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June 18, 2021

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

RE: ARB's Digital-First Approach – Update

We are writing to provide you with an update to our January 29, 2021 memo about our digital-first approach to providing services. The Assessment Review Board (ARB) is continuing to implement its digital-first approach to meet the diverse needs of Ontarians and enhance the quality of its dispute resolution services.

The ARB has made several updates to the following E-Services:

E-File: Use this fast, secure, reliable and "real-time" filing system to file and pay for your appeal. You will receive immediate confirmation of receipt of your appeal upon completion of e-filing. E-filing eliminates the delays from mailing your appeal to the ARB and having it processed manually.

In preparation for the next assessment cycle, we will be improving our e-filing service to allow you to e-file some tax appeals.

All assessment appeals must be filed by the **e-filing system only**.

Email Communication: As part of the digital-first approach, we have implemented a new rule that establishes how we communicate with parties. The ARB introduced **Rule 18** in the new Rules of Practice and Procedure, which took effect April 1, 2021, stating that:

All parties to a proceeding shall provide an email address to the Board for purpose of correspondence with the Board. The Board may direct a party to a proceeding to provide the Board with any email address in its possession for another party in the proceeding.

This means anyone who files an appeal with us **must** provide an email address. Updates on your appeals will only be provided by email. There are many options available to create an email address if you do not already have one. If you have not provided an email address for us, we will be reaching out to you to ask that you provide one immediately for communication purposes.

Electronic Document Format and Filing Requirements Guideline: The ARB has issued a guideline providing direction on the requirements for naming documents that will be filed with the ARB electronically.

Elimination of Paper Notices: To eliminate paper notices, the ARB has created a data file for serving the Notice of Hearing. The ARB will be piloting this initiative with two municipalities, the City of Toronto and City of North Bay in the coming months. During the pilot period, we will be evaluating the information and looking for feedback from the participating municipalities. We will be asking the municipalities to identify an email address to ensure that there is a dedicated source for data delivery.

The ARB will be issuing a practice direction to support this initiative, which will be served on all 444 municipalities and will be posted on our website.

In the future, we hope to develop a secure website as a drop box for all notices such as: notice of hearings, schedule of events, commencement dates, new appeal information and decisions. We also expect to include the tax representatives and law firms.

Some of the digital services we would like to remind you of are:

ARB Website:

Our website is the main portal to access information about the Board. By visiting our website you can:

- find information about managing the appeal process and news updates
- access our E-Services and other important resources
- view appeals and appeal commencement dates, which are updated monthly
- review the ARB Rules of Practice and Procedure
- download forms
- stay informed about operational updates
- <u>Tax Calculator</u>: This is an interactive online reference tool that helps potential appellants calculate estimated savings from a possible change in assessment value. Potential appellants can then determine if any potential savings offset the costs related to filing an appeal.

Thank you all, for your continued support.

Sincerely

Ken Bednarek Associate Chair

Kelly Triantafilou Registrar



Office of the Warden Warden Jim Aitcheson

MPP Randy Pettapiece randy.pettapiece@pc.ola.org

May 26, 2021

RE: Domestic COVID-19 Vaccine Production and Capacity

Dear MPP Pettapiece,

At the regular meeting of Council held on May 20, 2021, Perth County Council passed the following resolution brought forward from a Notice of Motion:

Moved by: Councillor Doug Eidt Seconded by: Councillor Doug Kellum

WHEREAS throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Canada has relied on international partners to provide COVID-19 vaccinations; and

WHEREAS the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to Canada may be delayed due to the production/distribution of the vaccine outside of Canada; and

WHEREAS the increased support from all levels of government on the creation of COVID-19 vaccines domestically would increase Canada's vaccine capacity; and

NOW THEREFORE the Council of Perth County recommend to the Federal Government to support domestic production of a COVID-19 vaccine; and

THAT the Council of Perth County encourage all levels of Government to engage and support domestic vaccine capacity; and

THAT this motion be sent to Perth / Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece, MP John Nater and to all municipalities of Ontario.

The conversation was centered around the COVID-19 vaccination, but further developed to ensuring that as a Country we can best create and supply all necessary vaccinations. We thank you for your

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advocacy on this matter and look forward to supportive responses from our municipal counterparts and officials from all levels of government.

Sincerely,

Jim Aitcheson, Warden The Corporation of the County of Perth

CC: MP John Nater - <u>John.Nater@parl.gc.ca</u> Ontario Municipalities Attorney General McMurtry-Scott Building 720 Bay Street 11th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2S9 Tel: 416-326-4000 Fax: 416-326-4007 Procureur général Édifice McMurtry-Scott 720, rue Bay 11° étage Toronto ON M7A 2S9 Tél.: 416-326-4000 Téléc.: 416-326-4007



Our Reference #: M-2021-9473

June 18, 2021

Dear Heads of Council, Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks:

I am pleased to be writing you today to provide an update on modernization initiatives and court recovery in Ontario's *Provincial Offence Act* (POA) courts.

Summonses

O. Reg. 475/21 was filed on June 16, 2021 to permit provincial offences officers to serve Part III summonses on individuals within the province by registered mail, courier, or email. It also permits service on a recipient's licensed lawyer or paralegal (if any), with advance consent.

Section 39 of the POA provides that these methods of service will also be available to any person serving a witness summons.

This change will permit new efficiencies going forward and will help minimize health risks associated with in-person contact during the pandemic. The regulation can be viewed <u>online</u>.

Proclamation of POA Clerk Amendments

Bill 177, the Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2017, and Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020, introduced amendments to the POA aimed at modernizing and streamlining POA court processes.

Effective November 1, 2021, the following amendments will come into force:

- Clerks of the court will grant, but not deny, an extension of time to pay a fine. If the clerk is not satisfied that the application should be granted, the clerk must forward the application to a justice of the peace to make the determination whether to grant or deny the request for an extension.
- Clerks of the court will review the POA ticket and, if the ticket is not defective as determined by regulation, enter a conviction and impose a set fine where a defendant has failed to respond to the ticket and is deemed not to dispute. The Attorney General has made a regulation prescribing the characteristics that make a certificate of offence defective. The regulation can be viewed <u>online</u>.

