



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

December 17, 2021

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From: [Madison Zuppa](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: Petition submission
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 3:25:08 PM

From: Patricia Smith
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 9:39 AM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@cityssm.on.ca>
Subject: Re: Petition submission

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- Robbery has increased by 50 percent as of January 2021. As of May 2021, the percentage increased to 53.8 percent
- 38 residence break and enters January 2021. As of May 2021, this number has increased to 242
- 11 motor vehicle thefts January 2021. As of May 2021, this number has increased to 53.
- 32 thefts from a vehicle January 2021. As of May 2021, this number has increased to 244.
- Homicide has increased by 100 percent as of May 2021
- The protection of the rights of our citizens to live in a safer environment is a priority of the Government.
- The added cost of home security is increasing the daily struggles, rendering all people susceptible to increased mental health, quality of life, and financial burdens
- We respectfully request that our government address the longstanding gap in our judicial system to ensure basic due process to protect our citizens.
- The potential exists to propel and may contribute to the increase in vigilante actions and eventual anarchy.
- Police are stretched to respond to the increasing crime calls and is adversely affecting the citizens confidence in our City Police.
- To prevent further increase in crime, that may occur, it is necessary to review the government's actions against the increasing crime rates.
- Municipalities have been ineffective at addressing the above concerns.
- All-party support is anticipated for fast action to make our cities a safer place to live

These concerns need to be addressed. The citizens of our city are at a loss as to how to protect our families, our most vulnerable and our property.

Regards

Patricia Defend

Rachel Tyczinski

Subject: FW: Taxi Service shortage....

From: Jonathon Bujold

Sent: Saturday, December 4, 2021 10:56 PM

To: City Clerk <cityclerk@cityssm.on.ca>

Subject: Taxi Service shortage....

Seriously? Taxi service shortages? Our city counsellors must be absolutely ignorant..... If our counsel stops blocking Uber from operating in our city, we could join the 21st century and make Taxi's available for accessibility needs. I can't believe our counsellors actually allowed themselves to be quoted on this issue in the SooToday article without realizing how incompetent and shortsighted it would make them seem.

Approve Uber ride share services like every other city that prioritizes affordability and open market transportation services and step into the modern era.....



December 7, 2021

Hon. Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Bldg 11th Floor
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Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Delivered by Email:
attorneygeneral@ontario.ca

Dear Hon. Doug Downey;

RE: Concerning Rates of Recidivism

At the Penetanguishene Police Services Board meeting held on June 14, 2021, members of the board received a quarterly report from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment Commander. Within the report, the board noticed that the crime rate numbers were surprisingly high. The Detachment Commander explained that a major contributing factor to the high crime rate was that a high number of offenders were often being released by the courts and therefore given the opportunity to re-offend.

Following the meeting, the Detachment was able to research the recidivism rates for the catchment area in order to get a better understanding of the circumstances. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic (August 2018 to February 2020) to post pandemic (March 2020 to September 2021) there was increase of 11% in recidivism rates. In Penetanguishene alone, there were a total of 12427 charges that were analyzed (29% criminal and 71% Provincial) with 519 persons who had charges withdrawn in the same time period.

These recidivism rates were concerning for the Police Services Board for two reasons. The first being that it's obvious that no lesson is learnt by most offenders when they are provided with multiple chances. The second being that this recidivism cycle that's being created continues to cause more work for the police which then takes them away from other important duties.

We're aware that the analysis of rates demonstrates an increase since the pandemic, and fully recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic could have been a contributing factor to the increase in rates. However, since the pandemic restrictions seem to be lifting, we're hopeful that the recidivism rates lessen as well.

Our hope is to bring awareness to the recidivism rates, advocate for the Southern Georgian Bay OPP and finally, enact change within the provincial court system to help minimize these rates. It would be most helpful not only to the Southern Georgian Bay OPP but all detachments across the province if the provincial court system could help minimize



recidivism rates by monitoring and recording the offenders who continue to reoffend and highly consider recidivism when sentencing.

We're hopeful that by raising awareness of the high recidivism rates within our detachment, it may persuade change within the provincial court system related to offender sentencing. Please feel free to reach out to the undersigned bcummings@penetanguishene.ca should you have any questions.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

Brian Cummings, Board Chair
Penetanguishene Police Services Board

CC: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
Inspector Joseph Evans, OPP
Interim Executive Director, Bruce Chapman, OAPSB
Council of the Town of Penetanguishene
Chief Administrative Officer, Jeff Lees, Town of Penetanguishene
All municipalities in Ontario

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Community Services

Legislative Services

December 14, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: City of St. Catharines' Resolution - National Childcare Program

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of December 13, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the City of St. Catharines dated December 1, 2021 regarding the National Childcare Program.

