



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

August 12, 2022

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July 18, 2022

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Premier Ford:

Re: Emergency Meeting about Chronic Homelessness, Mental Health, Safety and Addictions

I am writing further to a resolution passed by the City of Sault Ste. Marie's City Council on July 11, 2022 – attached hereto for your reference – regarding an emergency meeting about chronic homelessness, mental health, safety and addictions.

I understand that Ontario's Big City Mayors have called for an emergency meeting with the Government of Ontario pertaining to potential action to address chronic homelessness, mental health, safety and the addictions crisis overwhelming communities across Ontario.

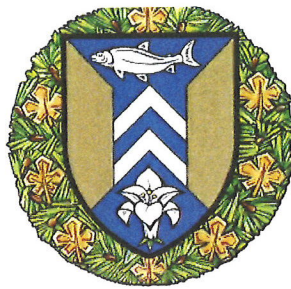
The City of Sault Ste. Marie isn't immune to the challenges facing large urban cities, and in many cases these challenges are even more acute in our community. The most recent data from Algoma Public Health indicates, our community has higher than provincial average rates of opioid-related emergency department visits, opioid-related hospitalizations and opioid-related deaths.

The City is working hard to advocate for support, and is interested in participating in the meeting requested by Ontario's Big City Mayors. In accord with City Council's direction, the City of Sault Ste. Marie will be available to participate should the opportunity be afforded to it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Provenzano".

Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M.



CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 9.3.
Title: Mental Health Supports
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger
Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Whereas we know the relative lack of support for mental health and addiction related issues takes a huge toll on some of our most vulnerable residents; and

Whereas we can see from our own experience that these realities negatively impact our community, including our downtown, our local businesses and our public places; and

Whereas Ontario's Big City Mayors have recently requested that the Ontario government agree to an emergency meeting with them to discuss chronic homelessness, mental health, safety and addictions; and

Whereas we in the Sault know only too well that these are challenges we face just as much in cities of our size; and

Whereas we want to be absolutely certain we express our deep concern on behalf of many people who need this help and to ensure the province develops solutions meant for all cities in Ontario; and

Whereas the Sault and other cities of our size need to be a part of those discussions for the sake of our vulnerable residents and their families, our businesses and the health of our community;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that we ask to be included in the emergency discussions with the Big City Mayors or ask for our own meeting and that Mayor Provenzano will immediately write a letter with the request.

YES: 10

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

Carried

YES: 10

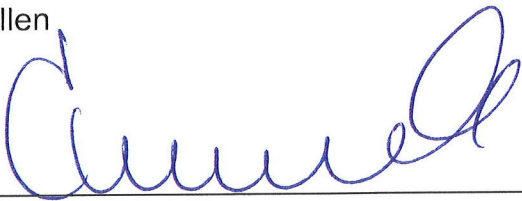
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| Councillor C. Gardi | Shoemaker | Councillor M. Bruni | |
| | Councillor M. Scott | | |

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councillor L. Vezeau-
Allen



Christian Provenzano

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July 15, 2022

Jennifer Osesky, Director Planning and Integration
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Dear Jennifer:

Re: Concurrent Disorders Intensive Day Treatment Programming

I am writing further to a resolution passed by the City of Sault Ste. Marie's City Council on July 11, 2022, attached hereto for your reference, regarding the establishment of a dedicated base funding for Concurrent Disorders Intensive Day Treatment Programming.

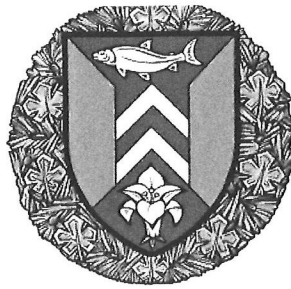
Sault Ste. Marie has been suffering the effects of the Mental Health and Addictions Crisis. As the most recent [data from Algoma Public Health](#) indicates, the Algoma District's rates for opioid-related emergency department visits, opioid-related hospitalizations and opioid-related deaths are higher than the provincial average.

Unfortunately, Sault Area Hospital recently announced it will have to suspend its Concurrent Disorders Intensive Day Treatment Pilot Program due to a lack of funding. The program provides badly needed specialized mental health and addictions care for those with complex addictions and mental health needs.

