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February 8, 2021

## **AMO Policy Update – Gradual Return to COVID-19 Response Framework, *Conservation Authorities Act* Update**

### **Gradual Return to COVID-19 Response Framework**

Ontario has [announced](#) that we are moving to a regional approach and maintaining the [shutdown](#) in the majority of the public health regions in Ontario, including the [Stay-at-Home order](#) and all existing public health and workplace safety measures.

When safe to do so, the Province will gradually transition each region from the shutdown measures to a revised and strengthened [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#) (the "Framework").

With improving local trends of key health and public health indicators, **3** regions will be moving back to the Framework at the Green-Prevent level on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. and will no longer be subject to the [Stay-at-Home order](#):

- Hastings Prince Edward Public Health;
- Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health; and
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

The Stay-at-Home order will continue to apply to **28** public health regions until Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

For Toronto, Peel and York regions, it is expected that the Stay-at-Home order will continue to apply until Monday, February 22, 2021. Final decisions by the Province will be subject to review of the trends in public health indicators at that time.

The Framework has been updated to allow a safer approach to retail. Limited in-person shopping in Grey-Lockdown zones will be permitted with public health and safety measures, such as limiting capacity to 25 per cent in most retail settings. In addition, public health and safety measures in retail settings will be strengthened for other levels of the Framework. All public health measures such as wearing a face covering and maintaining physical distancing will continue to be required.

The Province is also introducing an "emergency brake" to allow for immediate action if a public health unit region experiences rapid acceleration in COVID-19 transmission or if its health care system risks becoming overwhelmed. If this occurs, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the local medical officer of health, may advise immediately moving a region into Grey-Lockdown to interrupt community COVID-19 transmission.

The [provincial emergency](#) declared under s 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA) will end as of 11:59 pm, Tuesday February 9, 2021.

The 31 orders currently in force under the EMCPA have been extended to February 23, 2021 and will be extended further if necessary. O.Reg.55/21 (Compliance Orders for Retirement Homes) is currently in effect until February 19, 2021. 30-day extensions of these orders can occur after February 19 with Cabinet (LGIC) approval. These extended orders should be posted in the next day or so.

## **Parts of *Conservation Authority Act* Proclaimed**

On February 2, 2021, some specific provisions in the *Conservation Authorities Act* were proclaimed to start changes to conservation authority governance, for consistency in administration, transparency, and financial accountability, as well as increased municipal and provincial oversight of conservation authority operations. These provisions include those requiring 70 per cent of municipally appointed members to be elected officials, with provision for the Minister to permit less than 70 per cent on application by a participating municipality.

Immediate action is not required on the part of conservation authorities or by municipalities related to the provision requiring 70% of municipally appointed members be elected officials. Current members should complete the remaining duration of their appointments. As new members are appointed, conservation authorities should be appointing members in a way that complies with this new requirement.

A participating municipality may also apply to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting an exception to this 70% requirement. The request should include the rationale for the request, and what proportion of members

the municipality is proposing to be elected officials. Requests should be sent to [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca).

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](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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***“Military Service Recognition Book”***

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your interest in **The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command**, representing **Ontario’s Veterans**. Please accept this written request for your support, as per our recent telephone conversation.

**The Royal Canadian Legion** Ontario Command is very proud to be printing over **10,000 copies** of our 8th annual **“Military Service Recognition Book”**, scheduled for release by October 2021. This unique remembrance publication recognizes and honours our Province's Veterans and helps us fulfill the Legion's role as the **"Keepers of Remembrance"**. Proceeds raised from this annual appeal are also used to support Veterans Transition Programs to help modern day Veterans that suffer from PTSD and other challenges.

The Legion is recognized as one of Canada’s largest Veterans Support Organizations and we are an integral part of the communities we serve. This project helps ensure the Legion’s continued success. We would like to have your organization's support for this Remembrance project by sponsoring an advertisement space in our **"Military Service Recognition Book."**

Please find enclosed a rate sheet for your review. Whatever you are able to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact **Ontario Command Campaign Office** toll free at **1-855-241-6967**.

