



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

March 1, 2021

- 1) Correspondence from the CAO/Clerk/Treasurer, Township of Asphodel-Norwood re: community Safety & Well-Being (CSWB) Plan deadline.
- 2) Correspondence from the Mayor, Norfolk County re: Bill 197, *Economic Recovery Act, 2020*.
- 3) Correspondence from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Lake of Bays re:
 - a) Ontario Fire College
 - b) Infrastructure funding
 - c) Schedule 8 of Bill 229, *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act*
 - d) *Municipal Elections Act*
- 4) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk/Manager of Community Services, Municipality of Meaford re: Grant deadlines.
- 5) Correspondence from the CAO/Clerk, Township of Baldwin re: Ontario Fire College closure.
- 6) Correspondence from the Manager of Finance/Treasurer, Perth County re: Current value assessments.
- 7) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Town of The Blue Mountains re: Grey County audit of tax rolls.
- 8) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Township of Guelph/Eramosa re: MFIPPA legislation.
- 9) Correspondence from the Clerk, City of St. Catharines re: Ontario universal paid sick days.
- 10) Correspondence from the Assistant Clerk, Town of Orangeville re: Greenhouse gas emissions.
- 11) Correspondence from the Executive Assistant, Township of Georgian Bay re: Municipal insurance costs.
- 12) Correspondence from the Clerk, Township of Conmee re: Criminal records and municipal election candidates.
- 13) Correspondence from the Mayor, Township of Perth South re: Conservation Authority working group.
- 14) Correspondence from the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Town of Gravenhurst re: Closure of Ontario Fire College.

- 15) Correspondence from the President, AMCTO re: Open letter.
- 16) Correspondence from the Clerk-Administrator, Township of Perry re:
 - a) Ontario Fire College
 - b) Children and childcare in post pandemic recovery plan
 - c) Community safety and well-being plan
- 17) Correspondence from the Clerk, Township of Southgate re: Vacancy tax rebate.

February 1, 2021

Sent by E-mail
sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

Honourable Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General
18th Floor - 25 Grosvenor St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

Re: Community Safety & Well-Being Plan - Extension Request

Dear Solicitor General Jones,

The Township of Asphodel-Norwood is participating in a regional Community Safety & Well-Being Plan (CSWB) plan with the City of Peterborough and the eight (8) lower-tier municipalities located within the County of Peterborough. The decision to develop a joint plan was derived after consulting with our municipal neighbours. Our vision for a long-term tool that addresses the unique needs of our area while supporting safe, healthy, and sustainable communities by moving away from reactionary, incident-driven responses and re-focusing on proactive, collaborative initiatives to take the strain off the emergency response system is shared by all of our municipal partners; as the success of our community is dependent upon each and every individual's well-being.

Preparations are underway, but the response efforts needed to manage the COVID-19 outbreak have taken priority and an unprecedented amount of time, energy, and resources. A meaningful CSWB Plan requires extensive public consultation and engagement in order to prepare a document that is both comprehensive and in alignment with the legislative intent. Given the current political climate and the ongoing effects of the pandemic, a deadline extension for the completion and adoption of a CSWB Plan would be the most appropriate course of action. The Township appreciates the extension previously granted from January 1, 2021 to July 1, 2021, but humbly asks the Solicitor General consult with municipalities before prescribing a new deadline.

With that in mind, I put forward the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS the Police Services Act, 1990, was amended on January 1, 2019 to mandate every municipality in Ontario to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 to assist municipal governments and local boards during the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS the protective measures municipalities have put in place to protect their communities, Councillors, and staff members include eliminating face-to-face meetings, closing municipal offices, and directing staff to work from home; and

WHEREAS Bill 189, Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020 was passed to amend various acts to support municipal, policing, and community partners during the pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that while these measures are imperative and necessary, they impose undue hardship on municipalities to meet provincial deadlines such as the completion and adoption of a Community Safety & Well-Being (CSWB) Plan prior to July 1, 2021. The Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood calls upon the Solicitor General to review the imposed deadline for municipalities to complete and adopt a Community Safety & Well-Being (CSWB) Plan in consultation with local governments to address the unique challenges facing individual regions.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our request. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you require any further information.

Sincerely,



Candice White, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer
Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Cc: Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
All Ontario Municipalities in Ontario



Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

January 22, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Jeff Yurek
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON
M7A 2J3
jeff.yurek@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Steve Clark
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor 777 Bay St.
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steve.clark@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford and Honourable Ministers,

Re: Endorsement St. Catharines Resolution Bill 197

At their meeting of January 19, 2021 Norfolk County Council approved Resolution No. 6 of the Council-In-Committee meeting of January 12, 2021 endorsing the resolution of St. Catharines respecting Bill 197 which reads as follows:

Res. 6

WHEREAS Schedule 6 of Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 considers amendments to the Environmental Assessment Act relating to municipal autonomy and the principle that municipalities can veto a development outside their municipal boundary in an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 empowers multiple municipalities to 'veto' development of a landfilling site within a 3.5 km zone inside the boundary of an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 establishes a dangerous precedent that could be expanded to other types of development; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 compromises municipal autonomy and the authority of municipal councils to make informed decisions in the best interest of their communities and municipal taxpayers; and

WHEREAS amendments in Schedule 6 could cause conflict in the effective management of landfill sites, put significant pressure on existing landfill capacity, and threaten the economic activity associated with these sites;


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Norfolk County calls upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent\ municipalities and that the 'host' municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPP's., the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) and the Western Wardens Caucus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities.

Your attention to this issue is appreciated.

Yours Truly,



Mayor Kristal Chopp
Norfolk County

cc. Toby Barrett- MPP Haldimand-Norfolk
Diane Finley – MP Haldimand-Norfolk
Association of Ontario Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities
Western Ontario Wardens Caucus

February 3, 2021

Via email: asimonian@augusta.ca

Township of Augusta
Attention: Annette Simonian, Clerk
3560 County Road 26
Prescott, ON
K0E 1T0

Dear Ms. Simonian:

RE: Correspondence – Ontario Fire College

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #8(f)/02/02/21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Township of Augusta regarding their request for support for the Province of Ontario to reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College, dated January 25, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Augusta, 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 Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sykes'.

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

Encl.

Copy to: 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

TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA

Moved By: TANYA HENRY

Date: January 25, 2021

Seconded By: JEFF SHAWEN

Resolution No: 4

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been in existence since 1949; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College 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; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Augusta requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College 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.

