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December 3, 2020

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

To: Mayor and Council

The Regular Meeting of Council will be held electronically at 7 p.m. on Tuesday December 8th, 2020.

If you are unable to be in attendance it is greatly appreciated that you notify the undersigned in advance.

Thank you.

Best regards;

Cindy Pigeau
Clerk-Treasurer

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

AGENDA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
ELECTRONICALLY

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **WRITTEN DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
3. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS** **None**
4. **REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**
Chris Whalley, Roads Superintendent
Dean Maxwell, Fire Chief
Jacob Grove, Recreation, Landfill, Cemetery
Shane Conrad, Chief Building Official – Written Report Only
5. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES** **None**
6. **ACTION LETTERS**
 - A) Minutes of Regular Council Meeting **Adopt Minutes of Tuesday, November 24/20**
 - B) Minutes of Special Council Meeting **Adopt Minutes of Tuesday, December 1/20**
 - C) Report from Clerk-Treasurer **2020CT58 Report to Council – Emergency Control Group Meeting Summary – November 25, 2020**
 - D) By-Law 2020-025 **Amendment to Fees and Charges By-Law**
 - E) Crime Stoppers **Support for January 2021 being Crime Stoppers Month**
 - F) Municipality of Calvin-Roads Dept **Road Agreement for further work and/or maintenance on Unopened/Unassumed Road Allowance for portion of Trahan Road**
 - G) Report from Clerk Treasurer **2020CT56 Report to Council – Municipal Engineer Services**
 - H) Municipality of Calvin – Administration **Investigation into Year Round Maintenance for Stewarts Road**
 - I) Councillor Dean Grant **Further Discussion regarding Formal Complaint Policy**
 - J) Councillor Dean Grant **Update on Bill 229 “Protect, Support and Recover from Covid 19 Act, Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act”**
 - K) Municipality of Calvin – Administration **Closure of Outdoor Washrooms**
 - L) Municipality of Calvin – Administration **Consultant for the Joint Community Well Being and Safety Plan (Due January 1, 2021)**
 - M) Municipality of Calvin – Educational **Ranked Ballots for Municipal Elections**

7. INFORMATION LETTERS

A)	Gravel Watch Ontario	New Regulations in the Aggregate Resources Act
B)	Association of Municipalities of Ontario	Policy Update - Updated Covid 19 Measures, New LTC Projects, Emergency Orders Extended and AODA Items
C)	Rural Ontario Municipalities Association	ROMA Insider – Broadband Connectivity – A Municipal Roadmap and Broadband Connectivity – A Municipal Primer
D)	Association of Municipalities of Ontario	Policy Update – Immunization Strategy Start, Revised Covid 19 Closure Regulations, CMOH Reappointment, Cemetery Care and Maintenance Funds Discussion Paper
E)	Township of Amaranth	Support for County of Wellington Aggregate Resource Property Valuation
F)	Township of Essa	Bill 229 “Protect, Support and Recover from Covid 19 Act – Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act”
G)	Township of Amaranth	Support for Governing Body for Cannabis
H)	Township of Amaranth	Support for Municipal Elections Act
I)	Township of Huron-Kinloss	Support for Governing Body for Cannabis
J)	Township of Huron-Kinloss	Support for Governing the Establishment of Cannabis Retail Stores
K)	Township of Huron-Kinloss	Support for Tougher Laws for Unauthorized Car Rallies and their Participants
L)	Township of Huron-Kinloss	Support for Amendment to Bill 124
M)	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Enforcement of Orders under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020
N)	Ontario Clean Air Alliance	Make Ontario a Climate Leader Again
O)	Town of Mono	Schedule 6 of Bill 229
P)	Town of Shelburne	Bill 229 and the Conservation Authorities
Q)	Municipality of Grey Highlands	Bill 229 and the Conservation Authorities
R)	Township of Larder Lake	Support for Funding and Training Resources to be able to comply with O. Reg 1919/11 under the AODA
S)	Association of Municipalities of Ontario	Policy Update – AG Special Report on Ontario’s Initial Covid 19 Response and Winter Holiday Guidance
T)	Association of Municipalities of Ontario	Policy Update – Some Regions Moving to New Covid 19 Levels

and Phase 2 Long Term Care Community Paramedicine Program

- U) Ontario Clean Air Alliance OPG's climate plan is a road to failure
- V) Municipality of Marmora and Lake Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act – Website Support
- W) Region of Peel Property Tax Exemptions for Veteran Clubs
- X) Municipal Engineers Association MEA Appoints New Board of Directors at 2020 Virtual AGM
- Y) Township of South Frontenac Schedule 6 of Bill 229
- Z) City of Quinte West Bill 229 – Protect, Support and Recover from Covid 19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020
- AA) Vic Fedeli, MPP Nipissing Rural Economic Development (RED) Program
- BB) Association of Municipalities of Ontario Policy Update – Bill 229, Schedule 6 (CA Act) – Proposed Amendments
- CC) Tribunals Ontario Tribunals Ontario Updated Practice Direction on Hearing Formats
- DD) Association of Municipalities of Ontario Policy Update – Federal Fall Economic Statement
- EE) Township of Central Frontenac Schedule 6 of Bill 229
- 8. INFORMATION LETTERS AVAILABLE** Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund 2021 – Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index (MFCI) Workbook
Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund 2021 Workbook
- 9. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**
- 10. ACCOUNTS APPROVAL REPORT**
- 11. CLOSED PORTION** As per Section 239(2) (d) – labour relations or employee Negotiations and Section 239 (2) (b) personal matters about an Identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (RE: Personnel Update).
- 12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**
 - C2020-25 Adopt Minutes of Last Closed Portion Held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020
 - C2020-26 Adjourn Closed Portion
- 13. NOTICE OF MOTION**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT**

MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT DATE: CW 03/12/20

PREPARED BY: Roads Superintendent – Chris Whalley

SUBJECT: Roads Report – Roads Department

December 8th 2020

Council Report

1. On November 11th I had R&S Mobile come to the Public Works Garage to perform an emission test on 76-05. An Etest is required after a commercial vehicle is 5 years and older, in to renew the licence plates. Next year we will also have to do 76-15.
2. On November 9th Rental company dropped off Cat 311L excavator with Rock Breaker attachment and bucket at the intersection of Brule Rd and Adams Rd. We started breaking rock on the hill just south of the intersection on Brule Rd. I used our Co-Op student to run the excavator under close supervision. He did an excellent job, and continued to break rock out of the roads and ditches throughout the municipality. We worked on Brule Rd, Bronson lake Rd and Homestead Rd. I used my Tag-a-long float behind 76-05 to float the excavator from one site to another. The broken rock was picked up and hauled to a narrow section on Homestead rd were it was used to stabilize a section of road where there was a steep drop off. The balance of the ditching budget was used for the rental.
3. On November 27th the office received a complaint saying the Roads Dept is encroaching on private property.
4. Permission was granted to the Roads Dept by property owners, to access specific properties to remove beaver dams. The beaver dams were causing flooding on some of our roads and ditches. Beavers are very active this time of year, and a local trapper has been contacted to remove any beavers he can within the road right of ways.
5. On November 12th we brought 76-05 back to Peterbuilt in North Bay for a diagnostic check. Oil temperature checked out ok, and all parameters on the engine were ok. A slight leak in the exhaust manifold was noted. We may need to replace manifold, a gasket?
6. On November 16th, I received a text at 4:30am. Tree down on Peddlers Dr on top of the Cheese Factory hill. A Large spruce tree had fell down through the

night and had pulled the Bell wire down with it, blocking the road. The tree was cut and removed by 6am and the road was open again.

7. On November 18th we hosted a Commercial Vehicle Wheel Service Training Course at the Public Works Garage. Four Staff members, 3 from the Roads Dept and 1 from the Fire Dept, are now trained, to remove, repair, install and torque wheels on all our municipal vehicles. This includes the stud pilot wheels on Pumper, the hub pilot wheels on the 2 municipal trucks and PT-2, and the Dayton or Spoke wheels found on PT-1. Our Co-Op student sat in on the training as well. Each person was given a password and must now Login online with Ontario Trucking Association, and complete an exam to be certified. A few recommendations were made by the instructor for the Public Works garage. We should have a tire inflation cage, a 6ft inflator gauge, stud bolt protectors and a couple 20 ton jack stands.
8. On Tuesday December 1st we had 3 inches of fresh snow fall by noon. Both trucks finished their routes by 5pm, and there was a continuous snow fall warning in effect. Wednesday morning the roads crew started at 5am. We had received approx. 10 inches of fresh snow overnight. Both trucks had to go slower than normal because of the high risk of the front plows digging into the soft gravel roads. Slow and steady win's the race! School busses were canceled both days. All in All, the first major snow fall went very well with very few problems.
9. A letter was sent off to Miller Group to express my disappointment in the final results of the construction of the Hackenbrook Bridge.

Chris Whalley
Roads Superintendent
Municipality of Calvin

Municipality of Calvin Fire department monthly report

Report Date: November, 2020

Originator: Dean Maxwell-Fire Chief

Responded Alarm's

Nov,15,20 /11:18 Automatic aid for Pap-Cam.

Nov,24,20 /12:03 50 Columbia Forest Products.

Meeting nights/Training

Nov,5,20/ Meeting night:Foam nozzle review/Pumper operation .


Nov,12,20/ Meeting night:Review work place harassment/Portable pump training .

Nov,19,20/ Meeting night:Run all power units/Clean up fire hall .

Nov,26,20/ Meeting night:Debrief fire call/Truck checks .

Fleet Status report

The fleet was serviced by Dan O'grady



Dean Maxwell



Cindy Pigeau

**MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Recreation, Cemetery, Landfill JG2020-17**

REPORT DATE: 03/12/2020
 PREPARED BY: Jacob Grove; Landfill, Cemetery, Recreation Superintendent
 Municipal Enforcement Officer
 SUBJECT: Council Report

Recreation

The Community Center exterior entrance door locking cylinder and accessible buttons have been installed and the project is now complete. The invoice will therefore be paid.

On November 19th, the dry walling and mudding was completed in the Community Center entrance.

On November 11th, the annual playground inspection was completed. We are at 96% compliance with no changes from the last inspection.

The donated dish washer installation was completed November 30th.

On November 30th, some of the water shut offs started to leak and resulted in the hot water being turn off in the Community Center. The shut offs were replaced December 3rd.

We are continuing to monitor the weather for an opportunity to start the ice making process.

Full 14 Days Overview														
Dec 3 - Dec 16														
	Thu 12/03	Fri 12/04	Sat 12/05	Sun 12/06	Mon 12/07	Tue 12/08	Wed 12/09	Thu 12/10	Fri 12/11	Sat 12/12	Sun 12/13	Mon 12/14	Tue 12/15	Wed 12/16
Day	1°	0°	-3°	-4°	-5°	-1°	-1°	0°	-3°	-4°	-6°	-8°	-8°	-8°
POF	70%	60%	20%	20%	30%	30%	30%	30%	70%	40%	70%	70%	10%	70%
Night	-1°	-6°	-8°	-9°	-8°	-4°	-1°	-5°	-7°	-8°	-11°	-11°	-12°	-12°
POF	60%	40%	20%	20%	20%	60%	30%	20%	70%	40%	70%	70%	20%	70%

We have received application from two people interested in volunteering to help with the rink.

I have attached information on skating rinks from other Municipalities, this is intended as information only. The survey was completed by the Town of Burks Falls with these results.

Landfill

The compactor truck has received it annual servicing, which includes changing all filters, oil and topping up the hydraulic reviver.

I have been contacted by one of the Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) about our waste electronics, requesting information on our Municipality. Once they provide me with information including pricing on their program, I will provide it to Council.

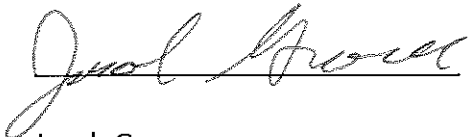
Cemetery

There was one full burial this month.

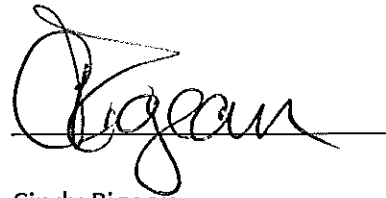
Municipal Enforcement

There were four new cases opened this month.

Respectfully submitted;



Jacob Grove
Landfill, Cemetery, Recreation Superintendent
Municipal Enforcement Officer
Municipality of Calvin



Cindy Pigeau
Clerk - Treasurer
Municipality of Calvin

Municipality	Contact	Health Unit	Outside renters	Open for 20/21 season	closed b/c of COVID	Do you have a wait time between uses for cleaning?	How long is the wait time?	Dressing Rooms open for equipment?	Dressing rooms open for skate changing only?	Are showers open?	Public Skating on?	Public Skating specific protocol?	Can adult leagues skate or play?	Shinny or pick-up allowed?	Parents and spectators allowed?
Burk's Falls	705-382-3811	NBPS	N	?	Y	Y	60 MIN	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	TBD
Watford		Lambton	Y	Y	N	N	N/A	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Strong		NBPS	N	Y	Y	Y	30 MIN	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Machar		NBPS	N	Y		N	N/A	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Leamington	519-326-5761 x2101	W/E/C	Y	Y	N	Y	10 MIN	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
East Ferris	705-752-3566 x234	NBPS	N	Y	N	Y	30 MIN	N	Y	N	N	N/A	Y	N	Y
St-charles	705-867-2332	Sud/Man	UNKNOWN	N	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	N/A	N	N	N
Muskoka Lakes		Muskoka	Y	N	Y	Y	30 MIN	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Calvin	705-744-2700x202	NBPS	N	Y	N	N/A	N/A	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N/A
Hamilton		HAM	Y	Y	Y	Y	30 MIN	Y	N/A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Loyalist	613-893648x203	KFL&A	Y	Y	N	N/A	N/A	N	NA	NA	N	NA	Y	N	N
Strathroy-caradoc	519-245-1105x226	Midsex	Y	Y	N	N	NA	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
City of St. Catharines	905-688-5601 x 1915	Niagara	Y	Y	N	Y	30 MIN	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
New Tecumseth	705-435-3900x 1515	Simcoe	Y	Y	N	N	NA	Y	NA	N	MAYBE	N	Y	Y	Y
Town of Arnprior	613-623-1793	Renfrew	Y	Y	N	N	0	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Town of Huntsville	705-789-6421 x 3027	Simcoe	N	Y	Y	N	NA	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Guelph	519-822-1260X 2683	Welling	Y	Y	N	Y	15-30	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Bancroft			Y	Y	N	Y	30 MIN	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
London	519-661-2489 x 4423	Midsex	N	Y	Y	N	NA	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dysartetal	705-457-1740 x 635	Haliburt	N	Y	N	Y	30 MIN	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Cramahe	905-355-2821 x 222	Haliburt	Y	Y	N	Y	15 MIN	N	Y	N	TBD	N	Y	N	Y
Clarington		Durham	N	Y	N	Y	20 MIN	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Blind River		Algoma	N	N	N	N	10 MIN	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wawa	705-856-2244x 242	Algoma	Y	Y	N	Y	30 MIN	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Middlesex		Midsex	Y	Y	N	N	NA	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	TBD
Wellesley	519-699-3944	Waterloo	Y	Y	Y	Y	20 MIN	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y

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Ear Falls	807-222-3624x1027	N. WEST	UNKNOWN	Y	N	Y	1 HOUR	Y	N	N	Y	TBD	Y	Y	N
Marmora & Lake		Hastings	Y	Y	Y	N	NA	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y
Elliot Lake			N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	TBD	TBD
Wilmot		Waterloo	Y	Y	N	Y	20 MIN	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Prince															
Gravenhurst				Y		Y	1 HOUR	N	N	N	TBA	TBD	N	N	Y
Seguin		NBPS	Y	Y	N	Y	45 MIN	N	Y	N	N	NA	Y	Y	Y
Lambtonshores	519-243-1400 x 8313	Lamton	Y	Y	N	N	NA	Y	NA	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Brudenell, Lyndock Raglan	613-758-2061	Renfrew	Y	Y	N	Y	15 MIN	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Pelham				Y				Y			Y	Y			
Niagara Falls				Y				Y		N	N				Y
Welland				N				Y		N					N
French River		Sudbury	N	Y	N	Y	2 HOURS	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
NOTL				Y				Y		N	Y				Y
Port Colborne				Y				Y			N				
West Lincoln				Y											
Wainfleet				Y				Y		N	N				Y
Grimsby				Y				Y		N					Y
St. Catharines				Y				Y		Y					N
Thorold				Y				Y							
Lincoln				Y					Y		Y		N	N	Y
Fort Erie				Y					Y		N				Y
Township of Huron	519-395-2909	Grey Bruce	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
City of Toronto	647-464-84818?		Y	Y	Y	Y	15 MIN	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Town of St. Marys	519-284-2340	Huron	Y	Y	N	Y	30 MIN	Y	N	N	N		Y	N	Y
Windsor			Y	Y	Y	N	NA	N	Y	N	N	NA	Y	N	Y
Lakeshore Ontario	519-727-0470 x 512	Windsor	N	Y	N	N	NA	Y/N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Town of LaSalle	519-969-7771 x 4114	Windsor	N	Y	N	Y	15 MIN	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Township of Essa	705-331-0864	Muskoka	Y	Y	Y	Y	30 MIN	Y	Y	N	N	N		N	Y



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BUILDING REPORT

MONTH: November, 2020

1. NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED	1
2. TOTAL MONTHLY VALUE	\$2,000
3. TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$190
4. TOTAL BUILDING VALUE TO DATE	\$963,100
5. TOTAL FEES COLLECTED TO DATE	\$6,045

COMMENTS:

Permit: 31-2020 Type: Trailer Canopy

Value: \$2,000

Fee: \$190

Permit 30-2020 started but not issued

SHANE CONRAD
CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020

The regular meeting of Council was held this date by Zoom electronic meetings (due to Covid-19 pandemic). Present were Deputy Mayor Sandy Cross, Coun Dan Maxwell, Coun Heather Olmstead, Coun Dean Grant, Fire Chief, Dean Maxwell, Roads Superintendent, Chris Whalley and Clerk-Treasurer, Cindy Pigeau.

Regrets: Mayor Ian Pennell Guests: 2

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Sandy Cross

PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Councillor Olmstead declared a conflict of interest on Item No. 6 D & E – Item Title: Calvin Social, as well as Old & New Business, Reason: “I am a member and don’t want to influence the vote.”

Councillor Dean Grant declared a conflict of interest on Item No. 3 & 6 (C), (D), (E) Item Title: Mrs. Chelsey Grant & Request for a Santa Walk/Run, Reason: “ Individual speaking and involved in making request is my spouse.”

Councillor Dean Grant declared a conflict of Interest on Item 6(B) i Item Title: Request to Change, Reason: “Persons making request are family members.”

Councillor Dean Grant declared a conflict of interest on Item 9, Item Title: Old & New Business, Reason: “Comments are in regard to the event my spouse is helping organize.”

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS: Mrs. Chelsey Grant – Permission to hold a Santa Walk/Run on December 12, 2020 at 1pm starting and ending at the Municipal Grounds in support of the Calvin Social Group and the Calvin Firefighters Association

2020-336 MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Coun Grant and seconded by Coun Maxwell that the Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 be hereby adopted and signed as circulated.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Grant Yea
Carried

2020-337 REQUEST FOR USE OF MUNICIPAL GROUNDS FOR SANTA WALK/RUN

Moved by Coun Maxwell and seconded by Coun Cross that the Calvin Social Group has approached Council to hold the Calvin Social Santa Walk/Run on Saturday, December 12th, 2020 at 1pm. The walk/run will start and end at the Municipal grounds in front of the outdoor washrooms. All current North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Covid 19 pandemic

regulations as well as all current Provincial Covid 19 pandemic regulations must be followed during this event, including but not limited to regulations for food handling, numbers for gatherings, face coverings and social distancing. It is the responsibility of the Calvin Social Group event planner to ensure that current regulations, as of the date of the event, will be followed by all event attendees. The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin is not responsible for providing personal protective equipment for this event and will not be held responsible if provincial and North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (NBPSDHU) regulations associated with a pandemic are not followed by the attendees of the event. Now therefore be it resolved that Council, hereby acknowledges this independent use of the Municipal Grounds.”

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Conflict of Interest Declared
Councillor Grant Conflict of Interest Declared
Carried

2020-238 AUTHORIZATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR THE CALVIN SOCIAL GROUP WALK/RUN

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Maxwell that the Calvin Social Group has approached Council to hold the Calvin Social Santa Walk/Run on Saturday, December 12th, 2020 at 1pm. The walk/run will start and end at the Municipal grounds in front of the outdoor washrooms. The Calvin Social Group has also requested that the Calvin Fire Department provide Traffic Control for the event. As per Report 2020CT53, Council acknowledges the liability that participation in this event by the Fire Department could impose on the Municipality. Now therefore be it resolved that Council, hereby authorizes the Calvin Fire Department to provide traffic control for the Calvin Social Group – Santa Walk/Run Event on December 12, 2020.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Nay
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Conflict of Interest Declared
Councillor Grant Conflict of Interest Declared
Defeated

2020-239 BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE BY-LAW TO IMPOSE AND CONSOLIDATE THE FEES AND CHARGES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES AND FOR THE USE OF ITS PROPERTY.

By-law 2020-025 being a by-law to amend the by-law to impose and consolidate the fees and charges for municipal services or activities and for the use of its property. This By-law received the 1st and 2nd reading on Tuesday, November 24th, 2020 and will come before Council for 3rd and final reading on Tuesday, December 8th, 2020.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

First Reading
Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Grant Yea
Carried

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

~~Second Reading~~
Councillor Cross Yea

Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Grant Yea
Carried

2020-240 DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Coun Olmstead and seconded by Coun Maxwell that the disbursements dated November 19, 2020 in the amount of \$41,530.03 and November 24, 2020 in the amount of \$11,456.67 be hereby authorized and passed for payment.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Grant Yea
Carried

2020-241 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Coun Grant and seconded by Coun Maxwell that this regular meeting of Council now be adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Carried

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross Yea
Councillor Maxwell Yea
Councillor Olmstead Yea
Councillor Grant Yea
Carried

Mayor

Clerk

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

The special meeting of Council was held electronically on this date using the ZOOM platform. Present were Mayor Ian Pennell, Deputy Mayor Sandy Cross, Coun Dan Maxwell, Coun Heather Olmstead, Coun Dean Grant and Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Pigeau.

Guests: Mr. Bryan Searle, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Pennell

PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Councillor Olmstead declared a conflict of interest on Item No. 6 C & D – Item Title: Motion to Reconsider Calvin Fire Department, Reason: “I am a member and have family member involved.”

Councillor Dean Grant declared a conflict of interest on Item No. 6 (C & D) Item Title: Calvin Fire Department – Motion to Reconsider, Reason: “Social Group involves my spouse.”

Mr. Bryan Searle from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing provided training to Council on 1. Role of Council, Councillor and Staff, 2. Accountability and Transparency, 3. Meetings, 4. Exercising Municipal Powers, 5. Shared Services and 6. Service Delivery Review.

