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By email

March 18, 2021

Dear Heads of Council and First Nations Chiefs:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment boards under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA).

As you may remember, in February 2020, the Ministry of the Solicitor General conducted seven regional roundtable sessions across the province. Discussions at these sessions focused on new OPP-related regulatory requirements under the CSPA. Municipalities and First Nation communities receiving policing services from the OPP were invited to learn more about new OPP-related legislative and regulatory requirements and provide the ministry with feedback to inform the development of related regulatory proposals. In addition, we heard from many of you through various letters and engagement opportunities, including meetings with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario MOU Table and Rural Ontario Municipal Association about what you would like your new OPP detachment board to look like.

In response to your feedback, an OPP detachment board framework has been developed that we hope will provide municipalities and First Nation communities receiving direct and/or supplemental services from the OPP the flexibility to create a board that reflects your community and local needs.

Under this framework, municipalities and First Nation communities receiving direct and/or supplemental services from an OPP detachment are being asked to submit one proposal (per detachment) indicating the composition of their board and, if needed, a rationale for multiple boards and the composition of each additional board.

Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment are asked to work together to determine the composition of their board(s) as well as the manner in which they will submit their proposal to the ministry. For example, after determining the composition of the detachment board(s), municipalities and First Nations within a detachment area may select one municipality or First Nation to complete and submit the proposal.

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Proposals must meet base requirements set by the ministry, which include a minimum number of five members per board and a requirement that each board should be composed of 20% community representatives and 20% provincial appointees. To that end, municipalities and First Nations are not required at this time to identify the names of the individuals that will be participating on the detachment board. Rather, you are only asked to identify the number of seats each municipality and First Nation will be allocated on the detachment board as well as the number of community representatives and provincial appointments.

To streamline and support the proposal process, the ministry has developed a digital form that can be accessed using the link included [here](#).

The ministry will work with municipalities and First Nations to obtain outstanding information/proposals and support you in submitting a completed proposal. If, however, a proposal still does not meet the minimum requirements, or a proposal is not submitted and/or if no consensus is reached on the composition of the board then the ministry will determine the composition of the detachment board.

Completed proposals are to be submitted to the ministry by **Monday, June 7, 2021**.

We recognize the significant implications that the current COVID-19 emergency has had on municipalities and First Nations across the province. To this end, in addition to the written supporting material attached here, we are also pleased to work with you directly through virtual information sessions.

If you have questions related to OPP detachment boards under the CSPA, please contact Sarah Caldwell, Director of Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy, at sarah.caldwell@ontario.ca. If you have questions about the proposal process or would be interested in a virtual information session, please contact Joanna Reading, Senior Policy Advisor, at joanna.reading@ontario.ca

Sincerely,



Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General

Enclosures

c: Chief Administrative Officers

Municipal Clerks



CONTEXT

- Ontario passed the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019* (Bill 68) and established the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) which, once in force, will repeal the *Police Services Act, 1990* (PSA).
- Section 67 of the CSPA requires there be **an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board, or more than one OPP detachment board**, for each detachment of the OPP that provides policing in a municipality or in a First Nation community.
- The Ministry is required to develop a regulation related to the composition of each OPP detachment board. To achieve this, the ministry has developed an “OPP Detachment Board Framework”.



FRAMEWORK

- The new **OPP Detachment Board Framework** will provide civilian governance to 326 municipalities and 43 First Nations including those that:
 - Are directly policed by the OPP;
 - Employ their own First Nations Constables but receive administrative support from the OPP; and
 - Receive “OPP Dedicated” policing (i.e. North Caribou Lake and Wapekeka First Nation).
- By enhancing civilian governance, the **OPP Detachment Board Framework** under the CSPA will:
 - Ensure each municipality and First Nation receiving OPP services and supports has an opportunity to represent their local perspectives, needs, and priorities; and
 - Provide opportunities for municipalities and First Nations to collaborate on efforts to improve community safety.

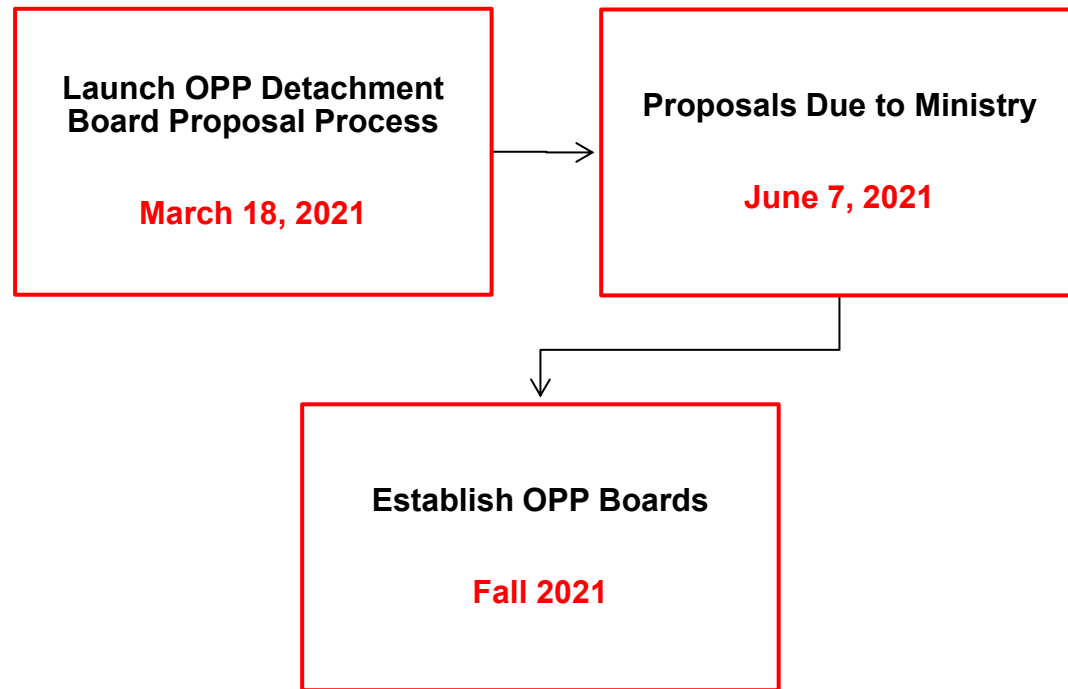


PROCESS

- To ensure the objectives of the **OPP Detachment Board Framework** are met, the ministry has developed a flexible approach that allows municipalities and First Nations to determine the preferred composition of their detachment board(s) by submitting a proposal using a digital form provided by the ministry.
 - Link to Digital Form: [OPP Board Proposal Form](#)
- Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment will be required to work together to develop and submit **one proposal** indicating the composition of their board(s). The proposal must meet the minimum composition requirements established by the ministry (**See Page 2 & Qs and As**).
- Municipalities and First Nations will not be required to identify the names of the individuals that will be participating on the detachment board but will be required to identify the number of seats each municipality and First Nation will be allocated on the detachment board as well as the number of community representatives and provincial appointments.
- The ministry will work with each municipality and First Nation to obtain outstanding information and provide support to ensure each detachment submits a completed proposal. However, a proposal does not meet the minimum requirements set by the ministry or a proposal is not submitted, and/or if a detachment is unable to come to a consensus, the ministry will determine the composition of the detachment board(s).
- The ministry is offering virtual information sessions for municipalities and First Nation communities to address outstanding questions and clarify concerns related to the proposal requirements and process, upon request.



TIMELINES



✓ OPP DETACHMENT BOARD COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Size	5 members
Maximum Size	None
Community Representatives	20% Community Representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Province to appoint community representative(s) if municipal council/band council fail to appoint representatives by joint resolution.
Provincial Appointments	20% Provincial Appointees



CONTACT INFORMATION

General Information/OPP Detachment Board Proposal Process	Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy Branch Joanna Reading (Joanna.Reading@ontario.ca)
Civilian Governance Options for First Nations	Indigenous Engagement Unit Ashley O'Connell (Ashley.OConnell@ontario.ca)

Q1: What are the key differences between the section 10 board framework under the *Police Services Act (1990) (PSA)* and OPP detachment board framework under the *Community Safety Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA)*?**A1:**

- The OPP currently polices 326 municipalities. Of these, only those under a section 10 agreement have access to civilian governance. This means there are 178 municipalities that do not participate on a board and as a result do not have access to civilian governance.
- Under the CSPA, all municipalities receiving OPP policing services will have the opportunity to participate on an OPP detachment board.
- In terms of the roles and responsibilities of board members, the role of OPP detachment boards will include additional responsibilities not required for section 10 boards under the PSA (1990) such as:
 - considering any community safety and well-being plan adopted by a municipality that receives policing from the detachment;
 - establishing local policies, in consultation with the detachment commander, with respect to policing in the area receiving policing from the detachment; and
 - ensuring local action plans prepared by the detachment commander address the objectives and priorities determined by the board.
- Under the CSPA, OPP detachment board members will be required to:
 - consult with the OPP Commissioner on the selection of a detachment commander;
 - monitor the performance of the detachment commander; and
 - provide an annual report to the municipalities and band councils served by the OPP.
- OPP detachment boards will also provide a venue for the municipalities and First Nations within a detachment area to coordinate and collaborate on strategies to address common issues that is not present under the PSA.

Q2: What does the transition to the new OPP detachment board framework mean for municipalities and First Nations currently receiving policing services by the OPP?**A2:**

- Until the Act comes into force, the ministry will continue to renew section 10 agreements that are set to expire in 2021.
- However once the CSPA comes into force all existing section 10 agreements will be terminated, and Section 10 boards will be dissolved.
- To do this, the ministry is committed to providing sufficient time and adequate supports to municipalities currently participating on a Section 10 board or, in the case of municipalities that receive OPP policing without a formal agreement/contract (i.e. Section 5.1 municipality), a Community Policing Advisory Committees (CPAC) as they dissolve their current board structures and transition to the new OPP detachment board model.

Q3: When will the CSPA come into force?**A3:**

- The ministry is working towards the act being proclaimed in early 2022.

Q4: Which municipalities and First Nations are included in the OPP detachment board framework?**A4:**

- The OPP detachment board framework provides civilian governance to the municipalities and First Nations receiving policing from OPP detachments.
- More specifically, the framework includes 326 municipalities currently policed by the OPP.
- The First Nations included in this framework include the 43 First Nations that:
 - are directly policed by the OPP (i.e., zone policing without a funding agreement);
 - employ their own First Nations Constables but receive administrative support from the OPP (i.e., “OPP-Administered” policing under the Federal First Nations Policing Program (FNPP)); and
 - receive “OPP-Dedicated” policing (i.e. Stream Two agreements under the FNPP).

Q5: What role will municipalities and First Nations have with respect to the OPP Detachment Board proposal process?**A5:**

- Municipalities and First Nations in each OPP detachment area will be required to submit one proposal indicating the composition of their board and the rationale for multiple boards and the composition of each additional board, if multiple boards are being recommended.
- The ministry will only accept one proposal per detachment.
- Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment will be required to work together and determine the approach for developing and submitting their proposal to the ministry.
 - For example, after determining the composition of the detachment board(s), the municipalities and First Nations within a detachment may select one municipality or First Nation to complete and submit the proposal.

