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Council Correspondence

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More Social Services Relief Funding to Protect the Homeless during COVID-19 and Ontario Vaccine Rollout Update

Policy Update • March 10, 2021

More Social Services Relief Funding to Protect the Homeless

Today the Ontario government [announced](#) that it is providing \$255 million in additional funding for the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF). The SSRF will continue to help municipalities, District Social Services Administration Boards, and Indigenous program partners to keep vulnerable people safe. It will protect homeless shelter staff and residents and help people from becoming homeless.

Specifically, the funding can be used to acquire motel and hotel spaces to support physical distancing of shelter residents, hire more shelter staff, and purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies. It can also add to rent and utility banks to help prevent more people from becoming homeless.

This brings the total SSRF investment up to \$765 million since the onset of the pandemic. The SSRF funding is an important investment for both economic and social recovery and is literally saving lives. AMO has highlighted the need for the funding to continue for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic situation and is pleased with the government's proactive response.

Ontario Vaccine Rollout Update

Additional information on the [provincial vaccination rollout](#) has been released today. With the increasing vaccine supply, the Ontario government is able to expand the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines to include pharmacies and primary care settings.

As of Friday, March 12, over 325 pharmacies will be offering the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine to eligible Ontarians aged 60-64, by appointment only, as part of the vaccine delivery pilot program in three public health unit regions: Toronto, Windsor-Essex, and Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington. This vaccine rollout will be expanded to more pharmacies in other regions of the province as supply increases.

To increase capacity for vaccination beyond public health units and the pharmacy pilots, the Province is working with primary care professionals to offer vaccinations in primary care settings and community locations, such as physician offices, in partnership with public health units. This initiative will begin in Hamilton, Toronto, Guelph, Peterborough, Simcoe-Muskoka, and Peel as of Saturday March 13, 2021. It needs to be emphasized that primary care providers will not be taking appointments by request but will be contacting eligible Ontarians aged 60-64 directly to book an appointment starting today, March 10, 2021. They will only be offering the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine at this time.

As Phase One of Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine rollout is nearing its completion, there are preparations to move into [Phase Two of its COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan](#) as of April, with a focus on vaccinating populations based on age and risk. Vaccinations continue to be offered to eligible populations at hospitals, mobile clinics, and mass immunization clinics.

Mass immunization clinics are a significant delivery channel to administer Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Over 120 mass immunization clinics are planned to open this month across Ontario in addition to sites already open, increasing the Province's vaccine administration capacity to over 150,000 doses per day, dependent on supply. Many municipalities and their staff are working with their public health units to support these mass immunization clinics.

As greatly anticipated, the Province will launch an online booking system and a provincial customer service desk on March 15. These supports are to answer questions and book appointments at mass immunization clinics, starting with those over the age of 80. As further vaccine distribution information becomes available, AMO will share through future updates and/or on our [COVID-19 Resources page](#).

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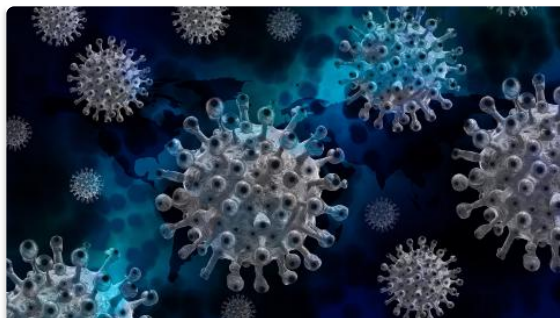
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Municipal Councillor Code of Conduct Consultations

Policy Update • March 08, 2021

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, announced late Friday afternoon, March 5th, that the Province would [launch a consultation](#) on municipal Codes of Conduct for council members. The consultation will be led Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues, Jill Dunlop, and will consider input from municipal councillors, staff, and associations.

AMO recognizes that enforcing behavioural standards for council members can be a challenging matter for many members to find consensus on. However, stronger standards and compliance are in the public interest. To frame the considerations from a municipal government perspective, AMO was asked to provide input to the Minister earlier this year. With the launch of the consultations, AMO is now providing its input to members today to help them consider options to strengthen Codes of Conduct.

