacent to GSCA properties. It is intended that this would be supplemental to the parking enforcement done by the municipality and/or the OPP. This option would require municipalities to pass parking by-laws, if not already in place, and to appoint GSCA staff member(s) as parking by-law officers.

Administration

a. Salary Review RFP Award

The GSCA Board of Directors has awarded a contract to Gallagher Benefit Services Group Inc. to undertake a review of GSCA's compensation rates and structure. The work will commence immediately and is expected to wrap up in late May 2021.

b. CAA Update

Recently proclamations to the Conservation Authorities Act were presented to the Board of Directors for information. Among the changes recently proclaimed are, limits of the terms of Chair and Vice Chair positions, potential for the Minister (MECP) to appoint an agricultural representative to the Board, minor amendments to the "Powers" of an authority, and other minor administrative changes. Further proclamations are expected by the end of June 2021.

c. Q4 Final Budget

Manager of Financial and Human Resource Services, Alison Armstrong, spoke with respect to the updated 2020 Approved Budget and Q4 Actuals. Surpluses were noted and explained in both the operating and capital budgets.

The Board of Directors approved the spending of some of the surplus dollars and the transfer of the remaining funds to reserves.

Minor changes to the function of two of the GSCA reserve funds were approved by the Board.



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Sent via E-mail

March 10, 2021

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Steve Clark | Minister | minister.mah@ontario.ca

777 Bay Street, 17th Floor

Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

Dear Minister Clark,

RE: COVID-19 Recovery Funding

We are very disappointed that the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program to support COVID-19 operating costs and pressures does not include an application based portion as was done in Phase 2. (see Council resolution attached). As you will recall, we expressed our appreciation for this very progressive needs-based approach to funding in our delegation at ROMA.

Now, instead of addressing the real needs that individual communities have in dealing with COVID, the new funding announced March 4, 2021 is allocated by the number of households and by the number of cases within the Health Unit. This fails to recognize the unique circumstances and real costs that municipalities have had and continue to have in addressing COVID. Actually, somewhat perversely, the formula actually awards communities that did little and had higher case counts.

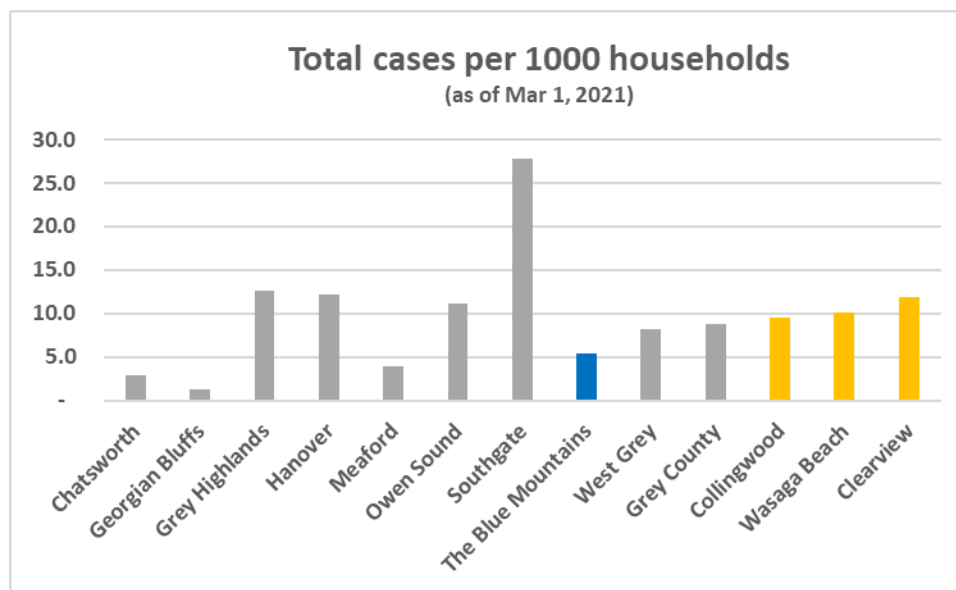
Last year in The Town of The Blue Mountains COVID had a total negative budget impact of \$2,301,500, (\$902,000 in COVID related costs and \$1,399,500 in lost revenue.) As we are a popular tourist destination which hosts some 2.5 M visitors per year, approximately \$433,000 of these costs were connected with managing COVID risks related to our tourism.