Attached please find a copy of the City of St. Catharines' correspondence dated December 1, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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

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CS:dlk

Attach

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December 1, 2021

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

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: National Childcare Program
Our Files:**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on November 15, 2021, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

"WHEREAS the province of Ontario has the most expensive childcare in the country, presenting a financial hardship for many families and a barrier for women's full economic participation; and

WHEREAS the \$34 billion early learning and childcare spending commitment announced this year by the federal government will bring transformative change to childcare by lowering parent fees and expanding the supply of regulated not-for-profit and public childcare in this country; and

WHEREAS the federal government has already reached childcare agreements with BC, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory, PEI, Newfoundland and Labrador and Quebec; and

WHEREAS the provisions of each agreement vary to some degree, but the majority of the jurisdictions have agreed to use the federal funds to:

- (a) lower parent fees by 50 per cent by the end of 2022 and to \$10 a day by 2025-26 or sooner;
- (b) improve the wages and working conditions of early childhood educators, and
- (c) publicly fund the expansion of not-profit and public childcare;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines request that the provincial government take the necessary steps to work with the federal government on

a bilateral agreement to ensure the new national child care program be made available to Ontarians, and that it focuses on increased access, affordability, quality and responsiveness, all of which are essential to the COVID-19 pandemic response; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff actively monitor federal developments and engage in provincial and regional discussions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council request the City Clerk circulate Council's decision to other municipalities in Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.”

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
:mb

cc: Niagara Area MPPs
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario, amo@amo.on.ca

From: [Madison Zuppa](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: FW: Municipality of Mattice - Val Côté Resolution - MPAC assessment
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 3:25:07 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Jillian Hayes
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2021 1:00 PM
Subject: RE: Municipality of Mattice - Val Côté Resolution - MPAC assessment

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Hello All,

Council for the Village of Hilton Beach, ON passed the following motion in support of Mattice-Val Cote, on December 9, 2021. This has been emailed to Doug Ford and other appropriate Ministries and MPPs

21-143 Moved by Councillor Delvecchio
Seconded by Councilor MacKay

THAT Council for the Village of Hilton Beach support the resolution of the Municipality of Mattice-Val Cote urging the government of Ontario to reconsider its decision and direct MPAC to proceed with a province-wide assessment update in order for Ontario Municipalities to be able to collect property taxes based upon actual property values

CARRIED

Regards,

Jillian Hayes

Clerk-Treasurer
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From: Village of Thornloe
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 3:41 PM
Subject: RE: Municipality of Mattice - Val Côté Resolution - MPAC assessment

Council of the Village of Thornloe at the regular meeting of Council held on November 17, 2021

wished to show support to Municipality of Mattice – Val Cote and passed the following motion:

2021 – 164

Moved by: Allan Peddie
Seconded by: Pauline Peddie

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Thornloe supports Resolution No.

21-247 from the Municipality of Mattice-Valcoté urging the government of Ontario to reconsider its decision and to direct MPAC to proceed with a province-wide assessment update in order for Ontario municipalities to be able to collect property taxes based upon actual property values; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MPAC, AMO and to Charlie Angus, MP and John Vanthof, MPP.

Carried

Reynald Rivard
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Thornloe
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From: Nicole Martin

Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 3:03 PM

Subject: RE: Municipality of Mattice - Val Côté Resolution - MPAC assessment

Council of the Township of Amaranth at the regular meeting of Council held on November 17, 2021 wished to show support to Municipality of Mattice – Val Cote and passed the following motion:

Resolution #9

Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Township of Amaranth support the resolution of the Municipality of Mattice-Val Cote and urges the government of Ontario to reconsider its decision and to direct MPAC to proceed with a province-wide assessment update in order for Ontario Municipalities to be able to collect property taxes based upon actual property values, and;

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, to MPAC, to AMO, to all Ontario municipalities and to our federal and provincial government representatives.

CARRIED

Thank you, Nicole

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A. (she/her)

CAO/Clerk – Acting Treasurer | Township of Amaranth

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From: Guylaine Coulombe <gcoulombe@matticevalcote.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:58 PM

Subject: Municipality of Mattice - Val Côté Resolution - MPAC assessment

Good afternoon everyone,

Enclosed herewith you will find our Council’s resolution asking the provincial government to reconsider its decision to postpone, once again, the property assessment updates.