2020-242 MOTION TO RECONSIDER DEFEATED RESOLUTION NO. 2020-238
Moved by Coun Maxwell and seconded by Coun Cross that Council hereby agrees that Resolution No. 2020-238 which was defeated due to a tied vote on November 24, 2020 which addressed whether Council authorized the Calvin Fire Department to provide traffic control for the Calvin Social Group Santa Walk/Run scheduled for December 12, 2020 at 1pm. As per Report 2020CT53, Council acknowledges the liability that participation in this event by the Fire Department could impose on the Municipality; and further, that should the majority vote to reconsider said Resolution 23020-238 it shall become the next order of business.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Declared a Conflict of Interest
Councillor Grant	Declared a Conflict of Interest
Mayor Pennell	Nay

Carried

2020-243 DECISION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR THE CALVIN SOCIAL GROUP WALK/RUN
Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Maxwell that Council hereby agrees that Resolution No. 2020-238 which was defeated due to a tied vote on November 24, 2020 and which stated; That the Calvin Social Group has approached Council to hold the Calvin Social Santa Walk/Run on Saturday, December 12th, 2020 at 1pm. The walk/run will start and end at the Municipal grounds in front of the outdoor washrooms. The Calvin Social Group has also requested that the Calvin Fire Department provide Traffic Control for the event; As per Report 2020CT53, Council acknowledges the liability that participation in this event by the Fire Department could impose on the Municipality; Now therefore be it resolved that Council, hereby authorizes the Calvin Fire Department to provide traffic control for the Calvin Social Group - Santa Walk/Run Event on December 12, 2020; Be hereby reconsidered as originally

presented.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Nay
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Declared a Conflict of Interest
Councillor Grant	Declared a Conflict of Interest
Mayor Pennell	Nay

Defeated

2020-244 NEXT STEPS FOR ANALYSIS AND SCHEDULE FOR 2021 SPECIAL MEETINGS FOR STRATEGIC PLAN

Moved by Coun Olmstead and seconded by Coun Grant that the next meeting for the development of the Municipality of Calvin's Strategic Plan will be held February 2, 2021 as a Special Meeting of Council; During that meeting: Discuss in detail the suggestions and elaborations that have been put forth by Council Members for our next stage of the Strategic Plan based on the Survey Results. Council is requested to provide their suggestions to the Clerk-Treasurer at least one week prior to the Special Council Meeting held on February 2, 2021 so as to amalgamate the suggestions into one document to be presented to Council for the Special Meeting.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Yea
Councillor Grant	Yea
Mayor Pennell	Yea

Carried

2020-245 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Grant that this special meeting of Council now be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

2020CT58 REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT DATE: December 1, 2020
ORIGINATOR: Cindy Pigeau – Clerk-Treasurer
SUBJECT: Emergency Control Group Meeting Summary – November 25, 2020

The Emergency Control Group met electronically on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 by Zoom.

In regards to Key Legislation changes – There is now a Colour Coded System for the Ministry of Health Covid 19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open. Updated on November 9, 2020. This is to replace the Phase system that was in place before this system. North Bay Parry Sound is one of 15 communities that are in Green. Sudbury and Muskoka are in Yellow and Orange, respectively.

The Emergency Orders and Border Restrictions are in effect until December 21, 2020.

There are two vaccines very close to being approved with a couple more very close behind them. The first shipment of vaccines are estimated to arrive in January of 2021. They will go to Front Line Workers (including Fire Fighters) and Long Term Care facilities first. It is estimated that it will be next fall when the average person will receive the vaccine.

There are still communities (mostly farther North) that are declaring a State of Emergency.

The Emergency Control Group duties have not changed in the past two weeks.

The Emergency Response Plan will have an additional appendix added to it regarding pandemic. The appendix is in the final stages of being developed. It should be added to the Emergency Response Plan soon. The CEMC will come to a Regular Council meeting when the Emergency Response Plan is brought forth to Council for review.

A Covid 19 Outbreak has been declared at Nipissing University.

The Municipal State of Emergency still remains in effect.

Respectfully submitted;
Cindy Pigeau
Clerk-Treasurer

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN
BY-LAW NO. 2020-025

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE BY-LAW TO IMPOSE AND CONSOLIDATE THE FEES AND CHARGES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES AND FOR THE USE OF ITS PROPERTY – TO INCLUDE UPDATED RECREATION HALL RENTAL FEES

WHEREAS Section 391(1) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, without limiting Sections 9, 10 and 11 authorizes municipalities to impose fees or charges on persons, for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of the municipality, for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or local board; and for the use of its property including property under its control;

AND WHEREAS Section 398 (2) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, provides for the addition of fees and charges imposed by the municipality or local board, respectively, to the tax roll for the following property in the local municipality and collect them in the same manner as municipal taxes: any property for which all the owners are responsible for paying the fees and charges;

AND WHEREAS Section 23.1 (1) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, authorizes a municipality to delegate its powers and duties to a person or body subject to the restrictions set in that Part;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin is desirous of establishing user fees and charges to recover some of the costs for services and rents provided by the Corporation;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin enacts as follows:

1. That the user fees, charges and rents as specified in Schedules E – as amended, to this By-law be charged by the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin for those services and activities provided by the Corporation, for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or any local board; and for the use of property owned or under the control of the Corporation.
2. All fees and charges set out in this By-law shall be payable prior to the provision of the service unless an agreement in writing is made to the contrary and approved by the appropriate municipal official.
3. In the event any fee or charge imposed herein remains unpaid after provision of the service or is otherwise in arrears, such fees or charges may be added to the Tax Roll for any real property in the municipality, the owner of which is responsible for paying the fee charge and shall be collected in like manner as municipal taxes.
4. In default of payment of any charge levied herein, by the required due date for the payment thereof, a percentage charge of one and one-quarter percent (1 ¼%) is hereby imposed as a penalty for non-payment of such charge thereof, and such penalty shall be added to the charge as aforesaid or any installment or part thereof remaining unpaid on the first day of each calendar month thereafter in which default continues.
5. Council does hereby delegate to each Department Manager of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin, the authority to administer such fees and charges and approve such forms and procedures as may be required for the efficient administration of the fees and charges.
6. The fees set out in this By-law shall be reviewed on an annual basis by each department manager prior to adoption of the current budget and if there is a discrepancy in fee prices, the fees set out herein supersede any fees listed in other By-laws.
7. All fees and charges listed in the Schedule to this By-law include all applicable taxes.
8. That the fees and charges set out in the attached Schedule is hereby imposed and ratified.

Set out as follows:

Schedule E Recreation Hall Services

9. That this By-law shall come into full force and take effect as of the date of its signing.

READ A FIRST TIME AND SECOND TIME THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2020.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY BE PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2020.

Mayor Ian Pennell

Clerk, Cindy Pigeau

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN
RECREATION HALL SERVICES

HALL RENTAL RATES (Renter must provide own Liability Insurance)

Booking deposit

At time of booking 50% of payment is required to guarantee and is Non-refundable if cancellation is not received at least 72 hours prior to event

Full Day – over 4 hours and up to 8 hours <i>(plus damage deposit)</i>	\$150.00
Full day – with alcohol <i>(plus damage deposit, provide own Party Alcohol Liability Insurance and Special Occasion Permit)</i>	\$225.00
Full Day - Meetings/Seminars/Courses/Lectures/Business Functions <i>(plus damage deposit)</i>	\$150.00
Half Day – typically means 4 hours	\$ 75.00
Partial Day – up to 3 hours per session or 3 hours over one week	\$ 45.00
Funeral Luncheon - Calvin Residents only <i>(Non resident - see Half Day or Partial Day rate)</i>	No Charge
Meetings of Organized Local Community Groups or Charitable Organizations	No charge
Non-Alcohol Low Risk Events for the Betterment of the Community In General, which are Listed on the Attached List of Insured Low Risk Events or Approved at the Discretion of Council	No Charge

ADDITIONAL FEES

Use of Kitchen during event	\$ 75.00
Additional use of Kitchen the evening or day before the event or Decorating or set up hall after 4pm the evening before event	\$ 75.00
Rental of Parking Lot (Film Industry)	\$100.00 per day
<u>Damage Deposit – PAYABLE IN CASH</u> <i>(Full day events only)</i> <i>Refundable upon staff Checklist completion</i>	
Damage Deposit with alcohol	\$225.00
Damage Deposit without alcohol	\$150.00

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

Resolution

DATE: December 8, 2020 NO. _____

MOVED BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

“That the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin supports CRIME STOPPERS in declaring January 2021 as Crime Stoppers Month;

AND FURTHER The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin will promote Crime Stoppers month on our social media platforms in January 2021.”

CARRIED _____

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Coun Cross</u>	_____	_____
<u>Coun Maxwell</u>	_____	_____
<u>Coun Olmstead</u>	_____	_____
<u>Coun Grant</u>	_____	_____
<u>Mayor Pennell</u>	_____	_____

NEAR NORTH
CRIME 
STOPPERS

P.O. Box 382
North Bay, ON P1B 8H5
Tel: 705-497-5555 #507
Tipline: 1-800-222-8477(TIPS)
nearnorthcrimestoppers.com

October 20, 2020

RECEIVED

OCT 23 2020

Mayor Ian Pennell
Municipality of Calvin
R.R. 2 1355 Peddlers Drive
Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0

Re: January is "CRIME STOPPERS Month"

Dear Mayor Pennell,

We need your assistance in our continuing effort to promote CRIME STOPPERS in our community. It would be greatly appreciated if you would recognize CRIME STOPPERS by presenting a motion to proclaim January 2021 as 'CRIME STOPPERS Month'.

Crime Stoppers, an internationally recognized program, is a partnership of the public, the police and the media providing citizens with a proactive program to anonymously assist our police partners in the solving of crime, contributing to an improved quality of life in our communities. The program is operated by a volunteer Board of Directors who oversee all phases of the program. Citizens are encouraged to call the anonymous TIP line 1-800-222-8477 or submit a tip online at nearnorthcrimestoppers.com with information about any criminal activity. If the information provided solves or prevents a crime the anonymous caller is eligible for a cash reward.

Since inception, anonymous calls to Near North CRIME STOPPERS have assisted the Police and other investigative agencies in making 1,715 arrests, recovering stolen property valued at over \$4 million and seizing almost \$52 million in illegal drugs.

We hope you will agree to declare January 2021 as Crime Stoppers month and promote it on your social media sites. Please contact 705-497-5555 ext 507 if you would like Crime Stoppers promotional material.

Thank you for your support,

William H. Patterson

William H. (Harry) Patterson, Director

"Fingerprinting, DNA and Crime Stoppers are the top three innovations in modern-day policing."

Thomas B. O'Grady, Retired Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN
Resolution

DATE: December 8, 2020 NO.

MOVED BY

SECONDED BY

“That the Council requests the Roads Superintendent to contact the property owners who have done some work on a portion of the unopened/unassumed road allowance of Trahan Road and request that they enter into a Road Agreement with the Municipality to perform any further work and/or maintenance on the unopened/unassumed portion of the road allowance of Trahan Road that they are interested in.”

CARRIED

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Coun Cross</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Coun Maxwell</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Coun Olmstead</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Coun Grant</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Mayor Pennell</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

2020CT56 REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT DATE: December 1, 2020
PREPARED BY: Cindy Pigeau, Clerk-Treasurer
SUBJECT: Municipal Engineer Services

PURPOSE

To provide information to Council regarding an investigation into upgrading Stewarts Road to a year round maintained road as well as the costs involved in annual maintenance for Stewarts Road by our Municipal Engineer. This investigation will include whether all of the Municipality of Calvin roads meet provincial standards and if it is legislated that the Municipality's roads are required to meet these provincial standards.

BACKGROUND

On November 17th, 2020, the Clerk-Treasurer spoke to the Municipal Engineer by phone regarding the above noted request. The Municipal Engineer estimated that it would take approximately 3 days to investigate and prepare a report for Council. The estimated cost would therefore be \$2400.00 plus HST.

During the same conversation, it was suggested that both our insurance company and our solicitor be contacted for their input regarding the request. The following is the response received from the insurance company –

“If the Municipality is transitioning from a seasonal use road to a year round road the Municipality is then required to maintain the minimum quality of the road surface in line with mandated requirements and also adhere to the minimum maintenance standards associated with the particular class of road. Maintaining the road to the prescribed quality and maintenance will give the Municipal insurers a defense if something were to go wrong and a third party were to take legal action against the Municipality. If these minimums were not maintained, the insurers' ability to defend the claim would be disadvantaged. “

Our solicitor has been contacted previously regarding this request. The solicitor's response was provided to Council at the Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Closed Meeting.

Respectfully submitted;
Cindy Pigeau
Clerk-Treasurer

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

Resolution

DATE: December 8, 2020 NO. 2020-331

MOVED BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

“That Council hereby requests the Clerk-Treasurer to further investigate the requirements of what it would cost to upgrade Stewarts Road to a year round maintained road as well as the costs involved in annual maintenance for Stewarts Road. In addition, the investigation will also include whether all of the Municipality of Calvin roads meet provincial standards and if it's legislated that the Municipality's roads are required to meet these provincial standards.

The investigation will include consultation and a report from our Municipal Engineer to explore the options available to the Municipality and provide the supporting documentation of the findings. ~~There will therefore be an unknown outside cost associated with this investigation.~~ The estimated cost associated for the Municipal Engineer to investigate and prepare a report is \$2400.00 plus HST.”

CARRIED _____

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Coun Cross</u>	_____	_____
<u>Coun Maxwell</u>	_____	_____
<u>Coun Olmstead</u>	_____	_____
<u>Coun Grant</u>	_____	_____
<u>Mayor Pennell</u>	_____	_____



Municipal Formal Complaint Policy

1. POLICY STATEMENT AND RATIONALE

The Municipality of Calvin is committed to a fair and uniform process for responding to complaints received from members of the public regarding programs, facilities, Municipal services, staff or operational procedures. This Policy outlines the process to be followed for the filing of, and handling of formal public complaints.

The Municipality of Calvin recognizes the importance of public input and recognizes formal complaints as a valuable form of feedback. This Policy will assist the Municipality in continuing to provide excellent service to the public and will contribute to the continuous improvement of operations.

2. SCOPE

This Policy applies to formal complaints received from members of the public regarding administrative actions and functions of the Municipality of Calvin (i.e. programs, facilities, services, staff, operational procedures etc.), if they cannot be effectively remedied through the respective department head by means of an informal complaint or request for service.

Members of the public are encouraged to seek informal resolution as the fastest way of dealing with issues, by contacting the appropriate Department Manager via the Municipal website at <http://calvintownship.ca/contact-us/>.

This policy has been put in place to assist members of the public with a transparent process for lodging a formal complaint regarding an unresolved municipal operational issue. As well, this Policy will provide staff with guidance on the appropriate process to recognize, investigate and respond to formal complaints from members of the public. The Municipality of Calvin will deal with all formal written complaints promptly, courteously, impartially and professionally. All such complaints will be treated with respect and will not receive adverse treatment or any form of reprisal.

As part of the complaint process, all written complaints filed with the Municipality of Calvin, via the form attached, will receive a response, usually within ten working days.

3. EXCLUSIONS

This complaint policy will not be used to address the following issues:

- Inquiries
- Requests for service
- Feedback
- Compliments
- Requests for accommodation
- ~~Criticisms or anonymous complaints (unless it involves an urgent health or safety issue)~~
- Issues addressed by legislation, or an existing Municipal By-law, policy or procedure (i.e. By-law Enforcement Complaints)
- A decision of Council or of a Committee of Council
- Internal employee complaints
- ~~Complaints about Members of Council (See Code of Conduct Policy for Members of Council and Local Boards)~~
- Matters that are handled by tribunal, courts of law, quasi-judicial boards etc.

4. DEFINITIONS

Complaint – an expression of dissatisfaction related to the Municipality of Calvin's programs, facilities, services, Municipal employee or operational procedures, where it is believed that the Municipality has not provided a service experience to the customer's satisfaction at the point of service delivery, and a response or resolution is explicitly or implicitly expected.

Complainant – The person who is dissatisfied and is filing the complaint. Anyone who uses or is affected by Municipal services can make a complaint.

5. TYPES OF COMPLAINTS

Informal Complaints

It is encouraged that individuals and Municipal staff work to resolve issues or concerns in order that they do not become formal complaints. Informal complaints may be made in person, by phone, letter, email or fax and can be dealt with through direct management action.

It is the responsibility of Municipal staff to attempt to resolve issues or concerns before they become formal complaints and identify opportunities to improve Municipal services.

Formal Complaints

A formal complaint is generated when an informal resolution cannot be successfully achieved. This will result in a file being generated, an investigation, and a decision.

6. FORMAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

1. Filing a complaint

Where resolution cannot be achieved, complaints should be submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer. The complainant must fill out a complaint form, attached as Schedule "A" to this Policy, and shall include the following information:

- Name and contact details of the complainant (mailing address, telephone number, and email address);
- Type of complaint being submitted;
- Summary of the complaint, including details, location, Municipal employee(s) involved, enclosures;
- Name and contact information of any witnesses;
- Any efforts undertaken (if any) to resolve the concern/issue;
- Type of resolution being sought, and/or suggestions for improvements; and
- Complainant's signature and date the complaint is being submitted.

2. Upon Receipt of the Complaint

The Clerk-Treasurer or designate shall acknowledge receipt of the complaint within 3 days of receipt of the complaint.

The Clerk-Treasurer shall review the issues identified by the complainant and in doing so may:

- a) Review relevant Municipal and Provincial legislation;
- b) Review the Municipality's relevant policies and procedures;
- c) Review any existing file documents;
- d) Interview employees or members of the public involved in the complaint;
- e) Identify actions that may be taken to address the complaint or improve Municipal operations; or
- f) Take other action he/she deems expedient to resolving the matter.

At the discretion of the Clerk-Treasurer, the complaint and the nature thereof may be referred to Council.

If a complaint is made against the Clerk-Treasurer, the complaint shall be submitted to the Mayor of the Municipality. As part of the investigation, the Mayor may consult with senior staff and legal counsel.

3. Decision

A final response, where possible, from the Clerk-Treasurer (or Mayor as per above) shall be sent to the complainant within 15 business days, barring

exceptional circumstances. If it cannot be answered in this time frame, the complainant will be so notified with an explanation. The response shall include:

- a) Whether the complaint was substantiated; or
- b) If the complaint is not substantiated, the Clerk-Treasurer shall provide reason for the decision; and
- c) Any actions the Municipality has or will take as a result of the complaint.

Written records will be kept with respect to details and actions for each formal complaint.

7. APPEALS

Once the Municipality has communicated the decision, there is no appeal process at the municipal level.

In the event a complaint is not resolved through the Municipality's complaint process to the satisfaction of the complainant, it may be submitted to the Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario:

Mail to: 483 Bay Street
10th Floor, South Tower
Toronto, ON M5G 2C9

Online: www.ombudsman.on.ca
Phone: 1-800-263-1830
Fax: 416-586-3485

8. FRIVOLOUS AND/OR VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS

A complaint may be considered vexatious or frivolous if it is pursued in a manner that is reasonably perceived by the Clerk-Treasurer to be (a) malicious, (b) intended to embarrass or harass, or (c) intended solely to be a nuisance.

Where the complaint is considered vexatious and/or frivolous, or there appears to be a pattern of vexatious and/or frivolous complaints, the Clerk-Treasurer may deem the file closed but will still be included in the report to Council.

9. PRIVACY

The Municipality of Calvin's employees will adhere to all applicable legislation regarding privacy in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA).

Personal information on the complaint is treated as confidential to protect the privacy of the complainant. However, the complainant should be aware that certain circumstances may directly or indirectly identify him/her during an investigation.

All records relating to the complaint shall be maintained in accordance with the

Municipality's record retention schedule.

10. REPORTING

Reports will be provided to Members of Council on a quarterly basis (April, July, October & December) indicating the number of complaints received during the previous quarter, the number of complaints per department and brief description of the nature of the complaints, the number of complaints meeting service standards, the number of complaints not meeting service standards and the number of complaints outstanding.

Council can review this information and make appropriate adjustments or changes to the level of service or service itself.

Individual Councillors or Members of the Public can request information regarding the complaints at any time under the confines of MFIPPA and Section 253 of the Municipal Act.

11. COMPLAINTS REGARDING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Complaints about Members of Council will be forwarded directly to the individual Councillor or Councillors named in the complaint. It would be the choice of the Councillor on how they would respond. This type of complaint would not be investigated by the Municipality. If further action by the complainant is required – See "Code of Conduct Policy for Members of Council and Local Boards."

12. ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Assistance will be provided to anyone who requests it as per the Municipality of Calvin Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Policy. Different options can also be made available for those who are unable to fill out a formal complaint form. Please contact the Municipal Office for further details.

Process

Clerks Department:

- Receives written complaint
- Logs complaint
- Forwards to appropriate Department Head
- Acknowledges receipt to complainant within three (3) days



Department Head/Clerk-Treasurer/Mayor:

- Investigate the complaint
- Make a decision
- Notify the complainant of the outcome within fifteen (15) days of the date of the acknowledgement letter
- File a copy of the decision with the Clerk



Clerks Department:

- File a copy of the decision
- Report to Council quarterly



Schedule "A"
Municipality of Calvin
Municipal Complaint Form

COMPLAINANT CONTACT DETAILS

First Name	Last Name
Municipal Civic Address/Property Location	Phone Number
Mailing Address	
Email Address	

COMPLAINT TYPE

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Conduct |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Processes or Procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> Timeliness of Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

Please outline details of your complaint below, including relevant dates, times, location and background information (which should include municipal employees you have contacted to resolve the complaint, witnesses to the incident, photographs etc.) Be as detailed as possible. Attach a separate page where necessary.

Details
Service area/location of problem
Staff persons involved (if known and applicable)
List of enclosures (include copies of any documentation in support of the complaint)

RESOLVE

How do you suggest the situation be improved or the complaint be resolved?
Complainant's signature
Date complaint submitted (mm/dd/yyyy)

SIGN OFF

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received:	File No:
Acknowledge receipt of the complaint:	
Investigation Notes:	
Final Response to Complaint:	
Date sent:	

November 26, 2020

RECEIVED

NOV 27 2020

Cindy Pigeau
CAO
Calvin Township
1355 Peddlers Drive
MATTAWA, Ontario POH 1V0

Sent by email and courier

Re: North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Resolution 90-20
Bill 229 "Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act,
Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act"

Dear: Ms. Pigeau,

Please be advised that at its meeting of November 25, 2020, Members of the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority after discussion passed the following resolution:

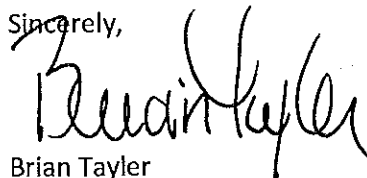
"WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act – Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS the proposed changes will limit Conservation Authorities ability to ensure people and property are protected from natural hazards and result in short and long term impacts to property and the environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Board of Directors request the removal of Schedule 6 from Bill 229 to allow for provincial, municipal and conservation authority consultations on the implications of changes to the Conservation Authorities Act;

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Vic, Fedeli; Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Jeff Yurek; Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, John Yakabuski; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark; Minister of Finance, Rod Phillips; and all Member Municipalities of the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority."

Sincerely,



Brian Tayler
Chief Administrative Officer
Secretary Treasurer

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

Resolution

DATE: December 8, 2020 NO. _____

MOVED BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

“That Council hereby authorizes the closure of the outdoor outhouse style washrooms at the Municipal grounds rink building (2) and at the Calvin Union Cemetery (1) due to health and safety concerns regarding the spread of Covid 19 and at the recommendation of the Municipal solicitor;

AND FURTHER that the closure of these washrooms will remain in effect until Council has deemed it safe to reopen them.”

CARRIED _____

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Coun Cross</u>	_____	_____
<u>Coun Grant</u>	_____	_____
<u>Coun Maxwell</u>	_____	_____
<u>Coun Olmstead</u>	_____	_____
<u>Mayor Pennell</u>	_____	_____

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

Resolution

DATE: December 8, 2020 NO. _____

MOVED BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

“That Council deems it to be in the best interest of the Municipality to proceed with the use of a consultant to help prepare a provincially regulated (due date of January 1, 2021) joint Community Well Being and Safety Plan for the Town of Mattawa, Township of Papineau-Cameron, Municipality of Mattawan and the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin;

Whereas the funds of approximately \$1,100 were not included in the 2020 budget as the hiring of a consultant was not anticipated to be undertaken;

Therefore, Council hereby authorizes the Clerk Treasurer to transfer funds in the amount of \$1,100 from the Working Reserve to allow this important project to proceed, meet the deadline imposed by the province and for the expense and revenue to be allocated into the applicable calendar year.”