Throughout the pandemic we did not turn our fellow Ontarian's away, as some other communities did, but rather implemented measures to keep our community and visitors safe. These included the following:

- Hiring additional By law staff to respond to COVID-19 related complaints and inquires and to manage capacity of our beaches (We thank the province for the speed reduction on Highway 26 this summer so we could manage capacity on our waterfront safely)
- Implementing paid parking at high-volume beachfront areas to manage traffic;
- Installing jersey barriers and handwashing stations in downtown Thornbury to increase sidewalk space to allow for appropriate physical distancing requirements;
- Installing COVID-19 safety signage throughout the Town to support education and awareness;

- Implementing a Mandatory Face Covering By-law to expanding the Provincial mask order to include the retail customer as well as the business operator in order to reinforce the importance of wearing a mask indoors/enclosed spaces throughout the Town;
- Producing a weekly video message from myself updating our citizens on the status of COVID cases and reminding them to follow public health advice.

These measures were effective in keeping our case counts below that of most of our neighbouring municipalities, in spite of the fact we host far more tourists.



The \$2,301,500 in costs and lost revenue, were offset by \$1,375,000 in cost savings we were able to find at the local municipal level, \$880,500 in Safe Restart Funding, and \$46,000 which needed to be funded from reserves.

2020 Safe Restart Funding

Ontario Safe Restart Funding Phase 1	\$495,500
Ontario Safe Restart Funding Application based Phase 2	\$385,000
Total Ontario Safe Restart 2020 Funding	\$880,500

In addition, we have tried to mitigate the costs by finding efficiencies and in fact have just completed the 2021 budget with a 1.13 percent tax increase using zero based budgeting principles in the main town departments. We have also looked to maximize revenue from other non-taxation revenue sources, and have lead the county in finding missing assessment revenue.

This year, with the Province promoting 2021 as Year of the Ontario Staycation, we expect that we will again have to again manage excess COVID related tourism in our community, including capacity on our beaches and trails, and promote social distancing, and other COVID health measures. As such we anticipate our costs to be similar to last year. Our current estimate of 2021 costs is about \$900,000.

2021 Safe Restart Funding

Funding Stage	
Phase 2 for 2021	\$99,000
March 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding	\$148,523

The funding we will be receiving for 2021 however, will amount to only \$247,523, leaving us about \$650,000 short. This is only in terms of COVID expenses. In addition, we anticipate that we will again have a substantial revenue shortfall in 2021. Recognizing the hardship resulting from the shutdown of the ski industry this winter we have waived interest for property taxes and utility bills for the period from April 1 to June 30th, to allow our businesses and residents to get back on their feet after a lost winter season. We accept we will again have to find savings to cover this lost revenue ourselves, as we did last year.

We had and continue to have real costs keeping not only our residents, but also visitors from other parts of Ontario safe. We don't expect the province to cover all our costs and the revenue shortfall caused by shutdowns of our tourism businesses due to high case counts in other parts of the province. Neither did we expect to be penalized by a formula that penalizes us just because we were successful in keeping case counts low.