A funding commitment is needed and it is needed now. The Mental Health and Addictions Crisis continues to worsen and our community members are suffering the impacts. We need to offer more services – not less – and I urge Ontario Health North to provide Sault Area Hospital with the annual funding it needs to ensure the program's long – term continuation.

Sincerely,

Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M.



CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 9.4.
Title: Intensive Day Treatment Program
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour
Seconded by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Whereas the community of Sault Ste. Marie has been suffering the well documented effects of the Mental Health and Addictions Crisis; and

Whereas these effects have been exacerbated in Sault Ste. Marie due to the lack of equivalent health services in our community compared to many other Northern communities; and

Whereas on June 23, 2022, Sault Area Hospital announced to community partner agencies that the Concurrent Disorders Intensive Day Treatment Pilot Program would be paused due to a lack of funding; and

Whereas since November 2020, Sault Area Hospital has provided Concurrent Disorders Intensive Day Treatment to fill significant service gaps by providing the right level of care close to home; and

Whereas over 110 individuals have participated in this intensive treatment service and approximately 40% of 'graduates' have found employment or returned to previous work or school;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council endorse Mayor Provenzano writing a letter of support to Ontario Health North and Ontario Health emphasizing the critical need for dedicated base funding for this essential programming to ensure ongoing access to specialized mental health and addictions care for those with complex addictions and mental health needs in our community who need it most.

YES: 10

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

Carried

YES: 10

Mayor C. Provenzano
Councillor D. Hilsinger
Councillor C. Gardi

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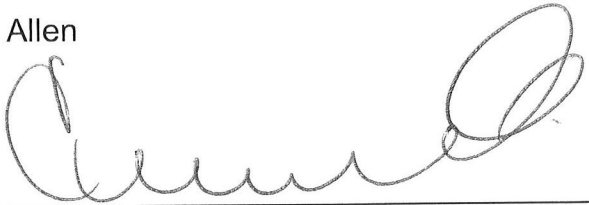
Councillor L. Dufour
Councillor R. Niro

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councillor L. Vezeau-
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Christian Provenzano

August 10, 2022

Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Dear Minister,

Our Association and our members watched with great interest your introduction of Bill 3, *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*, today in the Ontario Legislature.

As an organization that represents over 2,000 municipal staff including many Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) and senior municipal leaders, our members are proud of the work they do for their councils and communities. CAOs and senior management provide professional management, leadership and non-partisan advice to municipal councils.

The changes proposed in Bill 3 run the significant risk of threatening the neutrality of the municipal public service and politicizing local government leadership. We are concerned with portions of the Bill, such as the mayoral powers to hire the CAO/certain department heads and restructure municipal departments. The Bill does little to enhance municipal accountability, with no evidence to even suggest that these proposed changes will help achieve the goals your government has provided as rationale for this legislation.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that AMCTO has long held the position that there remain opportunities to strengthen municipal administration through clarifying the roles and responsibilities between council and staff, and in particular the role of the CAO. What has been proposed in Bill 3 will do the very opposite, further blurring the lines between political and administrative responsibilities.

The November 2022 implementation of changes proposed by Bill 3 will cause additional administrative burden for municipalities, an issue of great importance to AMCTO and our members. While this burden will be experienced in many areas of the cities, it will be most pressing for those responsible for holding the municipal elections in October.

While the legislative solutions proposed in Bill 3 are concerning, what we believe is most disappointing is that no effort was made to consult associations like AMCTO when the interests and integrity of municipal professionals in large centres like Toronto and Ottawa is clearly being affected.

AMCTO would have welcomed the opportunity to lend our expertise and that of our members to a constructive dialogue to meet your government's objectives. As an Association whose mission is to support and strengthen the knowledge, skills and capabilities of municipal professionals, and in the spirit of collaboration, we want to discuss better legislative solutions.

We look forward to your response and will be following Bill 3 through the legislative process, continuing to strongly represent and communicate the interests of our members where appropriate.