CARRIED _____

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Coun Cross</u>	_____	_____
<u>Coun Maxwell</u>	_____	_____
<u>Coun Olmstead</u>	_____	_____
<u>Coun Grant</u>	_____	_____
<u>Mayor Pennell</u>	_____	_____

MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

2020CT57 REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT DATE: December 1, 2020
PREPARED BY: Cindy Pigeau, Clerk-Treasurer
SUBJECT: Ranked Ballots for Municipal Elections

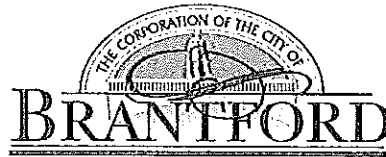
PURPOSE

To provide information to Council regarding Ranked Ballots for Municipal Elections.

BACKGROUND

Please see the attached O. Reg 310/16 regarding Ranked Ballot Elections.

Respectfully submitted;
Cindy Pigeau
Clerk-Treasurer



November 12, 2020

MPP Will Bouma
96 Nelson Street, Suite 101
Brantford, ON N3T 2X1

Sent via email: will.bouma@pc.ola.org

Dear MPP Bouma:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its Special meeting held November 10, 2020 passed the following resolution:

Bill 218 - Ranked Ballots for Municipal Elections

WHEREAS Bill 218 – “Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020” removes the option for municipalities to choose the ranked ballot system for an election; and

WHEREAS in 2016 the Ontario Provincial Government gave municipalities the tools to use Ranked Balloting in Municipal elections commencing in 2018, which was deployed in the City of London thereby becoming the first Municipality in Canada to make the switch, while Cambridge and Kingston both passed referendums in favour of reform and Burlington, Barrie, Guelph, Meaford and others are now exploring a change as well; and

WHEREAS the change of election method process does not impact the Provincial election models but greatly impacts a Municipalities execution options; and

WHEREAS the only explanation given for this is that we should not be ‘experimenting’ with the electoral process during a pandemic mindful that ranked ballot voting is not an experiment but widely used throughout the world and should be a local option that Municipalities can look to utilize in the next election which is just under two years away

WHEREAS Bill 218 also moves up the Municipal nomination date from the end of July to mid September for no apparent reason thereby reinforcing the power of incumbency and potentially discouraging broader participation in municipal elections; and

WHEREAS these changes are being proposed without any consultation with AMO, Municipalities or the public;



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RANKED BALLOT ELECTIONS

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INTERPRETATION

Interpretation

1. In this Regulation, a reference to a by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections means a by-law that may be passed by a municipality under section 41.2 of the Act.

AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT RANKED BALLOT ELECTIONS

Authority conferred, single-tier or lower-tier municipality

2. (1) Subject to subsection (2), ranked ballot elections for offices on the council of a single-tier or lower-tier municipality are hereby authorized to be conducted in accordance with the rules set out in subsection 41.1 (1) of the Act.

(2) Ranked ballot elections for offices on the council of a single-tier or lower-tier municipality are authorized only if they are to be conducted for all offices on the council.

Authority conferred, upper-tier municipality

3. (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), ranked ballot elections for offices on the council of an upper-tier municipality are hereby authorized to be conducted in accordance with the rules set out in subsection 41.1 (1) of the Act.

(2) Ranked ballot elections are not authorized for any office on the council of an upper-tier municipality unless they are authorized for all offices on the council of every lower-tier municipality within the upper-tier municipality.

(3) Ranked ballot elections are not authorized for any office on the council of an upper-tier municipality unless both of the following circumstances exist:

1. One or more members of the council of the upper-tier municipality are elected to the council by the electors of all or part of one or more lower-tier municipalities within the upper-tier municipality.
2. The members referred to in paragraph 1 who are elected to the council of the upper-tier municipality are not also elected to the council of a lower-tier municipality within the upper-tier municipality.

(4) Ranked ballot elections are authorized only for the offices of members described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection (3) and they are authorized only if they are to be conducted for the offices of all of those members of the council of the upper-tier municipality.

Elector's right to vote

4. (1) An elector is entitled to rank as many candidates for an office as the by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections specifies or, if the by-law does not specify the number of rankings, three candidates.

(2) Paragraph 3 of subsection 51 (2) of the Act does not apply with respect to a ranked ballot election.

BY-LAWS WITH RESPECT TO RANKED BALLOT ELECTIONS

Matters to be considered by council

5. (1) Before passing a by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections, the council of a single-tier or lower-tier municipality shall consider the following matters:

1. The costs to the municipality of conducting the elections.
2. The availability of technology, such as voting equipment and vote-counting equipment and software, for conducting the elections.
3. The impact the proposed by-law would have on election administration.

(2) Before passing a by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections, the council of an upper-tier municipality shall consider the following matters:

1. The costs to the municipality of conducting the elections.
2. The technology, if any, being used by the lower-tier municipalities within the upper-tier municipality for conducting their ranked ballot elections.

Contents of by-law

6. (1) A by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections may specify the maximum number of rankings for each office on council.

(2) The by-law may specify a different number of rankings for each office.

(3) In this section, a reference to the number of rankings for an office is a reference to the number of candidates for the office in respect of whom an elector is permitted to indicate a preference when voting.

Application of by-law to elections

7. A by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections applies to all regular elections and by-elections of the municipality.

When by-law comes into force

8. (1) A by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections does not come into force until,

- (a) if it is passed after May 1, in the case of a single-tier or lower-tier municipality, or after July 1, in the case of an upper-tier municipality, in the year before the year of a regular election, the day a newly elected council is organized following the second regular election after the passing of the by-law; or
- (b) in any other case, the day a newly elected council is organized following the first regular election after the passing of the by-law.

(2) Despite subsection (1), the regular election that is held immediately before the coming into force of a by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections shall be conducted as if the by-law were already in force.

INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED BY-LAWS

Proposed by-law: information for the public

9. (1) Before passing a by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections, the council shall ensure that the following information is made available to the public with respect to the proposed by-law:

1. A detailed description of how the elections would be conducted, including a description of how votes would be distributed to candidates based on the rankings marked on ballots.
 2. An estimate of the costs of conducting the elections.
 3. For a proposed by-law of a single-tier or lower-tier municipality, a description of the voting equipment and vote-counting equipment, if any, that is being considered.
 4. For a proposed by-law of a single-tier or lower-tier municipality, a description of any alternative voting method being considered.
- (2) If the proposed by-law would repeal a by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections, paragraph 1 of subsection (1) requires only a detailed description of how the elections would be conducted.
- (3) The council shall ensure that the information required by this section is made available free of charge to any member of the public upon request.
- (4) The council of an upper-tier municipality shall ensure that the information required by this section is made available to the public at least 15 days before the public meeting required by section 11 is held.

Proposed by-law: open house (single-tier or lower-tier municipality)

10. (1) Before passing a by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections, the council of a single-tier or lower-tier municipality shall ensure that at least one open house is held in accordance with this section for the purpose of giving the public an opportunity to review and ask questions about the information required by section 9.

- (2) The open house shall be held at least 15 days before the public meeting required by section 11 is held.
- (3) At least 30 days before the open house is to be held, the council shall publish notice of the open house in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
- (4) The council shall give at least 30 days' notice of the open house to every person and organization that has, within two years before the day of the open house, requested that the municipality provide the person or organization with such notice and has provided an address for the notice.
- (5) The council shall ensure that the information required by section 9 is available at the open house.

Proposed by-law: public meeting

11. (1) Before passing a by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections, the council shall ensure that a public meeting is held in accordance with this section in respect of the proposed by-law.

- (2) At least 30 days before the public meeting is to be held, the council shall publish notice of the public meeting as follows:
1. For a proposed by-law of a single-tier or lower-tier municipality, in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
 2. For a proposed by-law of an upper-tier municipality, in one or more newspapers that, together, have general circulation in each lower-tier municipality within the upper-tier municipality.
- (3) The council shall give at least 30 days notice of the public meeting to every person and organization that has, within two years before the day of the public meeting, requested that the municipality provide the person or organization with such notice and has provided an address for the notice.
- (4) The council shall ensure that the notices required by subsections (2) and (3) set out the intention of the municipality to pass the by-law.

(5) The council shall ensure that any person who attends the public meeting is given the opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed by-law.

(6) The council shall ensure that the information required by section 9 is available at the public meeting.

CONDUCTING A RANKED BALLOT ELECTION

Responsibility of clerks re single-tier and lower-tier municipalities

12. The clerk of a single-tier or lower-tier municipality is responsible for conducting a ranked ballot election for offices on the council of the municipality.

Responsibilities of clerks re upper-tier municipalities

13. (1) The clerk of an upper-tier municipality is responsible for conducting a ranked ballot election for offices on the council of the municipality, except as otherwise specified in this Regulation.

(2) When an upper-tier municipality passes a by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections, the clerk of the municipality shall give a copy of the by-law to the clerks of every lower-tier municipality within the upper-tier municipality.

(3) As soon as possible after the upper-tier municipality passes a by-law with respect to ranked ballot elections, the clerk of each lower-tier municipality within the upper-tier municipality shall tell the clerk of the upper-tier municipality how many eligible electors were on the voters' list for the lower-tier municipality, as the voters' list existed at the close of voting on voting day in the previous regular election.

Responsibility for counting votes re upper-tier municipality

14. (1) In a regular election for offices on the council of an upper-tier municipality, the clerk of the lower-tier municipality within the upper-tier municipality that has the greatest number of eligible electors is responsible for counting the votes in the ranked ballot election for offices on the council of the upper-tier municipality.

(2) In a by-election for an office on the council of an upper-tier municipality,

(a) if the geographic area of the office is wholly within one of the lower-tier municipalities, the clerk of the lower-tier municipality is responsible for counting the votes in the ranked ballot election; and

(b) if the geographic area of the office is within two or more of the lower-tier municipalities, the clerk of the lower-tier municipality that has the greatest number of eligible electors is responsible for counting the votes in the ranked ballot election.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1) and clause (2) (b), the number of eligible electors is determined with reference to the voters' list for the lower-tier municipality, as the voters' list existed at the close of voting on voting day in the previous regular election.

(4) The clerk of the upper-tier municipality shall determine which lower-tier municipality is described in subsection (1) or clause (2) (a) or (b), as the case may be, based on information provided to him or her by the clerk of each lower-tier municipality, and shall tell the clerks of the lower-tier municipalities which clerk is responsible for counting the votes in the ranked ballot election.

(5) The clerk of the lower-tier municipality that is responsible for counting the votes shall promptly report the vote recorded to the clerk of the upper-tier municipality, who shall prepare the final summary and announce the result of the vote.

BALLOTS AND RANKING BY ELECTORS

Ballots

15. (1) Ballots used for ranked ballot elections must (1) comply with the rules set out in this section in addition to the rules in subsection 41 (2) of the Act.

(2) The number of candidates to be elected for each office must appear on the ballot.

Instructions

16. Instructions to electors about the following matters must be made available at the voting place:

1. How to mark the ballot so that the ranking of candidates can be read by the clerk.
2. How to rank candidates in the order of the elector's preference.
3. The maximum number of candidates that can be ranked for each office, indicating that if the number of certified candidates for an office is fewer than the maximum number of candidates that can be ranked for the office, all candidates for the office may be ranked.

Elector's ranking of candidates

17. An elector ranks the candidates on a ballot by marking the ballot, in accordance with the instructions made available at the voting place, to indicate the elector's preferences.

Determining highest ranking

18. At each round of vote counting, the following rules describe how to determine which candidate an elector has ranked as the highest:

1. The elector's preference for one candidate over the other candidates is indicated by rankings marked on the ballot.
2. If the ballot is marked to indicate more than one ranking for a single candidate, only the highest of those rankings is considered.
3. If the ballot is marked to indicate the rankings among the candidates, but there is no mark that indicates one or more of the rankings that could be assigned, the relative rankings that are marked indicate which candidate is ranked as the highest.
4. If the ballot is marked to indicate the rankings among the candidates, but the mark that indicates a ranking is not made inside the space provided for marking the ballot, only the relative rankings that are marked inside the space provided for marking the ballot indicate which candidate is ranked as the highest.

COUNTING THE VOTES — GENERAL

Threshold: number of votes needed to elect candidate

19. (1) The threshold is the number of votes sufficient for a candidate to be elected to an office and, in a ranked ballot election for an office, is determined using the formula,

$$[(A - B) \div (C + 1)] + 1$$

in which,

"A" is the total number of ballots cast for the office,

"B" is the number of ballots in which the votes for the office have been rejected from the count under subsection 54 (2) or (3) of the Act, as set out in section 4 of Schedule 1 to this Regulation, or under subsection 55 (3) or (4) of Act, as set out in section 4 of Schedule 2 to this Regulation, as applicable, and

"C" is the number of members to be elected to the office.

(2) If the formula results in a number that includes a fraction, the fraction is disregarded.

Eliminating candidates during a round of vote counting: single elimination method

20. (1) The single elimination method for eliminating a candidate from a round of vote counting is conducted in accordance with this section.

(2) The candidate with the fewest votes in a round, including transferred votes, is eliminated from the next round in accordance with section 24 or 26, as the case may be.

(3) In case of a tie between two or more candidates with the fewest votes in a round, the tie is resolved in accordance with section 25 or 27, as applicable in the circumstances.

(4) The clerk shall record the details of the resolution of any tie, and the resolution shall be re-used in any recount.

Batch elimination method

21. (1) The batch elimination method for eliminating one or more candidates from a round of vote counting is conducted in accordance with this section.

(2) Every candidate who has no mathematical chance of being elected during a round is eliminated from the next round in accordance with section 24 or 26, as the case may be.

(3) A candidate has no mathematical chance of being elected if either of the following circumstances exist:

1. If the sum of "D" and "E" for the candidate is less than the amount of "D" for the candidate with the next greater number of votes received, including transferred votes, where,

"D" is the number of votes received by the candidate, including transferred votes, and

"E" is the number of votes capable of being transferred to the candidate in future rounds,

i. from candidates with fewer votes in the current round, and

ii. from candidates with whom the candidate is tied in the current round.

2. If the amount of "D" for the candidate, as defined in paragraph 1, is less than the amount of "D" for a candidate who is eliminated under paragraph 1.

Choice of method

22. (1) On or before December 31 in the year before a regular election, the clerk shall determine whether the single elimination method described in section 20 or the batch elimination method described in section 21 for eliminating candidates during each round of vote counting shall be used in the election and shall notify each candidate in writing when the candidate's nomination is filed.

(2) In the case of a by-election, the clerk shall determine, at least 60 days before the first day on which an elector can vote, whether the single elimination method or the batch elimination method for eliminating candidates during each round of vote counting shall be used in the by-election and shall notify each candidate in writing.

(3) The same method must be used for all offices to be filled by the ranked ballot election, and for all rounds of vote counting for each office.

Exhausted ballots

23. A ballot cast by an elector in a ranked ballot election is exhausted at the end of a round of vote counting if any of the following circumstances exist:

1. The elector has not ranked any of the continuing candidates in the next round.

2. The elector's highest ranking for a continuing candidate in the next round cannot be determined.

3. The elector has ranked more candidates than the maximum number permitted for the office, and the elector's highest ranked continuing candidate in the next round holds a lower ranking than the lowest permitted ranking.

COUNTING FOR ELECTION OF ONE CANDIDATE TO AN OFFICE**Counting the votes, election of one candidate**

24. (1) In a ranked ballot election in which one candidate is to be elected to an office, the votes are counted in accordance with this section and in the sequence set out in this section.

(2) Threshold: Calculate the threshold for the office under section 19.

(3) First round of vote counting: Conduct the first round of vote counting as follows:

1. Count the number of votes cast for each candidate as indicated by each elector's highest ranking on their ballot.
2. If the number of votes for a candidate equals or exceeds the threshold, take no further steps under this section and, as soon as possible after voting day, the clerk shall declare that candidate to be elected.
3. If no candidate has received sufficient votes to equal or exceed the threshold, eliminate a single candidate or a batch of candidates in accordance with section 20 or 21. If there is a tie between two or more candidates with the fewest votes, resolve the tie in accordance with section 25.
4. The candidates who have not been eliminated under paragraph 3 are continuing candidates in the next round.

(4) Exhausted ballots: Identify any exhausted ballots.

(5) Transfer of votes from eliminated candidates: Transfer the votes from the candidates eliminated in the first round to the continuing candidates in the next round as follows:

1. Transfer each vote received by each candidate eliminated in the first round to the continuing candidate who, as marked on the same elector's ballot, received the next highest ranking of all continuing candidates. If the elector's ballot is exhausted, his or her vote for an eliminated candidate shall not apply to any candidate.

(6) Second round of vote counting: Conduct the second round of vote counting as follows:

1. Count the number of votes cast for each continuing candidate as indicated by each elector's highest ranking of the continuing candidates on their ballot and the number of votes transferred to the candidate after the previous round.
2. If the number of votes received by a candidate equals or exceeds the threshold, take no further steps under this section and, as soon as possible after voting day, the clerk shall declare that candidate to be elected.
3. If no candidate has received sufficient votes to equal or exceed the threshold, eliminate a single candidate or a batch of candidates in accordance with section 20 or 21. If there is a tie between two or more candidates with the fewest votes, resolve the tie in accordance with section 25.
4. The candidates who have not been eliminated under paragraph 3 are continuing candidates in the next round.

(7) For subsequent rounds of vote counting: Repeat the steps set out in subsections (4), (5) and (6), with necessary modifications, for each subsequent round of vote counting until the number of votes received by one candidate equals or exceeds the threshold or until only two continuing candidates remain. Then take the following steps:

1. If the number of votes received by one candidate equals or exceeds the threshold, take no further steps under this section and, as soon as possible after voting day, the clerk shall declare that candidate to be elected.
2. If only two candidates remain, the clerk shall, as soon as possible after voting day, declare the candidate with the most votes, including transferred votes, to be elected.

Resolution of a tie vote, election of one candidate

25. In a ranked ballot election in which only one candidate is to be elected to an office, if there is a tie between two or more continuing candidates with the fewest votes, the tie is resolved in accordance with the following rules:

1. In the first round of vote counting, the tie is resolved by lot and the candidate chosen by lot is deemed to have the fewest votes.
2. In the second and any subsequent round,
 - i. the candidate with the fewest votes in the preceding round is deemed to have the fewest votes in the current round,
 - ii. if the candidates who are tied in the current round were tied in the preceding round, the candidate with the fewest votes in the round before the preceding round is deemed to have the fewest votes in the current round, and

- iii. if the candidates who are tied in the current round were tied in all preceding rounds, the tie is resolved by lot and the candidate chosen by lot is deemed to have the fewest votes in the current round.

COUNTING FOR ELECTION OF MULTIPLE CANDIDATES TO AN OFFICE

Counting the votes, election of more than one candidate

26. (1) In a ranked ballot election in which more than one candidate is to be elected to an office, the votes are counted in accordance with this section and in the sequence set out in this section.

(2) Threshold: Calculate the threshold for the office under section 19.

(3) First round of vote counting: Conduct the first round of vote counting as follows:

1. Count the number of votes cast for each candidate as indicated by each elector's highest ranking on their ballot.
2. Determine the number of candidates for whom the number of votes cast, as described in paragraph 1, equals or exceeds the threshold.
3. If the number of candidates determined under paragraph 2 equals the number of candidates to be elected to the office, take no further steps under this section and, as soon as possible after voting day, the clerk shall declare all of those candidates to be elected.
4. If the number of candidates determined under paragraph 2 is less than the number of candidates to be elected to the office, determine which of them has the greatest number of votes (the "successful candidate") and, as soon as possible after voting day, the clerk shall declare that candidate to be elected.
5. If there is no successful candidate, eliminate a single candidate or batch of candidates in accordance with section 20 or 21. If there is a tie between two or more candidates, resolve the tie in accordance with section 27.
6. The candidates (other than the successful candidate, if any) who have not been eliminated under paragraph 5 are continuing candidates for the next round.

(4) Exhausted ballots: Identify any exhausted ballots.

(5) Transfer of partial votes from the successful candidate: For each vote cast for the successful candidate, if any, in the first round, determine the surplus portion of the vote and transfer it from the successful candidate to the continuing candidates as follows:

1. Calculate the transfer ratio for the successful candidate in the first round, using the formula,

$$(F - E) \div F$$

in which,

"E" is the threshold for the office, and

"F" is the number of votes cast for the successful candidate.

2. For each vote cast for the successful candidate (referred to in this subsection and in subsection (7) as a "successful vote"), calculate the surplus portion of the vote using the formula,

$$G \times H$$

in which,

"G" is the transfer ratio for the successful candidate, and

"H" is one vote.

3. For each elector who cast a successful vote, transfer the surplus portion of the elector's successful vote to the continuing candidate who, as marked on the elector's ballot, has the highest ranking of all of the continuing candidates. If the elector's ballot is exhausted, the surplus portion of his or her vote shall not apply to any candidate.

(6) Transfer of votes from eliminated candidates: Transfer the votes from the candidates, if any, eliminated in the first round to the continuing candidates as follows:

1. Transfer each vote cast for each candidate eliminated in the first round to the continuing candidate who, as marked on the same elector's ballot, has the highest ranking of all of the continuing candidates. If the elector's ballot is exhausted, his or her vote for an eliminated candidate shall not apply to any candidate.

(7) Second round of vote counting: Conduct the second round of vote counting as follows:

1. Count the number of votes cast for each continuing candidate as indicated by each elector's highest ranking of the continuing candidates on their ballot and count the number of votes, and the surplus portion of successful votes, that were transferred to the candidate after the previous round.
2. If the number of votes received by one or more candidates exceeds the threshold, determine which of them has the greatest number of votes (the "successful candidate") and, as soon as possible after voting day, the clerk shall declare that candidate to be elected.
3. If the cumulative number of successful candidates equals the number of candidates to be elected to office, take no further steps under this section and, as soon as possible after voting day, the clerk shall declare those candidates to be elected.
4. If there is no successful candidate in this round, eliminate a single candidate or batch of candidates in accordance with section 20 or 21. If there is a tie between two or more candidates, the tie is resolved in accordance with section 27.
5. The candidates (other than any successful candidates) who have not been eliminated under paragraph 4 are continuing candidates for the next round.

(8) Exhausted ballots: Identify any exhausted ballots.

(9) Transfer of partial votes from the successful candidate: Transfer the votes received in the second round by the successful candidate, if any, to the continuing candidates as follows:

1. Calculate the transfer ratio for the successful candidate in the second round, using the formula,

$$(J - E) \div J$$

in which,

"E" is the threshold for the office, and

"J" is the number of votes received by the successful candidate, including transferred votes.

2. For each vote cast for the successful candidate and each vote transferred from an eliminated candidate after the previous round (each of which is referred to in this subsection and in subsection (10) as a "successful vote"), calculate the surplus portion of the successful vote using the formula,

$$K \times L$$

in which,

"K" is the transfer ratio for the successful candidate, and

"L" is one vote.

3. Transfer the surplus portion of the successful vote to the continuing candidate who, as marked on the same elector's ballot, has the highest ranking of all of the continuing candidates. If the elector's ballot is exhausted, the surplus portion of his or her vote shall not apply to any candidate.
4. For each surplus portion of a successful vote that was transferred to the successful candidate after the previous round (the "previously transferred portion"), calculate the surplus portion of the previously transferred portion using the formula,

$$K \times M$$

in which,

"K" is the transfer ratio for the successful candidate, and

"M" is the previously transferred portion of one vote.

5. Transfer the surplus portion of the previously transferred portion to the continuing candidate who, as marked on the same elector's ballot, has the highest ranking of all of the continuing candidates. If the elector's ballot is exhausted, the surplus portion of the previously transferred portion shall not apply to any candidate.

(10) Transfer of votes from eliminated candidates: Transfer the votes received in the second round by the candidates, if any, eliminated in that round to the continuing candidates as follows:

1. Transfer each vote cast for each candidate eliminated in the second round to the continuing candidate who, as marked on the same elector's ballot, has the highest ranking of all of the continuing candidates. If the elector's ballot is exhausted, his or her vote for an eliminated candidate shall not apply to any candidate.
2. Transfer each vote that was transferred to the eliminated candidate after a previous round to the continuing candidate who, as marked on the same elector's ballot, has the highest ranking of all of the continuing candidates. If the elector's ballot is exhausted, his or her vote shall not apply to any candidate.
3. Transfer the previously transferred portion of any successful vote that was transferred to the eliminated candidate after the previous round to the continuing candidate who, as marked on the same elector's ballot, has the highest ranking of all of the continuing candidates. If the elector's ballot is exhausted, the previously transferred portion of his or her vote shall not apply to any candidate.