These amendments will significantly assist municipalities in recovering from the disruption of court operations created by the pandemic by freeing up judicial time and allowing municipal court staff to more quickly address the backlog of cases.

More details about these amendments are described in the appendix.

Updated POA Forms

The *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*, also amended the POA to further enable the enhanced use of remote appearances in POA proceedings.

Effective November 1, 2021, updated POA forms, including Offence Notices, Certificates of Offence, Part I Summons, Notice of Trial and Early Resolution Meeting Notices, will come into effect to reflect the availability of remote appearance methods for POA proceedings. In addition, Offence Notices will also advise the defendant that a clerk may enter a conviction against them, and that the defendant may apply to a justice for a review of their conviction.

Updated POA forms are posted on the Ontario Court Forms website.

POA Court Recovery

The Recovery Division and Court Services Division, acting on behalf of the Ministry of the Attorney General, continue to work closely with the Ontario Court of Justice (OCJ) on advancing virtual court appearances and the eventual resumption of in-person proceedings, when appropriate. The ministry continues to meet regularly with the OCJ, providing updates and guidance on POA recovery.

The collaborative partnership between justice partners and the ministry has been, and will continue to be, a fundamental principle of our success as we work together to build the most modern, efficient, and effective justice system attainable.

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information on these initiatives, please contact Ms. Wendy Chen, Manager of my ministry's POA Unit, by telephone at (437) 244-8733 or by email at <u>JUS.G.MAG.POASupport@ontario.ca</u>.

Thank you for your commitment to the administration of justice and supporting access to justice services for all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

Jour Downey

Doug Downey Attorney General

Enclosure

c: Ms. Wendy Chen, Manager POA Unit, Court Services Division, Ministry of the Attorney General

APPENDIX "A"

Proclamation of POA Clerk Amendments

Currently, a defendant who is issued a ticket and fails to exercise an option on the back of the ticket (i.e., plead guilty by paying the fine, request an early resolution meeting with a prosecutor, where available, plead guilty with submissions as to penalty, or request a trial) within 15 days of being served with the ticket is deemed not to dispute the charge. A judicial official then reviews the ticket, and if it is "complete and regular on its face", a conviction is entered and the set fine is imposed, which becomes due after 15 days. Should a defendant require more time to pay the fine, they may make an application to a justice for an extension of time to pay.

Beginning November 1, 2021, clerks of the court, rather than justices of the peace, will have new responsibilities:

Extension of Time to Pay Applications

- Clerks of the court will grant, but not deny, an extension of time to pay a fine. If the clerk is not satisfied that the application should be granted, the clerk must forward the application to a justice of the peace to make the determination whether to grant or deny the request for an extension.
- To support this amendment, consequential amendments were made to provisions in both the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* that authorize the treasurer or an agent to give notice to a defendant of any part of a fine that remains unpaid for the contravention of a municipal business license by-law for the purposes of collecting the unpaid fine.

Deemed not to Dispute Proceedings

- Clerks of the court will review the POA ticket and, if the ticket is not defective as determined by regulation, enter a conviction and impose a set fine where a defendant has failed to respond to the ticket and is deemed not to dispute.
- The Attorney General has made a regulation prescribing the characteristics that make a certificate of offence defective. The regulation can be viewed <u>online</u>.
- Should the clerk of the court enter a conviction, the amendments give the defendant 15 days after becoming aware of the conviction to make an application to a justice to strike out the conviction. A justice would be required to strike the conviction if the justice is satisfied that the charging document is defective under the regulation or otherwise not complete or regular on its face.



21-3: Don't be Crippled by a Lame Duck Council

Now is the time to begin thinking about what needs to be in place in the event Council becomes "lame duck" in 2022. Staff need 2021 to get ready for this eventuality. When does Council become "lame duck" and what are the strategies involved? Be prepared!

Thursday September 30, October 7 & 14 from 11:00 to 11:45

21-4: Preparing for Council Orientation: Avoiding the Pitfalls

It is a new world. New Council orientation must reflect the new realities. It is not good enough to provide members of council hundreds or even thousands of pages of information, documents and By-laws. That doesn't work. You need a plan to prepare members for the realities of council. In this webinar you will learn what information is most critical and important. How do members learn? What devices can staff use to prepare both new members and those returning members.

Your orientation plan is critical to the success of the new council and to developing and maintaining a strong, positive relationship between members and staff.

In this webinar you will learn when to first begin the orientation. What are the key elements? Who should provide the training? What is information overload and how do you avoid it? Don't forget about members of local boards and committees. This webinar will allow you to move into 2022 with a plan that will achieve maximum benefits for members as well as staff.

> Wednesday October 20, 27 and November 3 & 10 from 11:00 to 11:45 am

Fred Dean's Fall 2021 *"User Friendly"* Webinars

21-5: Learning by Doing – Mock Council Meeting

How to make your message stick. The focus of this Webinar is to explore how staff can make their messages stick during council orientation. It follows up on the Council Orientation Webinar. Whether meeting by Zoom or in person, members and staff must be effective at meetings. This Webinar will examine the use of a mock council meeting and how to have council members participate in a play to enhance their learning experience. A sample play will be performed as part of the Webinar.

Thursday, November 25, December 2 & 9 from 11:00 to 11:45 am

Basics for New Members of Council

This is a unique opportunity to provide a member of council with training on the fundamentals of municipal government. It is also designed to assist committee chairs and local board members. Each session is two hours in length at a time mutually agreed upon. There will be a maximum of 5 participants. It will be interactive with the members being able to have their questions answered. Topics will include Roles & Responsibilities, Meeting procedures, Personal responsibilities and more...

Whether a member has recently been appointed or elected to council since the general election or is someone who is looking for assistance in fulfilling their role on council, this programme will enhance their knowledge base.

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Webinar 21-4 Preparing for Council Orientation: Avoiding the Pitfalls

Wednesday October 20, 27 and November 3 & 10 from 11:00 to 11:45 am: \$249 + \$32.37 HST = \$281.37

Webinar 21-5 Learning by Doing – Mock Council Meeting Thursday, November 25, December 2 & 9 from 11:00 to 11:45 am: \$175 + \$22.75 = \$197.75

Register for 21-4 & 21-5 and save \$75: \$349 + \$45.37 HST = \$394.37 Registration is payable 10 days prior to the Webinar. A full refund is available with cancellation before the due date. No refunds after the due date but a full credit will be given towards future webinars or workshops.