**Thank you for your consideration and/or support.**

Sincerely,

**Garry Pond  
President**



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February 9, 2021

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

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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

Dear Premier Ford:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk  
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
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Cc Minister of Labour, Hon. Monte McNaughton, [Minister.MLTSD@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.MLTSD@ontario.ca)  
Jennifer Stevens, MPP - St. Catharines, [JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca](mailto:JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca)  
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Sam Oosterhoff, MPP - Niagara West-Glanbrook, [sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org](mailto:sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org)  
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## Cindy Pigeau

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**Subject:** FW: Town of Orangeville Resolution - Greenhouse Gas Emissions

**From:** Tracy MacDonald [<mailto:tmacdonald@orangeville.ca>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 1:39 PM

**Subject:** Town of Orangeville Resolution - Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Good afternoon,

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

2021-069

Moved: Councillor Peters

Seconded: Councillor Andrews

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Result: Carried

Regards,

**Tracy Macdonald | Assistant Clerk | Corporate Services**

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**THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY**  
**Council**

DATE: 9 February 2021

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

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

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

**Peter Koetsier**

Mayor

# REVIEW

## Review of Draft Forest Management Plan Algonquin Park Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA)** and the **Algonquin Park Local Citizens' Committee (LCC)** invite you to review and comment on the 2021-2031 Draft Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Algonquin Park Forest**.

### The Planning Process

The FMP takes approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public consultation and First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation are provided. The third opportunity (Stage Three) for this FMP occurred on December 9, 2020 to January 22, 2021 when the public was invited to review and comment on proposed operations for the ten-year period of the FMP. This **'Stage Four'** notice is to invite you to:

- review and comment on the draft FMP; and
- contribute to the background information.

Comments from the public will be considered in revisions to the draft FMP.

### How to Get Involved

The Draft FMP and the Draft FMP summary will be available electronically on the Natural Resources Information Portal <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> and can be made available by contacting the Algonquin Forestry Authority, contact listed below, during normal office hours for a period of 60 days from **March 12, 2021 to May 11, 2021**. Comments on the draft FMP for the Algonquin Park Forest must be received by Joe Yaraskavitch of the planning team, by **May 11, 2021**.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were previously available, the following information can be obtained electronically on the Natural Resources Information Portal <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> to assist you in your review:

- Draft FMP, including supplementary documentation;
- Draft FMP summary;
- Final Report on Protection of Identified First Nation and Métis Values (only if the First Nation and Métis communities agree).

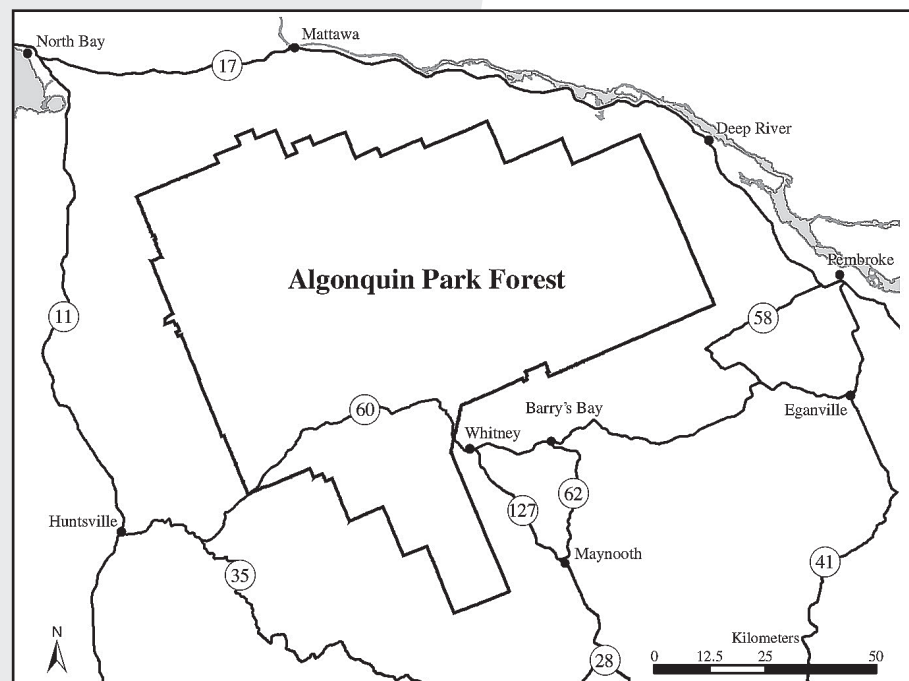
The Information Forum related to the review of Draft Forest Management Plan will be held via individual or group remote meetings which may be arranged by calling the individuals listed below during the review period. Remote meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be also requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to remotely meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