Sincerely,



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President, AMCTO

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Michelle Di Emmanuele, Secretary of Cabinet, Head of the Ontario Public Service
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July 19, 2022

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
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Re: Delayed Ontario One Call Locates – Impact on municipalities and development

On behalf of the Town of Kapuskasing, its citizens and contractors, we wish to express great concern regarding the length of time taken by Ontario One Call to respond to and to complete locates and municipal emergency requests. In an effort to undertake and proceed with construction projects safely, without causing any serious injuries that can carry heavy financial consequences, we feel that the wait times are directly impacting development negatively in our region. This is of great concern to us due to the very short construction season in Northern Ontario which can sometimes be as short as two or three months. Waiting over four weeks for locates does not provide much time for construction and development to occur. This issue adversely impacts several small to large projects, from residential improvements to large subdivision developments. We have seen work sites being idle as a direct result of waiting on locates to be completed. It is obvious that this issue needs to be addressed.

As for municipal infrastructure projects and emergency repair work for service delivery for our residents, businesses, and contractors, we have experienced longer wait times, of more than four weeks before all locates are completed to proceed with the work. This practice is not acceptable and is leading to work be undertaken without compliance with a high risk of causing serious injuries and damages to underground infrastructure that can lead to outages and undesired service interruptions. We have also been made aware that locate calls are being made and categorized as an emergency locate, when they are not actual emergencies, to expedite the process, which creates a backlog or bottleneck of requests already in the system. This is extremely concerning to our municipal operations and is not the desired outcome and intention of the emergency locates as defined under the Act. These issues seem to demonstrate a lack of compliance, accountability, and general oversight of the request for locates process and service.

The proposed legislative changes are intended to improve how locates are delivered in Ontario to remove barriers to timely locate delivery. We strongly feel that this should have been dealt with prior to the construction season to provide municipalities, especially in Northern Ontario, the opportunity to benefit from the increase in growth and economic development. It is clear that ***Ontario One Call's mission to protect Ontario communities from the loss of service and harm by damages to underground infrastructure by educating the public on the need to***

“Call before you dig” along with the statement of **providing a locate request process that is reliable, timely and easy to use** has failed and that it has only caused frustrating delays and largely missed opportunities for the North.

We ask that municipalities, contractors, and residents in Northern Ontario express and share their concerns about the excessive wait times for locates and to highlight the negative impact that it has caused in order to call on the provincial government to streamline and advance development in a safe and cost-effective manner for residents, businesses and communities that they serve. Immediate action is required as it is unacceptable to allow any further delays in receiving and completing locates. This is not a true reflection of the core values to ensure that our communities can progress safely while supporting growth and prosperity.

Regards,



Mayor Dave Plourde

c.c. Highway 11 Corridor Municipalities
Ministry of Government and Consumer Services
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July 22, 2022

Premier Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Physician Shortages in Ontario

Ontario has one of the most revered health care systems in the world. The residents of Ontario have been fortunate to have access to medical professionals from all branches of the medical field.

Our Province continually monitors the needs of its citizens and strives to make progressive changes to continue to meet the needs of Ontarians. Evidence of this progressive action on the part of the government was the identification of the shortage of Personal Support Workers. Recognizing the vital role that they play in health care, the Province supported Ontario colleges in providing free tuition for students who agreed to study for and become Personal Support Workers. We applaud the Province for this progressive action.

Like many municipalities, we have noticed that as each year goes by, we begin to see fewer physicians. The shortage is becoming alarming as we hear daily that many people are without a physician and do not have access to a primary medical care giver. The shortage of physicians is reaching our hospital emergency rooms as many in our rural communities are forced to close periodically as there are no physicians to staff them.

Another issue which is exacerbating the physician shortage is the limited spaces available in Canadian Universities for medical school and in residency programs. Increases to the number of students who are accepted could go a long way to ensure that more students graduate and become contributing physicians in our communities.

A third issue that causes concern is the seemingly onerous process for foreign and international physicians to become accredited to practice in Ontario. We have had interactions with individuals who have come to our community and are accomplished physicians but are not able to practice in Ontario as they at times cannot afford the cost for accreditation and in other instances, the process is quite lengthy meaning that they must take other positions, outside of their field, thus wasting their talent.