Forward a cheque payable to "FRED DEAN" 7 Clarendon Ave., Unit B, Toronto, ON M4V 1H8

Questions? Call 416 553 8811 or email: webinar@citysolicitor.net

*** If you are unable to attend one of the sessions, a recording will be available to you. ***

Watch for my announcement of the webinars planned for 2022.

Cindy Pigeau

From: Sent: To: Subject: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca> Friday, June 18, 2021 4:07 PM Cindy Pigeau AMO Policy Update - Provincial Cabinet Shuffle

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June 18, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Provincial Cabinet Shuffle

Today's Cabinet shuffle saw the appointment of new Ministers to Premier Doug Ford's Cabinet and the shifting of existing ministers into new portfolios. The next provincial election is June 2, 2022.

Today's Cabinet appointments and portfolio changes include:

- The Honourable Stan Cho, Associate Minister of Transportation, reporting to Minister Mulroney
- The Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities
- The Honourable Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- The Honourable Parm Gill, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- The Honourable Jane McKenna, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues, reporting to Minister Fullerton
- The Honourable Dave Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care
- The Honourable Kaleed Rasheed, Associate Minister of Digital Government, reporting to Minister Bethlenfalvy
- The Honourable Greg Rickford, MPP for Kenora-Rainy River, assumes a merged role as Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, as well as remains Minister of Indigenous Affairs
- The Honourable Rosario Romano, Minister of Government and Consumer Services
- The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board
- The Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

- The Honourable Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, reporting to Minister Fedeli
- The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

We congratulate the Ministers on their new portfolios. AMO and municipal governments look forward to working closely with them on areas of mutual interest to serve our citizens. Municipal governments and the Province are stronger when we work together. We thank the Ministers we have worked closely with over the last year.

Remaining in their current portfolios are:

- The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier
- The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance including Ontario's digital government strategy
- The Honourable Paul Calandra, Government House Leader.
- The Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
- The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
- The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade and Chair of Cabinet
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
- The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
- The Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- The Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour
- The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs
- The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.

AMO members will have an opportunity to ask municipal questions of the provincial Ministers at the three Ministers' Forums at the 2021 AMO Conference. Details will be coming out soon at <u>2021 Virtual AMO Conference</u>.

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

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June 22, 2021

- TO: ARB Stakeholders Counsel of the Assessment Bar Property Tax Representatives Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Municipalities
- FROM: Ken Bednarek, Associate Chair and Kelly Triantafilou, Registrar, Assessment Review Board
- RE: SPPA Amendments

Effective June 3, 2021, a new section 29 has been added to the <u>Statutory Powers</u> <u>Procedure Act</u> making it an offence to record or publish a tribunal hearing unless an exception applies. Exceptions include unobtrusive recordings made by a party, representative or member of the media if authorized by the tribunal. The amendment was included in the Ontario government's <u>Supporting Recovery and Competitiveness</u> <u>Act, 2021</u>.

This provision is similar to restrictions on recording court proceedings contained in the *Courts of Justice Act.* This amendment will help Tribunals Ontario ensure the integrity and fairness of its proceedings.

Tribunals Ontario remains committed to delivering administrative justice in a manner that is transparent, fair, independent, and accessible in accordance with the open court principle. This amendment does not restrict or change a person's ability to attend an open tribunal hearing or engage in public comment on tribunal proceedings. The public can contact the Assessment Review Board to inquire about access to hearings.

If you have any questions, please contact us at <u>ARB.Registrar@ontario.ca</u>.

Sincerely.

Ken Bednarek Associate Chair Kelly Triantafilou Registrar



Community Services

Legislative Services

June 22, 2021 File #120203 Sent via email: <u>Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca</u>

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Licensing of Cannabis Operations – Previously Operating Illegally

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of June 21, 2021 passed the following resolution:

Whereas there have been a number of illegal cannabis grow operations within the Town of Fort Erie, and

Whereas these illegal cannabis operations take significant municipal and regional manpower to control, and pose a significant threat to nearby communities, and

Whereas monetary fines and penalties do not restrict cannabis growers from future illegal cannabis activities on the lands, and do not appear to be enough of a deterrent, and

Whereas operating an illegal cannabis grow operation does not restrict the owners from applying for a legal licence to Health Canada through another responsible person, and

Whereas the licensed operators for the grow facilities may be producing for owners or owners within a corporation previously convicted of an offence;

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Federal Government look at prohibiting the ability to obtain a licence to grow cannabis if any of the owners including those owners within a corporation have ever been convicted of operating an illegal cannabis operation, and further

That: The Federal Government look at restricting lands previously operated for illegal cannabis use from obtaining a licence for a period of 5 years from the date of the offence, and further

That: The Federal Government require that before submitting an application to the Minister for a licence for cultivation, a licence for processing or a licence for sale that authorizes the possession of cannabis, the person that intends to submit the application must first obtain a letter of compliance from the following authorities in the area in which the site referred to in the application is located:

- (a) the local government;
- (b) the local fire authority; and

(c) the local police force or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment that is responsible for providing policing services to that area, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Minister of Health Patty Hajdu, All members of Parliament, All municipalities, Niagara Regional Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Federation of Municipalities of Ontario for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A. Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk cschofield@forterie.ca CS:dlk c.c. The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health (Canada) Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca All Members of Parliament (MP's) Ontario Municipalities Chief of Police, Bryan MacCulloch, Niagara Regional Police Service deb.reid@niagarapolice.ca Commissioner Brenda Lucki, RCMP Brenda.Lucki@rcmp-grc.gc.ca Federation of Canadian Municipalities

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From: To: Subject: Date:	AMO Communications Cindy Pigeau AMO Policy Update - Moving to Step Two of COVID-19 Reopening on June 30, Adding Mental Health Support to OPP Communication Centres Thursday, June 24, 2021 12:14:28 PM				
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AMO Policy Update – Moving to Step Two of COVID-19 Reopening on June 30 and Adding Mental Health Support to OPP Communication Centres

Ontario Moving to Step Two of Roadmap to Reopen on June 30

It has been announced that Ontario is moving into <u>Step Two of the Roadmap to</u> <u>Reopen</u> at 12:01am on Wednesday June 30th, 2021.

