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March 1, 2022

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Dear Rachel Tyczinski,

Thank you for taking the time to share the resolution regarding the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) passed on January 10, 2022 at the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie's City Council meeting. The resolution has been noted and I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated how vital doctors, nurses and other health care professionals are to our health care system. The Ministry of Colleges and Universities is working closely with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Long-Term Care to strengthen Ontario's health care workforce.

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities recognizes the importance of Ontario's medical students and understands the concerns outlined in the resolution by the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie regarding physician workforce shortages.

My ministry will continue to work closely with the Ministry of Health to ensure that there is an adequate number of undergraduate education medical positions to meet provincial health care needs.

Thank you again for taking the time to write and informing me about the municipal resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Dunlop".

The Honourable Jill Dunlop
Minister of Colleges and Universities



PHASE 1 - TRANSITION PLAN & INVENTORY OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

FEBRUARY 2022

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Introduction

The passage of Regulation 687/21 “Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services Under Section 21.1.2 of the Act” requires the development and implementation of Transition Plans by each Conservation Authority. The Transition Plans are to outline the process and timelines for the development of cost apportioning agreements with municipalities within their jurisdiction for non-mandated programs and services.

This Transition Plan is valid for the following municipalities in the jurisdiction of the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority: the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Township of Prince. For the purposes of the *Clean Water Act* a portion of the unorganized townships of Dennis, Pennefather, Aweres, Jarvis and Duncan are included.

Regulated Timelines

Phase I

Transition Plan – COMPLETE

This Transition Plan is required to be completed by **December 31, 2021** and distributed to member municipalities and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

Prior to this distribution, the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority (SSMRCA) Board of Directors will receive and approve the plan. The Transition Plan will be posted on the SSMRCA website before December 31, 2021.

SSMRCA is required to deliver quarterly progress report to MECP as outlined on the next page.

Timeline Summary Chart

DELIVERABLE	DUE DATE	TIMELINE
Develop Transition Plan	December 31, 2021	October 13, 2021 to November 29, 2021
Obtain Board approval of the Transition Plan	November 30, 2021	
Post Transition Plan to website	On or prior to December 31, 2021	
Circulate Transition Plan to member municipalities and MECP	On or prior to December 31, 2021	
Develop Programs and Services Inventory with Board approval		By February 16, 2022
Circulate Inventory to member municipalities and MECP	February 28, 2022	
Negotiations of cost apportioning agreement with member municipalities		November 22, 2021 to September 30, 2023
Execute municipal agreements	January 1, 2024	September 2023
Quarterly Reporting to MECP	July 1, 2022	
	October 1, 2022	
	January 1, 2023	
	April 1, 2023	
	July 1, 2023	
	October 1, 2023	
Request for extension of transition date (if required)	On or prior to October 1, 2023	
Final Report	January 30, 2024	

Notes: The due dates are based on the current regulations. Timelines may be influenced by the issuance of new related regulations.

Inventory of Programs and Services – PROPOSED

An inventory of program and services is to be prepared and circulated to municipalities within a CA's watershed jurisdiction by **February 28, 2022**.

The inventory of programs and services will be classified as either Category 1 Mandatory, Category 2 Non-Mandatory or Category 3 Other. These categories are identified in Section 21 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

The inventory includes an estimate of the annual cost of the service, sources of funding and the percentage attributed to each funding source.

In addition, a record of the municipal distribution of the inventory is to be forwarded to the MECP. The inventory may be amended after the deadline based on feedback received from the municipalities. Should any changes occur, they are to be documented and included in the quarterly reporting to the MECP.

The SSMRCA proposed Inventory of Programs and Services is located on the next page.

Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority Inventory of Programs and Services

