



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Council Correspondence

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AMO COVID-19 UPDATE: FEDERAL GAS TAX FUNDING ACCELERATED, PANDEMIC PAY, ESA CHANGES, ADDITIONAL RE-OPENINGS

June 1, 2020

Federal Gas Tax Funding Accelerated for 2020

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced today that the federal government would accelerate the payment of the 2020 federal Gas Tax Fund allocation to help municipalities pay for infrastructure projects and take advantage of the summer construction season. The Prime Minister called the accelerated federal Gas Tax Fund in 2020 “a first step” in supporting towns and cities. The \$2.2 billion (nation-wide) in federal Gas Tax funding will be forwarded in one payment in June rather than in two installments in July and November and can pay for a range of capital projects in 18 different categories. In Ontario, funds go directly to the City of Toronto and to AMO for the 443 municipal governments in the province. AMO administers \$647 million this year in Gas Tax funds on behalf of the Government of Canada.

While accelerated federal Gas Tax Fund allocations is a welcome first step, AMO has supported FCM’s call for \$10 billion in emergency funding from the federal government to help municipalities to continue operating during the emergency. Municipal funding sources have been severely challenged by the response to COVID-19, including delayed property tax payments, diminished or eliminated fares and program services and increased need for equipment to protect employees continuing to work. AMO continues to call for urgent emergency support so that municipal governments can continue to offer critical services that support health, safety and economic activity in our communities. The Prime Minister acknowledged that more needs to be done to provide financial assistance to municipalities and the federal government will do more “hand in hand with the provinces”.

Pandemic Pay Updates

On May 28th, the Ministry of Health hosted a teleconference that AMO attended to outline the parameters, timing, and process for flowing the pandemic pay to essential workers which, for Health, includes the public health and paramedic service program. We are now able to share the slides used at this teleconference.

As noted previously, the Province will be distributing this temporary top-up pay through existing transfer payment agreements so that employers will pay eligible employees through their existing payroll processes. These funds will be distributed to employers on an allocation basis and will be reconciled at a later date. June 5, 2020 is the target date for the funds to begin being transferred.

Information about these pandemic pay funds for eligible employees of long-term care homes, and housing and shelters is yet to be released. This information will be distributed as soon as it is received. We understand that all of the four programs in the three ministries – public health, paramedic services, long-term care homes, and the housing and shelter sector are looking to distribute the first allocation this week to the home employers to make payments to

eligible employees.

The provincial programs will determine eligibility and are expected to provide program specific guidance and webinars as part of their allocation rollouts. The provincial pandemic pay program website continues to be updated.

On Saturday, May 30th, the Province announced an emergency order [link] eliminating barriers to eligible frontline workers receiving pandemic pay. It will allow employers with unionized workforces to provide pandemic pay to eligible employees without the need to negotiate separate terms or conditions with their bargaining agents.

We continue to ask that the four programs' templates and reporting/reconciliation processes be identical to reduce municipal administrative burden. Although we know that the programs are trying to have an integrated approach across the ministries, we further understand that the four programs' administrative processes may be different as the programs are different.

COVID Related Changes to Employment Standards Act (ESA)

On Friday, May 29th the Province released a new regulation under the *Employment Standards Act, 2000* (ESA) that is intended to provide temporary relief from the ESA's termination and severance provisions for employers whose operations have been shut down or otherwise curtailed by COVID-19 - O. Reg. 228/20, Infectious Disease Emergency Leave (IDEL Regulation).

It should be noted upfront that these new rules do not apply to unionized staff. Collective agreement provisions and the ESA's usual temporary layoff rules will continue to apply in unionized workplaces.

There are three basic components in this IDEL Regulation:

- changes to infectious disease emergency leave (IDEL)
- certain employees are to be on IDEL (not on layoff – thus stopping the ESA clock)
- deeming certain actions not to be a constructive dismissal.

For more detailed information on this ESA regulation change, please refer to a May 31st Hicks Morley update on this subject.