Sincerely,

Guylaine Coulombe
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December 15, 2021

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

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Province-Wide Assessment Update

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on December 14th, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2021-12-20

“WHEREAS, the government of Ontario recently announced the continued postponement of the province-wide assessment update for the 2022 and 2023 taxation years;

AND WHEREAS, this means that property values will continue to be based on the January 1, 2016 valuation date until at least 2024;

AND WHEREAS, the Municipality of Tay Valley Township is aware of the important increase in property values throughout the province and within its own jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS, the continued postponement of property valuation translates into a significant loss of taxation revenue for Municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of Tay Valley Township urges the government of Ontario to reconsider its decision and to direct MPAC to proceed with a province-wide assessment update in order for Ontario Municipalities to be able to collect property taxes based upon actual property values;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Scott Reid, MP, Randy Hillier, MPP, MPAC, AMO and to all Ontario municipalities.”

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or clerk@tayvalleytwp.ca.

Sincerely,

Amanda Mabo

Amanda Mabo, Acting CAO/Clerk

cc: Scott Reid, MP, Lanark – Frontenac – Kingston
Randy Hillier, MPP, Lanark – Frontenac - Kingston
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 430-21

Date: Dec 14, 2021

Moved By: *[Signature]*

Seconded By: *[Signature]*

THAT Council hereby supports the attached resolution from the City of Kitchener regarding Bill C-6-2020, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Conversion Therapy); and

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario Honourable Doug Ford, area Members of Provincial Parliament, local MP's and MPP's, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all other Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

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



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December 1, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on November 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding fire safety measures:

"WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, in December 1975, enacted the Ontario Building Code for the purpose of regulating the construction of new, safe buildings within the Province of Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, in November 1981 enacted the Ontario Fire Code for the purpose of maintaining the life safety systems of all buildings within the Province of Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, in November 1983 began the process of amending the Ontario Fire Code to include Retrofit provisions, for the purpose of providing a minimum level of life safety for those existing buildings which had not been built under the provisions of any version of the Ontario Building Code; and,

WHEREAS the government of Ontario, in October 1992 amended the Ontario Fire Code Retrofit provisions, for the purpose of providing a minimum level of life safety to buildings classed as low rise residential (9.5); and,

WHEREAS October 2021 marks twenty-nine (29) years since the requirements outlined by Retrofit 9.5 have been substantially updated; and,

WHEREAS this lack of currently appropriate standards for self-closing devices on suite doors and positive latching on exit stairwell doors has led to significant serious injuries, deaths, long term dislodgement of residents, and significant unnecessary insurance loss due to allowed building deficiencies;

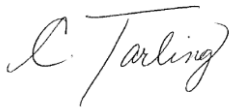
THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener urges the government of Ontario to direct the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office – Technical Services, to undertake an immediate review of that portion of the Ontario Fire Code known as Retrofit Section 9.5;

THEREFORE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener urges the Government of Ontario to, as expeditiously as possible, amend the Ontario Fire Code Sentence 9.5.2.8.(1) to require self closing devices on all suite closures (doors) within low rise residential buildings: and,

THEREFORE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener urges the Government of Ontario to, as expeditiously as possible, amend the Ontario Fire Code Sentence 9.5.3.3.(3) to require that closures (doors) entering exit stairwells be equipped with both self-closing devices and positive latching; and,

THEREFORE IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and, all other Ontario municipalities."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

c: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities



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December 1, 2021

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

Dear Prime Minister:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on November 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding conversion therapy:

"WHEREAS Conversion practices or conversion “therapy” (also known as “reparative therapy”, “reintegrative therapy” or “aversiontherapy”) include any treatment, practice, or sustained effort that has the intended effect of denying, repressing, discouraging or changing a person’s non-heterosexual sexual orientation, noncisgender gender identity or gender expression, or any behaviours associated with a gender other than the person’s sex assigned at birth; and,

WHEREAS all such practices are unscientific, dangerous and proven to cause harm to their victims; and,

WHEREAS such practices are opposed by more than 50 professional associations, including the Canadian Association the Canadian Association of Social Workers, Canadian Psychiatric Association, Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health, Canadian Psychological Association, College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario, as well as the United Nations and World Health Organization; and,

WHEREAS Bill C-6-2020, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Conversion Therapy), which proposed five conversion therapyrelated offences, was an historic piece of legislation preceded by decades of advocacy by conversion practice survivors, that progressed to the second reading stage in the Senate before dying on the order paper when an election was called in August 2021; and,

WHEREAS several cities across Canada have adopted bylaws to prohibit conversion practices or are in the process of doing so, including the City of Kingston and the City of Thunder Bay in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the City has adopted a Strategic Plan with a theme of being a “Caring Community”, which includes a commitment to supporting our diverse populations, including the removal of social stigmas and where possible being more equitable and inclusive; and,