The [AMO Board of Directors' recommendations](#) aim to strengthen existing tools for compliance with Codes of Conduct as well as provide some new tools for municipal governments to use in defined circumstances. In providing their input, AMO's Board expressed confidence in Codes of Conduct and the office of Municipal Integrity Commissioners as local tools to help councils maintain public accountability and agreed to by all council members upon assuming office.

The Board's recommendations are:

- amending the Municipal Act to allow for **Administrative Monetary Penalties** in Municipal Code of Conduct breaches to incentivize compliance – subject to regulation and a municipal by-law setting out appropriate penalty thresholds for the municipality;
- **suspension** of a council member for a certain period of time in defined circumstances that could negatively impact public health and safety;
- **removal from office** by a member of the Judiciary on the recommendation of an Integrity Commissioner where a report has found serious and/or repeated breaches of Codes of Conduct; and
- better **training and standards for Integrity Commissioners** to improve capacity and consistency of decision-making across the province.

To provide context for AMO Board's recommendations, here is the background to this work. In December, Minister Clark requested that AMO consider providing advice to the Government on this subject. After conducting research and several robust discussions, AMO's Board of Directors adopted recommendations at its meeting in late January. Since that time, AMO staff has been working with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide input on next steps. With the public launch of this consultation AMO is providing members with the Board's advice to the Province.

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Phase II of Vaccinations Plan, Bill 257 – Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, and Firefighter Training Modernization

Policy Update • March 05, 2021

Vaccination Distribution Plan – Phase II

The Province has announced that Phase Two of Ontario's vaccination distribution plan will begin next month. Phase Two will focus on age and risk to prevent further death, hospitalization, and transmission. Populations eligible for Phase Two vaccination will be: older adults, between 60-75-79 years of age; individuals with specific health conditions and some primary caregivers; people who live and work in congregate care settings and some primary caregivers; people who live in hot spots with high rates of death, hospitalizations, and transmission; and certain workers who cannot work from home. These groups are expected to be vaccinated from April to July 2021.

Beginning March 15th, the Province will be launching an online booking system and a provincial customer service desk to answer questions and support appointment bookings at mass immunization clinics. In addition to mass vaccination clinics, hospitals, and mobile clinics, the Province is also working with the pharmacy sector and primary care professionals to offer vaccinations in new settings. This phase is expected to vaccinate up to nine million Ontarians.

Bill 257 – Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act

Yesterday, Bill 257, Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, was introduced in the Legislature by the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure. The purpose of the Act is to reduce costs to broadband providers associated with attaching broadband wirelines to hydro utility poles and would provide timely access to poles and to municipal rights of way to install

broadband on municipal land for “provincially significant” broadband projects. These proposed measures build on the [Province’s Up to Speed: Ontario’s Broadband and Cellular Action Plan](#).

The definition of a “provincially significant project” will be determined through regulation. If this term is scoped to mean **projects in rural and northern areas receiving provincial broadband funding**, this Act could help to ensure projects are delivered faster to the benefit of local communities that are currently unserved or underserved.

Bill 257 also proposes amendments to the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* that could see an impact to the pole attachment process for local distribution companies (LDCs) and to the Ontario Energy Board.

There are also proposed amendments to the *Planning Act* that ministerial zoning orders made under section 47 are not required, and are deemed to never have been required, to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), except in the Greenbelt.

While this amendment, if passed, may clarify some legal matters, it raises questions as to why the Province would not want to abide by the Provincial Policy Statement which articulates provincial interests.

AMO expects to engage with the Ontario Government during the regulatory development process to ensure that the legislation improves broadband coverage to municipal governments without jeopardizing accountability for municipal rights-of-way and local autonomy. AMO has strongly supported expansion of access to broadband connectivity for Ontario communities and will work to ensure the proposed legislation helps communities achieve that while protecting local taxpayers and their investments.

Firefighter Training Modernization

Yesterday the Office of the Fire Marshal published a [Communiqué](#) on the Ontario Fire College Training Modernization. It was issued as a follow up to the January 13, 2021 [announcement](#) regarding the decommissioning of the Ontario Fire College (OFC) and the modernization of fire safety training in Ontario.