RECORDED VOTE:

	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Bowman	_____	_____
Councillor Henry	_____	_____
Mayor Malanka	_____	_____
Councillor Schapelhouman	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Shaver	_____	_____

CARRIED: Donna
MAYOR

DEFEATED: _____
MAYOR

Declaration of pecuniary interest by: _____

Nature of interest: _____

- ☐ Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest
- ☐ Vacated His/Her/Their Seat
- ☐ Abstained from discussion and did not vote on the question

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Councillor Bowman	_____	_____
Councillor Henry	_____	_____
Mayor Malanka	_____	_____
Councillor Schapelhouman	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Shaver	_____	_____

CARRIED: *Dan Malanka*
MAYOR

DEFEATED: _____
MAYOR

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February 3, 2021

Via email: TArbuckle@bracebridge.ca

Town of Bracebridge
Attention: Mayor Graydon Smith
1000 Taylor Court
Bracebridge, ON
P1L 1R6

Dear Mayor Smith:

RE: Correspondence – Request for Municipal Infrastructure Funding Opportunities

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #8(d)/02/02/21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Town of Bracebridge requesting the Federal and Provincial Governments provide immediate broad and substantial municipal Infrastructure Funding opportunities for well-planned, shovel-ready projects already prioritized under municipal asset management plans to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and the federal economies in order to rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, dated January 22, 2021.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Bracebridge, the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Local Member of Parliament, the Local Member of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,



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

CS/cw

Encl.

Copy to:

- Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada
- Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
- Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
- Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Hon. Scott Aitchison, M.P. Parry Sound-Muskoka
- Hon. Norm Miller, M.P.P. Parry Sound-Muskoka
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- All Ontario Municipalities

January 22, 2021

RE: Item for Discussion – Infrastructure Funding

At its meeting of January 20, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion 21-GC-024, regarding Infrastructure Funding, as follows:

“WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has reported that municipal governments own more of Ontario’s infrastructure than any other order of government, and most of it is essential to economic prosperity and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS municipalities deliver many of the services that are critical to residents in every community, and these services rely on well-planned, well-built and well-maintained infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Government has stated that universal asset management will be the foundation of its municipal infrastructure strategy because effective asset management planning helps ensure that investments are made at the right time to minimize future repair and rehabilitation costs and maintain assets;

AND WHEREAS Federal and Provincial infrastructure funding models now contain requirements for recipients to demonstrate that comprehensive asset management planning principles are applied when making decisions regarding infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS infrastructure funding limits need to be large enough to support significant projects that have a lasting community impact over multiple generations;

AND WHEREAS targeted funding for critical infrastructure is inconsistent with the principle foundation of an asset management strategy which prioritizes needs over wants and has resulted in underfunding of the wide range of infrastructure that municipalities are responsible for maintaining, such as arenas and libraries;

AND WHEREAS the Community, Culture and Recreation Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program received demand of almost \$10 billion for a \$1 billion funding envelope;

AND WHEREAS broad eligibility for funding is more appropriate as municipalities best understand their infrastructure needs together with the needs of their community;

AND WHEREAS no and/or insufficient funding programs currently exist to fund the demonstrated need for the building, restoration and enhancement of community, culture and recreation assets;

AND WHEREAS funding the replacement of these needed capital assets is beyond the financial capacity of most communities;

AND WHEREAS the age of the Town of Bracebridge arena is greater than 70 years old, and the Library greater than 110 years old, requiring immediate replacement;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Bracebridge was recently denied any funding under the Community, Culture and Recreation stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, despite clearly meeting the tests of proper asset management and identifying needs over wants;

AND WHEREAS the economy of Ontario has been negatively impacted by the ongoing measures implemented to reduce the spread of COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge resolves as follows:

1. THAT the Federal and Provincial Governments provide immediate broad and substantial municipal funding opportunities for well-planned, shovel-ready projects already prioritized under municipal asset management plans to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and the federal economies in order to rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of the Finance; the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Local Member of Parliament (MP); the Local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Municipalities in Ontario.

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

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 'Graydon Smith', written in a cursive style.

Graydon Smith
Mayor



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February 3, 2021

Via email: lglazier@westgrey.com

Municipality of West Grey
Attention: Lindsey Glazier, Legislative Coordinator
402813 Grey Road 4
RR 2
Durham, ON
N0G 1R0

Dear Ms. Glazier:

RE: Correspondence – Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #8(b)/02/02/21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of West Grey requesting support to repeal Schedule 8 of Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act, 2020 (Endangered Species Act), dated January 13, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of West Grey, Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, M.P.P of Parry Sound-Muskoka, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried.”

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
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Copy to: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Hon. Norm Miller, M.P.P. for Parry Sound-Muskoka

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
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**Corporation of the
Municipality of West Grey**

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January 13, 2021

Re: Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act

WHEREAS the Ontario Government proposes amendments to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act in Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020;

WHEREAS the Crown Forest Sustainability Act applies to almost two thirds of Ontario's land base which amounts to over 70 million hectares of land that is habitat for many species at risk;

WHEREAS Bill 229 schedule 8 amends the Crown Forest Sustainability Act in order to exempt all forestry operations from mandatory consideration of species at risk protection and recovery as mandated by the Endangered Species Act;

WHEREAS Bill 229 schedule 8 removes the ability to issue orders in circumstances when there is imminent danger to a species at risk;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT West Grey council requests the Province of Ontario repeal schedule 8 of Bill 229 and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

Premier Ford

Minister Philips, Minister of Finance

Minister Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

Minister Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

MPP Bill Walker, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

MPP Ian Arthur, NDP Environment Critic

Grey County Council
Ontario municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Conservation Ontario
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Respectfully,

Genevieve Scharback,
Director of Administration / Clerk
Municipality of West Grey

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February 3, 2021

Via email: jrussell@mississippimills.ca

Municipality of Mississippi Mills
Attention: Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk
 3131 Old Perth Road
 PO Box 400
 Almonte, ON K0A 1A0

Dear Ms. Russell:

RE: Correspondence – Request for Revisions to the Municipal Elections Act

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2021, and the following resolution was passed.

“Resolution #8(a)/02/02/21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of Mississippi Mills regarding support to amend the Municipal Elections Act to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list and to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud, dated January 18, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, Premier Doug Ford, Norm Miller, M.P.P. for Parry Sound-Muskoka, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried.”

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
 Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
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Copy to: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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January 18, 2021

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
TORONTO, ON
M7A 2J3

Attention: The Honourable Steve Clark

Re: Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections

Dear Minister Clark,

On October 20, 2020 the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills passed a resolution in support of Wollaston Township to request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to review the *Municipal Elections Act* and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list and to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud and that the rules described in the *Municipal Elections Act* are actually enforceable even if there is not a current case law.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Russell
Deputy Clerk
jrussell@mississippimills.ca
613-256-2064 x 225
3131 Old Perth Rd, PO Box 400
Almonte, ON K0A 1A0

cc. Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities

Attachment: Resolution No. 421-20



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

October 20, 2020

Resolution No 421-20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Minnille

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

CW148-20 Info List Item #6 - Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to ensure that loopholes are closed on any pay to play schemes in rural communities where non-resident electors are permitted to participate in elections so that \$100.00 leases do not turn into ballots for garden sheds;

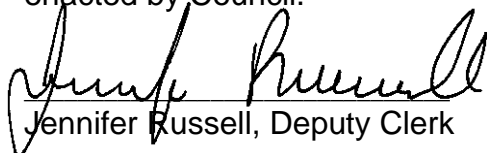
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that the rules described in the Municipal Elections Act are actually enforceable even if there is not current case law;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that support for this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, M.P.P. for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

I, Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution enacted by Council.


Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk



February 3, 2021

Via Email

Re: Letter of Support, Grant Extension for Ontario Municipalities

This letter is being sent in support of the Township of Matachewan's resolution regarding grant application deadlines.

Please be advised that at their meeting on February 1, 2021, Council of the Municipality of Meaford passed the following resolution of support pertaining to the Township of Matachewan's request regarding grant opportunity timelines for Ontario municipalities:

Moved by: Councillor Vickers

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

That Council of the Municipality of Meaford directs Staff to prepare and send a letter of support on the Township of Matachewan resolution regarding the extension of grant deadlines to all Ontario Municipalities and AMO.

Carried - Resolution #2020-02-08

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



Yours sincerely,

Margaret Wilton-Siegel

Deputy Clerk / Manager of Community Services

Municipality of Meaford

21 Trowbridge Street West, Meaford

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cc: Association of Municipalities Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the
TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN

P.O. Box 7095, 11 Spooner Street
MCKERROW, ONTARIO P0P 1M0
TEL: (705) 869-0225 FAX: (705) 869-5049
CLERK: Karin Bates – karin@baldwin.ca

MOVED BY: JOANNE BOUCHER DATE: February 1, 2021

SECONDED BY: DAVID FAIRBANK MOTION NO.: 21- 013

WHEREAS the province wants to mandate training levels for Fire Fighters and now wishes to close the Ontario Fire College located in Gravenhurst, Ontario which has been used for many Government agencies such as Ministry of Transportation, Ontario Provincial Police, Fire Fighters, both full time and volunteer; and

WHEREAS only a small percentage of our department has any formal training and are responsible to train junior fire fighters with the minimal training we receive; and

WHEREAS as volunteers, we are on call 24/7/365 with day jobs and families that expect us to come home safely each and every time; and

WHEREAS the Fire College makes top tier training accessible to all Fire Departments in Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipalities are mandated to have fire departments, yet there is no provincial or federal funding for volunteer fire departments for much needed equipment and training; and

WHEREAS without a plan in place it is irresponsible to close down a vital training centre that serves Ontario and it would put Municipalities at risk which is shortsighted and not acceptable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Corporation of the Township of Baldwin requests the Province of Ontario to reconsider closing this all-important facility for dollars over lives.

Carried ✓

Defeated _____

Mayor *[Signature]*

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

February 2, 2021

RE: Significant Negative Impacts of Current Value Assessments in Perth County

Dear Premier Ford,

During the January 28th, 2021 Perth County Council meeting a resolution was passed directing staff to write a letter to the Province highlighting the concerns of assessment delays. The motion reads:

WHEREAS the property tax system is based on current value assessment;

AND WHEREAS the current delay in assessment does not utilize the Province's model of CVA,

THEREFORE, County Council direct staff to correspond with the Premier, the Finance Minister, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Agriculture, Perth's MPP to move forward with implementing reassessment based on CVA, and that copies of the correspondence be sent to all Ontario municipalities.

Primary Concerns:

- The 2016 assessment valuation does not use the property tax model of Current Value Assessment (CVA). The assessment valuations in use are 5 years old.
- Assessment delays do not benefit all tax classes equally by shifting the assessment disproportionately between residential and farmland.
- Assessment delays create skepticism in the overarching framework of CVA and this skepticism causes citizens to question the Provincial model and process of CVAs.
- Current legislation restricts the ability for local government flexibility, as the ratio for residential tax class cannot be changed from a ratio of 1.00.

A further delay in reassessment continues to create challenges in how local government, along with tax policy, is ensuring the appropriate assessment values pay for their appropriate allotment of taxation levies. Local tax levies are developed within the constraints of the boundaries that provide the services to their communities. With property assessment valuations being 5 years past due, it causes citizens to question the validity of the system of property taxes that the Province of Ontario adheres to.

This is particularly exacerbated in a community such as Perth County that is a mix of urban and rural. The 2016 assessment valuation significantly shifted property taxes to the farmland class, which was phased in over the past 4 years. The shift was significant enough that the residential class has seen decreases in their portion of the overall municipal burden while the burden on farmland is disproportionately increasing.

Natural assessment valuation shifts do impact the tax policies of local governments with an urban-rural mix and more directly follow the overall property tax model of CVA. Equipping municipalities with the knowledge of the set dates related to reassessment and new valuation dates, provides the ability for key financial municipal departments to better plan for these assessment shifts that cannot be alleviated through tax ratio changes.

Below is some further information that outlines the significant impact on Perth County in particular:

- The overall tax burden on Perth County farmland increased from 21% in 2016 to 29% in 2020 of the overall levy. These percentages do include growth from 2017 to 2020. The amount of farmland would be higher in relation to phase in assessment amounts only. Based on 2020 without growth the percentage burden would have been higher than the 29%.
- The geography of Perth County is unique as it includes two urban center single tiers: The City of Stratford and The Town of St. Marys. This pushes the amount of farmland within the two-tiered structure of Perth County to greater than 90% of the total area covered by farmland.
- As they are single tier municipalities, The City of Stratford and The Town of St. Marys do not assist in subsidizing farmland as they would if they were part of a true two tiered structure. All of the Perth County's OMPF allocations are categorized as transitional, which is soon to be phased out completely. As of 2021, \$1,020,400 still remains to be phased out of the County's budget

In summary, Perth County is asking the province to update the CVA calculations to bring them in line with current property valuations and further to consider the impacts of the urban-rural mix of the region and the resultant impact causing residents to disproportionately carry the tax burden over citizens in neighbouring regions without the inclusion of single tier municipalities in their borders.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Corey Bridges, Manager of Finance / Treasurer
On behalf of Perth County Council

Cc:

Minister of Finance – Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Steve Clark
Minister of Agriculture – Ernie Hardeman

Perth Wellington MPP – Randy Pettapiece
All Ontario Municipalities



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January 27, 2021

Moved by Alar Soever

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Potter

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of all the residents of Grey County to ensure that all parts of the county are properly and fully assessed, so as to be able to provide ratepayers with the lowest possible tax rate both at the local and County level; and,

WHEREAS a preliminary analysis of data for the last 5 years comparing the value of building permits to supplementary assessment shows a wide range of values between the various lower tier municipalities indicating that some lower tier municipalities are not capturing the full value of new builds; and,

WHEREAS the County CAO has advised that "the County has in the past, in consultation with the Local Treasurers, initiated third-party audits of the tax roll and this is something that can be done again to complement and/or enhance local efforts";

IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains endorses a County audit of the tax rolls of all the Lower Tier Municipalities in order to ensure that all assessment within Grey County is up to date and properly recorded; and,

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all of the Lower Tier Municipalities and Grey County seeking their support; and,

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and MPAC for their information,

Councillor Bordignon	Absent
Councillor Hope	Yay
Councillor Matrosovs	Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter	Yay
Councillor Sampson	Yay
Councillor Uram	Absent
Mayor Soever	Yay

The motion is **CARRIED**.