(11) For subsequent rounds of vote counting: Repeat the steps set out in subsections (7) to (10), with necessary modifications, until the number of continuing candidates equals the remaining number of candidates to be elected to the office, or until only two continuing candidates remain. Then take the following steps:

1. If the number of continuing candidates equals the remaining number of candidates to be elected to the office, take no further steps under this section and, as soon as possible after voting day, the clerk shall declare those candidates to be elected.
2. If only two continuing candidates remain, the clerk shall, as soon as possible after voting day, declare the candidate with the most votes, including transferred votes, to be elected.

(12) The amounts referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection (5) and paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of subsection (9) shall be calculated to four decimal places, ignoring any remainder.

Resolution of a tie vote, election of more than one candidate

27. (1) In a ranked ballot election in which more than one candidate is to be elected to an office, if there is a tie between two or more candidates with votes that equal or exceed the threshold, the tie is resolved in accordance with the following rules:

1. In the first round of vote counting, the tie is resolved by lot and the candidate chosen by lot is deemed to have the greatest number of votes in the current round.
2. In the second and any subsequent round,
 - i. the candidate who had the greatest number of votes in the preceding round is deemed to have the greatest number of votes in the current round,
 - ii. if the candidates who are tied in the current round were tied in the preceding round, the candidate who had the greatest number of votes in the round before the preceding round is deemed to have the greatest number of votes in the current round, and
 - iii. if the candidates who are tied in the current round were tied in all preceding rounds, the tie is resolved by lot and the candidate chosen by lot is deemed to have the greatest number of votes in the current round.

3. The clerk shall record the details of the resolution of any tie, and the resolution shall be re-used in any recount.

(2) In a ranked ballot election in which more than one candidate is to be elected to an office, if there is a tie between two or more candidates with the fewest votes, the tie is resolved in accordance with the following rules:

1. In the first round of vote counting, the tie is resolved by lot and the candidate chosen by lot is deemed to have the fewest votes.
2. In the second and any subsequent round,
 - i. the candidate with the fewest votes in the preceding round is deemed to have the fewest votes in the current round,
 - ii. if the candidates who are tied in the current round were tied in the preceding round, the candidate with the fewest votes in the round before the preceding round is deemed to have the fewest votes in the current round, and
 - iii. if the candidates who are tied in the current round were tied in all preceding rounds, the tie is resolved by lot and the candidate chosen by lot is deemed to have the fewest votes in the current round.

INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTION RESULTS

Report following election

28. As soon as possible after voting day, the clerk shall make the following information about the election for an office available to the public on a website or in another electronic format:

1. The number of ballots cast.
2. The number of ballots that were declined.
3. The number of ballots in which the votes for the office were rejected.
4. The threshold calculated under section 19 for the office.
5. The number of votes cast for each candidate at the first round of vote counting.
6. The results of each round of vote counting, including the number of votes received by each continuing candidate for the round and the number of exhausted ballots.

VARIATIONS TO THE ACT

Ranked ballot election only

29. The variations to the Act set out in Schedule 1 apply with respect to circumstances where a ranked ballot election does not occur concurrently with an election that is not a ranked ballot election.

Ranked ballot election concurrent with non-ranked ballot election

30. The variations to the Act set out in Schedule 2 apply with respect to circumstances where a ranked ballot election occurs concurrently with an election that is not a ranked ballot election.

31. OMITTED (PROVIDES FOR COMING INTO FORCE OF PROVISIONS OF THIS REGULATION).

SCHEDULE 1 VARIATIONS TO THE ACT — RANKED BALLOT ELECTIONS

Variations to section 47 of the Act

1. (1) The reference to "clause 55 (1) (d)" in clause 47 (5) (a) of the Act shall be read as a reference to "paragraph 2 of subsection 54 (1)".
- (2) The references to "the deputy returning officer" in clauses 47 (5) (e) and (h) of the Act shall be read as references to "the clerk".
- (3) Clause 47 (5) (g) of the Act does not apply.
- (4) The reference to "clause 55 (1) (c)" in clause 47 (5) (h) of the Act shall be read as a reference to "clause 55 (1) (b)".

Variation to section 51 of the Act

2. Paragraph 3 of subsection 51 (2) of the Act does not apply.

Variation to section 52 of the Act

3. Clause 52 (3) (a) of the Act does not apply.

Variations to section 54 of the Act

4. Section 54 of the Act shall be read as follows:

Counting of votes

54. (1) Immediately after the close of voting on voting day, the following steps shall be taken:

1. The deputy returning officer shall seal the ballot box for his or her voting place so that ballots cannot be deposited in or withdrawn from it without breaking the seal.
2. The deputy returning officer shall deliver the ballot box to the clerk.
3. The clerk shall, as soon as possible after receiving the ballot boxes, open the boxes and proceed to count votes in accordance with Ontario Regulation 310/16.

Rejection of votes in a ballot

(2) The clerk shall reject from the count all votes in a ballot, if the ballot,

- (a) was not supplied by the deputy returning officer; or
- (b) contains writing or marks that may identify the elector, or is torn, defaced or otherwise dealt with by the elector in a way that may identify him or her.

Rejection of votes for an office

(3) The clerk shall reject from the count the votes in the ballot for an office,

- (a) if the ballot is marked to indicate that more than one candidate for the office has been given the highest ranking;
- (b) if all rankings for the office are marked outside the space provided for marking the ballot; or
- (c) if no rankings have been assigned to any candidate for the office.

Objections

(4) A scrutineer or certified candidate may object to a ballot, or to the counting of some or all votes in a ballot, on the ground that the ballot or votes do not comply with the rules set out in subsections (2) and (3).

Duty of the clerk

(5) The clerk shall,

- (a) decide all objections;
- (b) establish a list in which the objections are summarized and individually numbered; and
- (c) write the number of each objection on the back of the relevant ballot and initial the number.

Variations to section 55 of the Act

5. (1) Subsection 55 (1) of the Act shall be read as follows:

Clerk's duties re ballot box

(1) As soon as possible after counting the votes, the clerk shall,

- (a) place the ballots and all other materials and documents related to the election in a ballot box; and
- (b) seal the ballot box so that ballots cannot be deposited in or withdrawn from it without breaking the seal.

(2) Subsections 55 (2) to (5) of the Act do not apply.

Variation to section 57 of the Act

6. Subclause 57 (1) (a) (i) of the Act shall be read without "or specified".

Variations to section 58 of the Act

7. Subsection 58 (3) of the Act shall be read as follows:

Order, notice

(3) If satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for it, the court shall make an order requiring the clerk to hold a recount of the votes cast for all candidates and shall give the clerk a copy of the order as soon as possible.

Variation to section 59 of the Act

8. Section 59 of the Act does not apply.

Variations to section 60 of the Act

9. Subsection 60 (2) of the Act shall be read as follows:

Rules re recount

(2) A recount shall be conducted in accordance with the following rules:

1. The clerk shall give notice of the recount to,
 - i. every certified candidate for an office that is the subject of the recount,
 - ii. in the case of a recount requested under subsection 57 (1), the council, local board or Minister, as the case may be, and
 - iii. in the case of a recount ordered under section 58, the applicant.
2. The clerk shall open the ballot boxes and conduct a recount of all votes for all candidates.
3. The clerk shall reject from the count all votes in a ballot, if the ballot,
 - i. was not supplied by the deputy returning officer, or
 - ii. contains writing or marks that may identify the elector, or is torn, defaced or otherwise dealt with by the elector in a way that may identify him or her.
4. The clerk shall reject from the count the votes in the ballot for an office,
 - i. if the ballot is marked to indicate that more than one candidate for the office has been given the highest ranking,
 - ii. if all rankings for the office are marked outside the space provided for marking the ballot, or
 - iii. if no rankings have been assigned to any candidate for the office.

Variations to section 62 of the Act

10. (1) Clause 62 (1) (b) of the Act shall be read as follows:

- (b) if there are disputed ballots,
- (i) announce the number of them, and
 - (ii) write the number of the voting place on the back of, and initial, each disputed ballot, place them in a separate envelope clearly marked so as to indicate its contents, and seal the envelope.

(2) Subsection 62 (3) of the Act does not apply.

Variations to section 63 of the Act

11. (1) The reference to "a recount limited to the disputed ballots" in subsection 63 (1) of the Act shall be read as a reference to "a determination of the validity of the disputed ballots and for a recount".

(2) Subsections 63 (2), (4), (5), (6) and (8) of the Act shall be read as follows:

Who may apply

(2) Subsection (1) applies to a certified candidate or an applicant under section 58.

.....

Summary procedure

(4) The application shall be dealt with in a summary manner, without application records or factums.

Clerk to attend court

(5) The clerk shall attend court on the hearing of the application and provide the court with,

- (a) a certified copy of the result of the recount conducted by the clerk;
- (b) the sealed envelope containing the disputed ballots from the recount conducted by the clerk; and
- (c) any other documents relating to the election that are relevant to the application.

Duty of court

(6) If the court determines that a recount is required, the court shall,

- (a) determine the validity of the disputed ballots;
- (b) require a recount of the votes with respect to all candidates for the office that is the subject of the recount;
- (c) require the clerk to conduct the recount;
- (d) return to the clerk the material provided under subsection (5); and
- (e) require the clerk to report the results of the recount to the court.

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Order

(8) When the recount is complete and the clerk reports the results to the court, the court shall,

- (a) make an order incorporating its decisions under subsection (6); and
- (b) announce to the persons present,
 - (i) the result of the recount, and
 - (ii) how the court dealt with the disputed ballots.

Variation to section 64 of the Act

12. The reference to "under section 55" in subsection 64 (1) of the Act shall be read as a reference to "under section 24 or 26 of Ontario Regulation 310/16".

Variation to section 88 of the Act

13. The reference to "under section 55" in subsection 88 (1) of the Act shall be read as a reference to "under section 24 or 26 of Ontario Regulation 310/16".

SCHEDULE 2
VARIATIONS TO THE ACT — RANKED BALLOT ELECTIONS CONCURRENT WITH NON-RANKED BALLOT ELECTIONS

GENERAL

Application

1. The variations to the Act that are set out in sections 2 to 6 of this Schedule apply with respect to the election that is a ranked ballot election and the election that is not a ranked ballot election.

Variations to section 47 of the Act

2. (1) The reference to "clause 55 (1) (d)" in clause 47 (5) (a) of the Act shall be read as a reference to "clause 54 (6) (d)".

(2) Clauses 47 (5) (e), (f) and (h) of the Act shall be read as follows:

(e) to examine each ballot as the votes are being counted by the deputy returning officer under section 54 or by the clerk under section 55 (but not to touch the ballot);

(f) to object to a ballot or to the counting of votes in a ballot under subsection 54 (4) in respect of an election that is not a ranked ballot election or under subsection 55 (5) in respect of a ranked ballot election;

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(h) to place his or her own seal on the ballot box after the counting of the votes, when the deputy returning officer seals the box under clause 54 (6) (c) or when the clerk seals the box under clause 55 (7) (b), so that ballots cannot be deposited or withdrawn without breaking the seal.

Variations to section 54 of the Act

3. Section 54 of the Act shall be read as follows:

Rules re non-ranked ballot elections

54. (1) This section applies with respect to an election that is not a ranked ballot election.

Counting of votes

(2) Immediately after the close of voting on voting day, the deputy returning officer shall open the ballot box for his or her voting place and proceed to count,

(a) in the case of an election for office, the number of votes for each candidate;

(b) in the case of an election to obtain the assent of the electors to a by-law, the number of votes in favour of the by-law and the number opposed to it; and

(c) in the case of an election to obtain the opinion of the electors on any question, the number of votes for each possible answer to the question.

Rejection of ballots

(3) The deputy returning officer shall reject from the count all ballots and votes in a ballot that do not comply with the prescribed rules.

Objections

(4) A scrutineer or certified candidate may object to a ballot, or to the counting of some or all votes in a ballot, on the ground that the ballot or votes do not comply with the prescribed rules.

Duty of deputy returning officer

(5) The deputy returning officer shall,

(a) decide all objections;

(b) establish a list in which the objections are summarized and individually numbered; and

(c) write the number of each objection on the back of the relevant ballot and initial the number.

Delivery of ballot box to clerk

(6) As soon as possible after counting the votes, the deputy returning officer shall,

- (a) prepare a statement, in duplicate, showing the results of the election at the voting place;
- (b) place the ballots and all other materials and documents related to the election, except the original statement of results, in the ballot box;
- (c) seal the ballot box so that ballots cannot be deposited in or withdrawn from it without breaking the seal; and
- (d) deliver the original statement of results and the ballot box to the clerk.

Copies of statement

(7) A scrutineer or certified candidate is entitled to receive a copy of the statement of results from the clerk, on request.

Results of elections

(8) The clerk shall determine the results of the election by compiling the statements of results received from the deputy returning officers.

Declaration

(9) The clerk shall, as soon as possible after voting day,

- (a) declare the candidate or candidates, as the case may be, who received the highest number of votes to be elected; and
- (b) declare the result of any vote on a by-law or question.

Information to be made available

(10) As soon as possible after voting day, the clerk shall make the following information available at no charge for viewing by the public on a website or in another electronic format:

1. The number of votes for each candidate.
2. The number of declined and rejected ballots.
3. The number of votes for the affirmative or negative on a by-law or question.

Examination of documents and materials

(11) Despite subsection 88 (6.1), the clerk may, if he or she considers it necessary in order to interpret the statement of results, examine any of the documents and materials in a ballot box in the presence of the relevant deputy returning officer.

Variations to section 55 of the Act

4. Section 55 of the Act shall be read as follows:

Rules re ranked ballot elections

55. (1) This section applies with respect to a ranked ballot election.

Counting of votes

(2) As soon as possible after receiving the ballot box from the deputy returning officer under clause 54 (6) (d), the clerk shall open the box and proceed to count votes in respect of the ranked ballot election in accordance with Ontario Regulation 310/16.

Rejection of votes in a ballot

(3) The clerk shall reject from the count all votes in a ballot, if the ballot,

- (a) was not supplied by the deputy returning officer; or
- (b) contains writing or marks that may identify the elector, or is torn, defaced or otherwise dealt with by the elector in a way that may identify him or her.

Rejection of votes for an office

(4) The clerk shall reject from the count the votes in the ballot for an office,

- (a) if the ballot is marked to indicate that more than one candidate for the office has been given the highest ranking;
- (b) if all rankings for the office are marked outside the space provided for marking the ballot; or
- (c) if no rankings have been assigned to any candidate for office.

Objections

(5) A scrutineer or certified candidate may object to a ballot, or to the counting of some or all votes in a ballot, on the ground that the ballot or votes do not comply with the rules set out in subsections (3) and (4).

Duty of the clerk

(6) The clerk shall,

- (a) decide all objections;
- (b) establish a list in which the objections are summarized and individually numbered; and
- (c) write the number of each objection on the back of the relevant ballot and initial the number.

Clerk's duties after counting

(7) As soon as possible after counting the votes, the clerk shall,

- (a) place the ballots and all other materials and documents related to the election in a ballot box; and
- (b) seal the ballot box so that ballots cannot be deposited in or withdrawn from it without breaking the seal.

Variations to section 64 of the Act

5. Subsection 64 (1) of the Act shall be read as follows:

Right to sit pending final disposition

(1) A candidate who has been declared elected under section 24 or 26 of Ontario Regulation 310/16, in respect of a ranked ballot election, or under section 55 of this Act as modified by Schedule 2 of that Regulation, in respect of an election that is not a ranked ballot election, is entitled to sit and vote on the council or local board until the recount and all applications under this Act have been finally disposed of and a different candidate has been declared elected.

Variations to section 88 of the Act

6. Subsection 88 (1) of the Act shall be read as follows:

120-day retention period

(1) The clerk shall retain the ballots and all other documents and materials related to an election for 120 days after declaring the results of the election under section 24 or 26 of Ontario Regulation 310/16, in respect of a ranked ballot election, or under section 55 of this Act as modified by Schedule 2 of that Regulation, in respect of an election that is not a ranked ballot election.

FOR THE ELECTION THAT IS NOT A RANKED BALLOT ELECTION**Application: variation to section 47 of the Act**

7. The following variations to the Act apply with respect to the election that is not a ranked ballot election:

- 1. The reference to "clause 55 (1) (a)" in clause 47 (5) (g) of the Act shall be read as a reference to "clause 54 (6) (a)".

FOR THE ELECTION THAT IS A RANKED BALLOT ELECTION**Application**

8. The variations to the Act that are set out in sections 9 to 17 of this Schedule apply with respect to the election that is a ranked ballot election.

Variation to section 47 of the Act

9. Clause 47 (5) (g) of the Act does not apply.

Variation to section 51 of the Act

10. Paragraph 3 of subsection 51 (2) of the Act does not apply.

Variation to section 52 of the Act

11. Clause 52 (3) (a) of the Act does not apply.

Variation to section 57 of the Act

12. Subclause 57 (1) (a) (i) of the Act shall be read without "or specified".

Variations to section 58 of the Act

13. Subsection 58 (3) of the Act shall be read as follows:

Order, notice

(3) If satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for it, the court shall make an order requiring the clerk to hold a recount of the votes cast for all candidates and shall give the clerk a copy of the order as soon as possible.

Variation to section 59 of the Act

14. Section 59 of the Act does not apply.

Variations to section 60 of the Act

15. Subsection 60 (2) of the Act shall be read as follows:

Rules re recount

(2) A recount shall be conducted in accordance with the following rules:

1. The clerk shall give notice of the recount to,
 - i. every certified candidate for an office that is the subject of the recount,
 - ii. in the case of a recount requested under subsection 57 (1), the council, local board or Minister, as the case may be, and
 - iii. in the case of a recount ordered under section 58, the applicant.
2. The clerk shall open the ballot boxes and conduct a recount of all votes for all candidates.
3. The clerk shall reject from the count all votes in a ballot, if the ballot,
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4. The clerk shall reject from the count the votes in the ballot for an office,
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 - ii. if all rankings for the office are marked outside the space provided for marking the ballot, or
 - iii. if no rankings have been assigned to any candidate for the office.

Variations to section 62 of the Act

16. (1) Clause 62 (1) (b) of the Act shall be read as follows:

(b) if there are disputed ballots,

(i) announce the number of them, and

(ii) write the number of the voting place on the back of, and initial, each disputed ballot, place them in a separate envelope clearly marked so as to indicate its contents, and seal the envelope.

(2) Subsection 62 (3) of the Act does not apply.

Variations to section 63 of the Act

17. (1) The reference to “a recount limited to the disputed ballots” in subsection 63 (1) of the Act shall be read as a reference to “a determination of the validity of the disputed ballots and for a recount”.

(2) Subsections 63 (2), (4), (5), (6) and (8) of the Act shall be read as follows:

Who may apply

(2) Subsection (1) applies to a certified candidate or an applicant under section 58.

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Summary procedure

(4) The application shall be dealt with in a summary manner, without application records or factums.

Clerk to attend court

(5) The clerk shall attend court on the hearing of the application and provide the court with,

(a) a certified copy of the result of the recount conducted by the clerk;

(b) the sealed envelope containing the disputed ballots from the recount conducted by the clerk; and

(c) any other documents relating to the election that are relevant to the application.

Duty of court

(6) If the court determines that a recount is required, the court shall,

(a) determine the validity of the disputed ballots;

(b) require a recount of the votes with respect to all candidates for the office that is the subject of the recount;

(c) require the clerk to conduct the recount;

(d) return to the clerk the material provided under subsection (5); and

(e) require the clerk to report the results of the recount to the court.

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Order

(8) When the recount is complete and the clerk reports the results to the court, the court shall,

(a) make an order incorporating its decisions under subsection (6); and

(b) announce to the persons present,

(i) the result of the recount, and

(ii) how the court dealt with the disputed ballots.

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CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

Resolution

DATE December 8, 2020

NO. _____

MOVED BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

“That this portion of the meeting be now closed under the Municipal Act, 2001, as per Section 239 (2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations and Section 239 (2) (d) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (RE: Personnel Update).”

CARRIED _____

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Coun Cross	_____	_____
Coun Maxwell	_____	_____
Coun Olmstead	_____	_____
Coun Grant	_____	_____
Mayor Pennell	_____	_____

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

Resolution

DATE: December 8, 2020

NO. _____

MOVED BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

“That Council Reports

C2020-25 Adopt Minutes of Last Closed Portion Held on Tuesday, November
 10, 2020

C2020-26 Adjourn Closed Portion

be hereby approved and adopted as presented.”

CARRIED _____

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Coun. Cross	_____	_____
Coun Maxwell	_____	_____
Coun Olmstead	_____	_____
Coun Grant	_____	_____
Mayor Pennell	_____	_____



To: Mayor and Council

From: Bryan Smith, President Gravel Watch

I am writing you knowing that you work hard in your community for the betterment of residents, both as their local representatives and as members of larger associations, including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. You live in a time of multiple crises – a public health crisis, an economic crisis, a mental health crisis, an addiction crisis, a crisis in community belonging, and a potential crisis in food production and distribution. I do not envy you your position. In fact, I wish you strength, individually and collectively.

Gravel Watch is, like you, concerned with these. We have moved to electronic meetings to avoid the spread of germs. We offer a view of conservation of resources as a solution to economic dislocation. We propose helpful and hopeful solutions to our members and others. We sympathize with those addicted and those affected by it. We unite community groups. We see that the rampant destruction of agricultural lands in Ontario will exacerbate the disruptions of food chains to be expected this winter.

The core of our work, however, is with community groups facing aggregate extraction or living with the impacts of pits and quarries on them. To them we offer advice, mentorship and fellow feeling. We know they often come to you with questions. That is normal and good. On the other hand, we extend our offer of help to any individuals or groups who have concerns about aggregate extraction. You can shift some of your burden of working with community groups to us. We would be pleased to assist.

Further, we know that municipalities are being stripped of their right to vertical zoning under new regulations in the Aggregate Resources Act. We think that is

wrong because it puts municipalities and water sources in danger. You are legally responsible for source water protection, yet below-the-water-table pits and quarries can be vectors for biological and chemical toxicants into drinking water. The MNRF's "Pits and Quarries Online" shows just how frequent it is that aggregate extraction happens perilously close or below the water table. Similarly, when extraction is complete, municipalities lose land and as a result lose tax base. We believe that you and Gravel Watch would be wise to ask the Province to enforce a regulation which forbids any extraction below the water table. We would like to work with you on that.

All communities are dependent on food for their survival. In much of Ontario, prime farmland is disappearing. Research being done jointly by Gravel Watch, the National Farmers Union and McMaster University will access data and make it available to you about the danger to food sustainability if pits and quarries and other uses replace Ontario's best fertile land. Like the disappearance of land to water features where the taxes never come back, the loss of land to "interim use" which can extend for decades means soil fertility is irrevocably lost. This is not good for residents hungry for fresh, local, healthy food.

Gravel Watch believes that the Ontario government needs to consult municipalities and communities more broadly to develop and implement regulations which will evaluate and rationalize the supply and demand equation for stone, sand, and gravel. Those regulations need to be applied consistently and clearly; lack of clarity is currently costing municipalities and communities while exposing inconsistencies in the application of rule of law. Rehabilitation of dormant, and abandoned pits to their best possible uses is a promise made at licencing. You see little of it done, and this not just because berms block the view. This too takes land out of available stocks. Finally, Gravel Watch is of the view that the Province needs to be more responsive and more responsible to residents, communities and the municipalities which represent them.

Gravel Watch invites you to do the following:

- Refer community groups to us when they seek information about aggregate extraction. We would be glad to assist them and lighten your load.