Current/ New Project	Program/Service and Subservices	Description	Category (1,2,3)	Category Rationale	Program Cost Estimate (\$)	Funding mechanism and percentage of costs
Enabling Services						
Program Description: Key assistance provided to all departments of the conservation authority, board of directors, member municipalities and the general public to enable SSMRCA to operate in an accountable, transparent, efficient and effective manner.						
Current	Corporate Services	Administration of human resources, operating and capital costs which are not directly related to the delivery of any specific program or service, but are the overhead and support costs of a conservation authority. Includes health and safety program, WSIB, overseeing programs and policies.	1	CA Act	170,000	Municipal Levy – 94% Self Generated – 6%
Current	Financial Services	Annual budget, accounts payable and receivable, payroll, financial analysis, financial audit, administration of reserves and investments, financial reports for funding agencies, preparing and submitting reports to CRA, benefits program administration.	1	CA Act	78,100	Municipal Levy – 100%
Current	Legal Expenses	Costs related to agreements/contracts, administrative by-law updates, HR, etc.	1	CA Act	3,000	Municipal Levy – 100%
Current	Governance	Supporting CA Boards, Advisory Committees, Office of the GM/Secretary-Treasurer	1	CA Act	18,900	Municipal Levy – 100%
Current	Communications and Outreach	Public awareness - natural hazards, flood forecasting and warning, permitting requirements, natural hazard identification, mitigation, readiness and response, governance, policy, municipal and	1	CA Act	11,000	Municipal Levy – 100%

		public relations and engagement, conservation lands.				
Current	Administration Buildings	Administrative office used to support staff, programs, and services. Includes utilities, routine and major maintenance, property taxes.	1	CA Act	17,500	Municipal Levy – 71%
						Self Generated – 29%
Current	Information Management + GIS	Data collection, management, mapping, data sets, watershed orthophotography for use by all programs. Development and use of systems to collect and store data and documents, and to provide spatial geographical representations of data. This includes our geographical information systems, maintenance, and support. Records retentions are in accordance with industry standards and legislative requirements.	1	CA Act	15,000	Municipal Levy – 100%
Current	Vehicle and Equipment	Vehicles and equipment to support the work of SSMRCA, including capital purchases, fuel, licenses, repairs, and maintenance. Programs and projects are charged for the use of the vehicles and equipment.	1	CA Act	32,000	Municipal Levy – 100%
Natural Hazard Management Program						
Program Description: Conservation Authorities (CAs) are the lead provincial agencies on Natural Hazard issues. The goal is to protect life and property from flooding and erosion. This watershed-wide, comprehensive program includes development applications and permits, municipal plan input and review, environmental planning and policy, flood forecast and warning, flood and erosion control infrastructure, technical studies, education, and public awareness.						
Current	SSMRCA Regulations Administration (Section 28)	Section 28 Permissions - Reviewing and processing permit applications, associated technical reports, site inspections, communication with applicants, agents, consultants, legal costs, enforcement and compliance.	1	CA Act	90,000	Municipal Levy – 35%
						Self-Generated – 65%

Current	Municipal Plan Input and Review	Technical information and advice to municipalities on circulated municipal land use planning applications (Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, Subdivisions, Consents, Minor Variances). Input to municipal land-use planning documents (OP, Comprehensive ZB, Secondary plans) related to natural hazards, on behalf of Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR), delegated to CAs (1983). Input to the review and approval processes under other applicable law, with comments principally related to natural hazards, wetlands, watercourses, and Sec. 28 permit requirements.	1	CA Act	4,000	Municipal Levy – 100%
New Project	Plan Review Not Related to Natural Hazards (i.e., stormwater mgmt)	New Project: Technical information and advice to municipalities on circulated municipal land use planning applications (Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, Subdivisions, Consents, Minor Variances).	2	CA Act	TBD	Municipal Agreement – 100%
Current	Flood Forecasting and Warning	Daily data collection and monitoring of weather forecasts, provincial and local water level forecasts, watershed conditions, snow surveys, flood event forecasting, flood warning, and communications.	1	CA Act	43,600	Provincial Transfer Payment – 30% Municipal Levy – 70%
Current	Low Water Response	Conditions monitoring and analysis. Technical and administrative support to the municipality and the province, i.e., input to those who initiate drought response.	1	CA Act	2,000	Municipal Levy – 100%
Current	SSMRCA Owned Flood and Erosion Control Infrastructure	Water and erosion control infrastructure operations and management. Includes all water management structures (flood control, dams and channels, etc.)	1	CA Act	127,000	Provincial Transfer Payment – 43% Municipal Levy – 57%