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY


 Krista Royal, Deputy Clerk



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February 8, 2021

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON
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Attention: The Hon. Steve Clark

Re: Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation

At the Township of Guelph/Eramosa's Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday February 1, 2021, the following resolution was put forward and passed:

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa has received Clerk's Department Report 21/03 regarding Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation; and

That that the following motions be passed in support of a request to review and reform of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

Jenni Spies
Deputy Clerk

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AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in

requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;

6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

Please accept this for your information and any necessary action.

Sincerely,

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Jenni Spies
Deputy Clerk

Cc. Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills
Michael Chong, MP Wellington-Halton Hills
Minister of Consumer Services
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
Ontario Clerks

February 9, 2021

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

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Universal Paid Sick Days in Ontario
Our File 35.31.99**

Dear Premier Ford:

At its meeting held on February 1, 2021, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

“WHEREAS workers in Ontario without paid sick leave often feel forced to work when unwell so they can feed and support their families and are at risk of losing a paycheque or even their jobs if they stay home; and

WHEREAS the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is temporary, not accessible to all and not usable for the crucial first few days of an illness; and

WHEREAS had legislated paid sick leave been in place before the global pandemic, lives would have been saved because infection rates would have been reduced; and

WHEREAS the lack of paid sick days has especially hurt Black, Indigenous, workers of colour, women and migrant workers who are over-represented in low-paying frontline jobs with few benefits and a reduced ability to work from home; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Medical Association, 11 GTHA Mayors and Chairs representing Ontario's largest municipalities, the editorial board of the Toronto Star, the Toronto Board of Health, the Decent Work and Health Network, the Ontario Nurses Association, and several other professional associations representing thousands of healthcare workers have all called on the provincial government to legislate paid sick days;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines endorses legislated sick leave and calls on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Labour, all Regional MPPs, Niagara Region, and all Ontario Municipalities.”



If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1506.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bonnie Nistico-Dunk'.

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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Cc Minister of Labour, Hon. Monte McNaughton, Minister.MLTSD@ontario.ca
Jennifer Stevens, MPP - St. Catharines, JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca
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From: Tracy MacDonald <tmacdonald@orangeville.ca>
Sent: February 10, 2021 1:39 PM
To: CityAdminEmailUsers <CityAdminEmailUsers@owensound.ca>;
Subject: Town of Orangeville Resolution - Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Good afternoon,

Please see below a resolution passed by the Town of Orangeville on February 8, 2021 regarding greenhouse gas emissions.

2021-069

Moved: Councillor Peters

Seconded: Councillor Andrews

Whereas the Town of Orangeville prides itself on being a municipal leader with respect to sustainability, including the endorsement of the Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan and a community greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory;

And whereas the Town will be establishing a long term carbon goal later this year;

And whereas municipalities account for 50% of global emissions thus necessitating further action by all sectors and other levels of government;

And whereas the Ontario government recently purchased 3 gas plants, a move that could lead to the increase of provincial greenhouse gas pollution by more than 400% by 2040;

And whereas a number of municipalities, as partners in government, have passed motions to ask Queen's Park to reverse this decision in keeping with the need to reduce, not increase, greenhouse gas emissions;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Orangeville write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Environment, Conservation, Energy, and Parks to request that the Government of Ontario develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation as soon as possible, with an emphasis on proven renewable energy technologies and energy storage, to ensure that Orangeville and other municipalities are enabled to achieve climate action goals (or "GHG emission reduction targets"); and

That the Town of Orangeville write the respective portfolio critics, all party leaders in the Legislature, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, requesting that the Government of Ontario develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation, and direct the IESO to accelerate the use of renewable electricity supply, energy storage, and energy efficiency in all sectors, in order to reduce provincial greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible and bolster our competitiveness in the global cleantech marketplace and overall emerging low-carbon economy.

Result: Carried

Regards,

Tracy Macdonald | Assistant Clerk | Corporate Services

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C-032-2021

**THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY
Council**

DATE: 9 February 2021

	YEA	NAY	
Councillor Bochek	_____	_____	MOVED BY: <u>Hazelton</u>
Councillor Cooper	_____	_____	
Councillor Douglas	_____	_____	SECONDED BY: <u>Jarvis</u>
Councillor Hazelton	_____	_____	
Councillor Jarvis	_____	_____	
Councillor Wiancko	_____	_____	
Mayor Koetsier	_____	_____	

DEFERRED _____ **CARRIED** X **DEFEATED** _____ **REFERRED** _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council send a letter of support to the Municipality of Charleton and Dack to immediately review the recommendations to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID-19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities;

AND THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario and all other Ontario municipalities.

Peter Koetsier

Mayor



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The following resolution was passed by the Council of the Township of Conmee at its regular meeting on January 26th 2021:

Resolution No. 2021-022

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

WHEREAS duly elected Officials of a Municipality, or a Township are expected to be above reproach and to conduct themselves with integrity, truth, justice, honesty, transparency and courtesy.

AND WHEREAS there are people of dubious character who have a Criminal Record, having been convicted of a Federal Offence of any of the Federal Statutes of Canada, but not limited to the Criminal Code or Narcotic Control Act, who are currently on Council of a Municipality or have let their name stand for election for Mayor, Reeve or Councillor as a municipal candidate.

NOT WITHSTANDING the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record cleared from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections.

AND THAT an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a serious criminal offense and must resign

AND THAT Council of the Township of Conmee direct the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Solicitor-General Sylvia Jones, Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve Clark, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Northern Ontario Municipal Association, Thunder Bay District Municipal League, MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell, and all Ontario municipalities

CARRIED

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February 2, 2021

Via Email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks
777 Bay Street
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**Re: ONTARIO ANNOUNCES WORKING GROUP TO BETTER FOCUS
CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES**

Dear Minister,

The Municipality of Perth South ("Perth South") is pleased to see your Ministry's development of regulations for the *Conservation Authorities Act*, 1990 R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 (the "Act"). Perth South supports the proposed changes your government passed respecting conservation authorities in schedule 6 of Bill 229, the *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act* (Budget Measures), 2020 ("Bill 229"). I expressed this support in my email to you on November 5, 2020.

Our municipality, like many others across Ontario, has encountered longstanding conflicts regarding operational scope and costs with our principal conservation authority the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority ("UTRCA"). Despite requests made in writing and through delegations at annual Board Budget meetings no resolution has been found. It is for this reason that Perth South was pleased to see the changes made through Bill 229; however, we were disappointed when the Working Group composition was announced as it is dominated by conservation authorities who are tasked with recommending the very regulations that govern them. I am sure you can agree that the initial optics of the governed designing the governance of themselves is concerning. Conservation authorities, most of whom opposed your reforms, should not be relied upon to develop fair and objective recommendations on their own.