- Consider the success of the “demand the right coalition” of municipalities on environmental issues and emulate their work in the interest of your community.
- Invite us, as did the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities at their recent meeting, to lay out for you some of the joint projects that you, we and our constituent groups can work on together and to share boots-on-the-ground as well as scientific knowledge. That could be collectively or for your specific council
- Build trust between community groups and municipal officials like yourselves who are carrying increasing burdens.

Thank you. Stay healthy.

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November 20, 2020

AMO Policy Update – Updated COVID-19 Measures, New LTC Projects, Emergency Orders Extended, and AODA Items

Updated COVID-19 Public Health Measures

As anticipated, the Province announced the movement of certain public health unit regions to new levels in the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*. These necessary measures are being taken to limit community transmission of COVID-19.

Based on the latest data, the following public health unit regions **will move** from their current level in the framework to the following levels effective Monday, November 23, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. Note: Many regions will also remain at their current level. 10 regions remain at the Green - Prevent level.

- Lockdown
 - City of Toronto
 - Region of Peel
- Red - Control
 - Durham Region Health Department; and
 - Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services
 - York Region, City of Hamilton, and Halton Region remain
- Orange - Restrict
 - Huron Perth Public Health;
 - Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit;
 - Southwestern Public Health; and
 - Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

- Brant County, Niagara Region, City of Ottawa, and Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph remain
- Yellow - Protect
 - Chatham-Kent Public Health;
 - Eastern Ontario Health Unit;
 - Grey Bruce Health Unit;
 - Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health;
 - Peterborough Public Health; and
 - Thunder Bay District Health Unit
 - Haldimand-Norfolk, Middlesex-London and Sudbury & District remain.

Trends in public health data will be reviewed weekly to determine if public health units should stay where they are or be moved into a higher level. Public health units will stay in their level for a minimum of 28 days, or two COVID-19 incubation periods, at which time, the government will assess the impact of public health measures to determine if the public health unit should stay where they are or be moved to a different level. The Ministry of Health will continue to communicate regularly with local medical officers of health on local context and conditions to help inform the classification of their public health unit region.

For long-term care homes, visitor restrictions apply to those homes in the public health units that are in the Orange-Restrict level or higher. To further protect the health and safety of those in long-term care homes, staff, essential caregivers and support workers who provide direct care to residents in those regions will be tested more frequently for COVID-19, moving from bi-weekly tests to weekly as of November 23, 2020.

The Province is making additional enforcement mechanisms available to local medical officers of health who have applied additional measures based on their local conditions and needs. The government is amending Ontario Regulation 950 under the *Provincial Offences Act*, allowing for a ticket to be issued for any contravention of a COVID-19 specific communicable disease class order issued by a medical officer of health. The government will also ask the Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice to establish a set fine to be attached to any ticket issued for violating a section 22 order relating to COVID-19 made by a local medical officer of health.

The Ontario government is now also providing \$600 million in relief to support eligible businesses required to close or significantly restrict services due to enhanced public health measures, doubling its initial commitment of \$300 million made in the 2020 Budget, Ontario's Action Plan: Protect, Support, Recover.

Businesses can apply online for temporary property tax and energy cost rebate grants from the Province, via a one-window portal. The rebates will cover the length of time that a business is required to temporarily close or significantly restrict services as a result of being located in an area categorized as Red-Control or Lockdown, or previously categorized as modified Stage 2 public health restrictions. A detailed list of eligible businesses, as well as instructions for applying, can be found at Ontario.ca/covidsupport.

New LTC Projects

The Ontario government has announced 29 new long-term care projects, which will lead to an additional 3,000 new and upgraded long-term care spaces across the province. It is hoped that these projects will help reduce waitlists while improving quality of care and quality of life for seniors. Of the 29 projects, 23 involve the construction of brand-new buildings and 19 involve campuses of care where multiple services are provided on the same site.

In addition to the 29 projects announced today, Ontario is investing an additional \$761 million to build and renovate 74 projects under the modernized funding model, creating close to 11,000 safe, modern spaces.

Emergency Orders Extended

The Province has extended all orders currently in force under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (ROA) until December 21, 2020.

The ROA came into force on July 24, 2020 to make sure that critical measures remained in place after the provincially declared emergency came to an end. Under the ROA, orders can be extended for up to 30 days at a time and the government must report on all order extensions to the Select Committee on Emergency Management Oversight.

The list of orders under the ROA that have been extended can be found online on the Government of Ontario's website.

Correction: AODA Compliance Reporting Deadline

On the AMO Policy Update dated November 17th, information was provided to inform members that the compliance reporting deadline for public sector organizations had been extended from December 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021. We need to correct this statement to clarify that this extension applies to business and non-profit organizations.

Public sector organizations, including municipalities, are due to report in 2021 and the deadline for these reports is December 31, 2021. There is no report required in 2020. See the Ontario website for more information on completing your accessibility compliance report and on municipal compliance requirements.

Reminder: Upcoming Deadline for Accessible Website Compliance with the AODA

Beginning January 1, 2021, all public websites and web content posted after January 1, 2012 must meet WCAG 2.0 Level AA other than criteria 1.2.4 (live captions) and 1.2.5 (pre-recorded audio descriptions). For more information on the

requirements and contact information for the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, please see the [Ontario website](#).

To support compliance, AMO has partnered with [e-SolutionsGroup](#) and [GHD Digital](#) as a preferred vendor to assist municipal governments to meet or exceed AODA and WCAG 2.0 requirements.

Please [register](#) to join a **free one hour webinar at noon on November 26th** to learn more about products and services for the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) legislation deadline of January 21, 2021. In addition, information will be provided about [mandatory screening requirements](#) to help you to screen, track, and detect COVID-19.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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2021 ROMA Conference: Connecting Rural Ontario

Rural municipal governments face a host of shared challenges and priorities. The 2021 annual ROMA Conference will provide insights and ideas on many of them. During a time when we can't come together physically, connecting with experts, colleagues and the province is invaluable and inspiring.

Concurrent sessions for the virtual conference from January 25 -26 will dive into:

- Actions to mitigate flooding
- Broadband – including both policy and solutions
- Full producer responsibility of the Blue Box
- Governing new OPP detachments boards
- Community paramedicine
- Seniors services & aging in rural communities
- Rural digital transformation
- Cannabis
- Implicit bias

Early bird registration ends December 31, 2020. Note that registration for delegation meetings with the Province closes November 30. Don't miss your chance to advocate for your local priorities.

A path to better connectivity: ROMA launches municipal broadband resources

Rural municipal leaders know all too well the need for better broadband and cellular connectivity. But understanding what role municipal governments can play to support better broadband is a challenge. The telecom landscape is complex and so is the technology. It can be hard to know where to start.

To help municipal leaders get on the learning curve and carve a path forward, ROMA has created two comprehensive guides tailored specifically for Ontario's rural municipalities. The *Municipal Primer* gives an overview of the broadband landscape, including Canada's regulatory framework. The *Municipal Roadmap*, then lays out components of a municipal connectivity plan that municipal councils and staff can implement to create local solutions. Municipal governments have been key drivers on many regional and local broadband projects. These can take many different shapes to meet community needs.

The documents reflect extensive research and the input of leaders across Ontario who have been working in this area. Municipal input was broad, including the wardens' caucuses, municipal associations and broadband projects such as the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) and Blue Sky Net, among others. The resources also reflect insights from leading researchers at the University of Guelph and Ryerson University who specialize in rural broadband. [Learn more and/or register for a webinar on December 1.](#)

Community paramedicine shines during COVID

Even before COVID-19, community paramedicine was gaining importance. The pandemic has further underscored that paramedic skills and mobility can help fill gaps in the health care system at the community and home care level.

The ROMA Board learned about one such example at their recent board meeting. Renfrew County's Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (RC VTAC) links rural residents who do not have a family doctor with medical care. Via phone and online chat, patients are connected to a primary care physician, while community paramedics conduct in-person diagnostics and monitoring to inform care. The program has been impressive, completing more than 13,000 virtual physician

assessments, 4,300 in-home paramedic visits and more than 25,000 COVID tests from the launch in March through the end of October. It has helped relieve pressure on emergency departments, provided more timely and accessible care, and supported mobile COVID testing.

The Ontario Government has also recently announced pilot project funding for five communities to use community paramedics to support those who are on the waiting list for long-term care. Brant County, Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board, the City of Ottawa, Renfrew County, and York Region will build upon their existing community paramedicine programs to provide services.

Many of Ontario's 52 municipal paramedic services have embraced community paramedicine, with a variety of different approaches to meet local health needs. For AMO and ROMA, full provincial funding is an essential component for community paramedicine. The programs are delivering primary health care, which is a provincial responsibility. After years of piloting programs, it is time for a provincial framework that sets out the parameters for evaluating, providing medical oversight, and funding community paramedicine on a permanent and reliable basis.

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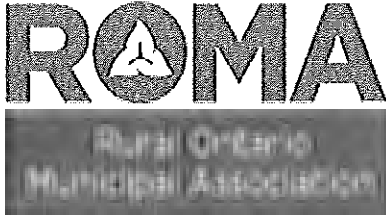
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November 19, 2020

A Path to Better Connectivity: ROMA Launches Municipal Broadband Resources

Dear ROMA Members,

Your ROMA Board is pleased to announce the release of two comprehensive resources tailored specifically for Ontario's rural municipalities about broadband and cellular connectivity.

The *Municipal Primer* gives an overview of the broadband landscape, including Canada's regulatory framework. The *Municipal Roadmap* lays out components of a municipal connectivity plan that municipal councils and staff can implement to create local solutions. Both of these can be found on ROMA's website at:

<http://www.roma.on.ca/broadbandandcellularconnectivity.aspx>.

Investing in connectivity remains a choice at the municipal level because local governments do not have a mandated role in telecommunications. That said, ROMA is aware of growing demand in our communities that has increased during the pandemic for elected officials at all levels of government to help improve broadband and cellular connectivity.

These new resource documents will serve as a foundational briefing for municipal elected officials and staff who are interested in improving

connectivity in their communities. By increasing knowledge for municipal officials, we can work to serve our communities and advocate for better connectivity outcomes that will improve social connections, cultural opportunities, services and overall prosperity.

To help explain the documents and answer members' questions, ROMA will be hosting a webinar on Tuesday, December 1st from 12:00-1:30pm. To register, click [here](#).

Finally, note that the federal government's Universal Broadband Fund opened in November, and information including upcoming webinars can be found [here](#). The Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure's Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) [program](#) also remains open for applications.

Thank you for your continued membership in ROMA.

Sincerely,

Allan Thompson
Chair of ROMA.

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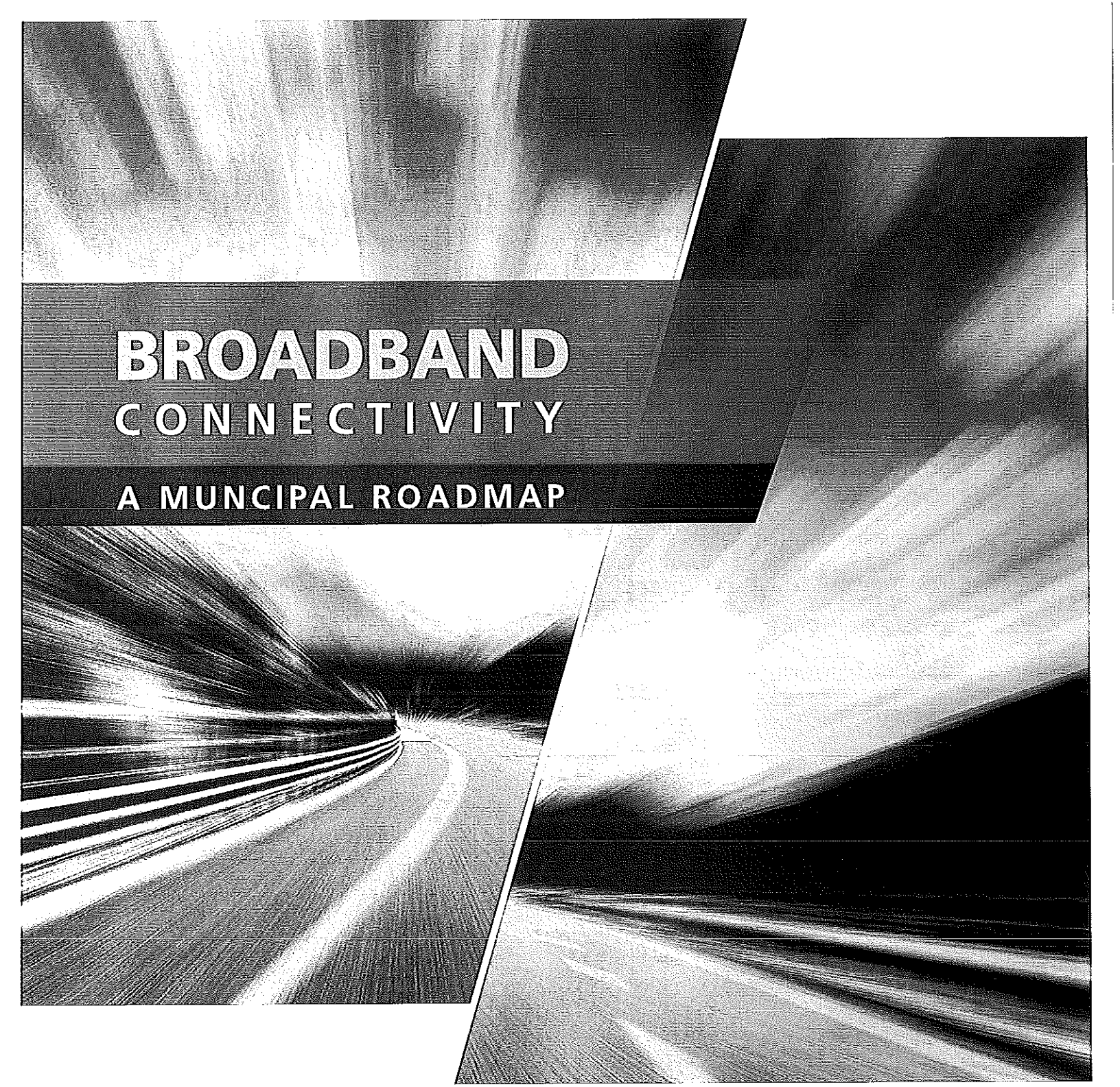


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A MUNICIPAL ROADMAP

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The Purpose of the Municipal Connectivity Roadmap

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) has developed a Municipal Connectivity Roadmap for municipal elected officials and staff. It includes tangible steps and initiatives for councils to consider and implement to improve connectivity if they so choose.

Investing in connectivity remains a choice at the municipal level because local governments do not have a mandated role in telecommunications. That said, the pressure that communities are placing on elected officials at all levels of government to act to create better broadband and cellular connectivity is increasing.

Note that this Roadmap does not provide legal advice. ROMA encourages its members to engage with their staff and legal counsel as it considers the advice provided.

ROMA has also created the *Municipal Connectivity Primer* which serves as background for this Roadmap and should be read as a companion piece to this document.

About the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

ROMA is the rural municipal voice of the Province of Ontario. It promotes, supports, and enhances strong and effective rural governments. ROMA members work closely with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). AMO is a non-partisan, non-profit association that advocates for Ontario's 444 municipal governments. Together, these associations work together to achieve shared goals and meet common challenges, of which one is connectivity.

Acknowledgements

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The Connectivity Roadmap

Component 1

Identify the state of connectivity in the municipality and understand what assets exist within its municipal boundaries

To build connectivity it is important that the municipal government start by learning the basics and gain a better understanding of what currently exists in their community.

Elected officials and senior staff can start by learning the basics by reading the *Primer* and the glossary of terms in this Roadmap (see [Appendix A](#)). Other sources could include Information Technology (IT) departments or consultants, if applicable, and industry representatives in your area. The terminology is not intended to have councils get “into the weeds,” but rather to get a sense of the overall landscape.

At the same time, municipal councils and staff can start gathering the appropriate information to determine the current state of connectivity within the municipality. Knowing this at the outset is important as information gaps can be identified early. Data points that are helpful include, but are not limited to:

- What current connectivity infrastructure exists within municipal boundaries (i.e. towers, fibre-optic cables, Wi-Fi hotspots, etc.);
- Where that infrastructure is located (i.e. within municipal buildings, on top of municipal infrastructure like water towers, on rights-of-way, etc.);
- What the municipality is planning for this infrastructure in the future (i.e. public works’ plans).

This data can be collected through a variety of methods, two of which are described below.

Cross-Department Working Group

Data collection on connectivity is likely to be more effective if it is a cross-departmental exercise. Creating a staff working group with representatives across the municipal corporation is one way to solicit and coordinate this information. It could include departments such as:

- Economic development;
- Engineering and public works;
- Finance; and
- Information technology.

Establishing a corporate-wide connectivity group will help coordinate the data that exists and will ensure that each division knows what the others are doing so that broadband infrastructure can be integrated into any planned infrastructure.

It may also be of benefit to have a working group of community representatives (i.e. business owners, students, seniors, etc.) once this group is established to feed information in and provide on-the-ground expertise about connectivity needs in the community.

- Entire low-income neighbourhoods and underserved residents that are not connected to future-proofed technology. This leaves them at a disadvantage, and likely with higher bills for comparable service.
- A combination of the above.

Gaining an understanding of connectivity needs will help to illustrate what service gaps exist within the municipality and help justify the use of public funding for priorities.

Another challenge is adoption of technology vs. access/availability. The distinction is important because having access is different than it being affordable and thus adopted by users.

There are also two ways to distinguish access/availability. The first is in the connectivity to the community itself meaning establishing or maintaining a point-of-presence (PoP) in the community that links to the internet. This requires some sort of internet backbone running over a long distance, which is more costly than the second type -- namely, the copper or fibre that connects the PoP to distribution nodes including businesses and households.

This complexity is why municipal governments should be open to creative solutions.

Be Open to Creative Solutions

As mentioned in the *Primer*, TSPs and ISPs respond to market signals to provide value to their shareholders and seek to achieve the highest return on investment as possible. They will respond to public sector funding if there is a business case for doing so.

In the long-term, it will be important to advocate for public funding to make business cases for “future-proofed” technology palatable. It is important to keep these technology solutions top of mind as they are most likely to fit the needs of the community in the long-term. However, in the short-term, municipal governments should work with incumbent TSPs and ISPs in the area to find creative solutions.

Again, creative solutions chosen today should be future-proofed wherever possible to ensure that government investments leverage taxpayer dollars. It is also possible that building in the short-term may delay public sector funding to upgrade those networks in the future. Ultimately these are decisions that local councils will have to consider based on the needs of the communities.

NEXT STEPS: ASSESS THE NEEDS

- Conduct a needs assessment and evaluation of local connectivity drivers.
- Identify what benefits broadband would bring if those needs were met.
- Determine what neighbourhoods or areas within your municipal boundaries are of greatest need for connectivity.
- Match solutions depending on what requirements those connections need.

Learn from Existing Models

Before any decisions are made, it is best to consult with experts and peer municipalities who have undertaken similar pathways and investigations into their roles. A few models that exist already, include but are not limited to:

- Blue Sky Net
- Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN)
- Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology Network (SWIFT)
- Waterloo Region Education & Public Network (WREPNET)
- YorkNet

More information on each of these (and some international examples) can be found in Appendix C of the *Primer*. Municipal governments are encouraged to have leaders from these groups come in to provide information on their experience.

The key here is to know that municipal councils can be effective at whatever role they wish to play. And that knowing the capacity limitations and being honest about the financial commitment necessary to sustain a network are important. That is because whatever role is chosen will need to be sustained over the long-term.

NEXT STEPS: EVALUATE POSSIBLE MUNICIPAL ROLES

- Be honest about the level of digital capacity and resources available to municipal governments as the different options are evaluated.
- Learn from other municipalities who have grappled with this question and leverage their expertise wherever possible.
- Once the role has been established, recognize the importance of sustaining that role.

Explore How Existing Policies Can Be Simplified

The streamlining of existing processes is something that should be explored in tandem with creating these new policies. Some ISPs create coordinators to navigate through municipal laws and regulations, and there are no reasons why municipal governments could not create that connector role itself. A staff person could be delegated to work across departments to determine the various procedures that exist. A survey to telecommunication companies could also help to determine what issues are most problematic from a process standpoint. The results of the survey could become the basis for the degree of possible change.

NEXT STEPS: LEVERAGE EXISTING TOOLS

- Consider implementing broadband levy or other financial tools to invest.
- Explore the use of Municipal Access Agreements, bylaws, and permits to protect municipal assets.
- Identify a staff person responsible for collecting current procedures and processes across departments for the purpose of simplifying, where possible.
- Create rules that make new builds mandatory to lay conduit/fibre at the time of construction.

Component 5

Champion the need for connectivity in your community as council to a variety of stakeholders

No one knows the broadband needs of communities more than the students, families, businesses, and seniors themselves. It will be important for municipal governments to create a compelling narrative and use data to drive the business case for why building connectivity is important.

Important facts for the community to have ready include:

- Number of households and communities that are currently not served or are served, but not reliably
- Areas or neighbourhoods that are priorities to build new connectivity (e.g. low-income, social housing, etc.)
- What local universities, school boards, hospitals, long-term care homes, children's aid societies and police services are not connected
- What assets already exist that new connectivity could be attached to
- What partnerships the municipality has, or are in the works

Advocacy should be an ongoing process and depend on the business case created based on the preceding steps. It will be important to identify champions for connectivity that include municipal governments but also key leaders in the business, academic, and resident associations. These individuals will be invaluable to tell the community's story.

Component 6

Invest strategically in 'shovel-worthy' projects

Investments in telecommunications have been based largely on where the benefits and coverage are maximized. As the *Primer* suggests, advocating for more public sector funding is a long-term advocacy strategy. In the short-term, municipal governments should focus on identifying strategic and 'shovel-worthy' projects. These projects may not be 'shovel-ready' now but could be built into a business case with support from neighbouring municipalities.

The reality is that public funding will also track behind the technological advancements available, meaning that municipal councils should consider whether the investments made at the local level are being done in a way that is scalable and future-proofed, wherever possible. Of course, these investments do not have to just be financial. Municipal governments could opt to dedicate staff resources to identify and build business cases in the first place.

NEXT STEPS: INVEST STRATEGICALLY IN 'SHOVEL WORTHY' PROJECTS

- Identify and invest in projects that are 'shovel-worthy' instead of 'shovel-ready' projects.
- Think strategically about building projects that are scalable and use future-proof technology, wherever possible.
- Advocate for MPs and MPPs to request the CRTC tie telecommunications companies to performance measurement targets.

Component 7

Partner, partner, partner

It is critical to partner with neighbouring municipal governments, local institutions, and public sector organizations to build a case for connectivity demand (i.e. economies of scale).

Relationship building with TSPs and ISPs in the community is also a useful exercise for municipal staff as they gather information about options for council to consider. Starting this step early is important as it will help when mapping and identifying the existing assets.

Creating a line of communication between area of TSPs, ISPs, and LDCs is important but should be at the appropriate time (i.e. when the business case and mapping is further along). Partnering with local companies is something to explore as they can likely provide connectivity closer to the home (i.e. PoP to the node), and better understand the terrain that is involved in bringing connectivity to that area. For example, fixed wireless ISPs often exist in communities on a much smaller scale than the larger incumbents.

Municipal governments are encouraged to reach out to existing municipal groups for advice on template Requests for Information, Requests for Proposals, etc.

NEXT STEPS: PARTNER, PARTNER, PARTNER

- Identify and gather information from neighbouring municipalities, local institutions and public sector organizations to leverage economies of scale.
- Build relationships with TSPs and ISPs in the community as the mapping and identification of existing assets is underway. That way, when the data is collected councils can move quickly to identifying service providers in the area.

Appendix A: Glossary of Terms

5G: Fifth-generation of mobile technology. These technologies provide faster broadband speeds and greater data capacity because it uses high-frequency millimetre (mm) waves. 5G will provide significant bandwidth improvements over the current 4G, which is also known as long-term-evolution (LTE) technology. This technology allows for connectivity with multiple devices and drives automation and artificial intelligence in sectors such as agriculture and manufacturing.

