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Council Correspondence

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FONOM

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

November 22, 2022

FONOM welcomes new Highway Safety Standard

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is applauding the provincial government's recent announcement that bare pavement on Northern highways will now be required within 12 hours of a winter storm.

"FONOM would like to thank Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney and the provincial government for making this critical change," said FONOM President Danny Whalen. "Highways in Northern Ontario connect our communities; and having highways 17 and 11 cleared quicker after the minimal standard is reached is important for road safety."

Previously this year, the province announced the 2+1 Highway pilot project on Highway 11 north of North Bay and the work of the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force as steps to ensure highways 11 and 17 serve the residents of the North.

FONOM will continue to work with the Ministry and Ford Government on matters of importance to our member municipalities. The FONOM Board will continue this advocacy during the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference this January.

FONOM is an association of some 110 districts/municipalities/cities/towns in Northeastern Ontario mandated to work for the betterment of municipal government in Northern Ontario and strive for improved legislation respecting local government in the North. It is a membership-based association that draws its members from Northeastern Ontario and is governed by an 11-member board.



President Danny Whalen
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Rural Ontario
Municipal Association

2023 – 2027 ROMA Board of Directors Call for Nominations

October 18, 2022

Request of Municipal Clerks:

Please make this document available to all new and incumbent council members coming out of the October 24th, 2022 municipal elections. We do not have all of their email addresses at this time.

ROMA Policies and Procedures set out the requirements for the Notice and deadline for Zone Nominations. Deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday, December 23, 2022, so if an individual of your 2023 – 2027 Council wishes to run for the ROMA Board, Council (or its Committee of the Whole) will need to pass a supporting resolution at a November or December 2022 meeting. The following pages provide all the information related to the election process, time commitment for the Board, expense policy and a sample nomination resolution. Thank you for forwarding to Members of your new Council and tabling this on Council agenda.

ROMA Elections Notice

Please be advised that in accordance with the Rural Ontario Municipal Association's Policies and Procedures, this is notice of nominations for Zone Representatives to the 2023 – 2027 ROMA Board. One (1) representative will be elected for each of the ten zones. The term of the ROMA Board is four years. Candidates reflecting Ontario's diversity are encouraged to seek election to the ROMA Board.

Attached please find:

- A summary of the qualifications to serve on the ROMA Board of Directors;
- A sample Council resolution;
- An estimate of the annual time commitment required to serve on the ROMA Board and information regarding reimbursement of expenses; and
- Nomination Form.

The election will take place on Monday, January 23, 2023 at the 2023 Annual Conference. The conference is January 22 – January 24, 2023, Sheraton Hotel, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

In the event the conference is held virtually due to public health restrictions, conference delegates will vote through electronic means.

Submission Requirements

A completed Nomination Form and supporting material (i.e., Council or Committee of the Whole resolution of support) must be received no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 23, 2022. Nominations will not be accepted beyond that date.

Please forward a completed Nomination Form to the Association via email romaelections@roma.on.ca or fax at 416-971-6191 or mail to the attention of Brian Rosborough, Executive Director. Scans and photographic images of documents are acceptable. All candidates will be contacted to confirm receipt of their nomination.

ROMA's Chief Returning Officer, Peter Fay, will review and certify the nomination. A Nominations Report will be issued to the membership in advance of the conference. Information regarding the elections process will be sent at that time.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Brian Rosborough, Executive Director at 416-971-9856, ext. 362, e-mail brosborough@amo.on.ca or Adam Garcia, Manager, Executive Office, 416-971-9856, ext. 356, email agarcia@amo.on.ca.

Qualifications

Every Director shall be:

- be an individual of eighteen (18) or more years of age;
- be an elected official of an AMO Member Municipality;
- not be an undischarged bankrupt; and
- not be declared incapable.

Qualified Nominees must obtain a Council or Committee of the Whole resolution of support which must specify the Zone for which the individual is being nominated.

Sample Council Resolution

Be it resolved that the Council for <Municipality's legal name> endorses <Candidate's name & title> for the position of ROMA Zone <insert zone number> Representative for the 2023 – 2027 ROMA Board of Directors.

Time Commitment

ROMA Board meetings are held eight times per year, typically on the second Thursday of the month in January, March, April, June, October, November, and December in Toronto. The August meeting is held at the AMO Conference. A mid-term meeting is held every two years, in May or June. In addition, Board members may serve on sub-committees from time to time or asked to be a ROMA representative on others' committees. Time for this will vary with the activity. The term of the ROMA Board is four years.