Further to my email of January 12, 2021, I am writing to you to confirm and clarify your full intent and scope for the Working Group your Ministry announced on December 16, 2020 to develop updated regulations. We are hopeful that you will direct this Working Group with clear, limited, and specific instructions that will focus on the intent of changes included in Bill 229.

Perth South seeks your clarity that this Working Group's tasks will be built on the following principles in the areas of focus highlighted:

1. *Mandatory core programs and services conservation authorities would be required to provide.*
 - (a) That 'mandatory' core programs are limited to the changes included in schedule 6 of Bill 229: conservation lands solely owned by conservation authorities, flood-control, erosion, and natural hazards;
 - (b) That conservation authorities are not permitted any discretion via regulations to exit those defined and strict categories; and
 - (c) That 'services' must be concise, limited, and have obvious direct need to fulfil core mandates not merely 'link' or 'complement' the same.
2. *The agreements between municipalities and conservation authorities and the transition period associated with non-mandatory programs and services*
 - (a) That the regulations establish a clear, consistent, and template pro-forma for these agreements that includes at a minimum:
 - i. a specified time limitation to prevent perpetuity;
 - ii. clear intent and objectives;
 - iii. clear definitions, terms, and conditions;
 - iv. the identified necessity for it/them;
 - v. accurate, evidence-supported budget forecasting;
 - vi. the impact of items (i-iv) on each participating municipality;
 - vii. supporting science-based evidence that meets or exceeds the standard(s)/threshold(s) applied to any third party deemed an applicant and/or subject to an

agreement's provisions including on any items requiring peer review;

- viii. municipal and public input mechanisms and timelines;
- ix. dispute resolution processes that adhere to the legislation and the timelines proscribed therein; and
- x. municipal refusal/opt-out clause(s) where proposals do not have the support of the participating municipality and/or do not reasonably benefit a participating municipality or municipalities given their geographical extent or limit within the watershed of the conservation authority in question.

- (b) That the "transition period," associated cannot be greater than one (1) fiscal year from the date of Bill 229's passage in the case of any pre-existing agreement and no more than two (2) years from the date of Bill 229's passage; and
- (c) That the Working Group must understand the principle that one "cannot do by regulation what one cannot do in law."

3. *How local members of the community can participate in their conservation authorities through community advisory boards*

- (a) That these advisory boards and the conservation authorities that they 'advise' are not delegated responsibilities or tasks that are a normative function of a conservation authority's operations and not delegation(s) or devolution(s) of a conservation authority's board and its committees' obligations and normal work;
- (b) That voluntarily submitted proposals for programs, projects, and services cannot be for activities either not contemplated or permitted under either conservation authorities' mandated functions or approved non-mandatory agreements;
- (c) That advisory committee's recommendations and work are neither binding nor required under a conservation authority's administrative by-laws;
- (d) That any aspect of an advisory committee's work that requires public consultation becomes a function of the conservation authority's board or its approved board-fulfilled committees not the advisory committee/group;
- (e) That membership on any advisory committee or group must be balanced and reflect its composition to watershed citizens who are

resident and contributing ratepayers in participant municipalities of the conservation authority in question;

- (f) That conservation authorities' obligations to conduct deliberate, regular, thorough, and transparent public consultation on matters of policies, programs, and services cannot be delegated to an 'advisory' committee or group. That such functions remain a core and mandatory function of a conservation authority's board; and
- (g) That community advisory boards neither relieve nor substitute a conservation authority's obligation to incorporate citizens into consultative and/or input processes that are board-led or directed.

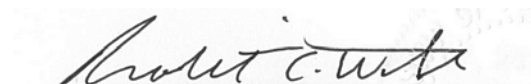
We understand and agree that partnerships and collaboration are critical but want to ensure that there is balance in the parties that will represent the Working Group.

Perth South also looks forward to greater clarity from the Ministry with respect to conservation authority budget and levy processes in the regulation updates. We are very pleased with the avenues of appeal Bill 229 will now provide, after recently exploring the costly and difficult appeal process that previously existed.

As you work to reach the final outcome on these long overdue changes, Perth South and its residents are relying on you to ensure that the development of regulations will align with the spirit of the changes requested by Perth South and other municipalities across the province during the consultations that occurred in early 2020.

I thank you for the work you are undertaking and trust our comments will be received and conveyed with your support to this Working Group. I am confident many more municipalities in this province would echo our points of view.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Wilhelm", is written over a faint, light blue circular official stamp.

Robert Wilhelm
Mayor
Township of Perth South

cc: All municipalities in Ontario

Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks Working Group members on
Proposed Regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act.

Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington



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

From: AMCTO President <president@amcto.com>
Sent: February 18, 2021 8:24 AM
To: Briana Bloomfield <bbloomfield@owensound.ca>
Subject: An Open Letter to Ontario Municipal Councils

Dear Briana Bloomfield,

We would appreciate your support in sharing the below open letter and for this letter to be included on your municipal council agenda:

February 18, 2021



AN OPEN LETTER TO ONTARIO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

Dear Council,

As a vital municipal association with membership roots that reach deep into each and every part of Ontario, we know the challenges you have faced in continuing to provide essential municipal services within your community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As elected officials, we know that you recognize the contribution made by your municipal staff, many of whom are members of AMCTO. Municipal professionals across this entire province have been at the forefront of service delivery, applying their knowledge and skills to innovate processes and procedures to meet the evolving needs of residents and businesses.

One key point that is often overlooked in this pandemic is that many municipal staff were prepared to act and innovate BECAUSE of the professional municipal training and development they receive from organizations like AMCTO. The leadership skills, education and technical training prepare your staff in getting ahead of immediate community needs, reacting and responding to new challenges brought on by COVID-19. This unique and sought-after skillset has allowed your staff to provide council with options and solutions for keeping your municipality running.

In these challenging financial times, there will be temptation to divert operational funding away from staff training budgets. Now more than ever, it is crucial that municipalities continue to invest in your most valuable resource – your staff.

In addition to increased levels of employee retention, engagement and empowerment, investments in staff professional development strengthens your council's ability to provide reliable, effective and efficient services to your community, both today and in the future. The question is no longer "if" you innovate but "when". Innovation comes with knowledge, training, and exposing municipal staff to new opportunities to grow and develop professionally.

On behalf of AMCTO and its over 2,200 members, please accept my heartfelt thank you for your service during these difficult times. As "Municipal Experts", AMCTO will continue to be at your service to help you and your staff meet the needs of your community.