700 MHz spectrum: With respect to telecommunications, it is a frequency range allocated to mobile use. The majority of it has been allocated to commercial carriers, but a specific section known as Band 14 has been allocated to the Public Safety Broadband Network in both Canada and the U.S.

Active Ethernet: Type of access service that provides fibre to the home through dedicated fibre between the home and the central office.

Alternative Service Provider (type of ISP): Is any entity that is not an incumbent TSP. For example, providers like Rogers, Shaw, Videotron, Distributel, and TekSavvy.

Analog or Analog Signal: A signal where the information is transmitted in a continuous wave form, as opposed to digital signal where the information is sampled.

Antenna: Are small cells and other infrastructure used to deliver LTE, 4G or 5G networks. It is an exterior-transmitting device – or group of devices – used to receive and/or to transmit radio-frequency (RF) signals, microwave signals, or other federally-licensed communications energy transmitted from, or to be received by, other antennas. The system includes the antenna and an equipment shelter. The placement of transmission antennas is subject to the approval of ISED Canada and the approval process is set out in the Antenna Siting Procedure.

Areas of Need: Refers to communities that are unserved or underserved (do not meet the CRTC's basic service objective of 50 Mbps download/10 Mbps upload).

Attachment Rates (Hydro Pole): Annual fees paid by telecommunications companies to attach equipment to hydro poles owned by utility companies. Ontario has the highest hydro pole attachment rates in Canada.

Backbone Infrastructure: Refers to infrastructure built to connect to technologies. Also known as major data routes that connects a telecommunications service provider's infrastructure using a point of presence as an access point. It is often fibre optic based but it can be comprised of a range of technologies including microwave and satellite service.

Backhaul Infrastructure: Portion of the network between the backbone and the access edge. In the mobile context it refers to the network between the tower and the backbone and may be either wireless or fibre.

Band 14: The 20 MHz of 700 MHz spectrum allocated to public safety.

Bandwidth: Maximum rate of data transfer across a given path. Bandwidth may be characterized as network, data or digital bandwidth and is expressed in bits per second. Example: 50Mbps/10Mbps and 25Mbps/5Mbps.

Bit: Basic unit of digital information used in communication.

Broadband: Refers to high-speed internet access that is always on and faster than traditional dial-up access. It is the ability to transmit information over a wide (broad) range of a larger variety of frequencies (band). It is made available through the use of several high-speed transmission technologies (e.g. Digital Subscriber Line, cable, fixed and mobile wireless, satellite, and fibre). It is a technique that enables many messages to be communicated simultaneously.

Direct-to-Home (DTH): Refers to satellite service providers.

Download Speed/Throughput: Measure of the capacity of the user's broadband connection. Higher speeds are more desirable, as it allows the user to retrieve data more quickly.

Ethernet: Technology protocol commonly used to allow computers and devices to talk to each other on networks.

Fibre: It is the fastest type of broadband technology that exists today, at download speeds of between 1,000 and 10,000 Mbps. It converts electrical signals carrying data to light and sends the light through transparent glass called fibre-optic cables. The technology enables 5G connection speeds and can simultaneously deliver voice and video services.

Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH): Refers to fibre optic communication delivery system where fibre extends from a concentrator, remote or central office to a residence.

Fibre-to-the-Premises (FTTP): Installation of optical fibre direct to individual buildings (e.g. single-family units, multi-unit residential, and businesses) to provide high-speed broadband access. FTTP dramatically increases connection speeds and reliability for broadband networks compared to legacy copper infrastructure.

Fixed Broadband: Home or business internet connections using technology where the consumer is located a fixed location. The receiving device is fixed in place. Technology includes fibre, DSL, fixed wireless and satellite.

Fixed Wireless: Uses point-to-point connection; typically used by one party. Any entity that provides its services over a wireless network (radio) that uses either licensed (owned by the major carriers) or unlicensed (shared) spectrum to provide communications services, where the service is intended to be used in a fixed location (e.g. modem). One example is Xplornet.

Frequency: Refers to the particular wave band at which a system broadcasts.

Geosynchronous: Refers to the orbit of a satellite that is positioned and remains over a specific area of the Earth.

Gigabit (GB): Currently the fastest upload and download speeds available, and is a measure of data size equal to a billion bytes or 1,000 megabytes. The speeds will make the Internet of Things possible, and allow for multiple internet users and simultaneously connected devices in a household.

High-Speed Transmission Technologies: Inclusive of DSL, cable, satellite (which are all legacy infrastructure), wireless, and fibre-optics.

Hybrid Fibre Coaxial: Refers to the cabling infrastructure used by cable companies to provide internet service.

Incumbent Telecommunications Service Provider (type of ISP): A company that provides local telecommunications services on a monopoly basis prior to the introduction of competition. Examples include Bell, TELUS, and SaskTel. They also include small incumbent TSPs as Sogetel and Execulink.

Independent Internet Service Provider: ISPs that are not cable-based carriers or incumbent TSPs. Examples include TekSavvy, Xplornet, Distributel, and Verizon.

Internet Service Providers (IPSS): Those that enable you to connect computers, tablets and other devices to the web. Many ISPs offer in-home equipment that allow you to access the internet. They also offer Wi-Fi equipment so you can connect to the Internet wirelessly on mobile devices such as smartphones and laptop computers anywhere in your home.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED): Federal government department with a broad portfolio and mandate of promoting and fostering knowledge-based innovation of the Canadian economy. The Connecting Canada Branch is responsible for managing public broadband.

the National Broadband Data and focuses on the internet service availability. The map shows: availability of internet services by technology and speed and availability of high capacity transport services in each community location in Canada. Capacity of transport services or rural road coverage layer can be viewed on a granular scope of this map. This layer is derived from the pseudo-household model and correlated with the Ontario Road Network data to illustrate the speeds of road segments.

Other Facilities-Based Carriers (type of ISP): Refers to providers of telecommunications services that are not incumbent providers, but which own and operate telecommunications networks. An example is Xplornet.

Packet: A sequence of bits arranged in a specific format, containing control data and possibly user data, that is transmitted and switched as a whole. Packets are separated and then regathered together to move information faster.

Packet Loss: The failure of a packet to travel through the network to its destination. Internet traffic is carried as Internet Protocol packets. Due to network congestion or impairments, some packets do not reach their destination intact. These are considered to be lost packets.

Point-of-Presence (POP): Refers to an access point to the core or backbone network.

Point-to-Point (P2P): Refers to a broadcast from one place or point to another single point (different from point-to-multipoint, P2MP, PTMP, PMP).

Public Safety Network: Telecommunications mobile network used by public safety workers such as police, fire, paramedics and public works.

Radiocommunications: Any transmission, emission or reception of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds or intelligence of any nature by means of electromagnetic waves of frequencies lower than 3,000 GHz propagated in spaces without artificial guide (i.e. physical things, such as wires or cables). It refers to the means of transmission as opposed

to the content or nature of the transmission (e.g. broadcasting or telecommunications), which is why it is treated quite differently than the *Broadcasting Act* or *Telecommunications Act*.

Resellers: Companies that provide services using the network infrastructure of telecommunications common carriers. Resellers obtain access to such network infrastructure on a wholesale basis and use it, often combined with other services and facilities, to provide retail service to the public.

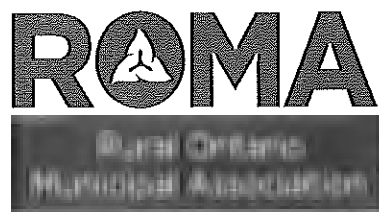
Rights-of-Way: The legal right, established by usage or grant, to pass along a specific route through grounds or property belonging to another.

Rural Communities: Defined by the CRTC as areas with a population of less than 1,000 or density of 400 or fewer people per square kilometre. The Institute for Competitiveness & Prosperity uses a different definition - any territory lying outside population centres. By that measure, an estimated 10.4% of Ontario's residents live in rural areas.

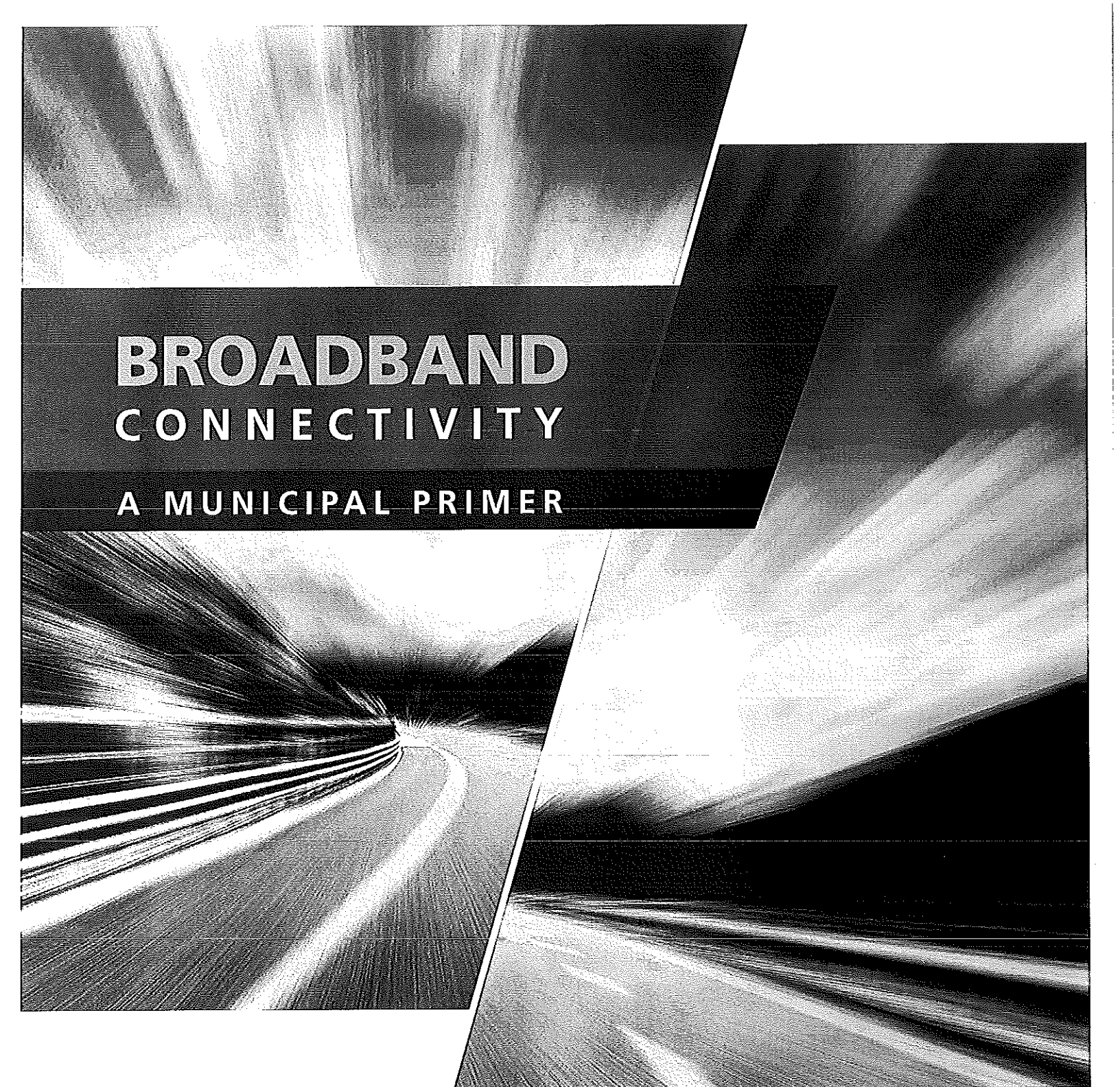
Satellite: Satellites are stationed far from Earth (e.g. 36,000 kms), and travel in so-called geostationary orbits, moving at the speed of Earth's rotation and appear to float motionless above a fixed point. The signal travels from Earth, providing a delayed connection compared to cable and DSL. The speed depends on a customer's line of sight to the orbiting satellite and the weather. Contrast that with LEOs who are not impacted by weather as much.

Service Providers: There are many different types of service providers for communications. They include: i) Incumbent TSPs, ii) Cable-based Carriers; iii) Television and Radio; iv) Other facilities-based service providers; and v) Wholesale-based and Non-facilities-based TSPs.

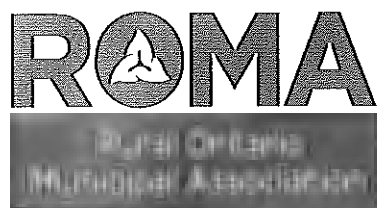
Small incumbent TSPs: Serve relatively small geographical areas. Due to the limited size of their serving areas, these companies do not typically provide facilities-based long distance services. However, they provide a range of wireline voice, internet, data and private line, and wireless service. An example is Execulink.



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A MUNICIPAL PRIMER



The Purpose of the Connectivity Primer

This Primer provides a foundational briefing for municipal elected officials and their staff on the regulatory and funding regimes for telecommunications in Canada. It describes how these regimes have resulted in a digital divide between communities that are connected and those that struggle to get online. Given this context, it outlines actions that local governments can take to bring connectivity to their communities.

To accompany the Primer, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) has developed a *Municipal Connectivity Roadmap* to help municipal governments implement tangible steps and initiatives around connectivity, if councils choose to do so. It is important to remember that municipal governments do not have a mandated role in telecommunications. While ROMA recognizes that municipal elected officials are facing increasing pressure to act, there is no obligation or requirement to take action in this area.

Note that this Primer does not provide legal advice. ROMA encourages its members to engage with their staff and legal counsel as it considers the advice provided.

About the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

ROMA is the rural municipal voice of the Province of Ontario. It promotes, supports, and enhances strong and effective rural governments. ROMA members work closely with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). AMO is a non-partisan, non-profit association that advocates for Ontario's 444 municipal governments. Together, these associations work together to achieve shared goals and meet common challenges, one of which is connectivity.

Acknowledgements

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Municipal Leaders Can Be Agents of Change

Municipal governments have a high level of concern about connectivity, even though the sphere of influence over the regulatory and funding responsibilities for telecommunications is comparatively low. That is because local governments are the closest to students, families, businesses, and seniors who are demanding solutions for connectivity.

This complex reality highlights the important role that municipal elected officials play in advocating for better connectivity from the “ground-up.”¹ For example, some Ontario municipalities have built Connectivity Taskforces within their community, while others have conducted surveys to collect information on the level of connectivity experienced by their residents and businesses. Other longer-term initiatives include, but are not limited to:

- Wardens’ Caucuses who have built economies of scale through the Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) and the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN);
- Northern Ontario which has commissioned geographic information system (GIS) mapping data coverage and other services through Blue Sky Net;
- Municipalities such as the Town of Caledon that have created an Internet Levy to assist with financing broadband projects;
- Intra-regional networks which have connected individual sites within their communities such as the Waterloo Region Education and Public Network (WREPNET); and
- Municipal governments which have built their own networks and operate through separate corporations such as YorkNet and Rhysome Networks.

More information on municipal initiatives, can be found in [Appendix C](#).

¹ Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation (CRRF), Rural Insights Series: COVID-19. [“Addressing the Digital Divide: COVID-19 and the Importance of Connecting Rural Canada.”](#) S. Ashleigh Weeden & Wayne Kelly. June 2020.

Municipalities Building a Community-Business Case for Connectivity

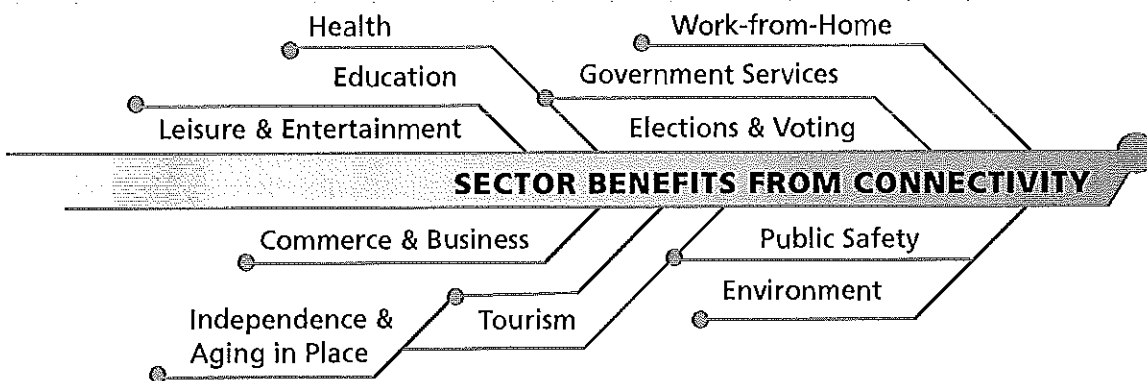
The need for better connectivity (i.e. broadband) has been building steadily for decades, and the pandemic has been only the latest catalyst for change. The difference today is that communities have thrust the issue to the top of the political agenda with the seismic shift towards working-from-home and the necessity for e-commerce and e-learning, given the lockdowns across the globe.

As such, municipal governments are looking for both short-term and long-term solutions to help bridge the digital divide within and across their communities and regions. Increasingly, these solutions include making financial investments in connectivity and collaborating with area municipalities if those investments are not feasible given other priorities for taxpayer dollars.

Access to reliable, high-speed, and affordable broadband is what facilitates economic recovery and growth in Ontario, and Canada. Broadband is paramount to being able to compete in regional and global markets. Investing in broadband improves economic prosperity and quality of life to the students, families, businesses, and seniors in a community. Unlike the private sector, the public sector (including municipal governments) can assign values on the direct and indirect economic, social, and environmental benefits that would help build the case for connectivity funding.

As shown below, these benefits span across multiple provincial and federal Ministries. In some cases, investing in broadband could alleviate the pressure for funding from other Ministries (e.g. Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, OMAFRA, Ministry of Energy, etc.).

Figure 1: Benefits from Greater Connectivity (ROMA, 2020)



Therefore, municipalities should build a community-based case for connectivity funding and reflect the unique opportunities that broadband connectivity could bring. These considerations should also be discussed as councils consider whether to play a role in funding connectivity.

	Recommended Actions on Telecommunications
Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Ontario Energy Board, and Ministry of Infrastructure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify additional supports for municipal governments to improve their digital literacy & capacity building in their communities (e.g. youth and experts). • Explore innovative partnerships to help bridge funding gaps and/or develop policy initiatives that are focused on capacity building and digital learning. • In accordance with Mandate Letter⁵, modernize the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) by improving organizational governance and consider how expanding broadband and cellular access can align with a modernized and efficient energy sector. • Review provincial assets such as towers, buildings, land and utility poles (and their attachment rates) to optimize connectivity and lower costs of deploying technology to encourage private sector investment.
Utility Companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build better relationships with municipal governments; share information more consistently and where possible, coordinate strategic plans on connectivity. • Educate and inform municipal councils early and often about the rationale for utility pole attachment rates. Share what the barriers are and discuss what municipal governments and utility companies could each do to improve the relationship (e.g. permitting, Rights-of-Way).
Telecommunications Service Providers (TSPs) & Internet Service Providers (ISPs) Companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If too cost-prohibitive to build in areas of need, do not inhibit other companies or technologies from providing this service (e.g. smaller TSPs and ISPs operating in nearby municipalities). • Develop and sustain relationships with municipal governments in a meaningful and ongoing way. • Continue to invest in and fund robust infrastructure that can be upgraded in the future and that can provide high-quality telecommunications services.

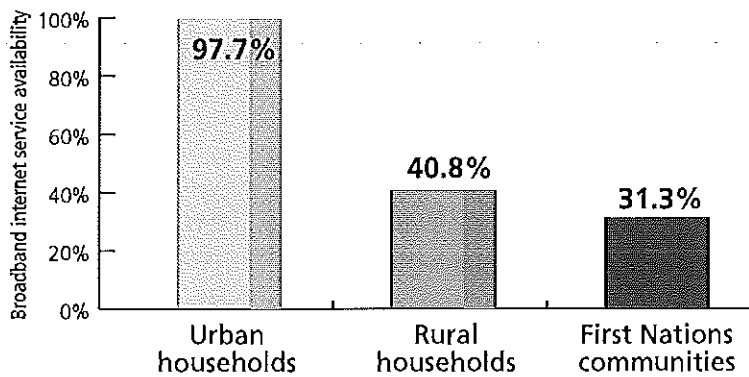
Conclusion

The time has passed to study whether the digital divide exists and justify the need for connectivity. This Primer has provided an overview of the regulatory and funding landscapes for telecommunications in Canada. It also introduces some examples of models that municipal governments in Ontario have put together in recognition that better connectivity provides an opportunity for everyone in their communities to enjoy economic prosperity and a high quality of life.

If municipal councils are looking for tangible steps to consider implementing similar measures as the examples in this document, ROMA encourages its members to read the companion document, *Broadband Connectivity: A Municipal Roadmap*.

⁵ Ministry of Energy. [Mandate Letter](#). October 1, 2020.

Figure 2: Broadband Internet Service Availability (50/10) in Various Canadian Communities (2018)

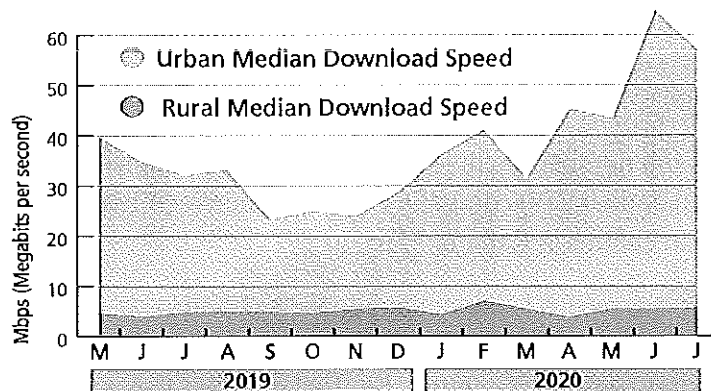


This disparity in access highlights the importance of having the CRTC basic standard as it incentivizes TSPs and ISPs to build up communities and connect households that are not able to access it otherwise. Without public funding, TSPs and ISPs will not have a palatable business case, and it is likely these areas will remain in need.

The Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) has been studying the discrepancy of speeds since the pandemic began using data from its voluntary Internet Performance Test.¹¹ The latest release from August 2020 shows that between March and July, urban internet users saw an average download speed increase of about 25 Mbps, while rural speeds had not notably improved.¹²

As the chart below shows, rural internet users have experienced a median download speed of 5.5 Mbps since the pandemic began, compared to urban download speeds which have nearly doubled since the start of March (26.16 Mbps in March, to 51.54 Mbps in July).¹³

Figure 3: The Urban-Rural Digital Divide Across Canada, May 2019 to July 2020



¹¹ Municipal governments are encouraged to work with CIRA to integrate the use of the Internet Performance Test as a tool on municipal websites. <https://performance.cira.ca/>. Accessed November 2020.

¹² CIRA Press Release. "New internet performance data shows urban speeds improving while rural speeds plateau." August 2020.

¹³ CIRA Press Release. August 2020.

Appendix B: The Regulatory Landscape of Telecommunications in Canada

The following outlines the different roles that the federal and provincial governments play in connectivity.

The Government of Canada

Telecommunications regulatory and oversight powers lie primarily with the federal government. The Government of Canada regulates the industry through the *Telecommunications Act*, *Broadcasting Act*, and the *Radiocommunications Act*.

The Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada, and the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Corporation (CRTC) play the most important roles at this level.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)

The purpose of ISED Canada is to improve conditions for investment and build a fair, efficient and competitive marketplace. ISED has three key functions regarding telecommunications:

1. Approves the placement of transmission antennas for cellphone services and other consumer and commercial applications.