Q6: What information is the ministry requesting in the proposal form?**A6:**

- Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment area will be required to submit a proposal indicating the composition of their board(s).
- Municipalities and First Nations will not be required to identify the names of the individuals that will be participating on the detachment board. Rather, they will be required to identify the number of seats each municipality and First Nation will be allocated on the detachment board as well as the number of community representatives and provincial appointments.
- If a municipality and/or First Nation chooses not to participate on a detachment board and forfeits their seat, they will be required to indicate this in the proposal.

Q7: Factors to consider when requesting more than one detachment board.**A7:**

- The CSPA allows an OPP detachment to establish one, or more than one, OPP detachment board.
- Detachments that are considering requesting more than one detachment board should consider factors such as:
 - Geography (e.g. distance between municipalities and First Nations);
 - Variations in population size and;
 - The number of municipalities and First Nations within an OPP detachment; and
 - Service demands (e.g. calls for service).
- However, if proposing more than one OPP detachment board, municipalities and First Nations should also consider challenges associated with recruiting board members (e.g. inability to fill vacancies) and the costs associated with operating additional boards.

Q8: Will municipalities/First Nations that are receiving policing and/or supports and services by two OPP detachments be allowed to participate on both OPP detachment boards?**A8:**

- Yes. Municipalities and First Nations that are receiving policing and/or supports and services by two OPP detachments can participate on both OPP detachment boards, or can choose to participate on only one OPP detachment board.
- Representation must be determined in collaboration with the other municipalities and First Nations within the OPP detachment, as a consensus on the composition of the OPP detachment board is required.
- Municipalities that wish to be represented on both OPP detachment boards will be required to cover the costs associated with participating on two boards (i.e. operational costs).

Q9: What is considered a “completed” proposal?**A9:**

- Each detachment will be required to complete one proposal using the digital form provided by the ministry. The link to the digital form can be found here: [Ontario Provincial Police Board \(OPP\) Proposal Form](#).
- A completed proposal must be submitted using the digital form provided by the ministry and meet the minimum composition requirements provided by the ministry.
- The ministry will work with each detachment to obtain outstanding information/proposals and support them in submitting a completed proposal.
- If however in the end if a proposal does not meet the minimum requirements set by the ministry or a proposal is not submitted, and/or if a detachment is unable to come to a consensus, the ministry will determine the composition of the detachment board.

Q10: What support will the ministry provide municipalities and First Nations throughout the OPP detachment board proposal process?**A10:**

- Virtual information sessions, led by the ministry, will be made available upon request for municipalities and First Nation communities to address outstanding questions and clarify concerns related to the proposal requirements and process.
- If your detachment is interested in a virtual information session, or have other inquiries related to the OPP detachment board proposal process, please forward your request to the ministry to Joanna Reading via email at Joanna.Reading@ontario.ca.

Q11: What is the purpose of provincial appointments on OPP Detachment Boards?**A11:**

- Provincial appointees will provide advice to the board as public representatives whose appointments are independent of municipal/band councils.
- However, to ensure members of the detachment board are reflective of the communities they serve, the municipalities/First Nation Chief and Councils will have the ability to nominate individuals for consideration as provincial appointees.

Q12: Will the government address the current backlog in provincial appointments?**A12:**

- We know there are concerns related to the number of vacant provincial appointments and the length of time these appointments remain unfilled.
- We have made significant progress in reducing the backlog of provincial appointments. Since our government took office in 2018, we have filled approximately 124 provincial appointment vacancies on section 10 boards.
- We will continue to work with municipalities and First Nations to ensure provincial appointees are recruited and appointed in a timely manner.

Q13: Why are First Nations with Self-Administered Police Services not included in the OPP detachment board framework?**A13:**

- First Nations that receive policing from a Self-Administered First Nation Police Service (SA FNPS) are not included in the OPP detachment board framework as they are already represented on boards and/or have their own police governing authorities.
In addition, SA FNPS boards have existing relationships and alternate methods to communicate their input to the OPP with respect to supports and services the OPP provides to their communities.

Q14: Are there other civilian governance options for First Nation communities that are captured within the OPP detachment board framework?**A14:**

- As an alternative to participating on an OPP Detachment board, under the CSPA First Nations have the option to request to form a First Nation OPP Board.
- Where a First Nation or multiple First Nations has entered into an agreement with the Minister for the provision of policing and other specified services by the Commissioner, the First Nation(s) may request that the Minister constitute a First Nation OPP board.
- A First Nation OPP board would perform similar functions and responsibilities as an OPP Detachment board by providing advice and oversight over the policing services provided by the OPP to a First Nation community or communities.
 - This includes determining objectives and priorities, supporting development of the strategic plan, and advising the Detachment Commander with respect to policing provided to a First Nation community or communities.
 - A First Nation OPP board could also establish local policies, in consultation with the OPP, with respect to the detachment's provision of policing.
- Please contact Ashley O'Connell, Indigenous Engagement Unit, Ministry of the Solicitor General at Ashley.OConnell@ontario.ca for more information on requesting a First Nation OPP Board.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**Q15: What training will OPP detachment board members be required to complete?****A15:**

- Members cannot perform their duties or exercise any of their powers until they have successfully completed the training identified in the CSPA.
- More specifically, like all other boards and councils governed under the CSPA, OPP detachment board members will be required to successfully complete training with respect to:
 - human rights and systemic racism;
 - the diverse, multiracial and multicultural character of Ontario society;
 - the rights and cultures of Indigenous peoples; and
 - any other training prescribed by the Solicitor General.

Q16: Will municipalities be able to request enhanced OPP policing services (e.g., beyond basic “adequate and effective” policing) under the CSPA?**A16:**

- Under the CSPA, municipalities that receive policing from the OPP may enter into agreements for enhanced policing services.
- Municipalities will continue to be responsible for funding and implementing enhancements.

Q17: Once the CSPA is in force, will municipalities within a detachment receive one billing statement (i.e., a single invoice for the entire detachment)?**A17:**

- There will be no substantive changes to the billing process.
- Municipalities will continue to be billed individually.

Q18: Will there be an opportunity to provide additional feedback on other OPP-related matters for regulation?

A18:

- All OPP-related matters for regulation will be posted on the Ontario Regulatory Registry for public comment.

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 3:28 PM
To: Cindy Pigeau
Subject: AMO Policy Update – Long-Term Care Modernization and Expansion, Asset Management Plan Timelines Extended, Age-Friendly Community Planning

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March 18, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Long-Term Care Modernization and Expansion, Asset Management Plan Timelines Extended, and Age-Friendly Community Planning

Ontario Investing to Modernize and Expand Long-Term Care

The Ontario government [announced](#) today an investment of \$933 million in 80 new long-term care projects. This will result in additional new and upgraded long-term care spaces across the province.

The funding will add 7,510 new spaces and upgrade 4,197 spaces, including new spaces for Indigenous, Francophone, and other cultural community residents. It is all part of the government's commitment to add 30,000 long-term care spaces over ten years.

The criteria for selecting the projects being announced today included:

- upgrading older homes in response to lessons learned around improved Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) measures, particularly the elimination of three and four-bedrooms;
- adding spaces to areas where there are high needs;
- addressing the growing needs of diverse groups, including Francophone and Indigenous communities; and/or,
- promoting campuses of care to better address the specialized care needs of residents.

As additional information becomes available, it will be shared with AMO members.

Asset Management Plan Timelines Extended

The Ministry of Infrastructure has filed [regulations](#) to extend asset management plan (AMP) timelines for municipalities. The new regulations extend the deadlines by one year for the plan criteria deadlines. Planning timelines are now:

- July 1, 2022 – plans are required for core municipal assets
- July 1, 2024 – plans are required for all municipal assets
- July 1, 2025 – plans are required to include service levels and their appropriateness; a lifecycle management and financial strategy; funding sources and needs; and other assumptions.

The timelines were extended to account for challenges to staff and planning work posed by the pandemic. AMO understands that the Ministry will be writing to municipal officials to formally advise them of these extensions.

Government Releases New Age-Friendly Community Planning Guide

The [Creating a More Inclusive Ontario: Age-Friendly Community Planning Guide for Municipalities and Community Organizations](#) is intended for those working to develop and support age-friendly communities in Ontario. Age-friendly communities help create more accessible environments for people of all ages and abilities across diverse communities in the province. These communities respond to the opportunities and challenges of an aging population and align with the [Advancing Accessibility in Ontario framework](#).

Along with the Community Planning Guide, the Province has released three supporting documents to support the creation, implementation, and sustaining of local plans. These are the [diverse populations addendum](#), [age-friendly community planning toolkit](#), and [age-friendly community remote events planning resource](#).

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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Date: March 19, 2021

TO: ARB Stakeholders
Counsel of the Assessment Bar
Property Tax Representatives
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
Municipalities

RE: Appeals Resolution Strategy – 2021 Taxation Year

The Assessment Review Board (ARB) is committed to fulfilling its mandate of resolving property assessment disputes within the regular four-year assessment cycle, however, with the postponement of the general reassessment for the 2021 taxation year, the common understanding is that the current assessment cycle has increased to a five (5) year assessment cycle.

We are writing to advise you of our expectations in resolving appeals before the next assessment cycle begins, including with newly filed 2021 appeals.

We are now at the end of the four-year assessment cycle, and the Board continues to evaluate its caseload and improve processes that were established at the beginning of 2017. Building on the Board's successes to date, with the continued focus on our digital-first approach to providing services, please note the following updates:

- **New Rules of Practice and Procedure** come into effect on April 1, 2021. The Board provided a consultation period from October to November 2020 so that stakeholders could provide feedback and/or recommendations on updates made to the Rules. This feedback resulted in reducing the schedule of events for the General stream from 66-104 weeks to 40-49 weeks.
- **2021 Appeals:** New appeals filed for 2021 will be assigned a schedule of events.
- **Legacy Appeals Initiative:** The Board will continue to monitor legacy appeal proceedings and, where required, will schedule a case conference to provide any necessary direction to ensure the timely resolution of these appeals. As of January 2020, there were approximately 7600 legacy appeals. As of March 2021, there are 1369 appeals.

- **Tax Appeals:** Where a tax appeal is currently assigned to the General proceeding along with Assessment Act appeals, and the Assessment Act appeals are resolved, the Board will assign an earlier due date for filing documents to be relied on at the hearing, and schedule a Summary proceeding hearing.
- **Hearing Months Assigned:** All current appeals assigned to be heard by general or summary proceeding have been assigned a hearing month. Where a hearing is necessary, the parties are expected to proceed with the hearing by the assigned hearing month. Parties may request a hearing at a later date by completing an [Expedited Board Directions Form](#) (EBDF). This request must be submitted within one week of the completion of the settlement conference. Where the request is granted, the Board will schedule the hearing event.
- **Hearing Timelines:** All current appeal proceedings assigned to be heard by general proceeding, which are not resolved at the Mandatory Meeting stage, will be scheduled to a settlement conference within eight weeks of the Mandatory Meeting Form due date. If the appeal is not resolved at the settlement conference, the appeal will be scheduled within eight weeks. Unless the parties have complied with the Board's Rules to elect to obtain additional expert reports, the Board requires that all parties complete all their pre-hearing work, including the exchange of disclosure, no later than the due date for filing the Mandatory Meeting Form.
- **Deeming:** Any appeal proceeding that has not been resolved by March 31, 2021, will be deemed to have a 2021 appeal.
- **E-filing:** Remember to e-file your appeals. The Board is currently considering a policy of only accepting e-filed appeals.
- **Ongoing Digital Improvements:** Where it can, the Board will continue to reduce the use of paper documents, improve and update its processes and systems, work with parties to modernize the transfer of information, and explore ways to improve the use of technology to provide faster and more efficient services.