	Operation and Management	that are annually inspected, and routine maintenance work completed.				
Current	Non-SSMRCA Owned	Water and erosion control infrastructure operations and management. Includes all water management structures (flood control, dams and channels, berms, weirs, erosion control, etc.) that are annually inspected, and routine maintenance work completed.	2	CA Act	Varies from year to year	Municipal Levy – 100%
	Flood and Erosion Control Infrastructure Operation and Management					
Current	Flood and Erosion Control Infrastructure Major Maintenance	Major maintenance on flood and erosion control structures as required. Projects are dependent on Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) funding from the province and support from our municipal partners.	1	CA Act	Varies from year to year	Provincial WECI– 50% Municipal Levy – 50%
Current	Technical Studies and Policy Review	Studies and projects to inform natural hazards management programs including floodplain management, watershed hydrology, regulations areas mapping update, flood forecasting system assessment, floodplain policy, Lake Superior shoreline management. These projects often last a specific number of years and are distributed over time as human resources and funding are available.	1	CA Act	Varies from year to year	Municipal Levy – 100% Alternate grant funding when available
Current	Natural Hazards Communications, Outreach and Education	Promoting public awareness of natural hazards including flooding and erosion. Attending public events, supplying materials. Social media services. Media relations. Educate school-aged children and the public about the dangers of fast-flowing water, danger of dams, etc.	1	CA Act	7,500	Municipal Levy – 50% Self Generated – 50%

Provincial Water Quality & Quantity Monitoring						
Program Description: Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority, in partnership with Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Parks (MECP), has established long term sites to monitor surface and ground water conditions as well as an investment into long-term monitoring of climate change trends.						
Current	Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network (PWQMN) and Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN)	Long-standing CA/MECP partnership for both stream water quality monitoring at 5 sites and groundwater level and quality monitoring at 12 stations. SSMRCA staff complete field work and MECP does lab analysis and data management. The MECP funds installation and equipment replacements. Data collected supports flood forecasting and warning, low water response, and water quality monitoring. Information is also used for watershed report cards and potential pollution monitoring.	1	CA Act	2,800	Municipal Levy – 100%
Drinking Water Source Protection						
Program Description: The protection of municipal drinking water supplies in the Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Area through the development and implementation of SSMR Source Protection Plan.						
Current	Regional Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP)	SSM Region Source Protection Area, technical support and program management, Source Protection Committee support, Source Protection Authority reports and meetings. Activities required by the Clean Water Act and regulations.	1	Clean Water Act	100,000	Provincial Transfer Payment – 100%
Current	DWSP Risk Management Official	Carrying out Part IV duties of the Clean Water Act on behalf of municipalities through service agreements.	2	CA Act	2,000	Municipal Agreement – 100%
Current	DWSP Education and Outreach	Carrying out Education and Outreach responsibilities on behalf of municipalities through service agreements.	2	CA Act	Varies from year to year	Municipal Agreement – 100 %

Core Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy						
<p>Program Description: The purpose of a watershed plan is to understand the current conditions of the watershed, and identify measures to protect, enhance, and restore the health of the watershed. Watershed strategies provide a management framework to provide recommendations which consists of goals, objectives, indicators, and management recommendations. This addresses existing issues in the watershed and mitigate impacts from potential future land uses, while recommending appropriate actions to protect, enhance, and restore the watershed.</p>						
New Project	Resource Management Strategy Development	New Project: Collate/compile existing resource management plans, watershed plans, studies, and data. Strategy development, implementation, and annual reporting. This project builds on previous Watershed Management Strategies.	1	CA Act	TBD	Municipal Levy – 100%
Conservation Authority Lands and Conservation Areas						
<p>Program Description: Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority owns and manages over 5,000 acres of land which includes conservation areas, management areas, forests, farmland, dynamic beaches and flood control structures and surrounding land. SSMRCA property is essential to watershed management, environmental protection, helps implement the Watershed Management Strategy and provides areas for passive recreation.</p>						
Current	Conservation Areas Management including Section 29	Conservation Areas regulation enforcement and compliance. Management and maintenance of 5 conservation areas and associated recreational trails. Includes passive recreation, forest management plans, risk management program, hazard tree management, gates, fencing, signage, brochures, communications, pedestrian bridges, trails, parking lots, pavilions, roadways, stewardship, restoration, planning, carrying costs such as taxes and insurance.	1	CA Act	40,000	Municipal Levy – 86% Self-Generated – 14%
Current	Conservation Area Major Maintenance	Major maintenance and capital improvements to support public access, safety, and environmental protection such as pedestrian bridges, boardwalks, privies, trails.	1	CA Act	Varies from year to year	Municipal Levy – 100%