Today, there are approximately 13,000 wireless antenna towers across Canada. While ISED is not involved in the specifics of tower installations, they set the law through the Radiocommunication Act. More information, antenna siting protocols, and facts about towers and safety, can all be found on ISED's website.¹⁶

2. Provides access to the radiofrequency (RF) spectrum.

ISED provides access to this spectrum by issuing authorities for its use, minimizing interference, securing Canada's access to it through international negotiations, and by ensuring its safe and efficient use.¹⁷ In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 3500 MHz spectrum auction has been delayed until June 15, 2021.¹⁸ Both the 3500 MHz and 3800 MHz bands are considered key due to their ability to transport data at 5G – or fifth generation – speeds at a reasonable range.

3. Is responsible for the National Broadband Internet Service Availability Map.

The map is created and updated through ongoing consultation with ISPs, the CRTC, industry associations, provinces and territories, and other partners and stakeholders.¹⁹ Mapping is discussed in further detail in the *Municipal Roadmap* document.

¹⁶ Government of Canada. ISED Canada. "[Facts about Towers](#)." Accessed October 2020.

¹⁷ Government of Canada. ISED Canada. "[Spectrum Management and Telecommunications](#)." Accessed October 2020.

¹⁸ Government of Canada. ISED Canada. "[Key Dates – Policy and Licensing Framework for Spectrum in the 3500 MHz band](#)." Updated June 5, 2020.

¹⁹ Government of Canada. ISED Canada. "[National Broadband Internet Service Availability Map](#)." Accessed October 2020.

The Province of Ontario

While the provincial government does not directly regulate the telecommunications industry, it does have a vested role and interest in broadband infrastructure because of its responsibility for economic development, COVID-19 recovery, and building economic prosperity for all Ontarians. Several ministries make directed investments in broadband deployment including the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Infrastructure.

To that end, the Province has coordinated broadband policy and planning initiatives through (currently) the Ministry of Infrastructure and (in the past) the Ministry of Community and Government Services. Generally, the Province has more flexibility in how and where any federally or municipally matched, or its line ministries directed, funding is used. A few of the key ministries and agencies influencing broadband deployment are discussed here:

Ministry of Energy, Northern Development & Mines (MENDM) and the Ontario Energy Board (OEB)

The MENDM sets the overall policy for the energy sector. The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is an independent regulator of the electricity and natural gas sectors in Ontario. The Chair of the Board of the Directors of the OEB is accountable to the Ministry for the effective delivery of its mandate.

The goal of the OEB is to promote a sustainable, reliable energy sector that helps consumers get value from their natural gas and electricity (hydro) services.²³ The OEB's relevance to the telecommunications industry is through wireline pole attachment charges, or rates.

These rates dictate the charges that telecommunications and cable companies (carriers) must pay to electricity distributors (hydro) companies to attach their wires to hydro poles and access their network of electricity poles. Ontario has a network of more than 200,000 km of low voltage distribution lines available, and the rates vary.

These charges make revenue which help to offset the full cost of the poles. Without those revenues, the OEB states the cost would have to be embedded in electricity distribution rates.

Three utility, or local distribution companies (LDCs) – Toronto Hydro, Hydro Ottawa, and Hydro One – collectively own roughly 90% of the electricity poles in Ontario.²⁴

²³ Ontario Energy Board. "[Ontario's Energy Sector](#)." Accessed October 2020.

²⁴ Province of Ontario. Report of the Ontario Energy Board. "[EB-2015-0302 Wireline Pole Attachment Charges](#)." March 2018.

Appendix C: Types of Municipal Models

There are various municipal models across Ontario that municipalities should consider and learn from as councils consider what role they wish to play in connectivity.

Blue Sky Net – www.blueskynet.ca

- Provides service for Nipissing District, East Parry Sound, Sudbury East, Almaguin Highlands Manitoulin Island and points in between, GIS mapping data coverage for all of Northern Ontario.
- Facilitates enhancement of broadband access to unserved/underserved areas. They develop and implement ICT applications and offer training, education and awareness of technologies to surrounding communities.
- Incorporated in 2002 as Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation; shifted to technology development in 2005.
- Have facilitated deployment of broadband technologies to over 150 communities predominantly in the districts of Nipissing, Parry Sound, and Sudbury East through the creation of new broadband Points of Presence (Pops) outside of urban centres.
- [Public Portal for Northern Ontario](#)

Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) – www.eorn.ca/en/index.aspx

- Created by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC); works with ISPs to build a 5,500-km network of new and existing fibre optic, with 160 new access points.
- Between 2010 and 2014, EORN helped improve broadband access to nearly 90% of eastern Ontario. As a result, 423,000 homes and businesses are now able to access services of up to 10 Mbps download.
- Current projects include improving and expanding cellular services across the region, and the EORN Gig Project.
- EORN Toolkits Series: www.eorn.ca/en/eorn-resources/resources.aspx

YorkNet – www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/yorkregion/yr/yorknet

- A wholly-owned Regional corporation that operates and manages expansion of the Region of York's fibre optic network
- Council endorsed the creation of YTN Telecom Network Inc in 2016. YorkNet was incorporated as a separate municipal services corporation in 2017 and began operations in January 2018.
- Provide private-sector open access to the network to drive economic and social benefits that will give residents, businesses and public-sector customers enhanced service, better pricing, or both, particularly in rural areas of the Region.
- Key difference in the model is that they own the fibre as an asset and manage it like other municipal assets.

Regional Technology Development Organizations

- Knet – Sioux Lookout - www.knet.ca
- NeoNet – Timmins - www.neonet.on.ca
- Parry Sound Muskoka Community Network – Gravenhurst - www.pmcn.ca
- Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre - www.nwoinnovation.ca
- The Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre - www.ssmic.com

International Examples

- Broadband for Rural North (B4RN) is a community owned company started by volunteers in Lancashire, England to provide hyper-fast (1000 Mbps/1 Gig) symmetric broadband to every property in the community, at a cost of 30 pounds/month. It is described as the fastest residential network in the world.

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AMO Policy Update – Immunization Strategy Start, Revised COVID-19 Closure Regulations, CMOH Reappointment, Cemetery Care and Maintenance Funds Discussion Paper

Immunization Strategy Start

As we watch the global development of viable COVID-19 vaccines, the next natural question is how will these vaccines be rolled out in Canada and Ontario? Given this context, the Province has now announced the creation of the Ministers' COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force. The task force will advise on the Province's development and implementation of an immunization program, including the ethical, timely, and effective distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in Ontario.

General Rick Hillier (retired), former Chief of Defence Staff for the Canadian Forces, has been named Chair of this new task force. His extensive leadership experience in providing governance, strategic and public policy advice, and leading multiple national and international endeavours makes him a natural to lead this work. Other members of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force will be announced in the coming days. Municipal participation in this task force would be critical with the need for local logistical assistance for successful implementation.

Revised COVID-19 Closure Regulations

As of November 22, there are three new revised *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* Regulations that municipal officials need to know about. They are:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20654> Rules for Areas in Stage 1

- General Rules
- Businesses that may open
- Places that must close or are subject to conditions
- Organized public events, certain gatherings

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20656> Rules for Areas in Stage 2

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20655> Rules for Areas in Stage 3

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20657> Stages of Reopening

Chief Medical Officer of Health Reappointment Motion

Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, the Honourable Christine Elliott issued an announcement that Dr. David Williams has agreed to remain Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health should the government motion be passed. If successful, Dr. Williams would be reappointed commencing February 16, 2021 up until September 1, 2021.

Cemetery Care and Maintenance Funds Discussion Paper Released

The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services is seeking feedback on their consultation paper to inform potential proposals for regulatory changes and non-regulatory actions to address concerns with the current cemetery care and maintenance funds & accounts (CMF/A) framework under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002* (FBCSA). The paper also seeks feedback on a potential proposal for changes to the rules on licence display for bereavement service operators under the FBCSA.

As well, the Ministry heard from some municipal stakeholders that municipal cemetery operators should be exempt from the requirements to establish and contribute to CMF/As as local government, while remaining subject to operators' duties regarding cemetery maintenance. There is consideration of developing this potential proposal in the longer-term, however, there are some discussion questions included in this paper that municipal officials may want to consider for response. The Ministry proposes to consult further on the potential to exempt municipal governments from CMF/A requirements in Fall 2020/Winter 2021.

The consultation paper is posted for feedback on the Ontario Regulatory Registry. The deadline to submit feedback is January 19, 2021 by 11:59 p.m. Please contact bereavement@ontario.ca if you have questions.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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Subject: Support of County of Wellington Aggregate Resource Property Valuation Resolution

Please note that the Council of the Township of Amaranth recently endorsed the following resolution at its regular meeting of Council held on November 18, 2020:

Whereas previous assessment methodologies for aggregate resource properties valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands; and

WHEREAS Township of Amaranth Council supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation determined, with the participation only of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, revised criteria for assessing aggregate resource properties; and

WHEREAS Township of Amaranth Council has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties.

Resolution #4

Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: H. Foster

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth Council does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and

THAT Township of Amaranth Council believes there is a need to review the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values; and

THAT Township of Amaranth hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value ; and

THAT Township of Amaranth Council directs the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Ministers of Finance; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Natural Resources and Forestry; and to AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and local MPP(s).

CARRIED.

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.

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Keith White, NVCA Board Chair
Marlane McLeod, NVCA Vice Chair

Re: Township of Essa Council Resolution No. CR204-2020
Bill 229 "Protect, Support and Recover from COVID19 Act – Schedule 6 –
Conservation Authorities Act"

Please be advised that at its meeting of November 18, 2020, Council of the Township of Essa received a copy of information in relation to Bill 229 in addition to a verbal report from the NVCA Board Chair on the impacts to Conservation Authorities and the trickle effect to municipalities and citizens in Ontario should the Bill pass

As a result of the discussions, Council of the Township of Essa passed the following Resolution:

Resolution No: CR204-2020 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act; and

WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications; and

WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act; and

WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without conservation authority watershed data and expertise; and

WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs; and

WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on Conservation Authority Boards should be a municipal decision, and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Conservation Authority Board should be duly elected; and

WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a Conservation Authority Board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed; and

WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative; and

WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and

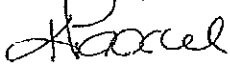
WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- *THAT the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229)*
- *THAT the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth*
- *THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority and municipal relationships; and*
- *THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.*

---Carried---

Sincerely,



per; Lisa Lehr, CMO
Clerk

cc. Conservation Ontario – Kim Gavine, General Manager
Conservation Ontario – Wayne Emmerson, Chair
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
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Subject: FW: Governing Body for Cannabis support resolution - Northumberland County

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Subject: Governing Body for Cannabis support resolution - Northumberland County

Please note that the Council of the Township of Amaranth recently endorsed the following resolution at its regular meeting of Council held on November 18, 2020:

Resolution #5

Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: H. Foster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amarnath Council provide support for the resolution adopted by Northumberland County requesting their request that:

- A governing body be created to regulate cannabis production; and
- The governing body take a unified approach be taken to land use planning restrictions; and
- The governing body enforce the regulations under the Cannabis Act on behalf of the licensing agency and ensures local authorities are in fact provided with notification of any license issuances, amendment, suspensions, reinstatement, re revocation within their region; and
- The governing body communicated more readily with local governments; and
- The governing body provides local government with more support; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Amarnath Council forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and rural Affairs, requesting that legislation be enacted to support local governments with cannabis land use management and enforcement issues.
CARRIED.

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Subject: Municipal Elections Act support resolution - Northumberland County

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Resolution #6

Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: G. Little

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth Council provide support for the resolution of Northumberland County regarding requesting a review of the Municipal Elections Act with a view to making amendments that allow for reporting of election fraud and ensuring that legislation can be enforced; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon) and all Ontario municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) **CARRIED.**

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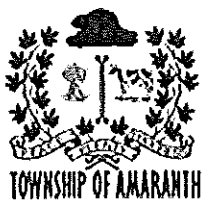
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November 23, 2020

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #719

Motion No. 719

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports Northumberland County, the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, Municipality of Tweed and Township of Asphodel-Norwood in their request that a governing body be established to regulate cannabis production and to take a unified approach to land use planning and restrictions AND in also requesting to amend the legislation under which these facilities operate to ensure the safety and rights of the local communities in which they are situated are respected AND FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Provincial Police, AMO and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing , the Ontario Provincial Police and all Ontario Municipalities.



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November 23, 2020

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #720

Motion No. 720

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby support The City of Clarence-Rockland in requesting the Ministry modify the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores and to instruct the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to evaluation criteria, and provide added weight to the comments of a municipality concerning matters in the public interest when considering the application of new stores and FURTHER directs staff to forward this resolution to to all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c all Ontario Municipalities.



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November 23, 2020

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #722

Motion No. 722

Moved by: Jeff Elliott Seconded by: Jim Hanna

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports Northumberland County and Town of Wasaga Beach in asking that the Provincial government develop tougher laws with larger financial penalties when dealing with unauthorized car rallies and participants and FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the local O.P.P Detachment Commander, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c Ministry of Solicitor General, Ministry of the Attorney General, local O.P.P. Detachment Commander AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.



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November 23, 2020

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #723

Motion No. 723

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports the Township of Lake of Bays in asking the Provincial government to consider an amendment to Bill 124 to make it a requirement that the building contractor name be disclosed and that the contractor must provide proof of insurance, thus providing greater accountability and responsibility and ensuring that municipalities will not bear the burden alone and FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c. AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

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November 24, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks

SUBJECT: Enforcement of Orders under the *Reopening Ontario Act, 2020*

I want to thank you again for your sustained efforts in limiting the spread of infection and managing the impact of the pandemic on your communities.

As you are aware, municipal by-law officers are designated to enforce provincial orders under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 (ROA). Given the recent rise in COVID-19 cases, the government recently announced new provincial restrictions.

Based on the latest data, communities that fall under the jurisdiction of Peel Public Health and Toronto Public Health have moved to Lockdown effective Monday, November 23, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. Based on the latest data, other communities falling under the jurisdictions of other public health units have also moved from their current level in the framework to more restrictive levels effective Monday, November 23, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. Municipalities, residents and businesses can find out what level and which regional public measures are in place for their area at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open>.

Municipalities and local public health units may have additional restrictions or targeted requirements, on top of any applicable provincial public health measures. To further support the efforts of public health units, the province is making additional enforcement mechanisms available to local medical officers of health who have applied additional measures based on their local conditions and needs. The government is amending Ontario Regulation 950 under the *Provincial Offences Act*, allowing for a ticket to be issued for any contravention of a COVID-19 specific communicable disease class order issued by a medical officer of health. The government will also work with the Chief Justice of Ontario to create an order establishing a set fine to be attached to any ticket issued for violating a section 22 order relating to COVID-19 made by a local medical officer of health under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.

These actions are being taken to help stop the spread of COVID-19, while prioritizing the continued opening of schools, child care centres and other key services to the fullest extent possible. To help support municipal enforcement activities, I am attaching information the Ministry of the Solicitor General has shared with Chiefs of Police regarding additional amendments to orders made under the ROA.

Many of Ontario's municipalities have shown leadership and actively engaged in enforcement and compliance, including enforcement of any local by-laws they may have enacted. To ensure we are achieving greater successes given the local need, and as I mentioned in my correspondence to you on Monday, November 16, 2020, you may wish to coordinate enforcement activities with provincial enforcement officers and public health officers. To identify the lead contact for any potential planned compliance activity in your community, please email Natasha Bartlett at natasha.bartlett@ontario.ca.

To help support enforcement personnel, staff at the Ministry of the Solicitor General continue to respond to inquiries via EssentialWorkplacesSupport.SolGen@ontario.ca. Through this confidential channel, assistance is available to enforcement personnel seven days a week.

I would also encourage you again to support the Ministry of the Solicitor General's efforts to collect enforcement data on a weekly basis to help monitor and measure the impact of accelerated enforcement and compliance activities province-wide. You can find out more on how you may contribute to the Ministry of Solicitor General's weekly data collection efforts by contacting Jeanette Gorzkowski or Agata Falkowski at Jeanette.Gorzkowski@ontario.ca or Agata.Falkowski@ontario.ca respectively.

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has also extended all orders currently in force under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (ROA) until December 21, 2020. These can be found online on the Government of Ontario's website at <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/20r17>.

Thank you, once again, for your continued efforts to help keep our communities safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Kate Manson-Smith
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Enclosure: Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General to all Chiefs of Police – English version. If a French version is required, please contact Richard.Stubbings@ontario.ca.

Cindy Pigeau

From: Ontario Clean Air Alliance <contact@cleanairalliance.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Cindy Pigeau
Subject: With your help, Ontario can go 100% renewable

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BULLETIN

Your donation can help make Ontario a climate leader again



Jack Gibbons and Angela Bischoff

Please make a donation today to support our campaign to move Ontario to a 100% fossil-fuel free electricity system by 2030.

It's been a tough year all 'round. While our attention has been on the immediate impacts of Covid, the climate crisis has only worsened. Meteorologists started using the Greek alphabet to name hurricanes this year. Doctors are suggesting naming heatwaves to draw attention to how deadly these have become. Our far north is warming two to three times quicker than any other place on earth. And we've all seen the raging fires ravaging the west coast.

That's why it is so alarming that Ontario is planning to increase climate pollution from gas-fired electricity plants by more than 300% by 2025. What's deeply frustrating is that there is no real justification for this approach. We have plenty of better and low-cost options that don't involve adding to our climate problems.

Take energy efficiency. Doug Ford has cut funding for efficiency efforts by more than 60% while requiring families to subsidize the hydro bills of commercial and industrial corporations.

And while renewable energy is taking off around the world with prices that are now lower than even coal-fired electricity in many places, our government continues to insist that solar and wind are not for Ontario. Why are we turning our back on zero emission power and ramping up gas-fired generation?

Finally there is the huge surplus of clean water power our neighbours in Quebec are literally dumping on the U.S. spot market for pennies a kWh while we continue to spend tens of billions to re-build old and outdated nuclear reactors.

We need to change direction and we need to do it fast.

The Ontario Clean Air Alliance led the first big pivot for energy policy in Ontario by driving its world-leading coal-power phase out. Now we need your support to get to our next target – phasing out gas-fired power generation and moving to a 100% renewable energy future. Going renewable will be great for business in a province that was once a leader in renewable energy technology and efficiency, for consumers currently saddled with rising rates due to high-cost nuclear power, and for our climate.

This year with your help and that of community groups on the ground, we successfully stopped Enbridge Gas' plan to build a large new gas pipeline through Hamilton to feed a ramp up of gas-fired power in Ontario and to send fracked gas to the northeastern U.S. But this plan could well be resurrected if Ontario does not quickly start down the path toward phasing out our gas-fired power plants by 2030.

We are small, nimble and effective organization that has tremendous track record of achievement. Your support will allow us to deepen our efforts to encourage Ontario to once again lead on climate by phasing out gas-fired power. Our campaign is picking up terrific momentum with more than 50 organizations endorsing our call for a gas plant phase out and the municipalities of Burlington, Halton Hills, Kitchener and Hamilton being the first of what we are sure will be many cities and towns echoing the call.

Please donate \$50, \$100, \$500 or \$1,000 to help us make Ontario a climate leader once again. Your support helped us phase out dirty coal and now it's time to take the next step by moving our great province to a 100% fossil-fuel-free electricity system by 2030.



Thank you!

Angela Bischoff, Director and Jack Gibbons, Chair

P.S. Please consider becoming a monthly donor which would give us the stability we need to carry on.



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November 25, 2020

Hon. Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General
George Drew Building, 18th Floor
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Re: Schedule 6 of Bill 229 - Open Letter to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon

Dear Honourable Sylvia Jones:

Mono Council unanimously passed a resolution at its meeting of November 24, 2020 and we append a copy of it to this letter. Mono is a member of three conservation authorities – Toronto Region, Credit and the Nottawasaga. We value the services provided – all services but in particular the assistance in making planning decisions that protect our drinking water, that protect us from developing in flood-prone areas and that protect our wetlands and aquifers.

In 2021 Mono will spend \$133,365 on conservation authorities. If we had to hire our own employees – engineers, planners, ecologists, hydrogeologists, foresters, outdoor educational staff, etc. – to do its own work, we would spend much more than \$133,365 for these services.

We were not impressed with Schedule 6 to Bill 229. It undermines the power of conservation authorities to do their job. And we were particularly unimpressed when your government slipped these proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act into a Budget Bill.

We are concerned that Schedule 6 undermines the ability of conservation authorities to make non-political, technical decisions based on science. It does this by allowing the Minister to overrule the decisions of conservation authorities. Schedule 6 will also interfere with the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member. Board members have to think of watershed-wide interests in making decisions. We are also concerned that Schedule 6 limits the enforcement powers of conservation authorities.

We have to agree with the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) assessment of Schedule 6 of Bill 229, *“the package of amendments as proposed are likely to set back watershed planning and implementation of an ecosystem-based approach by decades. As such, CELA recommends*

that Schedule 6 not be enacted in its present form and instead be withdrawn in its entirety from Bill 229."

Sincerely,

The Council of the Town of Mono

Mayor Laura Ryan

Deputy Mayor John Creelman

Councillor Ralph Manktelow

Councillor Sharon Martin

Councillor Fred Nix

Attachments:

- I. Town of Mono Resolution 6-VC17-2020 passed November 24, 2020

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Andrea Horwath, Leader, Official Opposition
Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
Sandy Shaw, Critic, Finance and Treasury Board
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Resolution #6-VC17-2020

Moved by Ralph Manktelow, Seconded by Fred Nix

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation introduces several changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications;

AND WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property, and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without conservation authority watershed data and expertise;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs;

AND WHEREAS the \$133,365 that Mono spends on three conservation authorities (1% of budget) is a bargain for the services provided and begs the question as to why Mono would have to enter into three separate agreements for services it now happily receives - without further red tape;

AND WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on conservation authority boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the conservation authority boards should be duly elected;

AND WHEREAS it is sometimes not practical for the Town of Mono to appoint **only** council members (particularly if this excludes mayors and deputy mayors) to each of the three conservation authorities that service our municipality;

AND WHEREAS it has been the Town of Mono's experience with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority that having a chair or vice-chair serve for more than one year has produced experienced individuals;

AND WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed;

AND WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative;

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AND WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process;

AND WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within conservation authority jurisdictions for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value conservation authorities' work to ensure safe drinking water;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: (i) the Province of Ontario repeal Section 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229), and (ii) that the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth;

AND FURTHER THAT while we would prefer that Bill 229, Schedule 6 be repealed in its entirety, Council for the Town of Mono recommends the following amendments (in descending order of importance):

1. Delete the option for a person to appeal to LPAT or directly to the Minister;
2. Maintain the proposed stop work orders and property access;
3. Allow non mandatory programs as deemed advisable by each Conservation board;
4. Allow appointment of a member of the public to the Board and specify 'municipally elected official' rather than 'municipal councillor' which may exclude mayors, and continue to allow board chairs and vice chairs to serve more than one consecutive term.

"Carried"

This motion was passed unanimously.



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SHELBURNE
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November 25, 2020

Hon. Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General
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RE - Bill 229 and the Conservation Authorities

Dear Honourable Sylvia Jones:

Shelburne Town Council passed the following resolution unanimously at its Council meeting held Monday November 23, 2020:

Moved By Councillor Walter Benotto
Seconded By Councillor Kyle Fegan

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 - Conservation Authorities Act; and

WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authority's' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications; and

WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act; and

WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without conservation authority watershed data and expertise; and



WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs; and

WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on Conservation Authority Boards should be a municipal decision, and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Conservation Authority Board should be duly elected; and

WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a Conservation Authority Board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed; and

WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative; and

WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and

WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229);
2. THAT the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth;
3. THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority and municipal relationships; and



4. THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.

CARRIED, Mayor Wade Mills

This motion was passed unanimously.