The Town of South Bruce Peninsula has seriously contemplated all of these issues and has taken steps to address the shortage experienced in our community. Council has monetarily supported a local Physician Recruitment Committee and has held money in reserves to assist with the hiring of a recruiter and to be used to assist new physicians requiring funds to set up an office and find housing.

We are reaching out to you to ask for your assistance in addressing the physician shortage. We would like to see subsidy opportunities for students who commit to becoming practicing physicians and would expect that the Province would put protective measures in place to ensure that students receiving funding commit to practicing in Ontario. We would support an expedited accreditation process for foreign physicians. We would encourage the increase of additional student spaces in medical school and residency programs.

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula is not alone in its convictions to address the physician shortages. We welcome you to contact us directly to have conversations about how all levels of government can work together to end this shortage.

Yours very truly,

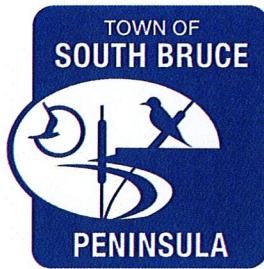
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Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2022

23. Notice of Motion – Mayor Jackson – Physician Subsidy

Mayor Jackson explained the meeting with the Physician Recruitment Committee and how a retired recruiter is willing to help the Committee but that we need to support medical students. The motion would be forwarded to the Minister, the Premier, the Prime Minister and all Ontario municipalities.

Discussion included the closing of hospital ERs, people without family doctors, the difficulty for professionals to obtain accreditation to work in our Province, having levels of accreditation to relieve pressure, community health models including nurse practitioners, ideas that the recruiter has and how she recruited 77 doctors.

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It was **Moved** by J. Jackson, **Seconded** by K. Durst and **Carried**

Whereas the Province of Ontario and particularly rural areas such as South Bruce Peninsula, are experiencing a severe shortage of physicians, leaving many people without access to medical care;

And whereas when the Province of Ontario realized the shortage of Personal Support Workers, they took progressive action to support Ontario colleges to provide free tuition for students who agreed to enter into this field of study and work;

And whereas it is recognized that the education costs for a physician can be a deterrent for students contemplating entering the medical field;

And whereas the Town of South Bruce Peninsula has taken steps to support the recruitment of physicians by earmarking money to hire a recruiter, by monetarily supporting a recruitment Committee and by providing money for new physicians to use to set up office space and for housing;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada recognizes that the shortage in health care workers is not unique to Personal Support Workers but is also relevant to physicians including specialists and general practitioners;

And that in order to support Ontario municipalities and their residents, the Provincial and Federal Governments take steps to provide support and subsidy to students entering

medical school with the intention of becoming practicing physicians in the Province of Ontario and particularly in underserved rural and northern municipalities;

And that the Provincial and Federal Governments work with Canadian universities to increase the number of students accepted into medical school and residency programs;

And that the Province expedites the accreditation process for foreign medical practitioners ;

And further that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula supports whatever protective measures the Provincial and Federal Governments place on the subsidy given to ensure that the students receiving the funding become practicing physicians in the Province of Ontario.

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August 10, 2022

AMO Policy Update – Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

The Government of Ontario today introduced the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*, a Bill that would, if passed, alter the governance and public administration of the cities of Ottawa and Toronto by providing the mayors of both cities with new powers.

According to the government news release, the Mayors of Ottawa and Toronto would have new authority over agenda setting, budget processes, and council by-law decisions relating to prescribed provincial priorities (to be established in regulation).

The Bill would also provide the Mayors of Ottawa and Toronto with new authority to appoint committee chairs, to hire certain municipal public administrators, and to reorganize the public administration of the two cities.

Please see the government’s [news release](#) for available details.

AMO will monitor the progress of the draft legislation and keep members informed.

AMO will also urge the government to consult broadly and extensively with the public and with Ontario’s professional and political municipal organizations, including AMO, if it is considering extending these powers to other municipalities, to avoid unintended consequences.

The bill is positioned as a way to provide municipalities with additional tools to increase the supply of housing and to make housing more affordable.