Please consider adding an additional phase of application funding to support tourist communities such as ours who actually invest to make sure we keep all Ontarians safe, visitors and residents alike.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Alar Soever
Town of The Blue Mountains

Enclosed: Resolution – March 8, 2021

CC: Premier Ford (via email)
Hon. Jim Wilson, MPP Simcoe-Grey (via email)
Hon. Bill Walker, MPP Bruce-Grey (via email)
Saif Sumbal, Manager, Local Government and Housing – Western Municipal Services (via email)
Stephanie DiNucci, Senior Policy Advisor for Municipal Affairs (via email)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (via email)
Municipalities of Ontario (via email)
Council, Town of The Blue Mountains (via email)
Shawn Everitt, CAO, Town of The Blue Mountains (via email)
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Department File – C2048



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March 8, 2021

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Potter

Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the February 23, 2021 correspondence thank you letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at the ROMA Conference Delegation;

AND THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the March 4, 2021 correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding COVID-19 Recovery Funding;

AND THAT Council request Mayor Soever respond to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to other municipalities, as appropriate, in response to the COVID-19 Recovery Funding being provided,

Councillor Bordignon	Yay
Councillor Hope	Yay
Councillor Matrosovs	Absent
Deputy Mayor Potter	Yay
Councillor Sampson	Yay
Councillor Uram	Yay
Mayor Soever	Yay
The motion is CARRIED .	

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Krista Royal", is written over a dotted line.

Krista Royal, Deputy Clerk

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Lyle WARDEN RESOLUTION NO 75-2021SECONDED BY SAM McDONELL DATE March 1, 2021

WHEREAS COVID-19, a disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus, has resulted in the deaths of almost 7,000 Ontarians;

AND WHEREAS Canada currently lags behind dozens of nations in terms of the proportion of the population that has received doses of COVID-19 vaccines;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has moved too slowly and is failing to foster domestic vaccine-production capacity;

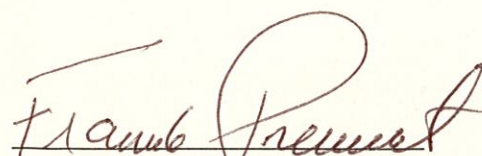
AND WHEREAS the number of administered vaccines in Ontario is not keeping pace with the number of doses that have been received by the provincial government;

AND WHEREAS the provincial COVID-19 vaccine booking system is not yet operational;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry urges Premier Doug Ford and the Province of Ontario to procure approved COVID-19 vaccines to be distributed to the residents of the Province of Ontario, increase the Province's vaccination rate to keep pace with the doses that have been received and accelerate the launch of its COVID-19 vaccine booking system;

AND FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Jim McDonnell, Hon. Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and all Ontario municipalities.

☒ CARRIED☐ DEFEATED☐ POSTPONED


Mayor Frank Prevost

The Corporation of the
MUNICIPALITY OF TWEED

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March 10, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Building
 Queen's Park
 Toronto, ON
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Re: Advocacy for Reform of Joint and Several Liability

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

During our budget deliberations and the review of the pricing for insurance for the 2021 year, Council is requesting that reform of the Joint and Several Liability system be undertaken. For the Municipality of Tweed, a small municipality within the County of Hastings, with population of 6,044 and total households of 3,023, as at the last census in 2016, we are experiencing significant increasing costs of insurance.

Over the last 5 years, we have experienced increase in our insurance premiums due to Joint and Several Liability. Our last 5 years of insurance premiums have been:

2017	\$161,441.84
2018	\$164,497.28
2019	\$171,649.20
2020	\$213,466.36
2021	\$265,170.24

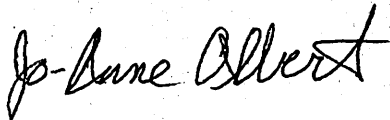
Over the last 5 years, the annual premium has increased by \$103,728.40. That is 64.25%. For the Municipality of Tweed, the 2021 increase of \$51,703.88 results in a tax levy increase of 1.25%. Therefore, when Council wishes to keep the levy no higher than a 2% increase, especially under the financial times that residents have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than half of this increase is allocated to insurance premiums. For a population of only 6,044, the annual cost of insurance per household is \$87.72 in 2021, compared to only \$53.41 in 2017.

This phenomenon is not unique to the Municipality of Tweed, nor is this a new concern. In 2010, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) submitted *The Case for Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario* on April 1, 2010 (copy can be found at <https://www.amo.on.ca/sites/default/files/assets/DOCUMENTS/Reports/2010/TheCaseforJointandSeveralLiabilityReforminOntario20100401.pdf>).