Expectations:

The Board's goal is that **85%** of all appeals should be resolved before the beginning of the next assessment cycle. The Board expects that all parties continue working collaboratively, towards resolving their appeals.

The Board will continue to review all outstanding appeals to determine whether a case conference should be scheduled. The Board requests that all representatives review their active caseloads to assess whether there is any opportunity to expedite the completion of an appeal proceeding. If so, please contact the Registrar, or submit a request for an [EBDF](#).

As the next assessment cycle approaches, the Board will be issuing an Appeals Resolution Strategy for Active Appeals. The Board looks forward to working with all stakeholders to efficiently resolve appeals in a timely manner and appreciates your commitment and dedication in achieving this goal.

Thank you

Ken Bednarek
Associate Chair

Kelly Triantafilou
Registrar



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March 15th 2021

Sent via e-mail

Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits

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

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

Motion Carried.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Kwarciak".

Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

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



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March 4, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Amy Burkhart
Acting City Clerk

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



March 19th 2021

Sent via e-mail

Re: Town of Gravenhurst Resolution – Ontario Fire College

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

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

Motion Carried.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

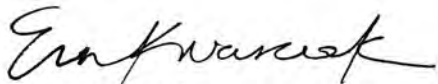
WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming



Sent via Email

February 11, 2021

RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

Sincerely,



Kayla Thibeault
Director of Legislative Services / Clerk
Town of Gravenhurst

DRAFT MOTION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked 0. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked 0. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

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

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



The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
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March 19th 2021

Sent via e-mail

Re: Carbon Tax

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

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

Motion Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Ontario Municipalities

March 22, 2021

RE: Ontario Fire College Closure

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, at its meeting held March 17, 2021, passed the following resolution:

2021-195

Moved by Aakash Desai, Seconded by Danielle Valiquette

Whereas Council received the resolution 59/21 from the Township of Howick; and

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has announced that as of March 31, 2021 the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College will be permanently closed; and

Whereas, the Province of Ontario announced plans to modernize and expand access to firefighter training in Ontario; and

Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how to obtain firefighter training in the absence of the Ontario Fire College campus; and

Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how firefighter training in Ontario will be modernized and expanded; and

Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario regarding the costs or funding for modernized and expanded firefighter training in Ontario; and

Whereas, the Municipality of Grey Highlands is a small municipality that operates a volunteer fire department to provide fire protection;

Now therefore, be it resolved that Council respectfully request a clear plan be communicated that establishes how the Province intends to modernize and expand firefighter training ensuring equal access to all municipal fire departments in Ontario, and as well, present a plan for funding to subsidize and/or regulate the cost for firefighter training in the Province of Ontario; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, MPP Bill Walker, the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.

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

Sincerely,



Jerri-Lynn Levitt
Deputy Clerk
Council and Legislative Services
Municipality of Grey Highlands

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March 4, 2021

CL 4-2021, February 25, 2021***DISTRIBUTION LIST******SENT ELECTRONICALLY*****Re: Schedule 6, Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020**

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 25, 2021, passed the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That while the Region of Niagara supports the Act's open-for-business approach, the municipality **CALLS** upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the 'host'

municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction;

2. That a copy of this motion **BE FORWARDED** to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local M.P.Ps., and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and;

3. That a copy of this resolution **BE FORWARDED** to all Ontario municipalities with a request for supporting motions to be passed by respective Councils and copies of the supporting motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

In accordance with the resolution, it is respectfully requested that your municipality consider passing a supporting resolution to be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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AMO Policy Update – OPP Detachment Board Composition Process, Personal Support Worker Temporary Pay Extended, and By-Name Lists

OPP Detachment Board Composition Process

Late last week, the Ministry of the Solicitor General sent notice to all municipal governments and First Nations that Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment boards under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) are to be developed and submitted in the next 2½ months.

Municipal governments and First Nations receiving services from an OPP detachment are being asked to work together to submit one proposal (per detachment) regarding their selected composition of their board and, if needed, a rationale for multiple boards and the composition of each additional board. To assist the proposal process, the Ministry has developed a digital form included [here](#).

We understand that the Ministry will work with municipalities and First Nations to obtain outstanding information/proposals and support the completed proposal. If, however, a proposal still does not meet the minimum requirements, or a proposal is not submitted and/or if no consensus is reached on the composition of the board, then the Ministry has indicated that they will determine the composition of the detachment board.

Completed proposals are to be submitted to the Ministry by **Monday, June 7, 2021**.

Temporary Wage Enhancement for Personal Support Workers to June 30, 2021

The government [announced](#) that it is investing \$239 million to extend temporary wage enhancements for personal support workers and direct support workers in publicly funded home and community care, long-term care, public hospitals, and social services sectors. These temporary wage enhancements will continue until June 30th, 2021. Their purpose is to help stabilize, attract, and retain the workforce needed to provide a high level of care during the COVID-19 pandemic. There will be a review to determine next steps after June 30th.

Ontario Directs Use of By-Name Lists to Combat Homelessness

The Ontario government is [directing](#) all municipal service managers to begin collecting detailed, up-to-date information from individuals experiencing homelessness using by-name lists. This approach is to help connect people with local housing and homelessness supports that better respond to their needs. Ontario is partnering with the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness to support service managers throughout the process including through a best practices guide, training, workshops, coaching, and online tools.

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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March 29, 2021

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund (OCLIF).

As you know, OCLIF was announced in 2018 as a \$40 million initiative over two years to help municipalities with the implementation costs of recreational cannabis legalization. The funding under the program has now been fully disbursed.

The province also committed that, if Ontario's portion of the federal excise duty on recreational cannabis over the first two years of legalization exceeds \$100 million, the province will provide 50 per cent of the surplus to those municipalities that did not opt out as of January 22, 2019.

I am pleased to be able to share a final update on this commitment. Ontario's portion of the federal excise duty for the period of October 17, 2018 to October 16, 2020 has exceeded \$100 million, meaning we will share 50 per cent of the surplus excise duties (the amount greater than \$100 million), **\$3,991,090**, with eligible municipalities.

The government will distribute this final payment this month as follows:

- Funding will be provided on a per household basis to municipalities that did not opt-out of hosting retail stores as of January 22, 2019, adjusted so that each recipient municipality will receive at least \$5,000.
- Lower-tier and upper-tier municipalities will receive funding based on 50% of their households. Upper-tier municipalities will receive funding in relation to opt-out decisions made by the lower-tier municipality. If a lower tier municipality opted-out, the upper tier municipality will not receive funding on a per household basis in relation to that municipality.

The government is providing this funding now to municipalities in a manner similar to past payments. This means municipalities will have the funds on hand to use for the implementation costs the fund was designed to support.

The Deputy Minister of Finance will write shortly to the Treasurers of recipient municipalities with details about the administration of this funding and attach each municipality's specific allocation notice. Payments will also be processed at that time.

Municipalities have been important partners in the successful implementation of the federal government's legalization of recreational cannabis. We look forward to continuing to work together in this regard.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board

c: The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mark Lawson, Chief of Staff, Ministry of Finance
David Corbett, Deputy Attorney General
Greg Orencsak, Deputy Minister of Finance
Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Erin McGinn, Assistant Deputy Minister, Government Business Enterprise Division, Ministry of Finance
Jonathan Lebi, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government and Planning Policy Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund Final Payment - Allocation Notice (March 2021)



Municipality of Calvin

4822

The Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund (OCLIF) is provided to municipalities to help with the implementation costs of recreational cannabis legalization.

Funding Allocation	\$5,000
A Funding Amount based on Number of Households (A1 x A2 ÷ 100)	\$178
1. Number of Households	287
2. Funding Amount per 100 Households	\$62
B Minimum Municipal Funding Allocation	\$5,000
C Funding Allocation (maximum of A and B)	\$5,000

Notes and Data Sources

A - funding amount is rounded up to the nearest dollar.

A1 - household figures are based on the 2020 returned roll provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

A2 - represents the funding amount per 100 households for single-tier municipalities.

B - represents the minimum funding allocation to municipalities.



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March 23, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: City of Sarnia - Advocate the Province of Ontario to Adjust the Capacity Limits as part of the COVID-19 Colour Coded System

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 22, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the City of Sarnia dated March 4, 2021 advocating the Province of Ontario to adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the COVID-19 Colour Coded System.

Attached please find a copy of the City of Sarnia's correspondence dated March 4, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
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Honourable and Dear Madam:

Re: Township of Brock - Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 22, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Township of Brock dated March 2, 2021 requesting Health Canada to confirm designated growers conform with local zoning and control by-laws; notify local authorities of any licence issued, amended, suspended, reinstated or revoked; provide dedicated communication with local governments and Police Services; allow Police Services to lay charges when licenced operators grow in excess and provide enforcement support and guidance to local municipalities for dealing with land use complaints relating to Cannabis.

Attached please find a copy of the Township of Brock's correspondence dated March 2, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
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March 2, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Minister of Health Canada
Via email: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

Health Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
via email: hcinfo.infosc@canada.ca

Dear Honourable Madam:

Re: Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on February 22, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number 22-2

MOVED by **Michael Jubb** and SECONDED by **Cria Pettingill**

WHEREAS the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation, and possession;

WHEREAS the police have not been given lawful authority to lay charges under the Cannabis Act to appropriately respond to violations of Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS there is no direct communication or dedicated effort to provide a communication channel between Municipal government staff or Police Agencies for dealing with Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS the Township of Brock has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licenses for properties not in compliance with municipal zoning by-laws;the future;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock requests that Health Canada:

1. Require Federal Licenses and Registrations for Designated Growers to conform with local zoning and control by-laws;
2. Ensure local authorities are provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation within their region;

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If this information is required in an accessible format,
please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

3. Provide dedicated communication with local governments and Police services;
4. Provide lawful authority to Police agencies to lay charges when registered or licences operations grow in excess of their registration or licence through Health Canada; and,
5. Provide enforcement support and guidance to local municipalities for dealing with land use complaints relating to Cannabis.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock will forward this motion by email to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario; the MP and MPP of Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; and the Durham Region Police Services with the request that the Federal government enact legislation to better support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues as they relate to Cannabis Production and Processing.

MOTION CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Becky Jamieson
Municipal Clerk

BJ:dh

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Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Niagara Region – Amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 22, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Niagara Region dated March 4, 2021 requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and the “hosts” municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction.

Attached please find a copy of the Niagara Region’s correspondence dated March 4, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario Members:

Re: Niagara Region – Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 22, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Niagara Region dated March 4, 2021 acknowledging a significant crisis exists in Niagara regarding the above; and that the Niagara Region be directed to send advocacy letters to the appropriate Federal and Provincial Ministers and advocate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development for the required funding; to align with the Niagara Region's Strategic Plan and request an update from the Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara regarding the current status of the actions being taken to address addiction related issues in Niagara.