As of June 23rd, 2021, over 76% of the population in Ontario 18 and over has received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and over 29% have received a second dose. There has also been a decline in COVID-19 cases and patients in ICU which allows the Province to move to Step Two sooner than expected.

Step Two includes the resumption of more outdoor activities and limited indoor services with small numbers of people where face coverings are worn, with other restrictions in place. This includes, but is not limited to:

- outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 25 people;
- indoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 5 people;
- essential and other select retail permitted at 50 per cent capacity;
- non-essential retail permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- personal care services where face coverings can be worn at all times, and at 25 per cent capacity and other restrictions;
- outdoor dining with up to 6 people per table, with exceptions for larger households and other restrictions;
- indoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services, permitted at up to 25 per cent capacity of the particular room;
- outdoor fitness classes limited to the number of people who can maintain 3 metres of physical distance;
- outdoor sports without contact or modified to avoid contact, with no specified

limit on number of people or teams participating, with restrictions;

- overnight camps for children operating in a manner consistent with the safety guidelines produced by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health;
- outdoor sport facilities with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- outdoor concert venues, theatres, and cinemas, with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- outdoor horse racing and motor speedways, with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- outdoor fairs, rural exhibitions, festivals, permitted at 25 per cent capacity and with other restrictions.

The full list of public health and workplace safety measures that must be followed can be found in the <u>regulation</u>.

Ontario may remain in Step Two for a period of approximately 21 days to allow for additional vaccinations to occur in the population.

Ontario Adding Mental Health Works to OPP Communication Centres

On June 22nd, the Province <u>announced</u> \$8.4 million over three years in a new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Crisis Call Diversion Program. The new program embeds a professional mental health and addictions crisis worker into each OPP Provincial Communications Centre to provide resources, tools, referrals, and help navigate the mental health system for mental health related calls. The crisis worker can also provide support and assist in preliminary de-escalation when a call has been assigned to a police officer. The announcement builds on the success of a pilot program at the OPP London Communications Centre.

The OPP has also created a comprehensive Crisis Call Diversion Development and Implementation Guide to share with other police services and health partners considering similar programs or initiatives. These resources build on recent provincial mental health supports and help to better meet the needs of individuals experiencing mental health crises and support the de-stigmatization of mental health.

At this point there is no available information on how this may impact municipal OPP billing and costs, now or in the future, and we will be following up for additional details.

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

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June 24, 2021

The Honourable Christine Elliott Minister of Health Ministry of Health 777 Bay Street College Park 5th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Elliott:

RE: Public Health Funding for 2022

At the recent meeting of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit), public health funding for 2022 was discussed. In follow up to direction provided by the Board of Health, this correspondence is being forwarded to bring attention to some urgent issues related to 2022 public health funding. The Board of Health resolution from the June 23 meeting is attached. (Appendix A).

The background behind this discussion began in April 2019 with the introduction of the provincial Public Health Modernization initiative, along with a change to the funding formula to 30% municipal / 70% provincial cost-sharing for almost all public health programming. At that time, it was communicated that there was to be a phased in approach to the funding formula while the Modernization process took place.

With the need for the Public Health Modernization process to be put on hold to address and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province announced in August 2020 that mitigation funding would be provided for 2020 and 2021 to help relieve over-burdened municipalities. Without continuation of this mitigation funding, the Health Unit's 31 member municipalities will suffer an increase in their 2022 municipal levies of 50.5%.

The Board of Health has been informed by our municipalities, many of whom have a small population base, that levy increases are not manageable, particularly at this significant of an increase.

The cost-sharing formula is only one piece of the public health funding issue for 2022. Health units have had only one base funding increase in the past five years; however, wage and benefit

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increases and general increases to operating costs due to inflation continue.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us that a robust, prepared public health system is more important then ever. Without a base funding increase, public health's capacity will be diminished, with even harder choices having to be made regarding where we can assist in building healthier and sustainable communities. A base funding increase for 2022 is necessary in order to maintain public health at status quo.

Additionally, there are new pressures on public health as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that will require funding if public health is to participate fully in the health recovery of the citizens of Ontario.

Some examples of health recovery that will be required post-pandemic include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Mental wellness: Families and youth have undergone a considerable level of stress in the past two years. Public health needs to be at the table to assist with bringing together health, education and other partners to reach a consolidated plan forward to improve family resiliency and outlook.
- 2. Harm Reduction Youth and Opioid: There are many community drug strategies. Public health can provide more capacity to these important and much needed community strategies by assisting partners with leadership, evaluation support, population health data, research, and best practice to ensure that initiatives have the best possible outcomes.
- 3. Backlogged Services: Backlogs within the Health Unit's critical clinics and community programming has occurred due staff redeployment to COVID-19 immunization clinics, call centres, and case and contact management. Staff deployment to the COVID-19 pandemic response has meant:
 - i. Increased wait lists for oral health services, especially preventative care and schoolbased programs
 - ii. Sexual health clinic clients are presenting with more complex issues due to COVID-19 lockdowns/stay-at-home orders, fear of attending clinic appointments during the pandemic, and extended wait times for appointments
 - iii. School-based vaccine programs have not operated since the fall of 2019, leaving many age cohorts under vaccinated
 - Smoking cessation clinics have longer than usual wait lists because clinics were suspended during lockdowns, and because staff were deployed to address prioritized COVID-19 activities

Of other consideration are the ongoing costs directly related to COVID-19. We know that COVID-19 will be managed by public health moving forward, but how that will look is still being formulated

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and negotiated at the provincial level. However, some things we know will continue into 2022 are as follows:

- Case and contact management and outbreak management for COVID-19;
- Infection prevention and control (IPAC) guidance and support in long-term care homes, retirement homes, and other congregate settings;
- Provision of accurate information for the public, businesses, and municipalities as rules, regulations, and guidelines change to address situations until such time that things normalize;
- There will be added costs for doing regular business, such as:
 - Personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Additional cleaning and disinfecting between clients, impacting the number of clients that can be seen per day, and increase use of cleaning supplies;
- It is a requirement that there be 24-hour per day / 7 days per week medical officer of health coverage; the pandemic has made it abundantly clear that an Associate Medical Officer of Health is necessary to sustain this required coverage, particularly during a long crisis period, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, or for any other major public health emergency; and
- There will likely be outstanding COVID-19-related court/enforcement issues continuing into • 2022.