AMO’s February 2022 [Blueprint for Action](#) builds on years of AMO advocacy to increase housing affordability in Ontario, including tangible actions for all orders of

government and the development industry. AMO looks forward to a comprehensive response from the government of Ontario to these important recommendations.

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Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

August 10, 2022

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The Ontario government is introducing legislative changes today that would, if passed, give the mayors of Toronto and Ottawa new tools to advance provincial priorities, including building 1.5 million new homes over the next ten years and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure to help build housing faster.

Ontario is doing this through proposed changes to the *Municipal Act*, the *City of Toronto Act* and other Acts to support its municipal partners, who play a crucial role in determining local policy and processes that impact housing supply.

Hiring Key Municipal Leaders and Defining Departments

Key municipal staff and departments help advance work on shared municipal-provincial priorities. The proposed changes would give mayors of Toronto and Ottawa the flexibility to appoint their municipality's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) themselves or delegate the decision, such as by asking their councils to make this decision. Mayors would also be able to hire certain department heads, excluding statutory positions such as a clerk, treasurer, integrity commissioner, chief of police, chief building official, medical officer of health and others. They would also be able to delegate this power, such as to council or the CAO. When making any changes, the mayor and municipalities would be expected to follow existing collective agreements or contracts.

Getting Committees and Boards in Place

Municipalities and their councils are often supported by committees and local boards. If passed, these changes would allow mayors to create new identified committees and appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of identified committees and local boards. These changes would also allow a mayor to change the make-up of a committee, in order for it to best support a municipality.

Bringing Forward Provincial Priority Matters for Council Consideration

Provincial priorities, such as building more housing, need to be achieved in partnership with municipalities. The proposed changes would empower mayors to direct items to council that could potentially advance a provincial priority. This proposal would also empower a mayor to direct staff to develop proposals to be brought forward for council consideration.

Directing the City Budget

Municipal budgets help define priorities for their communities when they deliver services and prioritize projects each year. If passed, this legislation would make a mayor responsible for proposing the municipal budget for council consideration. As part of the budget process, council would be able to make changes to the mayor's proposed budget, which the mayor could then veto. Council could override a mayoral veto with a two-thirds majority vote. The result at the end of the process would become the municipality's budget for the year.

Powers to Veto By-laws and Council Override

These proposed changes would give a mayor power to veto council's passing of a by-law if all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a provincial priority. To ensure there is no abuse of power, if passed, council could override a mayoral veto of by-laws related to provincial priorities, with a two-thirds majority vote. The mayor would remain as a member of council for council decision-making with one vote.

Filling a Vacant Mayoral Seat

There are times when a mayor's seat may become vacant before a regular election. If passed, these changes would require a municipality to fill the mayor's seat through a by-election. The existing rules for how by-elections are run would still apply. For example, a municipality is not required to fill the position if a mayor's seat becomes vacant within 90 days before voting day

in the year of a regular election. If a mayor's seat becomes vacant after March 31 in the year of a regular municipal election, the municipality would be required to appoint a mayor, who would not have these new powers. This would not impact the flexibility that these municipalities currently have in deciding how to fill other vacant council seats – they would have the choice to appoint someone or have a by-election.

Defining Provincial Priorities

If passed, the government plans on making accompanying regulations to set out current provincial priorities. These priorities could include building 1.5 million new homes in 10 years to address the housing supply crisis, and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure, such as transit and roads, to support new and existing residential development.

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Ontario Empowering Mayors to Build Housing Faster

New measures will help deliver on shared provincial-municipal priorities

August 10, 2022

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TORONTO — The Ontario government introduced legislation that would give the mayors of Toronto and Ottawa more responsibility to deliver on shared provincial-municipal priorities, including building 1.5 million new homes over the next 10 years.

If passed, the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*, would give the mayors of Toronto and Ottawa the ability to move priority projects forward and get more homes built faster. Proposed changes include:

- hiring the Chief Administrative Officer and municipal department heads, and create and re-organize departments
- appointing chairs/vice-chairs for identified committees and local boards, and establish new identified committees
- bringing matters for council consideration related to provincial priorities
- vetoing bylaws approved by council if they relate to matters of provincial priority
- proposing the municipal budget

This legislation is an important tool to get more homes built faster, and is one of a number of initiatives being taken by the Ontario government to address the housing shortage.

