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February 28, 2020

Mayor Christian Provenzano
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Dear Mayor Provenzano:

It was an honour and a pleasure to meet with you at McMeeken Arena recently. From visiting your great community, I learned a lot about the great work the City of Sault Ste. Marie does for our province.

Ontario is defined and enriched by the diversity of experiences, heritage and traditions of the people who live here. And our province is made stronger by the contributions of organizations like yours. These strengths are what make Ontario truly the best place to live, visit and explore.

In Ontario, you can explore the world in one province, and at my ministry, we are working to welcome the world to our province every single day. Our work — and the work of our many partners — brings people together, showcases the authentic Ontario experience, and supports our diverse and thriving communities.

This work drives billions of dollars in economic activity and creates thousands of jobs. It boosts local economies, helps Ontario's communities succeed and showcases their strengths to the world.

As Minister, I will continue working to advance the goals of my ministry, whether it is through enhancing our tourist attractions, celebrations, events or festivals; providing stable tax credits to the film and media industry; supporting amateur athletes; or enhancing our cultural institutions and organizations.

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If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact my Executive Assistant, Mr. Noah Ng at 416-953-4264 or noah.ng@ontario.ca. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to learn more about your community.

Kindest regards,



Lisa MacLeod
Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries



February 28, 2020

Dear Head of Council:

RE: Provincial Policy Statement, 2020

Earlier today, the government of Ontario released the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2020. The PPS is an important part of Ontario's land use planning system, setting out the provincial land use policy direction that guides municipal decision-making.

Municipalities play a key role in implementing provincial land use policies through local official plans, zoning by-laws and other planning decisions. The Planning Act requires that decisions on land use planning matters be "consistent with" PPS policies.

The PPS, 2020 supports implementation of **More Homes, More Choice**: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan and includes key changes to:

- Encourage an increase in the mix and supply of housing
- Protect the environment and public safety
- Reduce barriers and costs for development and provide greater certainty
- Support rural, northern and Indigenous communities
- Support the economy and job creation

The PPS, 2020 works together with other recent changes to the land use planning system – including changes to the Planning Act through Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 and **A Place to Grow**: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Collectively, these changes support key government priorities of increasing housing supply, supporting job creation and reducing red tape – while continuing to protect Ontarians' health and safety and the environment, including the Greenbelt.

The PPS, 2020 policies will take effect on May 1, 2020. It will replace the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014. In accordance with section 3 of the Planning Act, all decisions affecting land use planning matters made after this date shall be consistent with the PPS, 2020. My ministry will be in touch to provide education and training for municipal staff to support implementation of the new policies.

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For more information about the PPS, 2020, please visit ontario.ca/PPS where you will find:

- A digital version of the PPS, 2020
- A link to the decision notice on the Environment Registry of Ontario (ERO #019-0279)

If you have any questions about the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, please contact the ministry at provincialplanning@ontario.ca or by calling 1-877-711-8208.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c: Planning Head, Planning Board Secretary-Treasurer, and/or Clerks



Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

March 1, 2020

Ontario Municipalities

Dear Heads of Council and Councillors:

Re: Issues regarding the mapping of Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs)

Norfolk County Council is working to address significant issues that have come to our attention regarding the mapping of Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs).

Following the Ministry's updated mapping related to PSWs, the County updated its Official Plan to bring its policies in line with the new mapping. Following that, the County planning staff introduced a Zoning By-Law amendment to update the zoning to reflect the new mapping and to provide consistency between the Zoning By-Law and the Official Plan. Though the mapping is wholly outside the County's process and control, the zoning by-law amendment was not approved by Council, flowing from significant public concern about the updated mapping affecting people's properties. In some cases, some of these changes were very significant.

The County submitted comments to the province as part of the review of the Provincial Policy statement requesting that the process for PSW mapping be significantly improved to allow for transparency and better land owner engagement, including, for example, a right of appeal or formal dispute resolution process. This will allow for land owners to be properly informed and engaged where land use designations that affect their property may result. The current process appears to be severely underfunded and without any meaningful way for affected residents to engage.