Retirement Home Amendments

The Province has now made amendments to the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* regulation, enabling the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority (RHRA) to better support seniors living in retirement homes during the COVID-19 outbreak. The regulation change increases the emergency payment the RHRA can pay to eligible retirement home residents from \$2,000 to \$3,500.

In the event of an emergency, such as an outbreak, this funding can be used to support residents to cover costs for transportation, alternative accommodation, or temporary care. The regulation change also requires retirement homes to report infectious disease outbreaks to the RHRA during COVID-19 and beyond.

More Re-openings Permitted

The Ontario government is starting to reintroduce camping in Ontario Parks and recreational camping on Crown land, starting today - June 1, 2020. Backcountry camping will be available at Ontario Parks, including access points, paddle and portage routes, and hiking trails. Ontario Parks will also be expanding day-use activities to include picnicking and off-leash pet areas. All these reopened activities require the public to continue to practice required

public health measures.

The Province has also amended an emergency order to allow drive-in movie theatres that were in existence before May 29, 2020 to reopen with restrictions and, as well, the reopening of batting cages as of May 31st.

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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AMO COVID-19 UPDATE: CHILD CARE AND PATIO EXTENSIONS

June 9, 2020

Child Care Reopening Plan

Today the Province announced a reopening plan for child care to support economic recovery. Up until now, only emergency child care has been available to essential front-line workers in select locations in communities throughout Ontario. This emergency care will end June 26th as child care centres are permitted to reopen at reduced capacity (i.e. fewer children). They will be subject to health and safety, and operational protocols and requirements. Mandatory training, reporting, and support will be provided by local Medical Officers of Health.

Patio Extensions during COVID-19

Yesterday the Province introduced new measures to support those who have liquor sales licenses to be able to temporarily extend their patios using public health measures once able to safely reopen for business. This was a measure to help local businesses that AMO and municipal leaders asked for in recent weeks and as of June 12th will be available to those regions who are able to reopen safely.

Regulation 719 under the *Liquor Licence Act* (LLA) has been amended to provide flexibility for liquor sales licensees (e.g. licensed bars and restaurants) to temporarily extend their physical premises beyond 14 days provided they have municipal approval and meet the criteria below.

Once permitted to open again and until January 1, 2021 at 3:00 a.m., liquor sales licensees who wish to temporarily extend the physical size of their existing licensed patio or to temporarily add a new licensed patio within the approved period, are authorized to do so, if the following criteria are met:

- the physical extension of the premises is adjacent to the premises to which the license to sell liquor applies;
- the municipality in which the premises are situated has indicated it does not object to an extension;
- the licensee is able to demonstrate sufficient control over the physical extension of the premises;
- there is no condition on the liquor sales license prohibiting a patio; and,
- the capacity of any new patio, or extended patio space where the licensee has an existing licensed patio, does not exceed 1.11 square metres per person.

The Province has also minimized administrative burden for licensees under this amendment as they are not required to apply to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) or pay a fee to temporarily extend their patio or add a temporary new licensed patio. The AGCO has also worked to reduce administrative burden on this process.

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May 28, 2020

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Re: Essential Workers Day – March 17

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held May 26, 2020 adopted the following:

10.1 Essential Workers Day – Councillor Wall

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario enacted a Declaration of Emergency on March 17th, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Worldwide Pandemic; and

WHEREAS during the state of emergency certain services have been deemed essential services by the Government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS citizens are asked to isolate at home to reduce the spread of COVID-19 as essential workers continue to work and provide an essential service to their community; and

WHEREAS essential workers across the country are risking their lives; and

WHEREAS some essential workers have been stricken with illness, suffered trauma or injury, or lost their lives as a result of providing an essential service; and

WHEREAS without this dedicated workforce, essential services, including but not limited to, healthcare, police, fire, paramedics, military, social services, community services, food distribution, agriculture, postal and delivery services, education, security, transit, financial services, hospitality, commerce, manufacturing, construction, maintenance and repair, waste management, sanitation services, government, and administrative services would fail to function; and

WHEREAS our community owes a profound debt of gratitude to every single essential worker who ensured our community could continue to operate;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

- A. THAT March 17 BE PROCLAIMED by the Council for The Corporation of the City of Brantford to be Essential Workers Day in the City of Brantford; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to provide a copy of this resolution, with a covering letter, to MPP Will Bouma and MP Phil McColeman to respectfully request that the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada formally declare March 17 to be Essential Workers Day to honour all of the essential workers who sacrificed so much during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- C. THAT all municipalities across Ontario and Canada BE INVITED to proclaim March 17 to be Essential Workers Day in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to AMO, LUMCO, FCM, and ROMA for that purpose.