Sincerely,



Robert Tremblay, MPA, CMO, AOMC
President
AMCTO

CC: Graydon Smith, President, AMO

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February 19, 2021

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

The Right Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request that the Province of Ontario Reverse Decision to
Close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

"Resolution #2021-69"

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

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 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 Township of Perry 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."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

cc: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire College – Gravenhurst Campus
All Ontario Municipalities
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February 19, 2021

Via Email

The Honourable Ahmed Hussien
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House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Honourable Minister,

**RE: Support the Town of Carleton Place resolution that the
Government of Ontario Prioritize Children and Childcare as
part of its Post Pandemic Recovery Plan**

Please be advised that at their last regularly scheduled meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

"Resolution #2021-71

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry supports the resolution from the Town of Carleton Place requesting the Government of Ontario to:

- a. prioritize children and childcare as part of its overall post pandemic recovery plan;*
- b. develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support facilities through the provision of licensed childcare and early learning education; and*
- c. provide increased funding to childcare provides reflective of COVID-19 operating cost increases to ensure a safe reopening and long-term sustainability for the sector.*

Carried."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

cc: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
MP Scott Aitchison, Parry Sound-Muskoka
MPP Norm Miller, Parry Sound-Muskoka
Stacey Blair, Clerk, Town of Carleton Place
All Ontario Municipalities



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Via Email: sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General
18th Floor – 25 Grosvenor St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

Dear Solicitor General Jones,

RE: Community Safety & Well-Being Plan – Extension Request

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

"Resolution #2021-67

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail
Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby support the efforts being taken seeking an extension of the July 1, 2021 deadline to the Solicitor General for the submission of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Carried.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

cc: Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
All Ontario Municipalities

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The County of Grey;
The Township of Georgian Bluffs;
The Municipality of Meaford;
The City of Owen Sound;
The Township of Chatsworth;
The Municipality of Grey Highlands;
The Town of Hanover;
The Town of the Blue Mountains; and
The Municipality of West Grey

To whom it may concern:

Re: Township of Southgate Vacancy Tax Rebate Support Resolution

Please be advised that at the February 17, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, the following was approved:

No. 2021-076**Moved By Councillor Frew****Seconded By Deputy Mayor Milne**

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report CAO2021-010 as information; and
That Council direct staff to continue to work with the County of Grey Finance Department and the Grey County Lower Tier Municipalities on the Vacancy Tax Rebate issue to ensure we have flexibility to deal with this program to prevent empty commercial and industrial buildings in Southgate; and
That Council approve the following support resolution created by Southgate as a Vacancy Tax Rebate Support Resolution for consideration by all Grey County municipalities and the County of Grey:

WHEREAS under the Municipal Act, Ontario municipalities have the authority and responsibility to advance and protect the "economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the municipality"; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has designated Ontario municipalities at the Upper and Single Tier level to have the responsibility to establish policies for managing and directing the necessary changes related to Vacancy Tax Rebate Programs that is in the best interest of their community; and

WHEREAS the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program in Grey County lower tier municipalities is not working at the present time for its intended purpose to

support the creation of new business growth in our downtowns or our existing businesses; and

WHEREAS *the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program in many cases actually supports empty downtown stores and industrial building spaces because commercial and industrial investors are looking to these affordable properties for speculation and property appreciation in value reasons, with residential second floor income supporting the investment; and*

WHEREAS *the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program causes landlords to be reluctant to accept lower price point leasing of the building's commercial or industrial space or inquiries for short term events or projects that would support the community and local businesses, that could generate additional income, or that may allow the use of a property on a charitable basis because the owner would lose eligibility for this rebate; and*

WHEREAS *the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program as it works presently, artificially supports higher building space lease rates demanded by landlords in a community and provides less options for affordable commercial and industrial floor space for the existing and new business owners that are forced to pay; and*

WHEREAS *the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program has an impact on MPAC and how they prepare the property assessments for taxation purposes in relation to what may appear as chronic vacancy, reduced income opportunities and economically depressed, obsolete or unused buildings areas are factors considered when establishing the value for taxation purposes and are often targeted for a larger allowance during property assessment appeals and when a Vacancy Tax Rebate is granted, on top of the assessment value consideration, causing a doubling impact on lowering taxation bills; and*

WHEREAS *the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program results in an increase in property taxation to fund the rebates, which adds to the tax burden to replace the rebate funding by all the existing commercial and industrial businesses, as well as residential and farm tax base to recoup the cost of the rebate program; and*

WHEREAS *the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program report from the Ministry of Finance in March 2018 titled "The Business Vacancy Rebate and Reduction Programs Update" (Resolution Attachment #1) reports on the status of their programs and the transition to eliminate, phase-out or modify, provides valuable information on this rebate program and what other municipalities have implemented; and*

WHEREAS *the new Community Improvement Plan Programs in Grey County provide many economic development incentives that promote growth and support development projects during the investment and creation of jobs phases for business owners, where the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program supports empty buildings without any commitment to development and lease of the property;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT as the Township of Southgate we endorse the principles of this resolution and request a cooperative approach with the County of Grey to eliminate the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program through approval by Grey County Council; and

THAT the County of Grey and the Lower Tier Municipalities undertake the appropriate consultation and communications with the businesses in each community related to transitioning to the elimination of the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program; and

That the County of Grey communicate to the Province of Ontario the decision to eliminate the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program and the timelines of when regulatory requirements are met to avoid any regulatory gaps in the process; and

That Council direct the Clerk to distribute this Vacancy Tax Rebate Support Resolution (Attachment #1) and the document titled "Ministry of Finance – The Business Vacancy Rebate and Reduction Programs Update March 2018" (Attachment #2) to all Grey County Lower Tier Municipality Clerks for their Council to consider and that the Clerk follow-up on their progress to consider the motion over the next 60 days and report the results back to Southgate Council and the County of Grey Clerks Department.

Carried.

Support Documents:

Attachment #1: Vacancy Tax Rebate Support Resolution

Attachment #2: Ministry of Finance March 2018 document titled "The Business Vacancy Rebate and Reduction Programs Update"

Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

Vacancy Tax Rebate Support Resolution for consideration by Grey County Municipalities

WHEREAS under the Municipal Act, Ontario municipalities have the authority and responsibility to advance and protect the "economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the municipality"; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has designated Ontario municipalities at the Upper and Single Tier level to have the responsibility to establish policies for managing and directing the necessary changes related to Vacancy Tax Rebate Programs that is in the best interest of their community; and

WHEREAS the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program in Grey County lower tier municipalities is not working at the present time for its intended purpose to support the creation of new business growth in our downtowns or our existing businesses; and

WHEREAS the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program in many cases actually supports empty downtown stores and industrial building spaces because commercial and industrial investors are looking to these affordable properties for speculation and property appreciation in value reasons, with residential second floor income supporting the investment; and

WHEREAS the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program causes landlords to be reluctant to accept lower price point leasing of the building's commercial or industrial space or inquiries for short term events or projects that would support the community and local businesses, that could generate additional income, or that may allow the use of a property on a charitable basis because the owner would lose eligibility for this rebate; and

WHEREAS the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program as it works presently, artificially supports higher building space lease rates demanded by landlords in a community and provides less options for affordable commercial and industrial floor space for the existing and new business owners that are forced to pay; and

WHEREAS the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program has an impact on MPAC and how they prepare the property assessments for taxation purposes in relation to what may appear as chronic vacancy, reduced income opportunities and economically depressed, obsolete or unused buildings areas are factors considered when establishing the value for taxation purposes and are often targeted for a larger allowance during property assessment appeals and when a Vacancy Tax Rebate is granted, on top of the assessment value consideration, causing a doubling impact on lowering taxation bills; and