“The reality is over one third of Ontario’s growth over the next decade is expected to happen in Toronto and Ottawa, and too many families are already struggling with housing and the rising cost of living. We need to support efficient local decision-making to help cut through red tape and speed up development timelines,” said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “While there is no silver bullet to addressing the housing crisis, the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act* is another step in the right direction to provide more tools to municipal leaders to deliver on their platform commitments to constituents. The province is actively deepening our cooperation on all fronts across all municipalities to get 1.5 million homes built over the next 10 years.”

These proposed measures would allow council to have the ability to propose amendments to the municipal budget. Council would also be able to override the mayor’s veto of any budget amendments and by-laws related to provincial priorities with a two-thirds majority vote.

If passed, the proposed changes are intended to take effect on November 15, 2022 — the start of the new municipal council term.

To help communities across Ontario build more attainable homes, Ontario is also launching the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team (HSAPIT). HSAPIT will provide advice on market housing initiatives, including building on the vision from the [Housing Affordability Task Force](#), [More Homes for Everyone](#) and other government consultations. The government intends to appoint Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, as Chair and Cheryl Fort, Mayor of the Township of Hornepayne, as the Vice Chair. The other Team members will be selected in the coming weeks, with the first meeting scheduled for early fall.

Ontario is committed to supporting municipalities and remains focused on improving planning policies and cutting red tape to get homes built faster. The government is leading by example, and encourages other government partners to join us by taking concrete steps to help all Ontarians find a home that meets their needs.

Quick Facts

- Mayoral powers to veto by-laws approved by council and bring items for council consideration would only apply for matters relating to provincial priorities, which will be set out in regulations. For example, building 1.5 million new

residential units by 2033, or the construction and maintenance of infrastructure that supports new housing, including transit, roads, and utilities.

- Thirty-five per cent of Ontario's projected growth to 2031 is expected to happen in Toronto and Ottawa. Addressing housing supply issues in these communities is critical.
 - After the success of [More Homes, More Choice](#) and [More Homes for Everyone](#), Ontario has committed to creating a housing supply action plan every year over four years, starting in 2022-23.
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Additional Resources

- [Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act](#)
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July 15, 2022

RE: Resolution received from the City of Cambridge, regarding Ontario Must Build it Right the First Time

This letter is to advise you that Township Council, at their Council Meeting held on June 27, 2022 adopted the following resolution:

“THAT Township Council support the resolution from the City of Cambridge, regarding Ontario Must Build it Right the First Time:

AND THAT this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and all municipalities in Ontario.”

Please contact the undersigned should you require anything further.

Sincerely,

Ashley Sage, Clerk
Township of North Dumfries

Encl.

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June 1, 2022

Re: Motion from Councillor Liggett – Ontario Must Build it Right the First Time

At the Special Council Meeting of May 31, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 30% by 2030, and emissions from buildings represented 22% of the province's 2017 emissions,

WHEREAS all Waterloo Region municipalities, including the City of Cambridge, adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 80% below 2012 levels by 2050 and endorsed in principle a 50% reduction by 2030 interim target with the support of bold and immediate provincial and federal actions,

WHEREAS greenhouse gas emissions from buildings represent 45% of all emissions in Waterloo Region, and an important strategy in the TransformWR community climate action strategy, adopted by all Councils in Waterloo Region, targets new buildings to be net-zero carbon or able to transition to net-zero carbon using region-wide building standards and building capacity and expertise of building operators, property managers, and in the design and construction sector,

WHEREAS the draft National Model Building Code proposes energy performance tiers for new buildings and a pathway to requiring net zero ready construction in new buildings, allowing the building industry, skilled trades, and suppliers to adapt on a predictable and reasonable timeline while encouraging innovation;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing consulted on changes for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code (ERO #: 019-4974) that generally aligns with the draft National Model Building Code except it does not propose adopting energy performance tiers, it does not propose timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-

step to the highest energy performance tier, and, according to Efficiency Canada and The Atmospheric Fund, it proposes adopting minimum energy performance standards that do not materially improve on the requirements in the current Ontario Building code;