The County is seeking support from other rural municipalities who may be affected by this to address this issue with the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours Truly,

Mayor Kristal Chopp
Norfolk County

cc. The Honourable Steve Clark,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



Hon. Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs
77 Grenville Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5S 1B3

Via Email: minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Hardeman,

Ontario farms have come under increasing threat from trespassers and activists who illegally enter property, barns and buildings, causing significant disruptions to the entire agri-food sector. These activists are trespassing under false pretenses to gain entry on to farm properties. They have seized private property and threatened the health and safety of Ontario farms, employees, livestock and crops. These individuals and organizations are causing health and safety concerns and undue stress to Ontario farmers, their families, and their businesses. Once peaceful protests have escalated to trespassing, invading, barn break-ins and harassment. These incidents distress farmers, their families and employees, and threaten the health of livestock and crops when activists breach biosecurity protocols, ultimately putting the entire food system at risk.

We strongly support the new proposed legislation, *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*. This new legislation is an important way to keep our farm and food supply safe for all Ontarians. Bill 156 provides a balanced approach to protecting farms while recognizing a citizen's right to protest. This new legislation will ensure farm businesses have a legal standing to protect their farm, family and employees, livestock, crops and ultimately the entire food system. *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act* is good news for Ontario's agri-food industry. Thank you for this important new legislation. Protection of our Ontario should be the highest priority.

Sincerely,

Meagan Elliott
Municipal Clerk

Moved: Eugene Ivanov

Seconded: Patrick Adams

Whereas the Provincial Government of Ontario is considering Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019*; and

Whereas Bill 156 is intended to protect farms, farm operations, and food safety and security by addressing unwanted trespassing; and

Whereas Ontario farmers are increasingly under threat of unwanted trespassers who are illegally entering property, barns and buildings, and safety of drivers of motor vehicles transporting farm animals which threatens the health and safety of the farm, employees, livestock and crops; and

Whereas additional protection for the agri-food industry to protect the security of the food chain, the farm owners, family and employees is the purpose of the *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019*; and

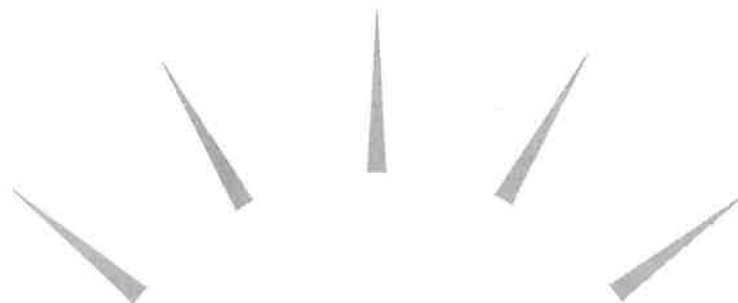
Whereas unwanted trespassing occurs on all types of farm operations, including grain farmers, which has the potential to impact the safety and security of people and the food chain;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Kirkland Lake supports the intent of Bill 156 and requests that the Province of Ontario expanding Bill 156 to identify and include protections against trespass for grain farm operations; and

That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario, John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario, Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, and Monte McNaughton, MPP, Middlesex-Kent; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Ontario municipalities.

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Nancy Milosevich

From: City Clerk
Subject: FW: Municipal Engineers Association - 2020 Student Bursary Program
Attachments: LETTER TO CLERKS PACKAGE RE 2020 MEA BURSARY PROGRAM.pdf

Dear Municipal Clerk:

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) is pleased to advise that it will be offering its 2020 Bursary Program to assist students enrolling in an Engineering Program at the University level for the upcoming 2020/2021 academic year. **This is the 13th consecutive year the MEA will be awarding bursaries to engineering students of the children/dependents of municipal employees and elected councillors.** Since its inception, the MEA has awarded over \$120,000 in bursaries to prospective 1st year engineering students.

Up to 10 bursaries will be awarded. The highest scoring applicant will receive the *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000; the balance are valued at \$1,500 each.

The MEA is a non-profit association representing the interests of municipal engineers in Ontario who are employed as professional engineers at Ontario Municipalities and other provincial agencies serving in the Engineering/Public Works field. The MEA values the contribution of all municipal employees, is committed to the continued technical excellence of our future municipal engineers, is sensitive to serving the community and the need for effective communication skills.

We have attached a package of information that we trust you will distribute to your municipal staff. It provides more details about our Bursary Program (Eligibility and Selection Criteria, Application Package and a 1 page sample notice) you can use to inform your staff). **Deadline for student application this year is midnight May 8, 2020.**

We thank you for your cooperation.



D.M. (Dan) Cozzi P.Eng,
Executive Director