The decommissioning of the OFC campus is set for March 31, 2021. Available options for OFC training are set out in the Communiqué, as is who to contact should municipalities have any questions.

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New 2021 COVID-19 Relief Funding

Policy Update • March 04, 2021

Ontario Government Provides New 2021 COVID-19 Relief Funding for Municipal Government Operations

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board, announced this morning that the Government of Ontario is providing an additional \$500 million to municipal governments to support municipal operations. Securing funding in 2021 to support municipal operations which builds on the \$4 billion federal and provincial support in 2020's Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) has been AMO's number one advocacy priority.

Today's announcement provides funding to all 444 Ontario municipalities. Similar to Phase 2 of the SRA funds, the support is based on a base + formula allocation to recognize varying impacts of the pandemic on municipal capacity and revenues. AMO understands that a 10 per cent base allocation will be provided to all municipal governments and a Top-Up formula allocation is based on COVID-19 case counts in the municipality from January 1st, 2021 to February 18, 2021. In making the announcement, Minister Clark called on the federal government to match the funding provided through an additional 2021 allocation.

The funding will be provided in two installments: installment 1 will flow on or before May 1st, 2021 and installment 2 on or before November 1st, 2021. To receive funding, Municipal Treasurers will need to sign back an agreement and provide it to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by March 24th, 2021. This agreement, reporting, and eligible uses for the funds will be communicated

to municipal governments through letters to the Heads of Council from the Ministry.

In welcoming the announcement, AMO’s President Graydon Smith, noted that this funding makes an important investment in Ontario’s economic recovery by building on critical Safe Restart Agreement and Social Services Relief Fund support previously provided to Ontario municipalities. The funding provided today will help to offset budgetary impacts of COVID-19 in municipal governments across Ontario and support critical municipal services, helping to keep capital projects on track in local communities.

Together with the new \$150 million for transit provided by Ontario earlier this week, this funding marks a significant investment in local services that support people, businesses, and communities. AMO will continue to work with the Ontario Government in partnership to secure additional federal funding to offset the impacts of COVID-19 on municipal budgets, services, and transit.

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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SAULT STE. MARIE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 @ 4:45 p.m.
Electronic Meeting

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

2. Finance and Administration

- February 16th Meeting Minutes
- Accounts Payable
- March Health and Safety Meeting Minutes

3. Water and Related Land Management

- Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses
- Application Approvals

4. New Business / Other

- Fort Creek Signage Update
- Operations Equipment Update
- Operations Staff Update
- Farmer Lake Trail Network MOU
- Schedule 3 of proposed *Bill 257, Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021*

5. Adjournment

For members of the public interested in attending this meeting, please contact the General Manager, Corrina Barrett, at cbarrett@ssmrca.ca to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

COMMUNIQUÉ

du commissaire des incendies

March 4, 2021

No. 2021-02

ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION

This Fire Marshal's Communiqué is issued as a follow up to the January 13, 2021 announcement regarding the decommissioning of the Ontario Fire College (OFC) and the modernization of fire safety training in Ontario.

This Communiqué provides an overview of OFC training modernization through several modes, including online and blended courses, Regional Training Centres (RTCs) and Learning Contracts.

A fire department's training program should be designed to meet its set level of fire protection service, based on its needs and circumstances, and guided by the advice of the fire chief. A training program can include a combination of different OFC training modes as well as local in-house training.

While the decommissioning of the OFC campus in Gravenhurst is set for March 31, 2021, staff will continue to play a leading role in developing training courses. This will include curriculum design and development, registration services, online training development and maintenance, training development to build capacity in RTCs, and monitoring performance and quality assurance of programs at the local level.

As part of this plan, OFC instructors will be assigned regionally so that fire departments have a central point of contact for all training inquiries within their region. Instructors will work collaboratively to ensure the availability of training across Ontario.

Available options for OFC training are outlined below:

1. Online and Blended Courses
2. Learning Contracts
3. Regional Training Centres (RTC)
4. Mobile Live Fire Training Units (MLFTUs)

Inquiries on any of the options available, or how to contact the instructor assigned to your region can be directed to Guy Degagne, Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal, Training and Certification (Guy.Degagne@ontario.ca).