WHEREAS the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program results in an increase in property taxation to fund the rebates, which adds to the tax burden to replace the rebate funding by all the existing commercial and industrial businesses, as well as residential and farm tax base to recoup the cost of the rebate program; and

Attachment #1

WHEREAS the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program report from the Ministry of Finance in March 2018 titled "The Business Vacancy Rebate and Reduction Programs Update" (Resolution Attachment #1) reports on the status of their programs and the transition to eliminate, phase-out or modify, provides valuable information on this rebate program and what other municipalities have implemented; and

WHEREAS the new Community Improvement Plan Programs in Grey County provide many economic development incentives that promote growth and support development projects during the investment and creation of jobs phases for business owners, where the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program supports empty buildings without any commitment to development and lease of the property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT as a lower tier Municipality or Township of _____ we endorse the principles of this resolution and request a cooperative approach with the County of Grey to eliminate the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program through approval by Grey County Council; and

THAT the County of Grey and the Lower Tier Municipalities undertake the appropriate consultation and communications with the businesses in each community related to transitioning to the elimination of the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program; and

That the County of Grey communicate to the Province of Ontario the decision to eliminate the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program and the timelines of when regulatory requirements are met to avoid any regulatory gaps in the process.

Support Resolution Information Documents:

- Resolution Attachment #1: Ministry of Finance in March 2018 document titled "The Business Vacancy Rebate and Reduction Programs Update"

THE BUSINESS VACANCY REBATE AND REDUCTION PROGRAMS UPDATE
March 2018

Programs Update

As announced in the *2016 Ontario Budget*, municipalities have broad flexibility to modify the business vacancy rebate and reduction programs to meet local circumstances, while considering the impact of such changes on the business community. The Province has also encouraged municipalities to engage with their local business community when considering program changes.

Since 2017, 46 upper- and single-tier municipalities have submitted a request for changes to the vacancy programs, provided details of the proposed changes and a council resolution. Program changes requested ranged from modifying eligibility criteria, to the phase-out and/or elimination of the programs.

- These municipalities represent two-thirds of all business properties in Ontario.
- Regulatory amendments were implemented for 28 municipalities that submitted program changes in 2017.
- 18 municipalities have requested changes since the start of 2018 (as of March 1).
- Additional municipalities have expressed interest in changes but have not yet submitted a formal request.

The first deadline for municipalities to submit a notification to the Minister for changes effective for 2018 and future years was March 1, 2018. The next deadline is scheduled for August 1, 2018.

The tables below provide a summary of all municipal changes submitted to the Minister of Finance for consideration by March 1, 2018. For more information on specific municipal consultations or program changes, please contact the local municipality.

VACANT UNIT REBATE

TABLE 1: MUNICIPALITIES THAT PROPOSE TO PHASE-OUT AND ELIMINATE REBATE

Municipality	2017	2018	2019	2020
City of Brantford				
City of Peterborough				
Municipality of Charlton and Dack				
Prince Edward County				
Town of Parry Sound				
Town of Thessalon				
Village of Burk's Falls				
City of Toronto*				
Town of Espanola				
Town of Prescott				
City of Barrie				
City of Guelph				
City of Kawartha Lakes*				
City of Orillia				
City of Ottawa*				
City of St. Thomas				
District Municipality of Muskoka				
Elgin County				
Essex County				
Municipality of Dysart et al				
Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge				
Village of Hilton Beach				
York Region				
City of Hamilton				
City of London				
City of Thunder Bay*				
Durham Region				
Haldimand County				
Halton Region				
Norfolk County				
Town of Gananoque				
Township of Nairn and Hyman				
City of Cornwall*				
Plummer Additional Township				
City of Greater Sudbury*				
Huron County				
Municipality of Chatham-Kent				
Peel Region*				
Town of St. Marys				

Phase-out	
Eliminate	

*Municipalities that proposed to modify the program prior to eliminating. For additional details, please see Table 4

TABLE 2: MUNICIPALITIES MODIFYING ELIGIBILITY AND MAINTAINING REBATE

MUNICIPALITY
Town of Fort Frances
City of Brockville
City of Windsor
City of Sault Ste. Marie
Oxford County
Town of Smiths Falls
Wellington County:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Erin • Town of Minto • North Wellington

TABLE 3: HOW MUNICIPALITIES WILL PHASE-OUT REBATE

MUNICIPALITY	DESCRIPTION
Town of Espanola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 15% in 2017
Town of Prescott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 15% in 2017
City of Hamilton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 15% in 2018
City of London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 15% in 2018
Durham Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial rebate to 15% and industrial to 17.5% in 2018
Haldimand County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate rebate for industrial in 2018 • Reduce commercial rebate to 15% in 2018
Halton Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial rebate to 15% and industrial to 20% in 2018
Norfolk County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 16.5% in 2018
Town of Gananoque	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial rebate to 15% and industrial to 17.5% in 2018
Huron County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 20% in 2018 and 10% in 2019
Municipality of Chatham-Kent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 20% in 2018 and 10% in 2019
Plummer Additional Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce rebate to 30% for industrial properties in 2017, 20% in 2018 and 10% in 2019 for commercial and industrial properties
Town of St. Marys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 20% in 2018 and 10% in 2019
Township of Nairn and Hyman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 15% in 2018

TABLE 4: MUNICIPALITIES THAT PROPOSE TO MODIFY ELIGIBILITY AND PHASE-OUT REBATE

MUNICIPALITY	DESCRIPTION
City of Kawartha Lakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 2017, include the following eligibility criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The vacant building, or portion of, is not less than 1,000 contiguous square feet Adherence to the City's Property Standards By-law Establish an administration fee for the application A building, structure or portion of building would not be eligible for a rebate where the rebate percentage of 0.00% applies for a taxation year Ineligible if labour disruption was in progress Ineligible if there is property standards order against property Delay interest requirement for 120 days after regulatory authority is received Eliminate program in 2018
City of Ottawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 15% in 2017 For 2017, also include the following eligibility criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The vacant building, or portion of, is not less than 1,000 contiguous square feet Vacant portion was not used and was separated from any portion that was used Vacant portion supports an occupancy permit Vacant portion is capable of being leased Vacancy must be greater than or equal to 90 days Ineligible if not in compliance with property standards by-law Ineligible if labour disruption was in progress Ineligible if property standards order remains outstanding No interest to accrue until 60 days after MPAC's determination of value Ineligible if denied a request to inspect property Ineligible if false information provided Due date to be last day of March One application per year Eliminate program in 2018
City of Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce commercial rebate to 15% effective July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. To include a deadline date of February 28, 2018 for receipt of applications for vacancies occurring in 2017, and a deadline date of September 28, 2018 for receipt of applications for vacancies occurring in 2018 Eliminate commercial and industrial rebate effective July 1, 2018
City of Thunder Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 15% in 2018 Modify eligibility in 2018 to exclude: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Storage units and storage tanks Buildings/structures or parts thereof that are not capable of being leased for immediate occupation because it was undergoing or in need of repairs or renovations or was unfit for