Thank You

J. Willoughby

Jennifer Willoughby
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Town of Shelburne

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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November 18, 2020

Doug Ford, Premier
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Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

To whom it may concern:

Re: Grey Highlands Council resolution re: Bill 229

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the November 18, 2020 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

2020-747

Cathy Little, Dane Nielsen

Whereas the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act; and

Whereas the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications; and

Whereas we, the Municipality of Grey Highlands, rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act; and

Whereas the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without CA watershed data and expertise; and

Whereas the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs; and

Whereas these proposed changes will impact Ontario's ability to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change by undermining the work of conservation authorities to keep development out of high risk areas and protect natural infrastructure; and

Whereas municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs; and

Whereas municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on conservation authority Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the conservation authority Board should be elected as per the discretion of the conservation authority Board; and

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Whereas the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed; and

Whereas conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative; and

Whereas changes to the legislation will create more administrative burden and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and

Whereas the combined contribution of municipal levy and self-generated revenues support 93% of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority budget; and

Whereas the Provincial contribution to this budget is 7%, the majority of which is for Drinking Water Source Protection; and

Whereas municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water; now

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address their concerns by removing Schedule 6 from Bill 229 which affects changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act; and

That the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns; and

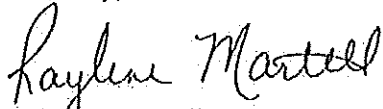
That the Province of Ontario provide a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of conservation authority-municipal budget processes; and

That the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships; and

That the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,



Raylene Martell

Director of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands

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MOVED BY:

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

SECONDED BY:

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

Motion #: 4

Resolution #: 1-1

Date: November 24, 2020

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Larder Lake supports the City of Belleville's resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to municipalities in order to comply with the standards of O. Reg 191/11 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act which requires designated public sector organizations to conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA by January 1, 2021; And

FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, John Vanthof, M.P.P., the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario."

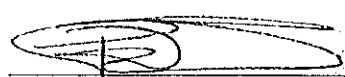
Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

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<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: 

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

Cindy Pigeau

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Cindy Pigeau
Subject: AMO Policy Update – AG Special Report on Ontario’s Initial COVID-19 Response, Winter Holiday Guidance

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November 25, 2020

AMO Policy Update – AG Special Report on Ontario’s Initial COVID-19 Response and Winter Holiday Guidance

Auditor General (AG) Special Report on Ontario’s Initial COVID-19 Response

The Auditor General of Ontario, Bonnie Lysyk, has released an anticipated special report on Ontario’s initial response to COVID-19. A summary of the Auditor General’s reflections can be found here. AMO will review the AG’s special report on Ontario’s initial response to COVID-19 as well as the Province’s response and commentary.

Winter Holiday Guidance

The Ontario government, based on public health advice, is providing preliminary guidance to Ontarians on how to safely celebrate the upcoming winter holiday season.

In summary, they are advising that the safest way to spend the holidays this year is by only celebrating in person with your household and celebrating virtually with everyone else. Further, for those who live alone, it is suggested that they exclusively celebrate with one additional household as a safe approach to the holidays. For additional details, please refer to the provincial health measures webpage.

AMO’s COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical

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November 27, 2020

AMO Policy Update – Some Regions Moving to New COVID-19 Levels and Phase 2 Long-Term Care Community Paramedicine Program

New Regions Moving to More Restrictive COVID-19 Framework Levels

In consultation with the CMOH and local MOHs, the Ontario government is moving five public health regions to new levels with stronger public health measures. The regional levels and specific public health measures are set out in the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*.

Based on the latest data, the following public health regions will move from their current levels in the framework to the following levels effective Monday, November 30, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.:

- Red - Control
 - Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

- Orange - Restrict
 - Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit

- Yellow - Protect
 - Hastings Prince Edward Public Health
 - Lambton Public Health; and
 - Northwestern Health Unit.

All other public health regions will remain at their current levels. The [COVID-19 Response Framework](#) has the full list of public health region classifications. has the full list of public health region classifications.

For long-term care homes, [visitor restrictions](#) apply to those homes in the public health unit regions that are in the Orange - Restrict level or higher. In addition, long-term care homes must implement recently [enhanced testing requirements](#).

Trends in public health data will be reviewed weekly to determine if public health regions should stay where they are or be moved into a higher level. Public health regions will stay in their levels for a minimum of 28 days, or two COVID-19 incubation periods, at which time, the government will assess the impact of public health measures to determine if the public health unit should stay where it is or be moved to a different level. The Ministry of Health will continue to consult regularly with local medical officers of health on local context and conditions to help inform the classification of their public health unit region.

Phase 2 Long-Term Care Community Paramedicine Program Expansion

The Ontario government is investing up to \$15 million to expand the [Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care Program](#). This fully provincially funded initiative will help more seniors on long-term care waitlists stay safe at home.

To start, municipal paramedic services are invited to express their interest in expanding their existing provincially funded community paramedicine programs to include long-term care. Those that meet the eligibility requirements will be invited to submit an implementation plan and proposed budget, outlining how they will administer a larger Community Paramedicine program this fiscal year.

The Long-Term Care Community Paramedicine program uses the skills of community paramedics to help seniors stay at home safely by providing primary care while delaying their need for long-term care. The first phase of this program was [announced in October 2020](#), in partnership with five communities.

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Cindy Pigeau

From: Lucie Viel
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 8:43 AM
To: 'CHRIS WHALLEY'; Cindy Pigeau
Subject: FW: OPG's climate plan is a road to failure

From: Ontario Clean Air Alliance [mailto:contact@cleanairalliance.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Chris Whalley <roads@calvintownship.ca>
Subject: OPG's climate plan is a road to failure

OPG plans to do nothing about phasing out polluting
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BOULETIN

OPG's climate plan is a road to failure



Ontario's publicly owned power utility, Ontario Power Generation (OPG), is in no hurry to reduce its greenhouse gas pollution. Its newly released climate plan contains no steps to phase out the use of its polluting gas-fired power plants before 2040 when the last of its contracts with the Independent Electricity System Operator expire.

As always, OPG has chosen the most difficult and most costly path toward its stated goal of being "carbon neutral" by 2040. Instead of joining the rest of the world in embracing low-cost renewable energy and energy efficiency, OPG is banking on high cost and unproven technologies like carbon capture and storage and small nuclear reactors to reduce its growing pollution footprint.

This strategy will be costly for both our pocketbooks and our climate. With pollution from gas plants set to rise by more than 300% by 2025 and by more than 400% by 2040, Ontario will blow past its already weak climate targets.

For the people of Ontario, OPG's plan is a slap in the face. Our public utility is rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic while we witness the growing costs of a rapidly warming climate. Instead of getting serious about reducing pollution, OPG spins out pipedreams.

OPG's climate plan claims that its gas-fired power plants are needed to back-up Ontario's intermittent wind and solar energy. This is simply not true. According to a recent Massachusetts Institute of Technology study, Quebec's hydroelectric reservoirs, which can act like a giant green battery, are the best back-up option available for wind and solar energy.

A gas plant phase-out is the easiest and lowest-cost option for Ontario to achieve its 2030 climate target and is entirely doable with readily available (and cost effective) technology.

The cities of Burlington, Kitchener and Hamilton, the Town of Halton Hills and the Township of Woolwich are all calling for the phase-out of OPG's gas-fired power plants, as are more than 50 non-government organizations including the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, the Canadian Environmental Law Association and the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.

It's time for Ontario's political leaders to tell OPG to get serious about reducing gas plant pollution instead of daydreaming about expensive and unworkable solutions that are a recipe for failure.

What you can do

Please sign our petition calling for the phase-out of all of Ontario's gas-fired power plants by 2030 (and share it with your friends). When you sign the petition an email message will be sent to Doug Ford, Andrea Horwath, Steven Del Duca and Mike Schreiner.



Thank you!

Angela Bischoff, Director



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City of Belleville
Corporate Services Department
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SENT BY EMAIL

November 25, 2020

Re: Council Resolution – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
– Website support

Further to the Meeting of Council on November 17, 2020 Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake passed the following motion:

MOTION2020NOV17-260

Moved by Councillor Bernie Donaldson

Seconded by Councillor Ron Derry

WHEREAS Section 14(4) of O. Reg 191/11 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requires designated public sector organizations to conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA by January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS the City remains committed to the provision of accessible goods and services; and

WHEREAS the City provides accommodations to meet any stated accessibility need, where possible; and

WHEREAS the declared pandemic, COVID-19, has impacted the finances and other resources of the City; and

WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act contemplates the need to consider technical or economic considerations in the implementation of Accessibility Standards;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake requests that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to municipalities to meet these compliance standards; and



THAT this resolution is forwarded to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, Prince Edward-Hastings M.P.P., Todd Smith, Hastings -Lennox & Addington M.P.P., Daryl Kramp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of Marmora and Lake supports the resolution passed by the City of Belleville.

Carried

I trust this is the information you require, however, should additional information or clarification be required do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bennett,
Deputy Clerk
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jbennett@marmoraandlake.ca

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford
Todd Smith, MPP Prince Edward-Hastings
Daryl Kramp, MPP Hastings – Lennox & Addington
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November 26, 2020

The Honourable Rod Phillips
Minister of Finance
95 Grosvenor St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y8

Dear Minister Phillips:

Re: Motion Regarding Property Tax Exemptions for Veteran Clubs

Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair & CEO

10 Peel Centre Dr.
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Each year on November 11th we pause to remember the heroic efforts of Canadians who fought in wars and military conflicts and served in peacekeeping missions around the world to defend our freedoms and secure our peace and prosperity. One way that the Province and Ontario municipalities have recognized veterans and veteran groups is by exempting their properties from property taxation.

In late 2018, your government introduced a change to the *Assessment Act* that exempted Royal Canadian Legion Ontario branches from property taxes effective January 1, 2019. Veterans clubs however were not included under this exemption. While veterans' clubs in Peel are already exempt from Regional and local property taxes, they still pay the education portion of property taxes.

To address this gap, your government has proposed in the 2020 budget bill (*Bill 229*) to amend the *Assessment Act* that would provide a full property tax exemption to veterans' clubs retroactive to January 1, 2019. The Region of Peel thanks you for introducing this change in recognition of our veterans.

At its November 12, 2020 meeting, Peel Regional Council approved the attached resolution regarding this exemption and look forward to this change coming into effect as soon as possible after *Bill 229* is passed. This would ensure that veteran clubs benefit from the exemption in a timely way.

I thank your government for moving quickly to address this gap and for your support of veterans.

Kindest personal regards,

Nando Iannicca,
Regional Chair and CEO

CC: Peel-area MPPs
Ontario Municipalities
Stephen Van Ofwegen, Commissioner of Finance and CFO

Resolution Number 2020-939

Whereas each year on November 11, Canadians pause to remember the heroic efforts of Canadian veterans who fought in wars and military conflicts, and served in peacekeeping missions around the world to defend our freedoms and democracy so that we can live in peace and prosperity;

And whereas, it is important to appreciate and recognize the achievements and sacrifices of those armed forces veterans who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace;

And whereas, Section 6.1 of the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. A31 as amended, Regional Council may exempt from Regional taxation land that is used and occupied as a memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds by persons who served in the armed forces of His or Her Majesty or an ally of His or Her Majesty in any war;

And whereas, through By-Law Number 62-2017 Regional Council has provided an exemption from Regional taxation to Royal Canadian Legions and the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Clubs that have qualified properties used and occupied as a memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds;

And whereas, local municipal councils in Peel have provided a similar exemption for local property taxes;

And whereas, Royal Canadian Legion branches in Ontario are exempt from all property taxation, including the education portion of property taxes, under Section 3 (1) paragraph 15.1 of the Assessment Act, and that a municipal by-law is not required to provide such an exemption;

And whereas, the 2020 Ontario Budget provides for amendments to the Assessment Act to apply the existing property tax exemption for Ontario branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, for 2019 and subsequent tax years, to Ontario units of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Regional Chair write to the Minister of Finance, on behalf of Regional Council, to request that upon passage of the 2020 Ontario Budget, the amendment to the Assessment Act be implemented as soon as possible;

And further, that copies of this resolution be sent to Peel-area Members of Provincial Parliament as well as to all Ontario municipalities for consideration and action.

Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair & CEO

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MEA APPOINTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT 2020 VIRTUAL AGM

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) is a non-profit association representing the interests of over 970 professional engineers in Ontario who are employed in the municipal engineering and public works sectors at Ontario municipalities, Provincial agencies as well as consulting engineering firms acting as the engineer-of-record for Ontario municipalities.

The MEA's many interests include significant involvement (development and oversight) as the main proponents of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process and Ontario Provincial Standards (OPS). Many of our members participate in committees that establish standards and specifications for OPS. The MEA has also awarded over \$134,000 in bursaries since 2008 to students entering the first year of an accredited university engineering program.

The MEA recently held its first ever virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 26, 2020. As part of AGM business, a new Board was elected. We are pleased to present the new Board for the 2020/2021 term.



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Please share this with members of your organization. Should you have any questions about the MEA or the new Board, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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November 26, 2020

Honourable Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General
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Toronto ON
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Dear Honourable Sylvia Jones:

Re: Schedule 6 of Bill 229

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of South Frontenac passed the following resolution at their meeting held November 24, 2020:

"WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act*; and

WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected; and

WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and

WHEREAS municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs; and

WHEREAS the municipalities in our three watersheds value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the economic health and well-being of residents and our communities; and

WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development, undertaking watershed scale studies and planning, and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the *Planning Act*.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns
2. THAT the Province of Ontario provides a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of CA-municipal budget processes
3. THAT the Province respects the current conservation authority/municipal relationships
4. AND THAT the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address concerns by repealing and/or amending changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act*.

Carried."

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We are concerned that Schedule 6 undermines the ability of conservation authorities to make non-political, technical decisions based on science. It does this by allowing the Minister to overrule the decisions of conservation authorities. Schedule 6 will also interfere with the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member. Board members have to think of watershed-wide interests in making decisions. We are also concerned that Schedule 6 limits the enforcement powers of conservation authorities. We have to agree with the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) assessment of Schedule 6 of Bill 229, *"the package of amendments as proposed are likely to set back watershed planning and implementation of an ecosystem-based approach by decades. As such, CELA recommends Schedule 6 not be enacted in its present form and instead be withdrawn in its entirety from Bill 229."*

Yours truly

Angela Maddocks

Angela Maddocks
Clerk

c.c. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Andrea Horwath, Leader, Official Opposition
Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
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CITY OF QUINTE WEST

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November 19, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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RE: Bill 229 - Protect, Support, and Recover from Covid-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on November 18, 2020 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No. 20-222 – Bill 229 - Protect, Support, and Recover from Covid-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

Moved by Cassidy
Seconded by Alyea

That the Council of the City of Quinte West requests that the Province withdraw Schedule 6 from proposed Bill 229 pertaining to the Conservation Authorities Act;

And further requests that the Province consult with municipalities in relation to the above;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte MPP Todd Smith and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. **Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

Handwritten signature of Jim Harrison in cursive.

Jim Harrison
Mayor

cc: The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
The Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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November 30, 2020

Dear Mayor Pennell,

As part of our government's commitment to creating jobs, boosting growth and encouraging investment in our rural communities, we are providing cost-share funding through the Rural Economic Development (RED) program to support activities that create strong rural communities in Ontario and opens doors to rural economic development.

I am pleased to let you know that as part of our continued efforts to support economic recovery the fourth intake of the RED program will open on December 11, 2020, with applications being accepted until February 1, 2021. During this intake, two program streams will be available to apply for.

Eligible projects under the **Economic Diversification and Competitiveness Stream** help remove barriers to business and job growth, attract investment, provide skills training and development and aids in diversifying regional economies. Projects could include revitalizing downtown areas to bring more businesses to the area, help for current businesses to attract customers, employee and youth training and promotional or marketing campaigns (e.g. to promote investment or tourism).

The **Strategic Economic Infrastructure Stream**, which we created last year, is designed for minor capital projects which advance economic development and investment opportunities in rural Ontario. Project examples include rehabilitating or restoring cultural, heritage or tourism attractions, redeveloping vacant or under-used property and improving the design quality of public spaces (e.g. through lighting, banners, murals, street furniture, public art and trees).

You are eligible to apply if you are:

- a municipality
- a not-for-profit organization
- an Ontario Indigenous community or organization
- a Local Services Board

If you would like more information on the RED program and how to apply, please visit www.ontario.ca/page/rural-economic-development-program. You can also call 1-877-424-1300 or e-mail RED@ontario.ca to connect with a Regional Economic Development Advisor who can assist you with your application.

As always, if my office or I can be of assistance please feel free to contact me.
Best regards,

Vic Fedeli
MPP Nipissing

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AMO Policy Update – Bill 229, Schedule 6 (CA Act) Proposed Amendments

Conservation Authorities Act Proposed Amendments – Schedule 6, Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

AMO President, Graydon Smith, wrote to the [Premier](#) last week, and today has made a [submission](#) to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs asking that Schedule 6 of Bill 229 be withdrawn so that matters of concern can be resolved.

The changes proposed in Schedule 6 are raising alarm for many municipal leaders, and others, about how the proposed amendments can be implemented and how these changes would improve conservation authority effectiveness and efficiencies.

Of significant concern is the creation of an apparent conflict between the fiduciary duty of Conservation Authority Board members and the proposed amendment requiring board members to act on behalf of their respective municipal councils.

The submission also seems to provide the potential to bypass the local development approval process, resulting in the loss of local scientific analysis. Other amendments open the door to possible reductions in user fees (which are designed to recoup costs). It also addresses the removal of the (un-proclaimed) section giving conservation authorities the power to issue stop work orders. The power for conservation authorities to issue stop work orders is needed to harmonize municipal and conservation authority enforcement actions on illegal dumping.

Tremendous effort has been put forward by municipal governments to find a collective path forward that addresses certain issues and bolsters the ability to protect the

environment in a meaningful way. Municipal leaders were looking for needed *Conservation Authorities Act* refinements, not this proposed wholesale change.

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November 30, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO: ARB Stakeholders

FROM: ARB Registrar

SUBJECT: Tribunals Ontario Updated Practice Direction on Hearing Formats

Effective November 30, 2020, Tribunals Ontario has an updated Practice Direction on Hearing Formats. The Practice Direction outlines Tribunals Ontario's approach to determining the format of the hearing that will be held, and how a party can request a different hearing format.

The updated Practice Direction is part of Tribunals Ontario's digital transformation to enhance the quality of dispute resolution services while meeting the diverse needs of Ontarians. The plan to become digital first, is not digital only. We are ensuring people who need a different hearing format are supported when the need it.

Matters will proceed as video, telephone or written hearings unless a different hearing format is required as an accommodation for an Ontario Human Rights Code-related need, or unless a party can establish that the specified hearing format will result in an unfair hearing. Parties may request a different hearing format by contacting the ARB by email at ARB.Registrar@ontario.ca

All Tribunals Ontario's hearing centres are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, a party can contact the tribunal to make a request for an in-person proceeding. The tribunal will determine whether the matter will proceed in a different hearing format or whether it will proceed as an in-person proceeding. Tribunals Ontario will schedule limited in-person events when we are able to do so safely.

When in-person proceedings become available, Tribunals Ontario's hearing centres will adhere to strict health and safety measures to protect staff, adjudicators and Ontarians. More details about safety protocols at hearing centres will be provided later this winter.

Tribunals Ontario is committed to providing fair, effective and timely dispute resolution services to the people of Ontario.

If you have any questions, please contact ARB.Registrar@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Kelly Triantafilou
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December 1, 2020

AMO Policy Update – Federal Fall Economic Statement

Yesterday, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland, delivered Canada's Fall Economic Statement titled *Supporting Canadians and Fighting COVID-19*. It outlined the government strategy for managing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and provided its focus for economic recovery.

The fiscal deficit for 2020-21 is to reach \$381 billion with the expectation that it could climb with the severity of the second wave and associated lockdowns. Much of the economic statement reiterated ongoing support programs put in place to help Canadians weather the pandemic while committing to nearly \$100 billion over three years in stimulus to target a post-pandemic economic recovery.

New announcements of interest for municipal governments include:

- In 2021-22, the government will provide additional funding of \$299.4 million through the Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy to help shelters to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- New investments for long-term care include committing up to \$1 billion for a Safe Long-Term Care Fund, which will help provinces and territories protect people in long-term care and support infection prevention and control.
- The government has committed to establish a Federal Secretariat on Early Learning and Child Care to support development of a national system. In addition, previous investments in early learning and child care will be sustained into future years and it will provide funding to provinces and territories to

support attraction and retention of workers in support of the Early Childhood Educator Workforce Strategy.

- Starting in 2021-22, an additional \$12 billion is proposed for the Rental Construction Financing Initiative to support new lending over seven years which includes municipalities.
- Building on investments through the COVID-19 Resilience Stream, the government proposes to provide \$150 million over three years, beginning in 2020-21, to improve ventilation in public buildings and help reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- The government indicated that it plans to outline the next steps on public transit that include efforts to electrify public transit systems and provide permanent public transit funding with the provinces and territories.
- To tackle gun crime, the government proposes to provide dedicated funding of \$250 million over 5 years beginning in 2021-22. This will target municipalities, community-led initiatives, and Indigenous communities to support anti-gang programming.
- To support small and regional airports make critical investments in health and safety, the government is proposing to provide an additional \$186 million over two years for the Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) which will begin in 2021-22.
- Starting on 2020-21, the government proposes to provide \$2.6 billion over 7 years to help homeowners improve their home energy efficiency by providing up to 700,000 grants of up to \$5,000 to encourage energy-efficient improvements to homes.
- The government proposes to accelerate previous investments in recharging and refueling infrastructure along highways and communities to encourage Canadians to choose zero-emission vehicles. Beginning in 2021-22, the government will provide \$150 million over 3 years.

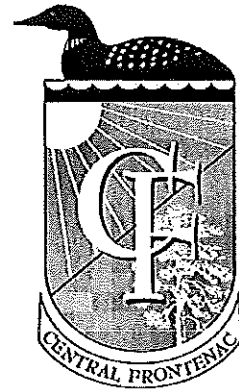
AMO is pleased to see a number of key investments within the Fall Economic Statement including additional support for long-term care, homelessness, a path toward a national system for child care, energy retrofits, and further investments in the infrastructure to support zero-emission vehicles.

For more information, please visit the [Government of Canada website](#) to access the full [Fall Economic Statement](#).

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December 1, 2020

Honourable Sylvia Jones
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Dear Honourable Sylvia Jones:

Re: Schedule 6 of Bill 229

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Central Frontenac passed the following resolution at their meeting held November 24, 2020:

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications;

WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act;

WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without CA watershed data and expertise;

WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs;

WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected;

WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a CA board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed;

WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative;

WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process;

AND WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229)
2. THAT the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth
3. THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships
4. AND THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.

We are concerned that Schedule 6 undermines the ability of conservation authorities to make non-political, technical decisions based on science. It does this by allowing the Minister to overrule the decisions of conservation authorities. Schedule 6 will also interfere with the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member. Board members have to think of watershed-wide interests in making decisions. We are also concerned that Schedule 6 limits the enforcement powers of conservation authorities.

We have to agree with the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) assessment of Schedule 6 of Bill 229, *"the package of amendments as proposed are likely to set back watershed planning and implementation of an ecosystem-based approach by decades. As such, CELA recommends Schedule 6 not be enacted in its present form and instead be withdraw in its entirety from Bill 229."*

Yours truly,

Cathy MacMunn, AMCT, ACST
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

- c.c. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister Yakabuski, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Minister Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Scott Reid, M.P.
Randy Hillier M.P.P.
Quinte Conservation Authority
Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority
Rideau Valley Conservation Authority
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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1-5-0200-102 430296/D	VEHICLE/MILEAGE EXPENSE - FIRE Oil	138	03-Dec-2020	03-Dec-2020	69.16
1-5-0200-102 K28523/D	VEHICLE/MILEAGE EXPENSE - FIRE Vehicle Brush	138	03-Dec-2020	03-Dec-2020	42.83
1-5-0200-102 K28524/D	VEHICLE/MILEAGE EXPENSE - FIRE Air Filter & Whip Hose	138	03-Dec-2020	03-Dec-2020	143.68
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1-5-0200-138 11028 344501	TRAINING - FIRE LEWIS MOTOR SALES (North Bay) Batteries	138	03-Dec-2020	03-Dec-2020	300.47
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1-5-0300-150	OFFICE AND SHOP EXPENSE - ROADS				

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