**Joe Yaraskavitch, R.P.F.**  
Management Forester  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry  
tel: 613-401-4167  
e-mail: [joe.yaraskavitch@ontario.ca](mailto:joe.yaraskavitch@ontario.ca)

**Tom Ballantine**  
Algonquin Park Forest LCC Chairman  
e-mail: [tomb@bell.net](mailto:tomb@bell.net)

**Gordon Cumming, R.P.F.**  
Algonquin Forestry Authority  
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e-mail: [gord.cumming@algonquinforestry.on.ca](mailto:gord.cumming@algonquinforestry.on.ca)

During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the *2020 Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1)*.



The last possible date to seek issue resolution with the MNRF Regional Director is **May 25, 2021**.

### Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation, please visit the following link:  
<https://www.ontario.ca/document/participate-forest-management-ontario/how-get-involved-forest-management>

The MNRF-approved FMP will be available for inspection for the 10-year duration of the FMP **Stage Five** - Inspection of the MNRF-approved FMP.

The approval date of the FMP is tentatively scheduled for **August 2021**.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the Forest Management Planning Manual, 2020 approved by regulation under Section 68 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*. Any personal information you provide (home and/or email address, name, telephone number, etc.) may be used and shared between MNRF and/or the sustainable forest licensee to contact you regarding comments submitted. Your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may also be used by the MNRF to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Shari MacDonald by e-mail: [shari.macdonald@ontario.ca](mailto:shari.macdonald@ontario.ca).

Renseignements en français : Elizabeth Holmes au tél. : 613 258-8210  
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**The following resolution was passed by the Council of the Township of Conmee at its regular meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

**Resolution No. 2021-022**

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

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

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

NOT WITHSTANDING the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code

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

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

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

**CARRIED**



February 10, 2021

Ms. Cindy Pigeau  
Clerk Treasurer  
1355 Peddlers Drive  
Municipality of Calvin  
RR #2  
Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0

Dear Ms. Pigeau

Re: Cassellholme 2021 Municipal Levy

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Cassellholme Board of Management approved the 2021 Operating Budget for Cassellholme East Nipissing District Home for the Aged. This budget includes a 2.99% increase to the Municipal Levy over the amount levied for 2020.

*Resolution No. 05-21      "That the Board approve the 2021 Operating Budget and Municipal Levy, as presented."*

*Moved by Mark King (City of North Bay)  
Seconded by Terry Kelly (Township of East Ferris)*

Cassellholme is cognizant of the economic pressures on its Municipal partners. The Home continues to work to reduce operating costs where possible, without impacting the acknowledged high level of care provided to the Residents of the District of East Nipissing, and also addressing the need for facility upkeep and repairs, where absolutely necessary, until such time as the redevelopment of Cassellholme can begin.

Attached is a Municipal Levy contribution schedule noting each municipality's portion.

Sincerely,



Chris Mayne  
Cassellholme Board Chair

cc: Mayor Ian Pennell

**Levy Apportionment**  
Budget Period

2021

Total Levy - 2021

3,444,516

**CASSELLHOLME**

Compassionate care for life's journey.