Expenses

ROMA Board members are entitled to a per diem of \$92 per day (as of 2022) when attending meetings on behalf of ROMA business, these meetings include the ROMA Board, AMO Board, Committees and any other meetings where attendance has been pre-approved by the ROMA Chair. A per diem is not applicable to the ROMA mid-term meeting.

ROMA will reimburse travel expenses to all ROMA Board meetings, AMO Board meetings (if applicable) and the Summer Retreat. Travel expenses refer to airfare, train fare and car mileage, parking costs, public transit, and accommodation. Meal costs will also be paid subject to a maximum of \$85/day.

NOMINATION FORM
2023– 2027 ROMA Board of Directors

Please note:

- Candidates reflecting Ontario’s diversity are encouraged to seek election to the ROMA Board.
- It is the responsibility of the person nominated to file a complete and accurate Nomination Form.
- Council Resolution of support must accompany the form and must specify the Zone the candidate is nominated for. See [ROMA Zone map](#).
- Complete nominations will be accepted no later than **12:00 p.m. Friday, December 23, 2022.**

Send completed forms to:

Brian Rosborough, Executive Director
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
200 University Avenue, Suite 801
Toronto, ON M5H 3C6
Email: romaelections@roma.on.ca
Fax: 416-971-6191

A. Please type or print clearly:

Nominee’s Name, as it is to appear on the ballot

Nominee’s Municipal Position Title

Nominee’s Municipality

Nominee’s Email address and Phone Number

Mailing address, if different from municipal mailing address

Municipality and Postal Code, if different from municipal mailing address

B. I am nominated for the office of Zone ____ Representative.

C. I confirm that a Council/Committee of the Whole resolution confirming Council support for the Nomination to the above Zone is attached. ____ (Initial here)

D. Consent of Nominee and Statement of Qualification:

I, the Nominee mentioned in this Nomination Form do hereby consent to such Nomination and declare that I am qualified to be elected and to hold the office for which I am nominated.

Signature of Nominee and date

Certificate of ROMA's Chief Returning Officer:

I, Peter Fay, the Chief Returning Officer, appointed by the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, to officiate over these elections, do hereby certify that I have examined the Nomination Form of the aforementioned Nominee filed with me and am satisfied that such Nominee is qualified to be nominated to the office indicated above.

Signature of Chief Returning Officer and date

Date Nomination Form received



AMO Submission on Bill 23, Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022 Introduced – Expanding “Strong Mayor” Tools

Policy Update • November 17, 2022

Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*

AMO was not provided an opportunity to present to the Legislature’s Standing Committee on Heritage and Culture during its review of Bill 23. The Committee heard from dozens of groups and individuals over four days of hearings. AMO was, however, invited by the Official Opposition to present its submission to interested members of the Legislature earlier today through a virtual meeting.

The [AMO submission](#), which has been shared with all MPPs acknowledges that increased housing supply and improved housing affordability is a municipal priority. The submission also urges the government to work in partnership with municipalities in order to achieve its housing goals.

The AMO submission also outlines serious problems with the Bill which was introduced without consultation with municipalities. It illustrates the cost to property taxpayers of transferring a portion of growth costs from private developers to property taxpayers. A preliminary analysis indicates the costs for Ontario’s 29 largest municipalities could be as much as \$1 billion annually between 2023 and 2031. The submission also raises serious concerns about the implications for homeowners and communities of undermining Ontario’s environmental protections.

Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022

Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister, Steve Clark, [introduced](#) new legislation yesterday which will, if passed:

- allow the appointment of provincial facilitators to assess Durham, Halton, Peel, Niagara, Waterloo, and York Regions for expanding strong mayor tools
- reappoint the existing Regional Chairs of Niagara, York, and Peel to ensure stability as the Regions work with the provincial facilitators
- allow the Mayors of Ottawa and Toronto to propose or amend certain municipal by-laws related to prescribed provincial priorities with more than one-third of a council vote and make regulations regarding this power.

The proposed legislation also repeals the *Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve Act, 2005* to allow development of that land.

In making the announcement, Minister Clark noted that provincial priorities include increasing the supply of housing. The Minister said that provincially appointed facilitators will assess the municipal governments in the designated regions to determine the best mix of roles and responsibilities between the upper and lower-tier municipalities in those regions, and ensure they are equipped to deliver on the government’s commitment to build 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years.

The Minister stated that the Bill builds on the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*, and the province’s Housing Supply Action Plans.

All three opposition parties sharply criticized the Bill as undermining fundamental democratic principles.

AMO has [called](#) for more consultation with municipal governments before expanding strong mayor powers. It is expected that the provincial facilitators will work with municipalities in the designated regions to gather feedback and input on these powers.