1. Online and Blended Courses

Online courses are generally self-paced, which allows for greater flexibility in completing coursework.

Blended courses have a portion of the course online, combined with specific in-person training sessions. The purpose of blended learning is to focus in-person training to elements that cannot be taught online. Blended courses are offered through RTCs or Learning Contracts.

The following courses are available in either an online and/or blended format:

Course	Online	Blended
Legislation	X	
NFPA 1521	X	
NFPA 1031 – Level 1	X	
NFPA 1035 – PIO	X	
NFPA 1035 – Level 1	X	
NFPA 1021 – Level 1	X	X
NFPA 1021 – Level 2		X
NFPA 1021 – Level 3		X
NFPA 1021 – Level 4		X
NFPA 1041 – Level 1	X	X
NFPA 1041 – Level 2		X
Fire Code – Part 2	X	
Fire Code – Part 6	X	
Fire Code – Part 9	X	
NFPA 1001 – Level 1		X
NFPA 1001 – Level 2		X
NFPA 1002		X
NFPA 1006 – Ice/Water Rescue		X
NFPA 1033 – Fire Investigator		X

The remaining National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) courses are scheduled to be upgraded to online and/or blended by the 2022-23 OFC calendar year. These include:

Course	Online	Blended
NFPA 1031 – Level 1	X	
Fire Code – Part 3	X	
Fire Code – Part 4	X	
Fire Code – Part 5	X	
Courtroom Procedures	X	X
NFPA 1072 Haz Mat Operations		X

2. Learning Contracts

Learning contracts provide access to OFC programs through in-house training that is affordable and scalable, and they are provided at the local fire department at their pace. Learning contracts are set up within one fire department, but there is an opportunity for smaller departments to share in the training.

The OFC supports learning contracts with full OFC course delivery including full registration in the OFC database; OFC course numbers; OFC course material; OFC assistance with arranging ASE testing; OFC support in case of Ministry of Labour investigations; and OFC certificates of completion for each student.

Course delivery costs \$65 per student. Training can occur during working hours to reduce overtime costs and can be provided by fire departments' training staff.

3. Regional Training Centres (RTC)

RTCs are operated by municipalities, community colleges, or associations. They are strategically located across the province and provide access to training for career, composite, volunteer, Northern Fire Protection Program (NFPP), and First Nations fire departments.

RTCs are capable of delivering all NFPA programs, including certification testing, and courses meet professional qualification standards including classroom and outdoor fire ground training. It is important to note that course availability across Ontario will be based on a needs analysis that must support local fire departments and the RTC's infrastructure and capacity to deliver.

A number of factors may result in cost savings or avoidance for fire departments that train at RTCs including mileage to and from the home location, costs to backfill fire department personnel, meal reimbursement, banked time and overtime costs.

The interest to open and operate a new RTC has grown significantly since the announcement in January. A map of current RTC locations is provided below, along with some additional locations being considered. Please note that potential locations are continually being updated and not all locations are reflected in the attached map.