Municipality	Apportionment Rate	2021 Operating Levy	Monthly Payment - Jan - Nov 15th, 2021	Monthly Payment - December 15th, 2021	Total Levy Requested
North Bay	79.505%	2,738,557	228,213	228,214	2,738,557
Mattawa	1.378%	47,458	3,955	3,953	47,458
South Algonquin	3.297%	113,579	9,465	9,464	113,579
Bonfield	3.154%	108,636	9,053	9,053	108,636
Calvin	1.462%	50,357	4,196	4,201	50,357
Chisholm	1.581%	54,444	4,537	4,537	54,444
East Ferris	7.601%	261,813	21,818	21,815	261,813
Mattawan	0.323%	11,111	926	925	11,111
Papineau/Cameron	1.700%	58,561	4,880	4,881	58,561
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.000%</b>	<b>3,444,516</b>	<b>287,043</b>	<b>287,043</b>	<b>3,444,516</b>

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**Cindy Pigeau**

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**From:** AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>  
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**To:** Cindy Pigeau  
**Subject:** AMO Policy Update – Social Assistance Vision Paper Released, March Break Delayed

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February 11, 2021

## **AMO Policy Update – Social Assistance Vision Paper Released and March Break Delayed**

### **Province Outlines New Social Assistance Vision with Municipal Role Changes**

Today the provincial government [released](#) a [paper](#) outlining a vision for social assistance transformation. The Province is proposing a significant change to the municipal social assistance delivery role. A new division of labour would see the Province assuming responsibility for financial assistance administration. Municipal governments will focus on life stabilization services to people, including persons with disabilities. Employment services would be delivered by third party service system managers through the Employment Ontario network.

AMO has engaged in conversations and advocacy with successive provincial governments about social assistance transformation for decades. The discussions with the current government about the new vision are ongoing in a productive and collaborative manner. As part of the announcement, the Province is committing to working with municipal partners to co-design the implementation of the new vision over the next few years. This is welcome.

AMO will provide a more detailed note for members with an impact analysis of these changes in the coming weeks.

### **March Break Delayed**

As a method to reduce community COVID transmission, Ontario has [announced](#) that they are postponing March break until April 12-16, 2021.

It was noted that this challenging decision was made with the best advice of Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and public health officials, including consultations with many local Medical Officers of Health.

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](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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February 2, 2021

Via Email: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

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

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

Dear Minister,

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

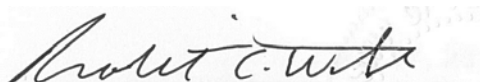
We understand and agree that partnerships and collaboration are critical but want to ensure that there is balance in the parties that will represent the Working Group.

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,



Robert Wilhelm  
Mayor  
Township of Perth South

cc: All municipalities in Ontario

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

Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington



***Sent via Email***

February 11, 2021

**RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

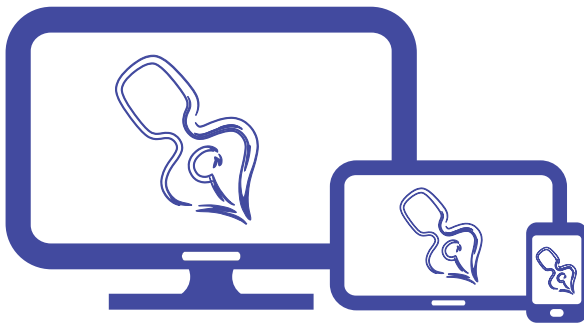
**AND FINALLY THAT** this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Norm Miller, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Kayla Thibeault  
Director of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Town of Gravenhurst



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February 17, 2021

## **AMO Policy Update – Access of Persons with Disabilities to Sports/Recreational Facilities during COVID-19 and Greenbelt Consultation**

### **Access of Persons with Disabilities to Sports/Recreational Facilities during COVID-19**

Recent amendments made to [O.Reg 82/20](#) under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, provide that facilities for sports and recreational fitness activities may open to enable individuals of all ages with a disability to access public or private indoor and/or outdoor facilities for physical therapy. Disability is defined under the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 \(AODA\)](#) and its [regulations](#). To be eligible, individuals are required to have written instruction from a qualified regulated health professional and the physical therapy is not available elsewhere.