WHEREAS energy efficient buildings provide owners and occupants with lower energy bills, improved building comfort, and resilience from power disruptions that are expected to be more common in a changing climate, tackling both inequality and energy poverty;

WHEREAS the City of Cambridge in partnership with area municipalities and utility companies in the Region of Waterloo are actively exploring developing Green Building Standards;

WHEREAS while expensive retrofits of the current building stock to achieve future net zero requirements could be aligned with end-of-life replacement cycles to be more cost-efficient, new buildings that are not constructed to be net zero ready will require substantial retrofits before end-of-life replacement cycles at significantly more cost, making it more cost-efficient to build it right the first time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to include in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code tiered energy efficiency standards and a timeframe for when higher tiers would become the minimum energy efficiency requirements in the Code, consistent with the draft Tiered National Model Building Code;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to adopt a more ambitious tier of the draft Tiered National Model Building Code as a minimum energy efficiency requirement than the tiers currently proposed for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario provide authority to municipalities to require increased performance in energy efficiency through the implementation of tiered Green Development Standards;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to facilitate capacity, education and training in the implementation of the Tiered National Model Building Code for municipal planning and building inspection staff, developers, and homebuilders to help build capacity; and

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to area MPPs, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Ontario Minister of Health, Christine Elliot
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
City of Cambridge Council



July 29, 2022

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Sent via email: policy@amo.on.ca

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held July 26, 2022 adopted the following:

12.4.9 Potential threat to residential home ownership

WHEREAS concerns from Brantford homeowners have been voiced regarding single family homes being purchased for purposes other than family residency, which practice is a factor in driving up the price of home values making home ownership out of reach for first time home buyers; and

WHEREAS an article in the Toronto Star, Sunday edition reports a case where a foreign national is being investigated for money laundering by “investing” in houses and housing developments in Vancouver. Financial and law enforcement experts say this problem extends to other Canadian cities, most notably in the GTA; and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia created an Expert Committee to investigate money laundering in residential real estate, which made several recommendations to the Provincial government to change the Provincial laws and for the Province to make changes to Federal laws to prevent this type of money laundering from occurring; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford is very concerned with the rising cost of housing caused by money laundering through the purchase of residential real estate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford respectfully CALLS UPON the Province of Ontario to create a similar Expert Committee as was done in British Columbia, to investigate what regulatory action can be taken to better combat money laundering in the Ontario real estate market; and
- B. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford respectfully CALLS UPON the Province of Ontario to implement whatever legislative changes may be necessary to combat money laundering in the Ontario real estate market; and

- C. THAT the Brantford Police Service BE REQUESTED to establish a tip hotline for suspected money laundering; and
- D. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) and the list of other Ontario Municipalities with a request that those municipalities pass similar resolutions, and
- E. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of the Province of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Larry Brock and MPP Willem Bouma.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Tanya Daniels
City Clerk, tdaniels@brantford.ca

cc Ontario Big City Mayors
All Ontario Municipalities



July 29, 2022

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held July 26, 2022 adopted the following:

12.2.15 Seeking Prosperity and Partnership with Indigenous Nations and a Timely Resolution of Haldimand Tract Land Dispute

WHEREAS, in 1784, Sir Frederick Haldimand issued a proclamation allocating six miles on either side of the Grand River, beginning at Lake Erie and extending to the head of the river, for the benefit of the “Mohawk Nation and such others of the Five Nation Indians as wish to settle in that quarter” (also known as the Haldimand Tract); and

WHEREAS the current reservation of land allocated to the Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR) represents approximately 5% of the 950,000 acres described within the Haldimand Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the SNGR commenced a lawsuit against the Federal and Provincial Governments seeking compensation for lands not surrendered, an accounting for all profits, property, or other assets belonging to or held by the Crown for the benefit of the SNGR, and an accounting for the management or disposition of those assets; and

WHEREAS, negotiations between the SNGR, the Province of Ontario, and the Government of Canada broke down in 2010 resulting in the SNGR recommencing their litigation against the Crown; and