Attached please find a copy of the Niagara Region's correspondence dated March 4, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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PHSSC 2-2021, February 16, 2021
Minute Item No. 5.1, February 16, 2021

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO)

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Motion respecting Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara

Minute Item No. 5.1

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 25, 2021, approved the following resolution from its Public Health and Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS Niagara Region prides itself as being a caring and compassionate community that continually strives to be a place where people want to live, work and play;

WHEREAS providing access to safe, adequate and affordable housing for everyone is fundamental to achieving that goal;

WHEREAS Niagara Region acknowledges that mental health, mental illness, addiction and homelessness, while important issues, are not homogenous, interchangeable or consistently interconnected, and doing so may over simplify exceptionally complex issues that require targeted policy solutions and intervention;

WHEREAS Niagara Region's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP), A Home For All, outlines the Region's vision, challenges, and the actions required to achieve its goals;

WHEREAS Niagara Region has embarked on an ambitious effort to end chronic homelessness through participation in the national Built for Zero campaign;

WHEREAS Regional Council formally adopted Mental Health and Wellbeing (2.2) and Addressing Affordable Housing Needs (2.3) as strategic priorities for the current term of our Council;

WHEREAS a recent KPMG report commissioned by Niagara Region indicated that Council invests more levy funding than its peers into homelessness, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to addressing the issue;

WHEREAS Niagara Region acknowledges that people living in shelters are part of the crisis and not the solution;

WHEREAS Niagara Region has two planned housing projects that would directly address those in Niagara who experience chronic homelessness;

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WHEREAS the implementation plan for Council's strategic objectives states that staff will identify gaps within the mental health system to increase the functionality and collaboration within it;

WHEREAS the same implementation plan directed staff to partner with Ontario Health (formally the LHIN) to review the local landscape to identify opportunities, including new investment;

WHEREAS the treatment and supports for mental illness, addiction, and homelessness are predominantly funded and directed by the Province;

WHEREAS the success of the Region's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan is dependent on a commitment of sustained and increased funding (both operational and capital) from all levels of government to address the issues of housing insecurity and homelessness in Niagara; and

WHEREAS the needs of the community far outweigh Niagara Region's available resources and funding required to effectively address these issues, and the support of both the Provincial and Federal governments are needed to meet these needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That Niagara Region Council officially **ACKNOWLEDGE** that a significant crisis exists in Niagara in regard to the prevalence of chronic homelessness and the lack of affordable housing that far surpasses the Region's ability to meet the vision dictated in its 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP);
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send advocacy letters directly to the appropriate Federal and Provincial ministries outlining Niagara's current situation and requesting additional funding be provided to ensure Niagara can meet the vision outlined in its housing action plan;
3. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to advocate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development for the required operational funding for the planned supportive and bridge housing initiatives;
4. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED**, in alignment with the planned review of Council's strategic priorities, to produce a report specifically highlighting the progress being made and critical gaps in regard to services related to mental health, addictions and wellbeing;
5. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue providing Regional Council updates on the HHAP and Built for Zero initiatives;
6. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to request an update from the Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara (OPENN) regarding the current status of the actions being taken to address addiction related issues in Niagara; and

7. That a copy of this motion be sent to all members of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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Community Services

Legislative Services

March 23, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Town of Lincoln – McNally House Hospice's Life in Every Moment Campaign

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 22, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated March 18, 2021 requesting the Province of Ontario and the Niagara Region to support McNally House Hospice's Life in Every Moment Campaign.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Lincoln's correspondence dated March 18, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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Attach

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March 18, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL:
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The Honourable Doug Ford
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – MCNALLY HOUSE HOSPICE AND END OF LIFE CARE

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Special Council Meeting held on March 8, 2021, endorsed and passed the following motion in support of the McNally House Hospice's Life in Every Moment Campaign.

Moved by: Councillor Tony Brunet; Seconded by: Councillor Lynn Timmers

That the Council of the Town of Lincoln request the Provincial government, Regional government, all Niagara MP's and MPP's as well as municipalities to recognize and support the overall health of the Niagara community and end of life care required to alleviate the burden on hospitals; and

That the Council of the Town of Lincoln direct staff to report back on a financial contribution towards McNally House Hospice Expansion, commencing in 2022 to be funded over a five-year term.

CARRIED

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

Received by
MARCH 22, 2021
COUNCIL

cc: Dean Allison, MP
Chris Bittle, MP

Tony Baldinelli, MP
Vance Badawey, MP
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP
Jennifer Stevens, MPP
Wayne Gates, MPP
Jeff Burch, MPP
Local Area Municipalities

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

March 22, 2021

Resolution Number: 2021-100

Moved By: John Hunter
 Seconded By: [Signature]

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been in operation since 1949, where its primary responsibility is to develop and delivery academically sound educational and hands on training programs to meet the needs of both today's and tomorrow's fire services; and
 WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College's main objective is to assist the students to become the best trained and most professional members of the Ontario fire service; and
 WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario and Municipal Firefighters; and
 WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training for our fire services within the Province of Ontario; and
 WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been utilized by the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal for numerous years to train and certify our volunteer fire fighters; and
 WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Volunteer Fire Department is on call 24/7 for 365 days a year, with regular jobs and families that expect them to come home safely each and every time; and
 WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College provides fire fighters with another option other than Regional Training Centres to obtain their National Fire Protection Association certification; and
 WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is the most cost effective method to certify fire fighters to National Fire Protection Association standards in Ontario; and
 WHEREAS when the Government of Ontario enacted and revoked Ontario Regulation 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the Act would be amended and brought back in the future; and
 WHEREAS the Ontario Fire Service stakeholders were not consulted regarding the closure of the Ontario Fire College training facility in Gravenhurst; and

Carried Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: [Signature]

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor H. Cameron		
Councillor S. Dillabough		
Councillor J. Hunter		
Deputy Mayor T. Deschamps		
Mayor P. Sayeau		
TOTAL		

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

March 22, 2021

Resolution Number: 2021- _____

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

WHEREAS municipalities in the Province of Ontario are mandated to establish a program including public education and fire prevention, and provide fire protection services as it deems may be necessary with its needs and circumstance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVES THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal hereby strongly requests that the Government of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as it is one of the best and most cost effective methods for municipalities to educate and train their firefighters which assists in protecting all residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the Government of Ontario chooses to not reverse its decision to close the Ontario Fire College, the Province should provide direct financial support to municipalities to offset the increased training costs of providing Provincially mandated firefighting services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution 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 House, the Ontario Fire Marshal, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: _____

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor H. Cameron		
Councillor S. Dillabough		
Councillor J. Hunter		
Deputy Mayor T. Deschamps		
Mayor P. Sayeau		
TOTAL		

March 24, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Support for West Grey Resolution – Municipal Insurance Rates

At its Regular meeting held on March 15, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound considered the above noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-210315-010 as follows:

R-210315-010

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received February 24, 2021 from the Director of Administration/Clerk, West Grey respecting Municipal Insurance Rates, City Council directs staff to send a letter in support of the resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Attorney General of Ontario, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and all municipalities in Ontario."

The resolution passed by the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey is as follows:

"The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of The Municipality of Grey Highlands dated January 22, 2021 wherein they call on the Province of Ontario to review the seven recommendations of AMO to investigate the following municipal insurance issues, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities:

1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a one-year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.

4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals.
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence, including but not limited to, premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General; and

That this motion be provided to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Attorney General of Ontario, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound and all municipalities in Ontario.”

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP
Deputy Clerk
City of Owen Sound

cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Bill Walker, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
All Ontario Municipalities

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
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March 24, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Provincial Budget Highlights + Bill 257 Referred to Committee

Ontario 2021 Budget – Continued Actions to Manage Pandemic Impacts and Prepare for Recovery

The Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, presented his first Budget at Queen’s Park. The [2021 Ontario Budget](#) builds on previous important investments in operations, transit, and social services to stabilize municipal finances and helps to lay a foundation for economic recovery.

Budget 2021 also highlights the substantial assistance available to small businesses in affected sectors and increases to that assistance to help them continue to operate during the pandemic. The Budget reaffirms the plan to extend vaccines to all willing Ontarians before Fall 2021 and notes the Government is planning for GDP growth of 4 per cent annually next year as economic activity rebounds with a return to pre-pandemic levels of workforce participation by early 2022.

Highlights of interest to municipal governments include:

- An additional \$2.8 billion in funding for broadband to connect all Ontarians to high-speed internet services by 2025. This brings provincial funding for broadband to nearly \$4 billion and delivers on a key advocacy goal of AMO and municipal governments across Ontario.
- Postponing property assessments for another year to ensure stability in municipal finances. New properties will continue to be added. The province will consult on reassessment in 2021 to consider COVID-19 impacts. This consultation will include municipal governments.

- The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) will remain stable at \$200 million per year, delivering on AMO's request for stability in this fund until financial circumstances allow expansion.
- Investing over four years an additional \$933 million to build 30,000 new Long-Term Care beds and \$246 million to improve facilities such as installing air conditioning.
- Extends the wage enhancement for Long-Term Care Personal Support Workers (PSWs) until June 30, 2021.
- The province is investing \$4.9 billion over four years to increase the average direct daily care to four hours a day in long-term care and hiring more than 27,000 new positions, including personal support workers (PSWs) and nurses.
- Providing \$160 million over three years to support community paramedicine for those on LTC wait lists, which is 100 per cent funded by the province.
- Temporarily increasing the Ontario Child Care Access and Relief from Expenses Tax Credit by \$75 million/20 per cent in 2021 to support working parents and help increase workforce participation.
- Targeted hospitality and tourism industry support of \$100 million in grants to support tourism and hospitality sector small businesses, a \$100 million Tourism Recovery Program and \$200 million to support strategic infrastructure and sports projects in communities.
- Providing \$5 million to examine the re-establishment of rail services in Northern Ontario to improve transportation linkages for Northern residents and communities.
- Investing an additional \$61 million in the Regional Opportunities Incentive Tax Credit to support economic activities in Northern and rural areas, bringing total support to \$155 million by 2022-23.
- Providing an additional \$175 million for mental health and addictions including four mobile mental health clinics for rural and underserved areas.
- Automatically doubling provincial small business grants for all applicants to support local small businesses through the pandemic.
- \$28.5 billion for transit projects in the GTHA is also noted including subway expansions and other higher order transit.

Budget 2021 initiatives and investments build on important investments made in stabilizing municipal governments earlier in the year. These critical municipal investments include:

- \$500 million in additional municipal financial assistance funds for municipal operations;

- \$150 million in additional transit system pandemic assistance;
- \$255 million in additional Social Services Relief Fund investments for shelters and homeless supports;
- \$50 million in new funding to support municipal modernization and efficiency;
- \$5 million to support municipal fire service COVID-19 impacts.

Bill 257 referred to Standing Committee on General Government

Yesterday, [Bill 257 Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021](#) was referred to the Standing Committee on General Government. Public hearings are scheduled for Friday March 26, 2021 and written comments due same day by 7:00 pm. To send a written submission, you can use this link: ola.org/en/apply-committees.

The first two schedules of the legislation provide provincial tools to support the expansion of telecommunications and broadband internet connectivity in unserved and underserved communities. If used as a backstop where necessary such as for provincially funded projects where a Municipal Access Agreement does not provide certainty for permitting to access Rights of Way, these tools can help to ensure public investments in connectivity are more efficient and services can be expanded faster. This will be particularly important in light of the funding and goals for broadband expansion put forward in Budget 2021.