New Project	Inventory of Conservation Authority lands	New Project: The land inventory will include the following information: location, date obtained, method and purpose of acquisition, land use. Project updates as inventory changes.	1	CA Act	TBD	Municipal Levy – 100%
New Project	Strategy for CA owned or controlled lands and management plans	New Project: A strategy to guide the management and use of CA-owned or controlled properties including guiding principles, objectives, land use, natural heritage, classifications of lands, mapping, identification of programs and services on the lands, public consultation, publish on website. Updates of existing conservation area management plans.	1	CA Act	TBD	Municipal Levy – 100%
New Project	Land Acquisition and Disposition Strategy	New Project: A policy to guide the acquisition and disposition of land in order to fulfill the objects of the authority.	1	CA Act	TBD	Municipal Levy – 100%
New Project	Land acquisition	New Project: Strategic acquisition of environmentally significant properties.	1	CA Act	TBD	Municipal Levy – 100%
Special Projects						
Program Description: Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority delivers other programs that are not part of the mandatory programs and services as outlined in O. Reg. 686/21. Most of these programs are funded without municipal levy but occasionally there are opportunities for municipal participation based on special benefitting funding. All of the programs influence and enhance the health and watershed management of the SSMRCA. They are part of a larger integrated watershed management model.						
Current	St. Marys Canadian Heritage River	St. Marys River is 1 of Canada's 40 Heritage Rivers that are recognized nationally for their outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational heritage. Once rivers are designated to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System, they become part of a network of waterways that are cared for by passionate river stewards. SSMRCA is responsible for the management of this Canadian Heritage River and	3	The Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS) Program	Varies from year to year	Provincial Transfer Payment – 50% Self-Generated – 50%

		includes governance, administration, stakeholder and public outreach, First Nation engagement, communications, data compilation, data analysis and review, and reporting.				
Current	Watershed Stewardship and Restoration	Local watershed stewardship and restoration related projects include working with local community groups to engage volunteers in tree planting on CA or partner owned lands. This item occurs as funding availability and staffing allows. This item also includes the use of CA owned lands (via MOUs) by local educational facilities (such as Sault College & Algoma University) to foster supportive experiential learning, research, and information sharing while bolstering each organizations' research capabilities.	3	CA Act	Varies from year to year NIL	Self-generated and alternate grant funding when available (such as TD Tree Days) Memorandum of Understanding between the SSMRCA and each of Sault College and Algoma University
New Project	New Project	New Project: Opportunities for new projects that benefit the watershed and its municipal partners can occur anytime and can have varying durations. These projects may require matching funding or be self-sustaining. New projects may require municipal participation and/or funding.	3	CA Act	TBD	Combination of self-generated, municipal agreement and alternate grant funding when available

See Appendix 1 for Caveats and Appendix 2 for Category 2 Summary Information, and Appendix 3 for Category 3 Summary Information.

Phase II

Municipal Agreements – IN FUTURE

All municipal agreements for non-mandated services are to be in place by **January 1, 2024**.

SSMRCA will negotiate with their municipal partners to develop agreements for non-mandated but important watershed wide programs and services. The negotiations will be undertaken upon the circulation of the inventory in February 2022.

Appendix 1

Caveats:

- 1) All of the financial information provided is based on estimates, including the percentage of the total annual fund contributions of the various funding providers.
- 2) Under *O. Reg. 687/21 Section 6. (2)(c)(i)(D)* if the authority is of the opinion that the average annual cost determined under sub-subclause (A) or (B) does not reflect the average annual cost to provide the program or service in the future, adjust the average annual cost and provide an explanation for this adjustment. The costs associated with each program and service are estimated based on the 2022 approved budget for the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority. The rationale for this approach is that a five-year estimate is not reflective of current and future costs and does not allow for program shifts made as a result of recent provincial funding cuts. The costs for programs and services increase annually due to increases in wages and benefits and the increased operational costs due to inflation. As well program operations are often modified based on best management practices.

Appendix 2

Category 2 Summary Information:

Category 2 Service	Participating Municipalities	Date of agreement (most recent version)
Plan Review Not Related to Natural Hazards	Sault Ste. Marie	Stormwater Management Plans, etc.: Agreement to be developed
DWSP Risk Management Official	Sault Ste. Marie	Agreement in development, currently invoice for services
DWSP Education and Outreach	Sault Ste. Marie	Agreement to be developed, currently invoice for services
Non-SSMRCA Owned Flood and Erosion Control Infrastructure Operation and Management	Sault Ste. Marie	Agreement to be developed, to date the service has been paid from municipal levy

Appendix 3

Category 3 Summary Information:

For existing Category 3 programs and services, there are no programs or services financed through any Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority partner municipality.