Both 2020 and 2021 have been extremely difficult on staff. The burden of continued wait lists can be an added stressor on staff diligently working to get through these wait lists to address the needs of our vulnerable populations who are often in crisis situations. Recruitment of qualified professionals, whether staff or management, has been affected by the Public Health Modernization, and this continues to be a challenge.

Over the next few years, we believe we will continue to see retention and recruitment challenges along with burnout and stress effects throughout the Health Unit. People cannot work at current pressure levels on a continual basis without ramifications. A healthy workplace will require additional personnel in order to get caught up on work that has been paused.

Without additional support from the province, program prioritization will need to take place. In these times, deciding which programs/services not to return to will be difficult as the need for public health assistance is all around us.

As a final point, we would like to emphasize the urgency of establishing funding expectations for 2022. This is not a good time for public health to reduce its participation in recovery plans due to lack of capacity. We need to plan now for 2022, and while we understand and appreciate the burden on the Province and the Ministry of Health in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are respectfully requesting assistance by setting public health funding expectations as soon as possible.

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We look forward to discussing with you the ways Public Health Units can work with the Province to bring better health and well-being to all of the citizens of Ontario.

Sincerely yours,

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James Chirico, H.BSc., M.D., F.R.C.P. (C), MPH Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

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Nancy Jacko Chairperson, Board of Health

Enclosure (1) Copy to: Premier Doug Ford Hon. Helen Angus, Deputy Minister of Health Chief Medical Officer of Health Elizabeth Walker, Director, Public Health Accountability and Liaison Branch Collen Kiel, Director, Public Health Strategy and Planning Branch Vic Fedeli, MPP, Nipissing Norm Miller, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming-Cochrane Ontario Boards of Health Member Municipalities (31) Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Appendix A



NORTH BAY PARRY SOUND DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLUTION

DATE: June 23, 2021	MOVED BY: Jamie McGarvey	_
RESOLUTION: #BOH/2021/06/04	SECONDED BY: Gary Guenther	_

Whereas, the Government of Ontario in its budget of April 11, 2019, initiated a Public Health Modernization process which included a change in municipal cost-sharing from 25% of mandatory public health programs covered by municipalities to 30% of almost all public health programs based on 2018 third quarter spending levels; and

Whereas, on August 21, 2020, the Ministry of Health (Ministry) announced that provincial mitigation funding would be provided to offset the increase to municipal cost-sharing for 2020 and 2021; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic, which started in early 2020, has further affected municipalities' ability to pay levy increases, it has stalled modernization processes, increased the cost-of-living, and affected the health and well-being of the public, and more specifically, public health clients and staff.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit supports returning to the 2018 cost-sharing formulas at 25%/75%, with 100% provincially funded programs; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health supports mitigation funding continue for 2022 to eliminate the additional financial burden of a 42-50% levy increase to the Health Unit's 31 member municipalities if it is not possible to return to the 2018 cost-sharing formula with 100% provincially funded programs; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health requests the 2022 public health funding include increases to reflect, cost-of-living increases, public health program changes related to ongoing COVID-19 response, and funding to assist with program and community recovery efforts; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health requests a base funding increase to fund an Associate Medical Officer of Health to support the Medical Officer of Health with the continual demands of 24/7 on call coverage that have been highlighted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health instructs the Medical Officer of Health and Senior Management to write a letter to the Minister of Health detailing the financial and organizational pressures on public health, including outlining the urgency for establishing the funding levels for 2022 to assist public health and community budget planning.

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June 25, 2021

Michelle Lahay-Doucette, Board Chair East Nipissing Planning Board P.O. Box 31 Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0 By Email Only

Attention: Sandra Therrien, Secretary-Treasurer east.nipissing.planning.board@gmail.com

Subject: Approval of the Official Plan for the East Nipissing Planning Area MMAH File No.: 48-OP-150606

Dear Michelle Lahay-Doucette,

This is to advise you of the approval, with modifications, of the Official Plan for the East Nipissing Planning Area. Copies of the Notice of Decision and Decision are attached for your information and use.

Pursuant to subsections 17 (36.5) and (38.1) of the *Planning Act,* the approval of this Official Plan, with modifications, is final and not subject to appeal. Accordingly, the Official Plan for the East Nipissing Planning Area as approved with modifications by the Minister, comes into effect on June 26, 2021.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Minister's Modified Version of the Official Plan. We have retained an original "Minister's Copy" for our files.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Caitlin Carmichael, Planner at 705-564-6845 or caitlin.carmichael@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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Anna Little Manager, Community Planning and Development Municipal Services Office – North (Sudbury)

- Encl.: Decision Notice of Decision Minister's Modified Version of the Official Plan (e-mail only)
- Copy: Glenn Tunnock, Tunnock Consulting Ltd. <u>gtunnock@tunnockconsulting.ca</u>

Jason McMartin, CAO/Clerk Treasurer, Township of Papineau-Cameron <u>clerk@papineaucameron.ca</u>

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JoAnne Montreuil, Clerk-Treasurer, Municipality of Mattawan admin@mattawan.ca

Janet Stavinga, Algonquins of Ontario jstavinga@tanakiwin.com

File Number:48-OP-150606Municipality:East Nipissing Planning BoardSubject Lands:All lands within the East Nipissing Planning
Area

June 25, 2021 June 25, 2021

NOTICE OF DECISION

With respect to the East Nipissing Official Plan Subsection 17(34) of the *Planning Act*

A decision was made on the date noted above to approve the Official Plan for the East Nipissing Planning Area, By-laws N^{\circ} 2021-03 (Township of Papineau-Cameron), N^{\circ} 2021-005 (Municipality of Calvin), N^{\circ} 2021-005 (Municipality of Mattawan) and N^{\circ} 2021-01 (East Nipissing Planning Board), subject to fifteen (15) modifications.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment

The Official Plan for the East Nipissing Planning Area contains goals, objectives, and policies to guide land use decisions within the planning area. The Official Plan, approved as modified, will be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and continue to provide guidance to growth for a 25-year planning horizon. A copy of the decision is attached.