AMO will submit written comments on all schedules of the Bill subject to AMO Board approval on Friday.

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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THE TOWNSHIP OF PICKLE LAKE

RESOLUTION

DATE: March 9, 2021

NO: 21-32.

MOVED BY: Blakney/ Millar/Vaughan/ Walbourne

SECONDED BY: Blakney/ Millar/Vaughan/ Walbourne

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

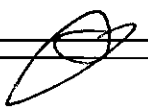
NOT WITHSTANDING the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake hereby supports the Township of Conmee as they 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 offence and must resign.

AND THAT the Council direct the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, NOMA, Attorney general Doug Downey, Solicitor-general Sylvia Jones, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, AMO, ROMA, and MPP Sol Mamakwa, and all Ontario municipalities.

VOTES	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	DECLARATION OF INTEREST
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VAUGHAN				
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From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
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March 25, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Federal Gas Tax and Updated COVID-19 Regulations

Federal Gas Tax Changes Announced – New Name and Temporary Funding Increase

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, was joined by the Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Catherine McKenna and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, today to announce substantial changes to the federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF).

Deputy Prime Minister Freeland announced [Bill C-25](#) which would permanently rename the GTF to the Canada Community-Building Fund and increase funding by \$2.2 billion in 2021, almost double the allocation for this year, totaling approximately \$4.5 billion. Increasing the fund to help prepare communities for economic recovery from the pandemic has been a major goal of AMO and our members.

The GTF has been a significant source of stable and predictable infrastructure funding for municipal governments to tackle priority projects that help improve communities and the lives of residents in every municipality across Ontario.

Recent projects include the City of London's investment of \$4.5 million of federal Gas Tax funding in the creation of an Organic Rankine Cycle system that will convert heat from incinerated biosolids into electricity. The project will save the City \$600,000 per year in electricity costs. The Municipality of Kincardine invested \$305,000 from the Fund in a disaster mitigation project. High lake levels caused erosion, and 600 metres of the shoreline is being protected by the work. In the City of Kenora, \$1.1 million in

Gas Tax funding was invested in replacing the Coker Bailey Bridge with a new structure improving public safety and transportation access.

AMO has administered the Fund since it was established in 2005 on behalf of all Ontario municipal governments except Toronto. AMO's federal Gas Tax Fund team will flow funds to municipalities as soon as they are available and will continue to provide support and information on the funding.

AMO's federal Gas Tax Fund team will communicate more details to municipalities in the coming days as they become available.

Revised and Updated COVID-19 Related Regulations

There are updates related to various amendments to orders under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act* (ROA). These updates include amendments to rules for weddings, funerals or religious services, and dining for areas in Stage 1 and capacity limits for restaurants and other food and drink establishments for areas in Stages 2 and 3.

It should also be noted that orders currently in force under the ROA have been extended until April 20, 2021 and that emergency orders currently in force under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) have been extended until April 5, 2021, which includes O. Reg. 8/21 (Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures) and O. Reg. 55/21 (Compliance Orders for Retirement Homes).

For further information, please see [O. Reg. 215/21](#), [O. Reg. 216/21](#), [O. Reg. 217/21](#), and [O. Reg. 218/21](#).

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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SENT VIA EMAIL

March 25, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, MP
Prime Minister of Canada
Langevin Block
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

Prime Minister:

RE: Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms)

At its Regular Meeting held on March 8, 2021 Council of the Town of Kingsville passed the following Resolution:

"205-2021

Moved By Councillor Thomas Neufeld, **Seconded By** Councillor Larry Patterson

A Resolution concerning Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms), specifically Amendment 26, Section (58.01 (1-8), Conditions-by-law.

WHEREAS municipalities have never been responsible for gun control laws in Canada;

AND WHEREAS law abiding Kingsville residents who own legal handguns have already been thoroughly vetted through the CFSC, PAL and ATT applications;

AND WHEREAS illegal gun owners and smugglers do not respect postal codes;

AND WHEREAS if one municipality enacts a ban and not a neighbouring municipality, this will create a patchwork of by-laws;

AND WHEREAS a municipal ban would be difficult to enforce and easy to get around.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville is OPPOSED to the adoption of any by-laws restricting the possession, storage and transportation of legally obtained handguns;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the following public officials: MP Chris Lewis-Essex, MPP Taras Natyshak-Essex, Premier of Ontario The Honourable Doug Ford, Leader of the Official Opposition Andrea Horwath, Prime Minister of Canada The Honourable Justin Trudeau, and Leader of Official Opposition The Honourable Erin O'Toole."

If you require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Sandra Kitchen
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Legislative Services Department
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cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
cc: Hon. Andrea Horwath, Official Leader of the Opposition
cc: Hon. Erin O'Toole, Official Leader of the Opposition
cc: MP Chris Lewis- Essex
cc: MPP Taras Natyshak-Essex
cc: Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
cc: MP Shannon Stubbs
cc: Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Town of Amherstburg
cc: Mayor Larry Snively, Town of Essex
cc: Mayor Tom Bain, Town of Lakeshore
cc: Mayor Marc Bondy, Town of LaSalle
cc: Mayor Hilda MacDonald, Municipality of Leamington
cc: Mayor Gary McNamara, Town of Tecumseh
cc: all Municipalities in Ontario

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COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force

General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier
Chair

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Groupe d'étude sur la distribution des vaccins contre la COVID-19

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March 26, 2021

I sent my first situation report on December 12, 2020. That was just a few days before vaccines arrived for distribution. Here we are 15 weeks later and over 1,838,000 doses have been administered in Ontario. This is a remarkable achievement made possible by the hard work and leadership in the health sector, municipalities and our First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities.

Incredible progress has been made in the past two weeks. Since the provincial booking system was launched on March 15, 2021, more than 583,000 have been scheduled for first and second doses. The Provincial Vaccine Information Line and the Provincial Booking Line have received more than 205,000 calls. With limited wait times, the system is doing exactly what it was designed to – assist Ontarians in obtaining quick and easy access to a vaccine appointment.

On March 22, 2021 we were able to expand appointments through the booking system to individuals aged 75 and over, ahead of schedule.

In alignment with both the National Advisory Committee on Immunization's latest recommendation to expand the use of the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine to people 18 years old and older and Ontario's Ethical Framework, participating pharmacies and primary care settings are now offering vaccination appointments to individuals turning 60 and older in 2021.

In addition to the 327 pharmacies already running, expansion is continuing with approximately 350 pharmacies to be brought on board across the province in the next two weeks and continuing up to 1,500 by the end of April.

Primary care providers will also play an integral role in the rollout. As of March 10, six public health units have received initial AstraZeneca allocation for doctors' offices. This includes Hamilton, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph, Peterborough, Simcoe Muskoka District, Peel and Toronto. We will continue to expand access through primary care throughout the province as more vaccines are received.

The Premier tasked me with overseeing the development of Ontario's vaccine rollout plan and associated infrastructure. I have been impressed each day with the leadership and dedication shown during my tenure as Chair of the Task Force and I am confident that the province is set to continue to administer more and more vaccines each day until all Ontarians who are eligible and want a vaccine receive one.

Sincerely,

General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier
Chair of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force Update #10

March 26, 2021

Vaccine Update

- Over **1,838,000** doses administered across the province.
- As of March 23, 2021, Operation Remote Immunity has administered **21,418** doses, including **14,094** first doses and **7,324** second doses.
- Teams have completed clinics offering the first dose of the vaccine to all 31 fly-in First Nation communities and Moosonee and 22 of these communities have completed clinics offering both the first and second dose. Operation Remote Immunity is scheduled to be completed by mid-April.

Pharmacy Roll-out

- Ontario received 194,500 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine with an expiration date of April 2. This first allocation of AstraZeneca vaccine is available through retail pharmacies (165,000 doses) and primary care settings (29,500 doses). Pharmacies received 500 doses per individual pharmacy to complete by the end of March.
- 327 pharmacies in 3 regions (Toronto, Windsor-Essex, and Kingston). The province continues to expand the delivery channels, with approximately 350 pharmacies to be brought on board across the province in the next two weeks and up to 1,500 by the end of April.
- Pharmacies participating in the pilot program were required to be part of the 2020-2021 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP), have capacity and readiness for vaccinations and provide opportunity for both chain and independent pharmacy participation.
- On March 16, 2021, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) expanded its recommendation for the use of the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine to people 18 years old and older. In alignment with NACI's latest recommendation and Ontario's Ethical Framework, as of March 22, participating pharmacies and primary care settings will offer vaccination appointments to individuals turning 60 and older in 2021.

Primary Care Update

- Total allocation to public health units (PHUs) to leverage primary care channel (29,500 doses).
- 6 PHUs have been confirmed and received initial AstraZeneca allocation on March 10th for primary care settings.
 - Hamilton PH
 - Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph PHU
 - Peterborough PHU
 - Simcoe Muskoka and District PHU
 - Peel PH
 - Toronto PH
- PHUs were selected based on need, infection rates and solid partnerships with primary care.
- PHUs will be distributing 15% of the initial AstraZeneca doses to specific doctors' offices during initial phase and primary care providers expected to administer. Go-live was Saturday, March 13.
- Participating primary care providers started contacting their eligible patients directly to book an appointment starting March 10.
- As of March 22, they will be offering vaccination appointments to eligible individuals aged 60 and older.

Mass Immunization Clinics

- Ontario is working with all 34 public health units to plan and implement mass immunization clinics across the province.
- Several mass immunization clinics have begun operating and will continue to open this month, with further ramp up in April.
- Based on plans submitted by the public health units, there is capacity to operate over 336 vaccination sites (hospital, mass immunization clinic, mobile clinic, etc.) by the end of March:
 - Over 183 mass clinics planned to start operations in March (vaccine supply dependent)
 - Maximum feasible planned capacity across all public health units is approximately four million doses for the month of March (depending on supply).
- Rate of vaccine administration will vary based on local considerations and capacity.

Provincial Booking System

- The provincial booking system was launched on Monday, March 15 for individuals who will be turning 80 or older in 2021. Effective March 22, individuals **turning 75 or older in 2021** are eligible to book their appointment at mass immunization clinics.
- We have seen great success since the launch of the provincial online booking system, with more than 583,506 appointments for first and second doses booked by 12 p.m. on March 26. The 2,200 call centre agents supporting the Provincial lines and assisting Ontarians have kept wait times as low as 10 seconds for over 24 hours.
- On March 23, visitors experienced **no wait time** in accessing the booking system.

Cindy Pigeau

Subject: FW: Resolution, Bill 257

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

Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 4:46 PM

To: steve.clark@pc.ola.org; laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org

Subject: Resolution, Bill 257

Good afternoon,

Please see the resolution below passed by Orangeville Council on March 22, 2021.

2021-116

WHEREAS the purpose of the Planning Act is to promote sustainable economic development in a healthy natural environment and to provide for a land use planning system led by provincial policy; and, WHEREAS The requirement for all decision-makers under the Planning Act to make decisions in a manner that is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement is longstanding and necessary for good planning, environmental, societal and health outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Minister of Infrastructure and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to withdraw Schedule 3 from Bill 257;

and THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier, MPP Sylvia Jones, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Infrastructure, Credit Valley Conservation, and all Ontario municipalities.