For future Category 3 programs and services, the potential exists to seek funding for projects from municipal partners. Future projects that are beneficial to the watershed as a whole or that are benefitting to a particular municipality are variable and generally dependent on other funding sources and their funding criteria.

SSMRCA will continue to actively search for alternate funding for beneficial watershed and research projects.

SSMRCA intends to enter into cost apportioning agreements with municipalities as projects are developed and executed, when necessary.

Madison Zuppa

From: City Clerk
Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 9:13 AM
To: Madison Zuppa
Subject: FW: Letter from President Whalen - Regarding Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force
Attachments: Letter from President Whalen - Northern Ontario Transportation Taskforce .pdf

From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 8:21 AM
Subject: Letter from President Whalen - Regarding Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force

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Good morning

In January, Minister Mulroney announced the creation of a Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force, Co-Chaired by Danny Whalen and Wendy Landry. President Whalen wanted to share with the FONOM Membership avenue for their participation. Please share the attached Letter with your Council and Senior Management team.

Happy to answer any questions you may have.

Talk soon, Mac

Mac Bain
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Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force

March 3rd, 2022

To: Heads of Councils, their Council colleagues, and Senior Municipal Staff

In January, I was pleased to hear Minister Mulroney announce the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force (NOTTF).

During our initial discussions with ministry staff regarding the Task Force, I stressed the importance of these discussions, be held in the North by people of the North. Minister Mulroney heard this message, and in appointing Mayor Landry, Chair of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, and myself as President of The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Minister ensured all northern Ontario municipalities have the opportunity to participate and provide input.

Several northern Ontario municipalities have their respective associations, and every district association in the northeast has a FONOM Board member representing their interests. Further, our largest municipalities in the northeast, North Bay, Timmins, Sudbury, and Sault Ste. Marie have a FONOM representative and district representative available to gather their input.

The NOTTF will also be contacting many local transportation experts within our membership area to provide their input and expertise to the task force.

I encourage all municipal councils, airport boards, transportation committees to reach out in writing to your FONOM Board members or directly to our FONOM office with your concerns about our suggestions for the NOTTF.

I also ask our municipal membership to reach out to their local road safety coalitions, school safety groups, and other interested parties to make them aware of the opportunity to provide input.

Please provide all submissions to fonom.info@gmail.com, which will be provided to me, and I will present to the entire task force membership. To share thoughts with the Ministry please send submissions to NorthernTransportationPlan@ontario.ca

Sincerely,



Danny Whalen
President



Township of Georgian Bay – Office of the CAO

March 7, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier,

RE: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

At its meeting held on February 14, 2022, Township of Georgian Bay Council adopted the following resolution with respect to the Ontario Land Tribunal:

WHEREAS Municipalities across this Province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, "that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of our community"; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the Province; and

WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of Township of Georgian Bay Official Plan; and

WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Township of Georgian Bay Official Plan; and

WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT - formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Township of Georgian Bay; and

WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans and Provincial Planning Policy; and

WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

WHEREAS towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming, and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

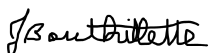
1. NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Township of Georgian Bay requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Your favorable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Julie Bouthillette, CPA, CGA
Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Township of Georgian Bay

cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Leader of the Opposition; Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party; MPPs in the Province of Ontario; Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; AMO and All Ontario Municipalities

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Rachel Tyczinski

Subject: FW: Regional Council Decision - Town of Aurora Resolution - Request to Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)

From: Switzer, Barbara <Barbara.Switzer@york.ca> **On Behalf Of** Regional Clerk

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 3:29 PM

Subject: Regional Council Decision - Town of Aurora Resolution - Request to Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)

On February 24, 2022 Regional Council received the communication from the Town of Aurora dated February 22, 2022 and supported the motion, *amended as follows*:

WHEREAS Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and

WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and

WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Aurora; and

WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans; and

WHEREAS all decisions - save planning decisions - made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

WHEREAS towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and acts as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that *the Government of Ontario be requested to immediately engage municipalities to determine an alternative land use planning appeals process in order to dissolve the OLT and eliminate* one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for consideration.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services

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