It is not mandatory for operators of public or private indoor and/or outdoor sports and recreational fitness facilities to open for this purpose. However, facilities are encouraged by the government to consider the requests of persons with disabilities to help remove accessibility barriers based on their obligations under the *Ontario Human Rights Code*. Persons with disabilities are being encouraged by the government to contact their municipality for a list of the municipally owned and operated indoor and/or outdoor sports and recreational fitness facilities or they may contact facilities directly.

These facilities must check with their local public health unit for any additional advice, recommendations or instructions and must have safety protocols in place. There is

also a requirement for a workplace safety plan to be made available to users of the facility. There is a [guidance document](#) available.

*The Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* does not have an appeals process. Municipalities may need to seek independent legal advice concerning the implementation of [Ontario Regulation 82/20](#) or the relationship with other legislation or regulations. General questions may be directed to the [Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility](#).

## Greenbelt Consultation

The Ontario government has launched a 60-day public consultation to grow the Greenbelt and protect more of the natural environment from future development. Input is being sought on how best to grow the size and quality of the Greenbelt including the Paris Galt Moraine and adding, expanding, and further protecting urban river valleys and the Greenbelt's footprint into high density urban areas.

Comments can be submitted through emailing [greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca](mailto:greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca) or through the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) by April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. More information can be found [here](#).

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](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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February 12, 2021

Via email: [ashley@southstormont.ca](mailto:ashley@southstormont.ca)

Township of South Stormont,  
2 Mille Roches Rd., P.O. Box 84,  
Long Sault, ON,  
K0C 1P0

ATTENTION: Ashley Sloan,  
Deputy Clerk.

Dear Ashley Sloan,

RE: Support for Reopening Small Business.

Please be advised at the regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Emo held on February 10, 2021, the following resolution was passed:

*"BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Township of South Stormont regarding support for re-opening small businesses; AND FURTHER THAT Council endorses and supports the Township of South Stormont in their efforts to request the Province of Ontario to allow for small businesses to immediately reopen with the required health guidelines and protocols in place."*

Council fully recognizes the importance of this matter and felt strongly about supporting this matter.

Yours truly,

Bridget Foster,  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

BF/ss

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca);  
Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org)

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February 17, 2021

### LAND USE PLANNING: BEYOND THE BASICS

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Back by popular demand and updated to reflect Ontario's evolving planning landscape, AMO's *Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basic's* is being offered on three dates coming to you soon.

This workshop builds on AMO's on-line planning primer and clarifies the central role municipalities play in implementing and managing the land use policy framework in Ontario.

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#### WORKSHOP DETAILS

- **Cost:** \$180.00 plus HST (\$203.40)

Registration in this training includes all materials and free access to AMO's online *Land Use Planning: The Basics* (regular price: \$177) available at [MunicipalEducation.ca](http://MunicipalEducation.ca)

**Registration is open to:** Elected officials and municipal staff [here](#).

**Dates and Locations:** This 3 hour training session will be held on the following dates: March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2021

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February 12, 2021

Honourable Mike Harris Jr.,  
MPP of Kitchener-Conestoga  
63 Arthur Street South, Unit 3  
Elmira ON N3B 2M6

Dear Mr. Harris Jr.:

Council of the Municipality of Mattawan, at their regular meeting of February 11, 2021 approved Resolution number 2021-526 which stated:

***“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports Mattawa resolution #21-06 to implement the Amber Eight Light System on all school buses for the safety of all students.”***

A copy of this resolution will be forwarded to MPP Mike Harris, Jr., the Minister of Transportation, the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and all municipalities in the District of Nipissing.

Thank you,

JoAnne Montreuil,  
Clerk Treasurer

c.c. Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation  
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Township of Bonfield  
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