WHEREAS Kitchener continues to seek opportunities to demonstrate leadership in making all those within our community feel equal and included;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council formally denounce conversion practices as dangerous and harmful, perpetuating myths and stereotypes about sexual orientation and gender identity and expression; and,


THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener request our Office of Equity, Anti-Racism and Indigenous Initiatives explore ways to support conversion therapy survivors and those at risk; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council direct City staff to continue to monitor legislative developments at the federal and/or provincial orders of government pertaining to conversion therapy, and in conjunction with any actions taken by them and our regional and municipal partners locally, bring a report to Council outlining any further legislative and/or policy actions which may be contemplated by the municipality to further prohibit conversion practices, and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Housing, and Diversity and Inclusion, Minister of Justice, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, and area Members of Parliament urging creation of a new bill within the first 100 days of their mandate which will include a “no consent” provision to protect Canadians of all ages; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forward to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario encouraging both the Province and other municipalities to also formally denounce and take action to prohibit conversion practices against all persons regardless of age."

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Tarling".

C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

- c: Hon. Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing, Diversity and Inclusion
- Hon. David Lametti, Minister of Justice
- Hon. Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth
- Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Tim Louis, MP (Kitchener-Conestoga)
- Raj Saini, MP (Kitchener Centre)
- Marwan Tabbara, MP (Kitchener South-Hespeler)
- Laura Mae Lindo, MPP (Kitchener Centre)
- Mike Harris, MPP (Kitchener Conestoga)
- Amy Fee, MPP (Kitchener South-Hespeler)
- Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Ontario Municipalities



POLICY UPDATE

December 1, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Ontario Broadband Strategy, Excess Soil Regulations (Webinar), *Planning Act* Delegations

Ontario Broadband Strategy

Today the Ministry of Infrastructure announced the next steps in Ontario’s nearly \$4 billion plan to connect all Ontario residents to high-speed internet by 2025. Infrastructure Ontario (IO) has [posted](#) its Request for Proposal (RFP) document and the next steps for allowing pre-qualified Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to bid on broadband projects. Ontario’s plan includes significant provincial funding for internet and cellular connectivity projects as well as measures to expedite deployment of broadband technologies. Better broadband connectivity has consistently been a priority for municipal governments and AMO. The government’s strong commitment and substantial funding delivers on this for Ontario residents.

Prequalified ISPs will be able to submit plans through a RFP to IO. Subsequently, the ISPs will also bid on predetermined areas for their projects through a “Reverse Auction” to propose project costs and needed provincial funding to connect designated areas. It is anticipated that projects will begin implementation in Spring 2022.

In addition to this announcement, AMO understands that the Ministry has written to affected municipal councils and staff as well as published Guidelines for municipal governments, LDCs, and ISPs to help set expectations on how they will interact during project construction. AMO understands that the government will also propose future policy changes to expedite broadband projects, potentially including cost assignments where access delays or inaccurate information affect projects. In addition, it is planned that IO will offer a dedicated Technical Assistance Team to help municipalities and project proponents complete projects on time.

Finally, regulations have been [filed for comment](#) under the *Ontario Energy Board Act* (OEBA) which will allow ISPs to connect to hydro pole infrastructure as necessary to complete broadband connectivity projects and allow the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to set a different price for hydro pole access than currently required. This is in response to hydro pole access costs which have frequently been identified as a barrier to broadband deployment.

The Ministry will be hosting a webinar in early 2022 on the Statement of Intent and the

Guideline. AMO will provide details on how to register as information becomes available.

Excess Soil Regulations – Webinar Friday

Significant parts of the [On-Site and Excess Soil Management Regulation](#) (O. Reg 406/19) are scheduled to come into effect on January 1, 2022. To help explain these changes, AMO will be joined by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Resource Productivity Resource Authority (RPRA) for a webinar on Friday, December 3rd, 2021 from 1:00-2:30pm. [Click here for registration details.](#)

This will be an opportunity to ask the experts directly about the municipal implications of the changing excess soil regulation and to hear about the Registry that was [launched today.](#)

Planning Act Delegations

Schedule 19 of Bill 13, *Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021* proposes to make changes to the *Planning Act, Municipal Act, 2001*, and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*. If passed, the proposed amendments would expand the matters that the council of a local municipality may delegate to help streamline planning decisions. Delegating decisions would include temporary use by-laws, the lifting of holding symbols, and other minor zoning by-law amendments. It will be up to each municipality to determine whether to exercise this proposed new authority and the types of decisions to delegate. The proposed delegation of additional planning matters would not alter any notice or public meeting requirements or limit appeal rights.

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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