Because many view municipalities as having "deep pockets", they are often funding a larger portion of awards from court than what the fault percentage is. However, these "deep pockets" are at the cost of every taxpayer within the Municipality.

The Municipality of Tweed is advocating for reform and reconsideration of the *Negligence Act, R.S.O. 1990, c N. 1* to provide for alternatives. Many alternatives were provided in the 2010 AMO report previously referenced, including, but not limited to, Joint and Severable Liability at a set percentage of fault or Joint and Severable Liability based on type of damage.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jo-Anne Albert
Mayor

cc. Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
All 444 Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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Item 6

March 2, 2021

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General
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Dear Solicitor General Jones,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday March 1, 2021, the following resolution of support was passed.

Re: Township of Perry – Community Safety & Well-Being Extension Request.

Resolution: 49-2021

Moved By: Councillor R. St. Louis

Seconded By: Councillor P. Malashewski

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay hereby support the efforts being taken seeking an extension of the July 1, 2021 deadline to the Solicitor General for the submission for the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

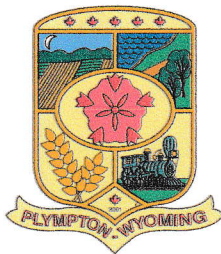
Carried

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jody Davis
Mayor

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



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March 19th 2021

Sent via e-mail

Re: Carbon Tax

Please be advised that on March 10th 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Norfolk County Agricultural Advisory Boards letter regarding the application of the carbon tax on primary agriculture producers. It is the recommendation of Norfolk County Council that the Federal Government consider the concerns of the agricultural community and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes.

Motion #13 – Moved by Netty McEwen, Seconded by Tim Wilkins that Council support item “q)” from Norfolk County regarding Carbon Tax on Agriculture Producers.

Motion Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
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February 23, 2021

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The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
House of Commons
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Dear Ministers,

I am writing to advise that Norfolk County Council supports the attached Norfolk County Agricultural Advisory Board's letter regarding the application of the carbon tax on primary agriculture producers. It is the recommendation of Norfolk County Council that the Federal Government consider the concerns of the agricultural community and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes. Please find attached the full recommendation.

Thank you for your attention,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristal Chopp".

Kristal Chopp
Mayor, Norfolk County

P.c. Norfolk County Council
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Ontario Municipalities

Dec 7, 2020

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, MP
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food House of Commons
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Dear Minister Bibeau

Our agricultural advisory board (AAB) who represents the agricultural sector in Norfolk County, Ontario is very concerned about the federal government's current carbon pricing policies. It is our hope that you consider our concerns and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes.

Carbon tax remains as a major cost of production for producers in Norfolk County. Although some farm fuel purchases are exempt, it is selective and does not meet the needs of the entire agriculture industry. Currently crop drying, heating/cooling of livestock barns and cooling of perishable commodities are still subject to full carbon taxes.

Currently there are no replacements for fossil fuels in agricultural production. As a result, carbon tax policies are not appropriate for the agricultural sector and only decrease farm margins.

Norfolk County which is known as Ontario's garden is home to one of the country's largest diversity of crop production. In addition to the extensive vegetable, fruit and grain production it boasts some of the highest ecological diverse natural habitats, plants and animals in Canada. There is approximately 25% tree cover in the county which is the highest percentage of forested land in Southwestern Ontario. Norfolk County It is also home to over 10,000 acres of woodlots and wetlands protected under Long Point Conservation Authority. In addition to the natural woodlots and wetlands there is also extensive fruit production with 2000 acres of apples and 1000 acres of sour cherries. A mature orchard can fix upwards of 18 mt of CO₂ annually.