	<p>occupation</p> <p>3. Buildings/structures or parts thereof that are not available for lease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate program in 2019
City of Cornwall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 25% in 2017, 20% in 2018 and 10% in 2019 • To include in the eligibility guidelines beginning in 2017: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The vacant portion of the building was not used and was separated by permanent or semi-permanent physical barriers from any portion of the building that was used 2. The vacant portion of the building or structure supports an occupancy permit 3. The vacant portion of the building or structure is capable of being leased and is available for lease (may be determined by Cornwall Fire Services and/or Cornwall Property Standards personnel) 4. The vacancy must be equal to or greater than 90 consecutive days within the calendar year 5. The property be ineligible if during the vacancy period the property is not in compliance with any by-law administered by the City of Cornwall, including those under the direction of Property Standards and Fire Services 6. The property be ineligible if a strike, lockout or other labour disruption was in progress throughout the vacancy period 7. The property be ineligible if a property standards order remains outstanding on the last day to submit an application for the vacancy rebate 8. The property be ineligible if the nature of the business is seasonal 9. No interest shall begin to accrue until 90 days after the City receives the determination of the value of the eligible property from MPAC 10. The property be ineligible if a request to inspect the property for vacancy is not granted within 30 days of the initial request 11. The property be ineligible if false or inaccurate information is provided in the application 12. That the due date be the last day of February of the following taxation year • Eliminate program in 2020
City of Greater Sudbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce rebate on commercial to 20% in 2018 and 10% in 2019 • Reduce rebate on industrial to 23% in 2018 and 12% in 2019 • Modify eligibility in 2018 to exclude: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Buildings with restricted access 2. Buildings not available for lease • Eliminate rebate for large industrial properties in 2018 • Eliminate rebate for commercial and industrial properties in 2020
Peel Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce commercial and industrial rebate to 20% in 2018 and to 10% in 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2017, modify following eligibility criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An eligible vacant unit must not include any non-permanent structures and not be used for any form of storage Not eligible if a rebate was provided in the last 3 consecutive years Storage units, hotels, fuel storage tanks, gravel pits, a business closed due to labour disruption and fixturing period are not eligible Supporting documentation must be received within 30 days of Notice for Applications with incomplete information Eliminate program in 2020
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TABLE 5: MUNICIPALITIES THAT PROPOSE CHANGES AND WILL MAINTAIN REBATE

MUNICIPALITY	DESCRIPTION
Town of Fort Frances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce industrial rebate to 30% in 2017
City of Brockville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning in 2017: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Limit rebate to a period not to exceed two (2) calendar years The rebate amount is to be 100% of the current allowable amount in Year One and 50% of the current allowable amount in Year Two All current unit vacancies that have made historical applications for the entirety of both 2016 and 2017 taxation years will not be allowed to apply in the 2018 tax year or beyond until an occupancy has occurred and confirmed by permit or other means
City of Sault Ste. Marie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 2017: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Limit eligibility period to 3 years in a 10 year cycle for other commercial properties Temporary uses will not impact eligibility Eliminate rebate for industrial and shopping centre in 2017
City of Windsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning in 2017: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Restrict the rebate as it relates to individual annual applications within the Downtown Business Improvement Area for main street, ground level commercial properties (non-office towers) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In Year One, the rebate amount is to be 100% of the current allowable amount In Year Two, 50% of the current allowable amount In Year Three, 0%
Oxford County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modify eligibility starting in 2017: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Any property that has benefitted from the program for five years, whether consecutive or not, will be eliminated from future eligibility
Town of Smiths Falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To include in the eligibility guidelines beginning in 2017: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The vacant portion of the building or structure is capable of being leased and is available for lease (advertised for lease and proof that applicant is actively trying to lease the property)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The building or portion must be vacant for at least 90 consecutive days to be eligible 3. The building or portion must be vacant for at least 90 consecutive days within the calendar year 4. The property shall be ineligible if during the vacancy period the property is not in compliance with Town's Property Standards By-law, Zoning By-law, the building Code Act/Regulations, or the Fire Protection and Prevention Act/Regulations or Site Plan Control By-law (if applicable) 5. The property shall be ineligible if a property standards order remains outstanding on the last day to submit an application for the vacancy rebate 6. No interest to accrue until 90 days after MPAC's determination of value 7. The property be ineligible if a request to inspect the property for vacancy is not granted within 30 days of the initial request 8. The property will be ineligible if a property re-assessment has been granted by MPAC or the ARB within the last two assessment cycles 9. The property be ineligible if false or inaccurate information is provided in the application 10. That the due date be the last day of February of the following taxation year 11. Only one application/per property/per year may be submitted to a total maximum of 3 years for commercial properties and 5 years for industrial properties 12. The vacant portion of the building was not used for any purpose, and was separated by permanent or semi-permanent physical barriers from any portion of the building that was used
Wellington County: Town of Erin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify eligibility: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the Town has made a grant or loan in respect of a property located in a Community Improvement Plan Area, the property would not be eligible for a rebate
Wellington County: Town of Minto North Wellington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify eligibility: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be located within the Community Improvement Plan boundaries and eligible for such municipal incentives as signage façade and structural grants 2. Two year maximum rebate time limit 3. Must be capable of being leased for immediate occupation 4. Pop-Up Stores and other temporary uses do not affect eligibility 5. Must be vacant for 90 consecutive days 6. If active repairs or renovations are proven the property would be eligible 7. Seasonal businesses do not qualify 8. The property must be advertised for lease or for sale 9. Must apply each year and be inspected 10. All arrears for property taxes, water and sewer billings and other municipal charges must be paid

VACANT AND EXCESS LAND SUBCLASSES

TABLE 6: MUNICIPALITIES THAT PROPOSE TO PHASE-OUT AND ELIMINATE DISCOUNT

Municipality	2018	2019	2020	2021
City of Greater Sudbury				
City of St. Thomas				
Elgin County				
Town of Thessalon				
Village of Hilton Beach				
Town of Espanola				
Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge				
Township of Nairn and Hyman				
Durham Region				
Town of St. Marys				
Haldimand County				

Phase-out
Eliminate

TABLE 7: HOW MUNICIPALITIES WILL PHASE-OUT DISCOUNT

MUNICIPALITY	DESCRIPTION
Town of Espanola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce commercial and industrial discounts to 15% in 2017
Durham Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce commercial discount to 20% in 2018 and 10% in 2019 Reduce industrial discount to 23.33% in 2018 and 11.67% in 2019
Town of St. Marys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce commercial and industrial discounts to 20% in 2018 and to 10% in 2019
Haldimand County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce commercial discount to 22.5% in 2018, 15% in 2019 and 7.5% in 2020 Reduce industrial discount to 26.25% in 2018, 17.5% in 2019 and 8.75% in 2020