4. Mobile Live Fire Training Units (MLFTUs)

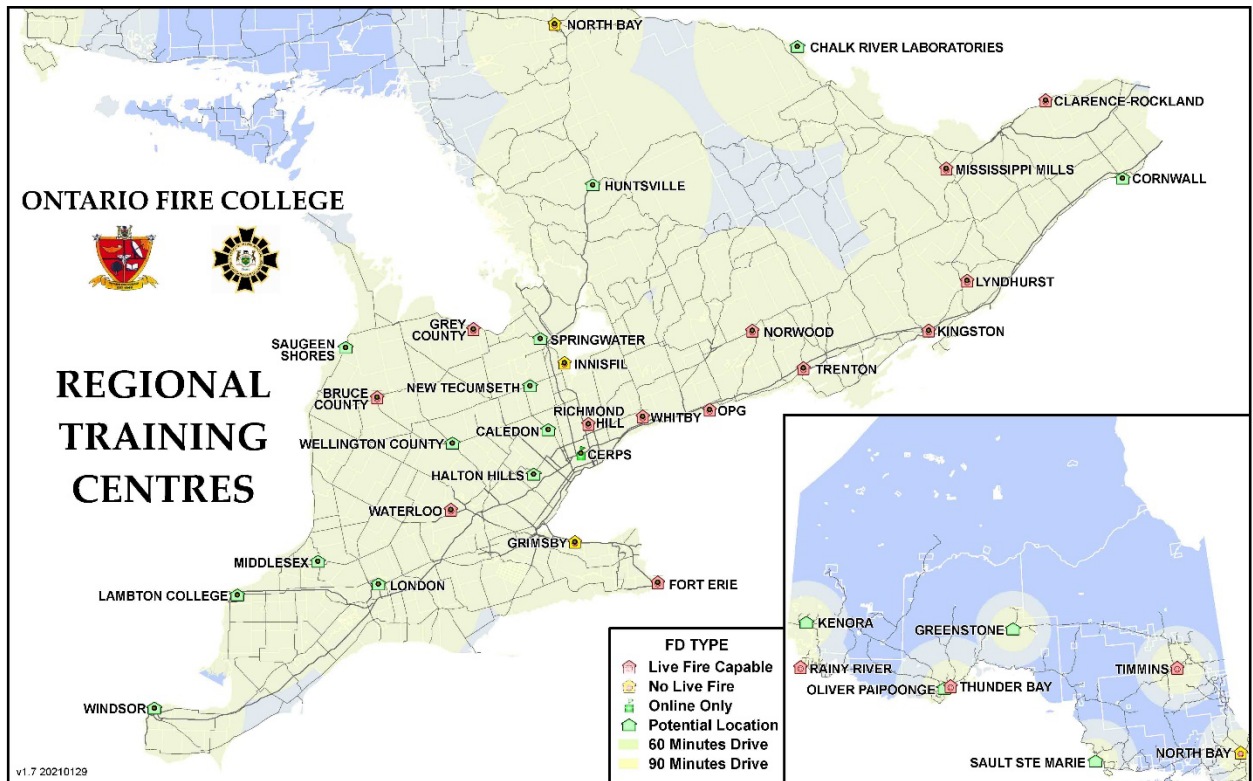
The OFM has purchased two mobile live fire training units that will be available to fire departments across Ontario. In order to support training across the province, one unit will be deployed in northern Ontario and one in southern Ontario. However, this will be continually reviewed to assess where there is the greatest need.

The MLFTUs offer diverse options for live fire training to meet the unique needs of training including: a confined space rescue hatch; main level training rooms; different attack options; multi-prop fire simulators; and portable props.

The OFM will be deploying these units in 2021 and can have them delivered to any location. The MLFTUs will need to be booked in advance and will be available seasonally between May and October. Please contact the OFC Registrar at ApplyOFC@ontario.ca to reserve a unit.

Appendix 1

Map of Ontario's 20 Current Regional Training Centres



Appendix 2
Ontario Fire College – Geographic Coverage Areas

Andrew Blair – Eastern Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northumberland • Peterborough • Hasting • Prince Edward • Lennox Addington • Frontenac • Lanark • Ottawa • Leeds and Grenville • Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry • Prescott-Russell
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Ken Benoit – GTA / Niagara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durham • York • Peel • Toronto • Halton • Hamilton • Niagara
Lyle Quan – Southwest Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington • Waterloo • Brant • Haldimand • Norfolk • Oxford • Perth • Huron • Middlesex • Elgin • Lambton • Chatham-Kent • Essex

Grant Love – Northeast Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renfrew • Nipissing • Parry Sound • North Bay • Temiskaming
Jamie Meyer – Rainbow / Algoma / Far Northeast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudbury • Algoma (Wawa and East and South of Wawa) • Cochrane • Manitoulin
Jennifer Grigg – Northwest Ontario (Nipigon and East)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thunder Bay (Area East of Nipigon) • Algoma (Wawa and West and North of Wawa)
Tim Beebe – Northwest Ontario (Nipigon and West)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenora • Rainy River • Thunder Bay (Area West of Nipigon)



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March 3, 2021

Premier Doug Ford

By email only premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the March 2, 2021 Howick Council meeting:

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:

**Whereas, the Province of Ontario has announced that as of March 31, 2021 the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College will be permanently closed; and
Whereas, the Province of Ontario announced plans to modernize and expand access to firefighter training in Ontario; and**

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

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

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

Whereas, the Township of Howick is a small rural municipality that operates a volunteer fire department to provide fire protection;

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

Resolution No. 59/21

If you require any further information, please contact this office, thank you.