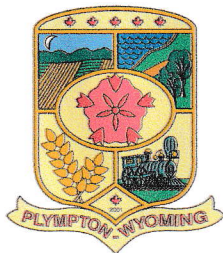
The adoption of production practices to protect the soil and environment are advanced in Norfolk County. There has been a wide implementation of cover cropping, planting green and reduced tillage practices all of which sequester carbon. Additional farming practices of 4R nutrient management coupled with precision technology ensure that appropriate nutrients are applied at the right time, place and rate. In many cases sensitive water sources around ponds and wetlands are planted with buffer strips and soil erosion control measures of grassed waterways and windbreaks are also common practices. ALUS (alternative land use) programs have been embraced across the county, taking unproductive land out of production, and returning it to natural native grass plantings, trees and constructed wetlands. Currently there are 1148 active projects with 189 producers covering 1573 acres in Norfolk County managed under the ALUS program.

The agriculture industry has made great strides to protect the environment and will continue to improve production practices that reduces the carbon footprint in food production.

The AAB board believes that all on farm fuels used in agricultural production should be exempt from carbon tax. This should include natural gas, propane, gas, and diesel. We strongly urge the government to be consistent with a sector wide exemption to current carbon tax policies.

Sincerely,

Dustin Zamecnik
Chair of Norfolk County Agriculture Advisory Board



The Honourable Doug Ford
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March 15th 2021

Sent via e-mail

Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits

Please be advised that on March 10th 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the challenges local businesses are facing with respect to the colour coded system within the Province's COVID-19 Response Framework.

Motion #13 – Moved by Netty McEwen, Seconded by Tim Wilkins that Council support item "x)" from City of Sarnia regarding Colour Coded Capacity Limits.

Motion Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Ms. Marilyn Gladu, MP Sarnia-Lambton
Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton



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March 4, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits

At its meeting held on March 1, 2021, Sarnia City Council discussed the challenges local businesses are facing with respect to the colour coded system within the Province's COVID-19 Response Framework. The following motion was adopted:

That Sarnia City Council strongly advocate to the Province of Ontario that they adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system.

The following rationale was provided with the introduction of the motion:

- The red zone currently only allows 10 people indoors at a dining or a sporting / recreational facility (regardless of the size), places of worship are capped at 30% or 50 people, and retail / small business is limited to a 50% capacity.
- These businesses and organizations have heavily invested in facility improvements and expensive upgrades to ensure safe social distancing and have all the appropriate safety and protection measures in place.
- Businesses in particular cannot properly plan under the current uncertainty and that means the loss of jobs and income for both workers and owners as well as mental health challenges.

- Indoor capacity limits for restaurants, dining, sporting / recreational facilities, event centers, retail / small business, and places of worship should not involve arbitrary numbers (regardless of size), but instead be changed to the amount of people per facility which ensures that strict and safe social distancing can be maintained.

Sarnia City Council has requested that all municipalities in Ontario join this advocacy effort.

On behalf of Sarnia City Council, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'ABurkhart', written in black ink.

Amy Burkhart
Acting City Clerk

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Ms. Marilyn Gladu, MP Sarnia-Lambton
Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton



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March 24, 2021

Brent Fisher
Manager of Community Development & Marketing
The City of Owen Sound
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Dear Mr. Fisher:

RE: MS Norgoma project on the Public Port of Owen Sound

This letter is in response to the proposal by Tobermory Real Estate Investors Inc. ("TREII") to permanently dock the MS Norgoma vessel in the inner harbour of the Port of Owen Sound.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the TREII presentation and the staff report. We regret to advise that we cannot support the proposal at this time as it is not compatible with our land management considerations at the port. These considerations include carrying out due diligence and other work in support of a future divestiture of the port pursuant to our Port Asset Transfer Program. While we support commercial, heritage, and other activities conducive to a working port, we consider that the permanent emplacement of a large historic vessel within the inner harbour does not align with our plan for the port at this time.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause to TREII and the City of Owen Sound.

If you have any further questions or require any clarification, please don't hesitate to contact us at 416-346-7881 or by email at abone.awaleh@tc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Patricia Moniz
Manager, Airports and Ports Real Property
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