Decision Final

Pursuant to subsections 17 (36.5) and (38.1) of the *Planning Act*, this decision is final and not subject to appeal. Accordingly, the Official Plan, as approved with modifications by the Minister, comes into effect on June 26, 2021.

Other Related Applications:

N/A

Getting Additional Information

Additional information is available during regular office hours at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at the address noted below or from the East Nipissing Planning Board.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Municipal Services Office – North 159 Cedar Street, Sudbury ON, P3E 6A5

Inquiries can be directed to the attention of Caitlin Carmichael, Planner

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From: To: Subject: Date:	AMO Communications Cindy Pigeau AMO Policy Update - Community Paramedicine, Transportation Investments for Small and Rural Communities, Pathway Immigration Program Monday, June 28, 2021 3:15:56 PM
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AMO Policy Update – Community Paramedicine, Transportation Investments for Small and Rural Communities, and Pathway Immigration Program

Joint Community Paramedicine Policy Framework

AMO and the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs (OAPC) have today submitted our joint Community Paramedic Policy Framework to the Honourable Christine Elliott, the Minister of Health, and the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care, for their consideration and action. Both the AMO and OAPC Boards had reviewed and approved the CP Policy Framework.

AMO and the OPAC developed this paper over the last few months to set out the immediate and future requirements to successfully develop a community paramedicine system in Ontario. We are looking forward to working with the Ministries of Health and Long-Term Care as valued partners along with Ontario Health to make a community paramedicine system in Ontario a reality.

Our primary ask is for the Ministries of Health and Long-Term Care to establish a working group with us, and the City of Toronto, in order to develop an agreed upon Community Paramedicine policy framework that could start to be implemented, by enabling legislation, by Fall 2022.

We expect to have an opportunity to present the CP Policy Framework to the Ministers soon and there will be a Community Paramedicine concurrent session at the AMO conference on Tuesday, August 17th.

Ontario Extends Transportation Investments for Small and Rural Communities

The Ontario government is extending funding of up to \$14 million over two years for communities providing transportation services in unserved and underserved regions across Ontario through the <u>Community Transportation Grant Program</u>.

Additional funding will help assist transportation services in 38 communities across the province have additional time to fully establish their transportation services as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and build transportation services up to a sustainable level. This will better position municipalities to continue operating after the program has completed.

This program is currently providing up to \$30 million over five years (2018-2023) to 38 municipalities to deliver <u>43 projects</u>. This includes several municipal governments who are partnering with or serving Indigenous communities and organizations. Today's announcement will extend support for transportation services including bus service, on-demand shared rides and door-to-door transportation services supported by the program for two additional years.

Temporary Resident to Permanent Resident Pathway Immigration Program

The <u>Temporary Resident to Permanent Resident Pathway</u> is accepting applications until November 5th, 2021. The program offers a faster pathway to permanent residency to foreign nationals in Canada in the following categories:

- workers in Canada in health care (Stream A) and essential non-health care (Stream B)
- French-speaking workers in Canada in health care (Stream A) and essential non-health care (Stream B)
- French-speaking international graduates.

The program will accept up to 20,000 applications for temporary foreign workers in healthcare, and 30,000 applications in eligible non-health care essential occupations. Applications for French-speaking or bilingual candidates are not limited by a quota.

The application period ends on November 5th, 2021 or until application quotas have been filled, whichever comes first. The federal government has provided a <u>self-assessment tool</u> for potential applicants, as well as a <u>guide</u> through the application process.

AMO welcomes this expedited pathway to permanent residency. Many regions in Ontario, especially in rural and northern areas, would benefit from the addition of health care workers and other non-health care essential personnel to help address local labour shortages and aid workforce development.

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

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June 28, 2021

VIA EMAIL TO: premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Resolution - Municipal Land Transfer Tax

At its Regular Meeting of Council held April 21, 2021, Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles passed the following Resolution:

Resolution No.: 2021-94 Moved by: Councillor Monica Loftus Seconded by: Councillor Richard Lemieux

"WHEREAS Municipalities in Ontario have an infrastructure deficit of \$34 billion dollars;

AND WHEREAS there is extremely limited grant money being received by the provincial and federal governments;

WE THEREFORE ASK that Municipalities be allowed to have a charge applied to all land transfers within their boundaries and that this amount go directly to the Municipality.

CARRIED"

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.



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Sincerely,



CC: Right Honourable Justin Trudeau (Via Email To: <u>Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca</u>) Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark (Via Email To: <u>Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org</u>) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (Via Email To: <u>AMO@amo.on.ca</u>) The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (Via Email To: <u>Office@fonom.org</u>) Ontario Municipalities



"Via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

June 24th, 2021

The Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Re: Motion to Include the PSA Test for Men into the Medical Care

This will serve to advise you that Council, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021, passed the following resolution:

"Resolution No. 182-2021 Moved By: Robert Hutchinson Seconded By: Daniel Belisle

WHEREAS the male population has been made to pay for prostrate blood test and whereas 11 Canadian men will die of prostrate cancer every day and

WHEREAS 1.5 million Canadian men are not seeking the early detection PSA testing and

WHEREAS prostrate cancer is the most common cancer in men and

WHEREAS when detected early the survival rate is close to 100% and detected late 3 of 4 men will be lost and

WHEREAS men who wish to have this test done have to pay \$33.00 for the test


THEREFORE I Robert Hutchinson move that both the Federal and Provincial Governments move to have this test included in the national health care system and that it be made available for all Canadian men at no charge and further that the Government make every effort to have this become a reality sooner than later as stated above every day that goes by another 11 men will die of this avoidable disease and

FURTHERMORE that this motion be distributed to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada, Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health (Canada) Honourable Patty Hajdu, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (Ontario) Honourable Christine Elliott, all municipalities, and all First Nation Communities.