Result: Carried

Thanks,

Tracy Macdonald | Assistant Clerk | Corporate Services

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357-2021-840

March 22 2021

Mr. Dave Mendicino
Chair

North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
Email: Dave.Mendicino@cityofnorthbay.ca

Mr. Brian Tayler
CAO, Secretary Treasurer

North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
Email: Brian.Tayler@nbmca.ca

Dear Mr. Mendicino and Mr. Tayler:

Thank you for your application submitted on March 4, 2021, on behalf of the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority (NBMCA), seeking a Minister's exception under the *Conservation Authorities Act* related to recently proclaimed legislative amendments affecting vice-chair appointments.

After carefully considering your application regarding the appointment of a vice-chair, I am granting the NBMCA an exception to subsections 17 (1.1) and (1.2) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* pursuant to my authority under clauses 17(1.3) (a) and (b). This exception allows the current vice-chair to be re-appointed for a total of one more year, and to therefore hold office for more than two consecutive terms. I am also granting an exception to allow the NBMCA to re-appoint as vice-chair a member who was appointed by the same participating municipality. This would mean there would be no rotation of the vice-chair amongst participating municipalities for the next year for the duration of the re-appointment.

I note that the intent of the changes made through Bill 229, the *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020*, to section 17 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* were to encourage fuller representation and perspectives from participating municipalities in a conservation authority. I encourage the NBMCA membership to take this into account when considering future appointments to the positions of chair and vice-chair. I would ask that you share this correspondence with all members of the NBMCA.

I appreciate the dedication of the NBMCA for your continued work and contributions to protecting people and property from natural hazards, the conservation and management of conservation authority-owned lands, and your role in drinking water source protection.

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Mr. Dave Mendicino and Mr. Brian Tayler
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I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'J. Yurek', written in a cursive style.

Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

c: Helen Cunningham, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
Paula Scott, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
Sue Buckle, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
Troy Storms, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
Chloe Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Land and Water Division, MECP
Keley Katona, Director, Conservation and Source Protection Branch, MECP
Sam Lyon, Manager, Conservation Authority Office, MECP

"Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

March 29, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: MeeQuam Youth Residence Closure

This will serve to advise you that Council, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021, passed the following resolution:

"Resolution No. 83-2021

Moved By: Todd Calaezzi

Seconded By: Robert Hutchinson

WHEREAS the Ontario Government announced the closure of 26 youth justice facilities; and

WHEREAS the MeeQuam Youth Residence in Cochrane is one of the facilities that will be closing effective April 30; and

WHEREAS children aged 12 to 17 from the northeastern communities will be impacted by this closure. These are children who have increased needs yet limited access to much needed set of services and support that assist them with their transition to productive and flourishing adulthood; and

WHEREAS with the closure of the MeeQuam Youth Residence, these vulnerable children will find themselves in a facility hundreds and thousands of kilometers away from their community and their families; and



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the youth justice facility in Cochrane, known as MeeQuam Youth Residence, as these vulnerable children need to be as close as possible to their families and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Indigenous Affairs; and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried"

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours Truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE



Alice Mercier
Clerk

/am

c.c.: Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Indigenous Affairs
All Municipalities within the Province of Ontario
Charlie Angus, MP, Timmins – James Bay
John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming – Cochrane



The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ouest

Resolution No.

2021 / 108

MARCH 29, 2021

Moved by / *Proposé par* :

« Councillor L. Malette »

Seconded by / *Appuyé par* :

« Councillor C. Fisher »

WHEREAS, the Municipality of West Nipissing is within the district of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit); and

WHEREAS, the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions; and

WHEREAS, vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers $R_{(t)}$, are among the highest in the province; and

WHEREAS, due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2; and

WHEREAS, 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census); and

WHEREAS, the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocations is causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics; and

WHEREAS, due to the vaccine allocation, Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of West Nipissing request that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing, Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane, Mayors/Reeves within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit district, Ontario Boards of Health, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA); and that Marc Serré, MP – Nickel Belt, Anthony Rota, MP – Nipissing-Timiskaming also advocate with the Federal Government to work with the Health Unit and 31 member municipalities.

	YEAS	NAYS
DUHAIME, Yvon		
FISHER, Christopher		
LARABIE, Roland		
MALETTE, Léo		
ROVEDA, Dan		
WARD 7 (vacant)	X	X
SÉNÉCAL, Denis		
SÉNÉCAL, Lise		
SAVAGE, Joanne (MAYOR)		

CARRIED: **« Mayor Joanne Savage »**

DEFEATED: _____

DEFERRED OR TABLED: _____



West Nipissing Ovest

Joie de vivre

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March 30, 2021

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

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Honourable Premier Ford:

SUBJECT: VACCINE ALLOCATION

At its special meeting held on March 29, 2021, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed resolution **2021/108**, a copy of which is attached hereto. The resolution supports the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit's request asking governments to prioritize vaccine allocation to public health unit regions that are still in Phase 1.

We trust the enclosed is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Janice R. Dupuis
Deputy Clerk / Assistant to the
Chief Administrative Officer

\Encl.



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

SHUNIAH

Resolution No.: 111-21

Date: Mar 23, 2021

Moved By: Denise Blunt

Seconded By: Don Smith

THAT Council hereby supports the correspondence of the the Township of South Glengary resolution in support of Provincial Vaccine Rollout dated March 1, 2021.

THAT Council further directs the Clerk to circulate correspondence to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MPP Michael Gravell, MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell, Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Lyle WARDEN RESOLUTION NO 75-2021

SECONDED BY SAM McDONELL DATE March 1, 2021

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

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

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

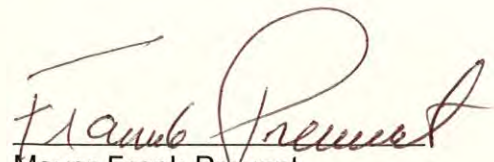
AND WHEREAS the number of administered vaccines in Ontario is not keeping pace with the number of doses that have been received by the provincial government;

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

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

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

CARRIED DEFEATED POSTPONED


Mayor Frank Prevost



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

SHUMATE

Resolution No.: 110-21

Date: Mar 23, 2021

Moved By: Don Smith

Seconded By: Meghan Ciment

THAT Council hereby supports the correspondence of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry dated March 2, 2021.

THAT Council further directs the Clerk to circulate correspondence to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shumate, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

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March 10, 2021

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

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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

MOTION Moved by Jim Nelemans
66-2021 Seconded by Sharen Zinn

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "K" and "J".

Kim Johnston
Deputy Clerk
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

c.c Municipality of Charlton and Dack

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March 30, 2021

Your Worship Ian Pennell
Township of Calvin
R.R. #2, 1355 Peddlers Drive
Mattawa, ON P0H1V0

Dear Mayor:

As the Chief of Emergency Management for Ontario, it is incumbent on me to monitor, coordinate and assist municipalities with their respective municipal emergency management programs in accordance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA). To confirm municipalities are in compliance with the EMCPA, every municipality in Ontario submits a compliance package to Emergency Management Ontario on a yearly basis.

Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) has reviewed the documentation submitted by your Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) and have determined that your municipality was compliant with the EMCPA in 2020.

The safety of all our citizens is important, and one way to ensure that safety is to ensure that your municipality is prepared in case of an emergency. We congratulate you on your municipality's efforts in achieving compliance in 2020. I look forward to continuing to work with you to support your continued compliance on an ongoing basis.

If you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please contact our Emergency Management Field Officer assigned to your Sector; their contact information is below.

Name: JohnStothers

Email: John.Stothers@ontario.ca

Phone: 705-774-4185

Sincerely,

Teepu Khawja
Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief, Emergency Management

cc: Rene Knight - CEMC
John Stothers - Field Officer - Lakes Sector



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March 31, 2021

Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto ON M5G 2E5

Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding Planning Act Timelines:

“WHEREAS the City of Kitchener, like many Ontario municipalities, is experiencing significant growth; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has conducted extensive work through its Development Services Review to remove red tape and improve public engagement; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to make a decision within a prescribed timeline; and,

WHEREAS the passing of Bill 108 in 2019 reduced the timelines for processing development applications before they can be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for a non-decision from those outlined in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 as follows:

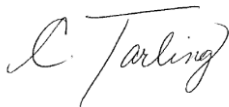
- from seven months (210 days) to four months (120 days) for Official Plan amendments;
- from five months (150 days) to three months (90 days) for Zoning By-law amendments; and
- from six months (180 days) to four months (120 days) for Plans of Subdivision; and

WHEREAS the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the local MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

- c: Honourable Tim Louis, M.P.
- Honourable Raj Saini, M.P.
- Honourable Marwan Tabbara, M. P.
- Honourable Bardish Chagger, M.P.
- Honourable Bryan May, M.P.
- Honourable Amy Fee, M.P.P.
- Honourable Catherine Fife, M.P.P.
- Honourable Belinda Karahalios, M.P.P.
- Honourable Mike Harris, M.P.P.
- Honourable Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P.
- Bill Karsten, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rosa Bustamante, Director, Planning, City of Kitchener
- Ontario Municipalities

Cindy Pigeau

From: Carmelo Lipsi <carmelo.lipsi@mpac.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 12:06 PM
To: Cindy Pigeau
Subject: MPAC: Aggregate Resources Act regulation changes

To: Clerks, Chief Financial Officers and Treasurers

Good afternoon Cindy

This letter is to provide you with details on how you can support your local aggregate industry as important changes to [Ontario Regulation 244/97](#) under the *Aggregate Resources Act* (ARA) come into effect this week.

Applicants for a licence or permit under the ARA must notify landowners within 120 metres of the boundary of the proposed site. Beginning April 1, 2021, applicants for a licence or aggregate permit are to obtain the names and addresses of landowners from MPAC to fulfil their requirements to inform landowners as per Ontario Regulation 244/97 under the Aggregate Resources Act.

As a result, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will be directing applicants to MPAC beginning April 1st.

This applies to:

- applicants for a licence or aggregate permit, or wayside permit for a new site.
- applicants for some significant amendments to an existing licence, permit, or site plan.

MPAC will release landowner information to applicants in compliance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA). A licencing agreement and associated fee will be required.

Applicants will be required to adhere to confidentiality requirements and proper use and disposal of personal information as part of their licencing agreement with MPAC and in accordance with the ARA regulation.

Should you receive any requests for landowner contact information from applicants under the ARA, please direct them to products@mpac.ca for provision of service. If applicants have questions about the ARA changes, we ask that you please direct them to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Natural Resources Information and Support Centre, 1 800-667-1940 or nrisc@ontario.ca.

If you have questions about these changes, please contact your local Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Account Manager.

Stay well and safe.

Carmelo Lipsi
Vice President, Valuation & Customer Relations
Chief Operating Officer

mpac.ca
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
1340 Pickering Parkway, Suite 101 L1V 0C4

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MPAC Regional Managers and Account Managers
Minister of Finance - Minister's Office
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
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Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario



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March 31, 2021

TO: ARB Stakeholders
Counsel of the Assessment Bar
Property Tax Representatives
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
Municipalities

RE: Electronic Document Format and Filing Requirements Guideline

We are writing to provide an update on Electronic Document Format and Filing Requirements Guideline ("Guideline") that the Board has established for filing documents electronically.