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cc All Ontario municipalities
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Large Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO)
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Good afternoon,

Orangeville Council at its June 8, 2020 meeting passed the following resolution:

“WHEREAS The Town of Orangeville recognizes there have been questions in the public related to both diversity training and use of force training and protocols for Police Services, including in Ontario;

WHEREAS the Town recognizes that police officers join this profession out of a desire to do good, to serve and to protect the communities they serve;

AND WHEREAS an understanding of community diversity can foster authentic inclusion;

AND WHEREAS empathy training, and de-escalation training, can support understanding other people’s perspectives;

AND WHEREAS the Town recognizes that policing can be a dangerous profession, and officer as well as community safety are critical considerations in law enforcement;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have indicated they have a comprehensive diversity training program, however there may not be the same resources available across the entire province for smaller Police Services;

AND WHEREAS there is concern in the public about the boundaries of use of force, such as neck restraints, and oversight;

AND WHEREAS there isn’t clarity on a common bar on diversity and empathy training or on use of force and oversight;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Solicitor General to encourage common training requirements for all members of Police Services in Ontario as it relates to diversity, empathy and use of force;

AND THAT the Solicitor General provide clarity on police oversight going forward given the anticipated changes to legislation to ensure effective accountability continues;

AND THAT annual updates or refresher courses be mandatory to ensure our Police Services have the best and current information available to them;

AND THAT THE TOWN request that the use of force protocols be reviewed to ensure they are safe and would meet current standards, and then shared across the province;

AND THAT THE TOWN circulate this resolution to all Ontario municipalities seeking their support.”

Regards,

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2020- 64

DATE: June 3, 2020

CARRIED: ✓

DEFEATED: _____

<u>MOVED BY:</u>	<u>DIVISION LIST</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
<u>Councillor Ryman</u>	Councillor Constable	_____	_____
	Councillor Gregory	_____	_____
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<u>Councillor Constable</u>	Councillor Ryman	_____	_____
	Mayor Robinson	_____	_____

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall received correspondence dated May 14, 2020 from The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding issues discussed at their May 13th, 2020 virtual meeting;

AND WHEREAS the correspondence brought attention to AMO's Discussion Paper "New Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Boards: Building a Framework for Better Policing Governance";

AND WHEREAS AMO's discussion paper proposes that Northern Ontario District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB) replace the current OPP Detachment Boards;

AND WHEREAS the FONOM Board has identified several issues with DSSAB Boards replacing the current Detachment Boards, and recognizes that Community Policing is distinctive to each Municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall is in agreement with the opinion of FONOM, that the current DSSAB's would not be the best solution for overseeing the Northern OPP Detachments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to FONOM and its member municipalities, AMO, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, and Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka.



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SAULT STE. MARIE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, June 16, 2020 4:45 p.m.
Electronic Meeting**

- 1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
- 2. Finance and Administration**
 - May 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - Accounts Payable
 - 2020 Budget Update
 - Health and Safety Meeting Minutes
 - Update on Final Reporting for funding agencies
- 3. Water and Related Land Management**
 - Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses
 - Application Approvals
- 4. Conservation and Recreation**
 - Update on Parking area at Fort Creek CA and Mark's Bay CA
- 5. New Business / Other**
 - Update on Memorial Signage
- 6. Adjournment**

For members of the public interested in joining the meeting electronically, please contact the General Manager, Corrina Barrett, at cbarrett@ssmrca.ca **no later than Noon on Friday June 12th, 2020** to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.