Carried"

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours Truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

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Alice Mercier Clerk

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c.c.: Hon. Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health (Canada) Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (Ontario) All Municipalities All First Nation Communities

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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June 29, 2021

Via Email: scott@baseballhalloffame.ca

Scott Crawford, Director of Operation Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum PO Box 1838, 386 Church St. S. St. Marys, ON N4X 1C2

Re: Support for the Induction of the Coloured All-Stars into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on June14, 2021 passed the following resolution:

"Whereas The Chatham Coloured All-Stars first formed in 1932, with majority of the players being from North Buxton, Chatham and Windsor areas;

And Whereas they began competing in the Chatham City League in 1932;

And Whereas they broke colour barriers being the first black team to win a major championship competing for and winning the Ontario Baseball Amateur Association's Intermediate B Championship on October 24, 1934;

And Whereas the team was honoured by both the Chatham Sports Hall of Fame and the Ontario Baseball Hall of Fame;

And Whereas in 2001 and 2002, the Toronto Blue Jays wore replica Chatham Coloured All-Stars uniforms in honour of the team when Major League Baseball honoured the Negro Leagues.

Be it therefore resolved that the Municipality of Chatham-Kent endorse this resolution to support the induction of the Coloured All-Stars into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame".

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at <u>ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca</u>

Sincerely,

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Judy Smith, CMO Director Municipal Governance Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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July 2, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks

SUBJECT: Entering Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen

I am writing to you today to advise that at 12:01 a.m. on June 30, 2021, Ontario has moved into Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen (the "Roadmap"), the Government of Ontario's three-step plan to safely and cautiously reopen the province and gradually lift public health measures.

Step Two of the Roadmap

Step Two of the Roadmap focuses on the resumption of more outdoor activities and limited indoor services with small numbers of people where face coverings are worn, with other restrictions in place.

See below for an overview of Step Two of the Roadmap, which includes, but is not limited to, the following measures. Please refer to <u>Ontario Regulation 263/20</u> for precise requirements:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 25 people;
- Indoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 5 people;
- Outdoor meeting and event spaces limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person, and must not exceed 25 per cent capacity;
- Indoor meeting and event spaces closed, with exceptions for certain purposes, including for viewing for potential booking of a future event.
- Indoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services permitted at up to 25 per cent capacity of the particular room;
- Essential and other select retail permitted at 50 per cent capacity;
- Non-essential retail permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- Personal care services where face coverings can be worn at all times, and at 25 per cent capacity and other restrictions;
- Outdoor dining with up to 6 people per table, with exceptions for larger households and other restrictions;

- Outdoor fitness classes limited to the number of people who can maintain 3 metres of physical distance;
- Outdoor sports without contact or modified to avoid contact, with no specified limit on number of people or teams participating, with restrictions;
- Overnight camps for children operating in a manner consistent with the safety guidelines produced by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health;
- Outdoor sport facilities with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- Outdoor concert venues, theatres and cinemas, with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- Outdoor horse racing and motor speedways, with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- Outdoor fairs, rural exhibitions, festivals, permitted at 25 per cent capacity and with other restrictions

Extension of Orders under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) and the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*

Of the five emergency orders currently in effect under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) pursuant to <u>O. Reg. 25/21</u> of that Act, the following three orders will be extended until July 14, 2021:

	Order in Council/Date Made	Current Revocation Date
1.	Order in Council filed as <u>O. Reg. 8/21</u> (Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures), made on January 12, 2021	July 14, 2021
2.	Oder in Council filed as <u>O. Reg. 55/21</u> (Compliance Orders for Retirement Homes), made on February 5, 2021	July 14, 2021
3	Order in Council filed as <u>O. Reg. 305/21</u> (Regulated Health Professionals), made on April 21, 2021	July 14, 2021

Please note, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may further extend emergency orders under the EMCPA for up to 14 days at a time. For additional clarity, the following emergency orders under the EMCPA that are revoked on June 30, 2021:

	Order in Council/Date Made	Current Revocation Date
1.	Order in Council filed as <u>O. Reg. 271/21</u> (Work Redeployment for Local Health Integration Networks and Ontario Health), made on April 9, 2021	June 30, 2021
2.	Order in Council filed as <u>O. Reg. 272/21</u> (Transfer of Hospital Patients), made on April 9, 2021	June 30, 2021

In addition, orders made under the ROA will remain in force until July 19, 2021, with the possibility of further extension if approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. To

view the full list of orders in effect under the ROA, please visit <u>O. Reg. 458/20:</u> <u>"Extensions of Orders"</u> of that Act.

Enforcement of Orders

As the province cautiously moves ahead into Step Two, police officers and other provincial offences officers continue to have the authority to disperse gatherings or organized public events that are not complying with gathering/event limits and can temporarily close premises where prohibited gatherings or organized public events are occurring and require individuals to vacate.

Thank you for your dedication and ongoing cooperative efforts to help keep our communities safe and healthy.

Yours truly,

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for Kate Manson-Smith Deputy Minister

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[La version française suit]

June 29, 2021

I am pleased to let you know that today I released my latest Annual Report, covering the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

You can find the entire report, media materials, backgrounders, and statistics on our website here: <u>https://www.ombudsman.on.ca/resources/reports-and-case-summaries/annual-reports</u>

We encourage you to read the chapters of the report that relate to the topic areas relevant to your interests. In each chapter, we discuss the most common issues and the types of cases we have resolved across the province. Please feel free to share this information with any interested colleagues and stakeholders. We will also be happy to provide hard copies upon request, although we ask that you bear with us, as our usual printing and mailing process has been delayed due to the pandemic.

Should you have any questions about the report or cases related to your organization, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are also happy to assist you with any general questions about our work. You can reach our staff at **info@ombudsman.on.ca**.

Sincerely,



Paul Dubé, Ombudsman of Ontario

[The English version precedes]

29 juin 2021

C'est avec plaisir que je vous informe avoir publié mon Rapport annuel pour l'année financière 2020-2021 aujourd'hui.