Taking effect on April 1, 2021 the Guideline supports the Rules of Practice and Procedure and provides direction on how properly format and file documents with the Board. The Guideline also clearly identifies the ARB's expectations for the parties.

Does this Guideline apply to all hearing events?

Yes, the guideline and its requirements apply to all hearing events, including settlement conferences. The guideline also applies to any Expert reports that will be filed with the Board. Upon retaining an expert, a party is required to notify the expert of the requirement to comply with this guideline.

The Guideline is a mandatory requirement for any appeal within the General and Summary Proceedings. We strongly encourage that any self-represented appellant complies with the Guideline so the Board can continue to accept these documents.

What happens if the Guideline is not complied with?

Starting April 1, 2021, the Board will not accept any electronic documents that do not comply with the Guideline. If you are planning on filing documents that do not comply with the Guideline you must immediately revise your documents so that they do comply with the Guideline before resubmitting them to the Board.

The Board has developed an easy-to-follow reference card for quickly reviewing the requirements. Please find the new guideline and reference card attached.

Please remember to file all documents and evidence that you plan to rely on at the hearing to ARB.Registrar@ontario.ca. As well, if you have any questions about the new guideline and requirements, you may send them to the ARB Registrar email provided above.

Thank you.

Ken Bednarek
Associate Chair

Kelly Triantafilou
Registrar



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GUIDELINE

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT FORMAT AND FILING REQUIREMENTS

Guidelines support the Assessment Review Board (ARB,) Rules of Practice and Procedure and provides guidance about what the ARB expects of the parties and, in turn, what the parties can expect from the ARB. They assist in understanding the Rules.

Purpose of this Guideline:

The purpose of the Guideline is to provide directions for the orderly formatting and filing of electronic documents to be relied on at both a settlement conference and a hearing. Strict compliance with these directions is required. The Board will not accept electronic documents that do not comply with this Guideline.

These requirements also apply to any Expert Reports to be filed with the Board. Upon retaining an expert, a party is required to notify the expert of the requirement to comply with this Guideline.

Document and File Name Requirements

All documents filed with the Board must meet the following requirements. When emailing documents to the Board, the following email subject line format must be used:

Subject line: ARB Roll Number, Appeal Number, and nature of the email

1. Electronic File Format

- Adobe Acrobat Pro is required (not Adobe Acrobat Reader) it provides several functions that can be used to address formatting challenges
- The Board will accept either PDF or Microsoft Word documents.
- For the purpose of the following requirements, the Guideline refers to PDF documents only, but the same requirements apply to a Word Document.

2. Document Formatting Requirements

- Documents must be legible
- Pictures must be formatted and fitted appropriately
- With two exceptions (discussed below) each document must have its own PDF file.

- Appendices to a document, or Exhibits if the document is an affidavit, may be included in the document's PDF file, provided the file size does not exceed 15,000 KB (kilobytes).
- Appendices or Exhibits in a PDF document must be bookmarked.
- Where the file will exceed 15,000 KB, all appendices or exhibits should be placed in a separate PDF file (or files if the document is very large).
- PDF documents must not be password protected, or restricted by PDF signature protection, as this prevents the reader from adding comments, or bookmarking the file.
- Paragraphs in all documents must be consecutively numbered.
- The PDF document must have "recognizable text". (To explain, some PDF scanning copiers create a "picture" of a page, which cannot be edited. Adobe or other PDF software programs provide a function to convert the "picture" to recognizable text.) It is important to have text recognition, otherwise the text cannot be copied, nor can bookmarks, page numbers, or comments be added.
- A Books of Authorities (i.e. a compilation of a number of legal decisions on which a party relies) may be placed in one PDF file, subject to the following conditions:
 - Each cited case must be bookmarked; and
 - Any sections of a case which a party quotes must be highlighted in yellow.
- The PDF file for an Expert Report, should also include the expert's resume and Acknowledgment of Expert Duty, but each of these additional documents must be bookmarked.
- Superimposing the PDF electronic page number on each page of the document (known as Bates numbering)
- Creating PDF "bookmarks" which effectively provide a hyperlink to pages within a PDF document (which serves the same function as a tab in a physical document)

3. Electronic Filing Requirements – Reference Card Below

The electronic file name of each PDF document must be named using the following fields:

- *{party identifier} – {document no.} – {document name} – {additional descriptor} – {address}*
- Examples:
 - ASP-01-Smith Report-CV-123 Main St., Anytown
 - ASP-02-Smith Report-Equity-123 Main St., Anytown

- The use of the hyphens to delineate each field is mandatory.

The following is an explanation of each term and the reason why it is required:

- *{party identifier}*
 - The identifier is used, so that electronic files in a computer folder will be sorted by party.
 - To keep the file name as short of possible, the following standard code will be used for each party's identifier:
 - ASP – Assessed Person
 - OTH – Other Person (a person who has appealed, other than the Assessed person)
 - MPC – MPAC
 - MUN – Municipality
 - APP – Added Party or Participant

If there is more than one Assessed Person, Other Person or Municipality, who intends to file documents, use (A1, A2), (O1,O2) or (Mun1, Mun2) etc. In such cases, the parties are directed to confer with one another to confirm which identifier they each will use.

- *{document no.}*
 - Each party is required to consecutively number each electronic document sent to the Board. These numbers will then be duplicated in the Document List (discussed below)
 - A party must use zero before numbers 1 to 9, i.e. 01, 02, ...09, so that the computer folder will present the files in proper numerical order.
 - Each document number will then be shown in the List of Documents (discussed below)
 - In a hearing, all documents will be referenced by document number, even after they have been marked as Exhibits.
 - The document number is important because, in a hearing, a number of documents may all be open at the same time. In Adobe, each open document is identified by a tab showing the file name. The more tabs there are, the shorter the tab. Consequently, the file name on the tab becomes truncated. A file name that leads with the party identifier and document number ensures that the user can still identify the electronic file on each Adobe tab.
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 - The document name should be both descriptive and brief.
 - For expert reports, the document name must be the surname of the expert, not the name of his/her firm, followed by the word 'REPORT'

- For affidavits, the document name must be the surname of the affiant, followed by the word 'AFF'.
- Other standard short forms that must be used are:
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 - SOR – Statement of Response (please avoid using RSOI as it is not consistent with the Board's Rules)
 - RPL – Reply to a SOR
 - BOA – Book of Authorities
 - SUB – Submissions
 - NOM – Notice of Motion
- *{additional descriptor}*
 - Use of this field is optional, but it should be used to provide any brief text necessary to describe the document.
 - Examples:
 - i. In the file name examples shown above, Mr. Smith prepared separate reports on current value and equity. So, there are two separate PDF files. The use of CV and Equity provide the additional descriptors necessary to distinguish between the two files.
 - ii. The Appellant's expert, Mr. Doe prepared an expert report on current value, and then prepared a separate addendum to his first report. The additional descriptor to be added to the second report file name is 'Addendum'

A-01-Doe Report-123 Main St., Anytown

A-02-Doe Report-Addendum-123 Main St., Anytown
- *{address}*
 - The purpose of this field is simply to identify which the document to which this property applies. This way, if the document is inadvertently moved to an incorrect folder, it a computer search can be use easily locate it.

When are Documents for a hearing to be filed with the Board

Any document or materials on which a party intends to rely at a hearing, must be filed in the time period between the Mandatory Meeting Form filing due date and the due date for filing documents to be relied on at the hearing.

The ARB will not accept any documents or materials that are filed before the due date specified in the Schedule of Events for the Mandatory Meeting. If they are sent before

this date, the Board will delete these documents, and they must be re-filed at the correct time.

The only time documents will be accepted before the due date for filing the Mandatory Meeting Form is when:

- 1) parties have confirmed that they have completed all the events in the Schedule of Events earlier than required, and have submitted a written request for early scheduling of a Settlement Conference that has been approved; or
- 2) a party files a Notice to Seek a Higher Assessment.

April 1, 2021

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ARB Electronic Document Format and Filing Requirements Guideline Reference Card - April 1, 2021

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*Inclusion of all fields, other than the additional descriptor, is mandatory.

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ASP-03-ER-Smith-CV-1111-222-333-00100

ASP-04-ER-Smith-Equity-1111-222-333-00100

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Reminder:

The use of hyphens to delineate each field is mandatory

Suggested Email Template: See below



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www.hudson.ca admin@hudson.ca

March 31st, 2021

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

Attention: Premier Ford

RE: Support for Fire Departments

At the Township of Hudson's Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday March 3rd, 2021, the following resolution 2021-049 was put forward and passed:

WHEREAS the role of Ontario's 441 fire departments and their approximate 30,000 full, part-time, and volunteer firefighters is to protect Ontarians and their property; and

WHEREAS according to the Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management's latest data, in Ontario there was over 11,000 number of loss fires, 9,500 no loss fires, 784 injuries, 91 fatalities, and over \$820 million dollars of estimated loss in 2018; and

WHEREAS fire emergencies only make up a portion of the total calls for help received by fire and emergency service departments as they respond to nearly every public emergency, disaster, or 9-1-1 call; and

WHEREAS Ontario's fire department infrastructure deficit continues to grow annually and is almost entirely borne by the municipality and local taxpayers with the majority having populations under 25,000; and

WHEREAS due to antiquated structures and equipment that do not meet current industry standards the safety of the Ontario public and Ontario firefighters is being jeopardized;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson resolves as follows:

1. **THAT** the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters; and

2. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, local MPP, local MP, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Please accept this for your consideration and any necessary action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan Kemp". The signature is stylized with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

Jordan Kemp
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Hudson

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 2:53 PM
To: Cindy Pigeau
Subject: AMO Policy Update – Provincial COVID-19 Lock Down, Water Taking Changes, Long-Term Care Medication Safety

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April 1, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Provincial COVID-19 Lock Down, Water Taking Changes, and Long-Term Care Medication Safety

Provincial COVID-19 Lock Down

The provincial government is imposing a [provincewide emergency brake](#) in all 34 public health unit regions as a result of an alarming surge of COVID-19 case numbers and related hospitalizations across the province. The provincewide emergency brake will be effective Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. It is intended to be kept in place for at least four weeks.

The provincewide emergency brake puts into place time-limited public health and workplace safety measures to help to stop the rapid transmission of COVID-19 variants in communities, protect hospital capacity, and save lives. Measures include, but are not limited to:

- Prohibiting indoor organized public events and social gatherings and limiting the capacity for outdoor organized public events or social gatherings to a 5-person maximum, except for gatherings with members of the same household (the people you live with) or gatherings of members of one household and one other person from another household who lives alone;
- Restricting in-person shopping in all retail settings, including a 50 per cent capacity limit for supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, indoor farmers' markets, other stores that primarily sell food and pharmacies, and 25 per cent for all other retail including big box stores, along with other public health and workplace safety measures;
- Prohibiting personal care services;

- Prohibiting indoor and outdoor dining. Restaurants, bars, and other food or drink establishments will be permitted to operate by take-out, drive-through, and delivery only;
- Prohibiting the use of facilities for indoor or outdoor sports and recreational fitness (e.g., gyms) with very limited exceptions;
- Requiring day camps to close; and,
- Limiting capacity at weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites or ceremonies to 15 per cent occupancy per room indoors, and to the number of individuals that can maintain two metres of physical distance outdoors. This does not include social gatherings associated with these services such as receptions, which are not permitted indoors and are limited to five people outdoors.