WHEREAS communities within the Haldimand Tract experience the tensions, uncertainty and frustrations arising from failure of the Crown to address the SNGR’s land claims in a timely and equitable manner; and

WHEREAS Brantford supports the fair and final settlement of the Six Nations’ 1995 lawsuit against Ontario and Canada and is working to establish a meaningful relationship of peace, friendship, mutual respect and shared prosperity with local First

Nations; and

WHEREAS, since 1974, purchasers of land or a beneficial interest in land in Ontario have been paying a percentage of the purchase price for these interests to the Province of Ontario in the form of a Land Transfer Tax; and

WHEREAS Indigenous communities have not historically benefited from the proceeds of Land Transfer Taxes collected by the Ontario Government on the transfer of land and interests in land in Ontario; and

WHEREAS in 2008, the Province of Ontario authorized the City of Toronto to implement a new Municipal Land Transfer Tax to be collected by the municipality, however, a likewise authority was not extended to any other municipality in Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipalities require new tools to build capacity for advancing the meaningful inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in land use planning matters and promoting a local community approach to economic development and shared prosperity; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford is experiencing significant growth and desires to explore prosperity sharing initiatives with local Indigenous communities in a manner that promotes and strengthens the economies of this region and the economic self-sufficiency of the Indigenous peoples of this region; and

WHEREAS, during the negotiations leading up to the boundary adjustment between the City of Brantford and the County of Brant, the Six Nations of the Grand River requested that a form of prosperity sharing be considered and implemented prior to the approval of the boundary adjustment by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; however, at the time, a prosperity sharing initiative was not approved by the province as part of the boundary adjustment; and

WHEREAS the scope of municipal powers are determined by the province and therefore municipalities have limited legislative authority to implement unique arrangements with First Nations such as establishing development fees; levying special taxes; or entering into contractual arrangements in order to share in municipal

growth and prosperity, facilitate Indigenous interests in development projects, or create equity interests in municipal projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford respectfully CALLS UPON the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to resume negotiations, in good faith, with the Six Nations of the Grand River to settle the legal proceedings filed against both governments on March 7, 1995 by the Six Nations of the Grand River; and
- B. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford respectfully CALLS UPON the Province of Ontario to set aside a percentage of all Land Transfer Tax collected by Ontario to be held for the benefit of and remitted to First Nations situated in the province as one means of reparation for historic injustices; and
- C. THAT in addition to the above the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford respectfully CALLS UPON the Province of Ontario to empower municipalities within the Grand River Watershed to participate in prosperity sharing with First Nations by way of the following:
 - i. Amend the Municipal Act, 2001 to allow all municipalities in Ontario who so desire to implement a Lot Levy to be applied to purchases on all new builds in the municipality in addition to the Provincial Land Transfer Tax, and held for and remitted to local First Nations for the benefit of Indigenous Peoples' to freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development; and
 - ii. Amend the Development Charges Act, 1997 to include in the list of eligible services a specific charge to be remitted to First Nations in order to provide capacity funding to those Nations who have an interest in protecting and managing cultural heritage and archaeological resources of interest to Indigenous communities, as well as for infrastructure that benefits First Nations communities; and

- iii. Amend the Planning Act to expand the Community Benefits Charge to include a charge that may be collected for the benefit of and remitted to local First Nations for the preservation and advancement of Indigenous interests; and

- D. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Crown Indigenous Relations of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of the Province of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Ontario Minister of Indigenous Affairs; Chief Mark Hill, Six Nations of the Grand River; Chief Stacey Laforme, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and
- E. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to each municipality that oversees lands within the Haldimand Tract and, further, that those municipalities BE REQUESTED to consider supporting this initiative by the passage of similar resolutions; and
- F. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to The Ontario Home Builders Association, the Brantford Home Builders Association, the Ontario Real Estate Association and the Brantford Real Estate Association; and
- G. THAT those bodies BE REQUESTED to provide commentary on this resolution; and
- H. THAT their responses BE PROVIDED in a staff report to city council at a later date.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Tanya Daniels
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