Vous pouvez voir le rapport complet, les documents pour les médias et les statistiques sur notre site Web ici : <u>https://www.ombudsman.on.ca/ressources/rapports-et-cas-selectionnes/rapports-annuels</u>

Nous vous encourageons à lire les chapitres de ce rapport qui traitent de votre secteur, où nous discutons des problèmes les plus courants et des types de cas que nous avons réglés dans la province. Nous vous encourageons également à partager le rapport avec tout(e) collègue ou partie prenante intéressé(e).

Nous serons également heureux(ses) de fournir des copies papier sur demande. À ce propos, nous vous demandons de bien vouloir nous excuser de ce que notre processus d'impression et d'envoi habituel est retardé, en raison de la pandémie.

Si vous avez la moindre question à propos du rapport ou des cas relatifs à votre

organisme, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous. Nous serons aussi heureux(ses) de répondre à toute question générale à propos de notre travail. Vous pouvez contacter notre personnel à **info@ombudsman.on.ca**.

Cordialement,



Paul Dubé, Ombudsman de l'Ontario

If you would like to learn more about the assistance we provide Ontarians or stay informed about the work we do, you can subscribe to our monthly newsletter, *The Watchdog*.

Si vous souhaitez en savoir plus sur l'aide que nous offrons aux Ontariennes et aux Ontariens et rester informé(e) sur notre travail, abonnez-vous à notre bulletin mensuel, *Le chien de garde.*

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The Ombudsman is an independent officer of the Ontario legislature who conducts oversight of provincial government agencies and municipalities, universities and school boards, as well as child protection services and French language services. Ombudsman Paul Dubé was reappointed for a second five-year term, beginning on April 1, 2021.

L'Ombudsman est un officier indépendant de l'Assemblée législative de l'Ontario, chargé de surveiller les organismes du gouvernement provincial ainsi que les municipalités, les universités, les conseils scolaires, les services en français et les services de protection de l'enfance. L'Ombudsman Paul Dubé a été reconduit dans ses fonctions d'Ombudsman pour un deuxième mandat de cinq ans, à compter du 1er avril 2021.

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June 30, 2021

Dear Tribunals Ontario Stakeholder:

We are delighted to announce that the <u>Ministry of the Attorney General's Justice</u> <u>Accelerated Strategy</u> has enabled the launch of <u>Navigate Tribunals Ontario</u> at the Landlord and Tenant Board.

Navigate Tribunals Ontario empowers users by guiding them to information about their rights and responsibilities and the processes at the LTB. The online tool asks the user a series of questions and offers options tailored to their situation. In some cases, it helps the user determine which application to file.

The new tool makes it easy and convenient to access information about the *Residential Tenancies Act* and LTB processes, and its launch is part of the government's ongoing efforts to speed up access to justice and move more services online.

Features include:

- A series of questions guides users along pathways tailored to their situation.
- Info-sheets and summary reports, which include next steps and links to relevant resources, can be printed, emailed or downloaded at any time.
- A unique access code gives users the option to exit the navigation and come back later to pick up where they left off.
- No requirement to log in or provide personal details.

We have some enhancements to Navigate Tribunals Ontario planned for later this summer – we'll be launching new pathways with information about co-operative housing evictions, care home and mobile home tenancies. At the same time, we'll be updating content in the tool to reflect September 1 amendments to the *Residential Tenancies Act*.

We will be expanding Navigate Tribunals Ontario to help users of our other tribunals as well and we look forward to sharing that news with you in the near future.

We hope you will take a moment to visit navigatetribunalsontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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July 6, 2021

VIA EMAIL

Subject: Processes for the New Ontario Land Tribunal

The Ontario government passed the <u>Accelerating Access to Justice Act, 2021</u>, with a proclamation date of June 1, 2021. Through this Act, as of June 1, 2021, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, Environmental Review Tribunal, Board of Negotiation, Conservation Review Board and the Mining and Lands Tribunal were merged into a new single tribunal called the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

The new OLT will help reduce delays and make the land dispute resolution process more efficient by creating a single forum to resolve disputes faster by eliminating unnecessary overlap between cases.

Website Updates

We have made important changes and updates to our website, including:

- Rules of Practice and Procedure
- <u>Municipality/Approval Authority Form</u>
- Appeal Form A1
- Other Forms

We encourage you to visit our site and review our materials.

Electronic Document Submission

The OLT now accepts appeal documents electronically as the new Rules no longer require submissions in paper format. Electronic documents may be emailed to <u>OLT.Registrar@Ontario.ca</u>. However, if the size of the attachments is more than 5 megabytes, we recommend using our <u>Online Document Submission</u> process. It will allow you to securely submit documents up to 100 gigabytes in size.

You will need to register for this process; please visit our website for instructions.

All document file names must include the following information:

- 1. Document type
- 2. Type of party submitting the document

- 3. Name of the party submitting the document (including initials if the name is not unique to the case)
- 4. Date on which the document was created or signed, in the format DD-MMM-YYYY (e.g. 12-JAN-2021).

Below are sample document names:

- Expert Report Defendant ABC Inc. 13-MAR-2021
- Financial Statement Form 13.1 Respondent J. Doe 21-NOV-2021
- 11b Application Defense Smith 12-JAN-2021

Please note that documents need to be submitted in Word or PDF format.

If you are submitting a complete file of appeals with the Municipal Submission Form, please structure the submission into separate files with:

- Municipal Submission Form (sample name: Municipal Submission Form Ottawa – 19-June-2021)
- Separate files for each appeal
- Separate file for any supporting documents (may be subdivided into separate documents)
- Alternatively, a single PDF containing all the submission forms and materials may be submitted, provided it has a table of contents linked to bookmarks for the component documents

Please note that cheques and money orders **cannot** be submitted electronically. You must forward the original copies to the OLT.

The OLT now accepts appeal filing fees by credit card. Appellants do not specify credit card information on the form. Municipalities should **not** collect any credit card details for OLT appeals.

There are no changes to our filing fees at this time. Please refer to the OLT Fee Chart.

If you have any questions about our processes, forms or Rules, you can contact our staff at (416) 212-6349 or toll free (866) 448-2248 or at OLT.General.Inquiry@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Charie Hubbard

Marie Hubbard Chair Ontario Land Tribunal

Joe Whitehead Executive Director Ontario Land Tribunal