The current [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#), will be paused when the provincewide emergency brake comes into effect.

Changes to Ontario’s Water Taking Program

Yesterday the Province [announced](#) new changes to Ontario’s water taking program. It is one of the key commitments of the [Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan](#). The changes include new rules that give municipal governments more direct input on allowing bottled water companies to withdraw new or increased amounts of groundwater in their communities. The Province also provided new guidance on managing water taking in areas [where sustainability is a key concern](#) and [where there are competing demands](#).

Strengthening Medication Safety in Long-Term Care Homes

The government [announced](#) it is acting to strengthen medication safety for residents in long-term care homes. \$77 million will be provided to homes to use more advanced technologies. The goal is to facilitate for better transmission and handling of prescriptions, more accurate administration of medication, and increased security of the drug supply in long-term care homes.

This initiative is part of the response to the final report of the [Public Inquiry into the Safety and Security of Residents in the Long-Term Care Homes System](#). In the report, Justice Gillese emphasized the importance of medication management to keep long-term care residents safe.

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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NEWS RELEASE

Nipissing Mental Health Housing & Support Services now to become a Canadian Mental Health Association branch in June 2021

(North Bay, ON April 1, 2021) – To allow for a smooth, seamless transition, Nipissing Mental Health Housing & Support Services will now become a Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) branch later this spring.

“This will have no impact on our clients, and we will continue to provide the same great services and programs, said NMHHSS CEO Mary Davis. “We just need a bit more time to make our debut as a CMHA branch,” she explained. “There’s a lot of administrative work that goes into this, so to ensure all bases are covered, we’re adjusting our changeover date from April 1.”

In October 2020, the NMHHSS board of directors approved a motion to become a CMHA branch. Participating in the CMHA network will provide NMHHSS clients and staff additional resources, supports and programs. The agency will be able to offer CMHA Ontario provincial programs such as Bounce Back, Mental Health Works, Talk Today, Living Life to the Full, Resilient Minds and In the Know, which are available to clients and the broader public. As well, NMHHSS will be able to access the expertise of CMHA Ontario initiatives like the Centre for Innovation in Campus Mental Health and the Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Secretariat.

Becoming a CMHA will also allow the agency to share its expertise with the CMHA network across Ontario and Canada. NMHHSS brings significant experience, particularly in areas of housing and peer support, which will benefit CMHA branches provincially.

“While it’s taking a little more time to get there, we’re very excited to introduce NMHHSS to the CMHA network,” said CMHA Ontario CEO Camille Quenneville. “This organization is already a well-established, definitive leader in community-based mental health and addictions care in the region, and it will bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to its counterparts provincially.

“And becoming a CMHA will offer many additional benefits to the clients it serves. It will be well worth the wait.”

Fast facts:

- NMHHSS will become CMHA’s 28th branch in Ontario when the change takes effect.
- CMHAs in Ontario support more than 100,000 individuals each year with mental health and addictions programs and supports.

About Nipissing Mental Health Housing & Support Services

Nipissing Mental Health Housing & Support Services (NMHHSS) is a local mental health, addictions and peer support agency that specializes in support services to people who have a serious or persistent mental illness, and may have other medical and/or behavioural complexities. NMHHSS works to promote wellness and empower individuals to achieve their full potential by providing collaborative supports, advocacy and sustainable housing through a respectful and culturally sensitive approach to care. Learn more at www.nmhhss.ca.

About Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Ontario is a not-for-profit, charitable organization. We work to improve the lives of all Ontarians through leadership, collaboration and continual pursuit of excellence in community-based mental health and addictions services. Our vision is a society that embraces and invests in the mental health of all people. We are a trusted advisor to government, contributing to health systems development through policy formulation and recommendations that promote positive mental health. Our 28 local CMHA branches, together with community-based mental health and addictions service providers across the province, serve approximately 500,000 Ontarians each year.

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To arrange an interview, contact:

Carla Ammerata
Co-ordinator, Policies & Governmental Affairs
Nipissing Mental Health Housing & Support Services
T: 249-591-1775
E: ckemsley@nmhhss.ca

Justin Dickie
Senior Strategic Communications Advisor
Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario
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March 31, 2021

Sent via E-Mail: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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

RE: ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE CLOSURE

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on March 30, 2021, Council adopted a resolution to support the request made by the Township Augusta for the Province of Ontario to reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Province be requested to consider recognizing the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC) as the principle stakeholder to guide, direct, develop and deliver the long-term 'Modernization of Fire Services Training in Ontario';

That staff be directed to explore the opportunity for the Town of Caledon to become a Regional Training Centre to be able to deliver fire services training that is accessible, affordable and attainable; and

That a copy of this motion be provided to The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and MPP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), and municipalities in Ontario.

For more information regarding this request, please contact Darryl Bailey, Director, Fire and Emergency Services / Fire Chief by email to darryl.bailey@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4330.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Allan Thompson
Mayor

cc: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General / MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), richard.boyes@oafc.on.ca
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal, ofm@ontario.ca
Darryl Bailey, Director, Fire and Emergency Services / Fire Chief, Town of Caledon,
darryl.bailey@caledon.ca
All Ontario Municipalities



Allan Thompson
Mayor

Sent via E-Mail to: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

March 31, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Federal Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Hajdu,

RE: SUPPORT FOR 988, A 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS PREVENTION HOTLINE

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on March 30, 2021, Council adopted a resolution endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;

Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Caledon endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and

That a letter demonstrating Caledon's support be sent to Kyle Seeback, MP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.

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Allan Thompson
Mayor

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Allan Thompson
Mayor

Cc. Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin-Caledon, Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca
Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and
Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), iscott@telesat.com
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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Date: April 6, 2021

Resolution No. 7

Moved by: Councillor Patterson

Seconded by: Councillor Finley

Whereas, the Township of Ryerson is within the district of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit); and

Whereas, the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions; and

Whereas, vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation; and

Whereas, COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers $R_{(t)}$, are among the highest in the province; and

Whereas, due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2; and

Whereas, 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census); and

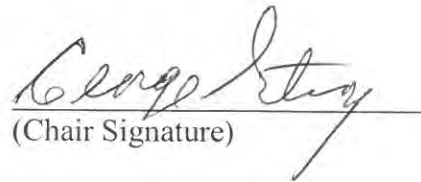
Whereas, the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocations is causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics; and

Whereas, due to the vaccine allocation, Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson request that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing, Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane, Mayors/Reeves within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit district, Ontario Boards of Health, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa).

Carried Defeated


(Chair Signature)

Recorded Vote due to electronic meeting.

RECORDED VOTE					
Vote called by Clerk in random order, Chair to vote last					
Members of Council		Yes	No	Abstention	Absent
Councillors	Penny Brandt	✓			
	Celia Finley	✓			
	Barb Marlow	✓			
	Delynne Patterson	✓			
Mayor	George Sterling	✓			

Moved by: Brad Kneller

Seconded by: John Hetherington

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Magnetawan is within the district of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit);

AND WHEREAS, the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions;

AND WHEREAS, vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation;

AND WHEREAS, COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers, are among the highest in the province;

AND WHEREAS, due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2;

AND WHEREAS, 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census); and

AND WHEREAS, the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocations is causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics;

AND WHEREAS, due to the vaccine allocation, Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan request that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa;

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing, Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane, Mayors/Reeves within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit district, Ontario Boards of Health, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

Carried Defeated Deferred

Sam Dunnett

Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Brunton, Tim			
Hetherington, John			
Kneller, Brad			
Smith, Wayne			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			



*Knowing our heritage
we will build our future*

April 7, 2021

Via email: clerks@sarnia.ca

City of Sarnia
Attention: Amy Burkhart, Acting City Clerk
255 Christina Street North
Sarnia, ON
N7T 7N2

Dear Ms. Burkhart:

RE: Correspondence – Colour Coded Capacity Limits

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on April 6, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #7(b)/04/06/21

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Amy Burkhart, Acting City Clerk from the City of Sarnia requesting Support for the Province of Ontario to Adjust Capacity Limits as Part of the Colour-Coded System, dated March 4, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the City of Sarnia’s resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the City of Sarnia, the Premier of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried.”

Sincerely,



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

Encl.

Copy to: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

March 25, 2021

Cindy Pigeau
Clerk
Calvin Township
R.R.#2
Mattawa, Ontario P0H 1V0

Dear Ms. Pigeau:

Re: NBMCA 2021 Budget

For the year 2021, the North Bay – Mattawa Conservation Authority Board of Directors has established a Levy of \$1,458,576.00 for its activities. As required by section 27(C) of the Conservation Authorities Act, 1993, you are hereby notified that the portion of this Levy chargeable to your Municipality is \$ 10,362.00 This Levy is broken down into two categories:

Operations Levy for a total of \$5,752.00 and;
Capital Levy for a total of \$4,610.00.

The budget also included an ongoing Laurentian Ski Hill and Snowboarding Club fixed asset funding ask. The ask amount for your municipality is \$728.00.

Please find enclosed a 2021 Budget Overview, which includes the Levy Apportionment for all member municipalities in 2021. The complete budget will be appended to the minutes of the March 24, 2021 NBMCA members meeting.

Attached you will find invoices for the above mentioned amounts. Your early remittance of this levy would be appreciated, and if further information or clarification is required, please do not hesitate to contact me at 705-474-5420.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Tayler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "B".

Brian Tayler
Chief Administrative Officer
Secretary – Treasurer

/rm

/Encl.



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info@mattawa.ca

March 23, 2021

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MAR 25 2021

Municipality of Calvin
1355 Peddlers Dr
Mattawa ON P0H 1V0

Dear Mayor Pennell and Members of Council:

Council of the Town of Mattawa, at their regular meeting of March 22, 2021 approved Page No. 60 of Resolution Number 21-25, which stated:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa agrees to have the associated consulting fees and further costs related to the development of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan cost shared the same as the Mattawa and Area Police Service Board formula being:

Town of Mattawa - 39%

Township of Papineau-Cameron - 23%

Municipality of Calvin – 23%

Municipality of Mattawan – 15%

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the participating municipalities.”

Trusting this is acceptable.

Sincerely,

Francine Desormeau
CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

FD/al

Cindy Pigeau

Subject: FW: Funding opportunity to improve Bell connectivity in your community

From: Hougham, Neal [<mailto:neal.hougham@bell.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 4:35 PM

To: Ian Pennell

Subject: RE: Funding opportunity to improve Bell connectivity in your community

Hi Ian,

Thank you again for providing a letter of support for Bell's application to the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF). Your municipality's support demonstrates that access to high-speed Internet is a stated priority for your community, and that homes and businesses will benefit greatly from improved broadband service.

For reference, your support letter was included in the following Bell UBF submission(s) to the Government of Canada (ISED) on March 12, 2021:

- Bell Canada Application: "Bonfield-Mattawa"

Bell's application(s) to improve broadband in your municipality are up against proposals from other organizations and for other communities across the country. As we wait for awards to be announced, any further support you can provide could go a long way in helping secure the necessary funding to deliver broadband in your community. This could include outreach to your local Member of Parliament (MP) regarding your municipality's need for improved connectivity and your subsequent support for Bell's UBF proposal(s).

Please let me know if I can be of assistance or if you have any additional questions. Once again, I want to thank you for your support.

Regards,

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