Yours truly,

Carol Watson

Carol Watson, Clerk
Township of Howick

Cc Solicitor General Sylvia Jones
Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson
Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg
Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Mark McDonald
AMO President Graydon Smith
All Ontario Municipalities



Background Information to the Township of Howick Resolution No. 288-20 Requesting Amendments to the Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act

Rational for Proposed Amendments

Over the years, Howick Township staff have received many requests for tile drainage information on farmland. Usually these requests come after a change in ownership of the farm. Some of these drainage systems were installed recently but many are 30 to 40 or more years old. Many were installed by contractors who are no longer in business or who have sold the business and records are not available.

Information is generally available if the tile was installed under the Tile Drain Loan Program because a drainage plan is required to be filed with the municipality. If the tile system was installed on a farm without using the Tile Drain Loan Program, there likely are no records on file at the municipal office.

The other benefits to filing tile drainage plans with the municipality are identified in Section 65 of the Drainage Act.

- 65(1) – Subsequent subdivision of land (severance or subdivision)
- 65(3) – Drainage connection into a drain from lands not assessed to the drain
- 65(4) – Drainage disconnection of assessed lands from a drain
- 65(5) – Connecting to a municipal drain without approval from council

Section 14 of the Act states:

(1) “The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

(a) providing for the manner of issuing licences and prescribing their duration, the fees payable therefor and the terms and conditions on which they are issued;

(a.1) exempting classes of persons from the requirement under section 2 to hold a licence, in such circumstances as may be prescribed and subject to such restrictions as may be prescribed;

(b) Repealed: 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (5).

(c) establishing classes of machine operators and prescribing the qualifications for each class and the duties that may be performed by each class;



- (d) providing for courses of instruction and examinations and requiring licence holders or applicants for a licence under this Act to attend such courses and pass such examinations;
- (e) prescribing the facilities and equipment to be provided by persons engaged in the business of installing drainage works;
- (f) prescribing standards and procedures for the installation of drainage works;
- (g) prescribing performance standards for machines used in installing drainage works;
- (h) prescribing forms and providing for their use;
- (i) respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act. R.S.O. 1990, c. A.14, s. 14; 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (4, 5)."

I believe it would be beneficial if a regulation required the installer, of agricultural drainage, to file a plan of the drainage system with the municipality following completion of the work.

While most of Section 14 deals with contractor, machine and installer licences, I think that Section 14(f) or 14(i) may allow a regulation change. This would be a better solution than an amendment to the Act.

Recommendations:

- Request by municipal resolution that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations, under the Act, that would require tile drainage contractors file all farm tile drainage installation plans in the Municipality where the installation took place
- Send the municipal resolution to:
 - Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 - Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron Bruce
 - Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington
 - Rural Ontario Municipal Association roma@roma.on.ca
 - [OFA](#)
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 - All Ontario municipalities
 - the Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario (LICO), and
 - the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario (DSAO)

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December 3, 2020

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Hardeman:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the December 1, 2020 Howick Council meeting:

Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality; and further, this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, Perth-Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation Of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities. Carried. Resolution No. 288/20

If you require any further information, please contact this office, thank you.

Yours truly,

Carol Watson

Carol Watson, Clerk
Township of Howick

February 26, 2021

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only: ernie.hardeman@pc.ola.org

Dear Mr. Hardeman,

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the February 10, 2021 Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council meeting.

*Moved by: Deputy Mayor Meadows
Seconded by: Councilor Hall-Chancey*

Resolved, THAT the Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality; and further,

THAT this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Minister Ernie Hardeman), Jim Wilson, MPP Simcoe-Grey, Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron Bruce, Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation Of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Alice Byl

Alice Byl
Deputy Clerk
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio

March 4, 2021

CL 4-2021, February 25, 2021

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Re: Schedule 6, Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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

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

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

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

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

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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March 4, 2021

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

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'AB', followed by a horizontal line.

Amy Burkhart
Acting City Clerk

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