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November 23, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Delivered by email
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Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 22, 2022; Re: Motion 7.1 – Mayor Mrakas – Modifications to York Region Official Plan

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on November 22, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Province on November 4, 2022, approved the York Region Official Plan with 80 modifications; and

Whereas these modifications to the Regional Official Plan have been made by the Minister including two in the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas these modifications have been made without consultation or support by the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas Section 4.2 is modified by adding a new policy subsection after policy 4.2.29, titled "Special Provisions", followed by new policies: "4.2.30 Special provisions for the lands known municipally as 1289 Wellington Street East in the City of Aurora (PIN 036425499). Notwithstanding any other policies in this Plan to the contrary, the minimum density target to be achieved is 330 units per hectare and minimum building height of 12 storeys.";

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora opposes the modification by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the lands known municipally as 1289 Wellington Street East in the Town of Aurora (PIN 036425499); and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora requests the Minister to revoke special provision 4.2.30 to allow for the normal planning process to occur, as the Modification to the Regional Official Plan is contrary to the**

planning applications (OPA and ZBA) currently before the OLT (case files: OLT-22-004187 and OLT-22-004188); and

- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 4. 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; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That a letter be submitted to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing and MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, and Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora, expressing our disappointment with the lack of consultation and communication with the Town of Aurora and requesting that an explanation as to why this significant change was warranted be provided.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Copy: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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November 23, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 22, 2022; Re: Motion 7.2 – Mayor Mrakas – Opposition to Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on November 22, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, omnibus legislation that received first reading in the provincial legislature on October 25, 2022, proposes changes to nine Acts. Many of these proposed changes are significant and will restrict how municipalities manage growth through implementation of the official plan and the ability to provide essential infrastructure and community services; and

Whereas the effect of Bill 23 is that the Conservation Authority will no longer be able to review and comment on development applications and supporting environmental studies on behalf of a municipality; and

Whereas Bill 23 proposes to freeze, remove, and reduce development charges, community benefits charges, and parkland dedication requirements; and

Whereas Bill 23 will remove all aspects of Site Plan Control of some residential development proposals up to 10 units. Changes would also remove the ability to regulate architectural details and aspects of landscape design;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora oppose Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, which in its current state will severely impact environmental protection, heritage preservation, public participation, loss of farmland, and a municipality's ability to provide future services, amenities, and infrastructure, and negatively impact residential tax rates; and**

- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader of the New Democratic Party, local Members of Parliament Tony Van Bynen for Newmarket–Aurora and Leah Taylor Roy for Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 4. 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.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

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Clerks and Bylaw

November 17, 2022

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO:

Hon. Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister Clark:

Re: Bill 23 "More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022"

On behalf of the Council of The Corporation of Norfolk County, please be advised that Council passed the following resolution at the November 16, 2022 Council-in-Committee meeting:

Resolution No. 13

Moved By: Mayor Martin

Seconded By: Councillor Columbus

WHEREAS on October 25, 2022, the Provincial government introduced Bill 23 known as the "More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022";

AND WHEREAS the overall stated purpose of Bill 23 is to introduce several legislative changes to increase housing supply throughout Ontario and to achieve the province's goal of 1.5 million homes over the next ten years;

AND WHEREAS the proposed changes include significant changes to six pieces of legislation including but not limited to development charges reform, diminished role of conservation authorities, removal of legislated planning responsibilities from some upper-tier municipalities, removal of public consultation in relation to subdivisions, adjusting the rights of appeal by third parties, and adjusting how growth-related capital infrastructure is paid for;

AND WHEREAS commenting timelines for these new proposed changes is constricted with some comments due on November 24, 2022, for many of the proposed changes;

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AND WHEREAS given the enormity of the proposed changes and potential long-term financial impacts to municipalities, including Norfolk County, additional time is needed to review, engage, and analyze the proposal to provide informed feedback;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. the County formally request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing extend the commenting period for all components of the proposed Bill 23 to at least January 15, 2023 to allow for a more informed consultation period.
2. That the Mayor be directed to submit a letter on behalf of Norfolk County Council to the Ontario Minister of Municipal and Affairs MP, and local MPP, expressing concerns with the proposed legislation as detailed in staff memo CD-22-110, and the letter be circulated to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Carried.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact the Office of the County Clerk at 519-426-5870 x. 1261, or email: Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca.

Sincerely,

Teresa Olsen
County Clerk
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BY E-MAIL ONLY

November 16, 2022

Tracy Robinson, CN Rail President and CEO
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Dear Tracy Robinson:

Re: CN Railway Contribution Requirements under the *Drainage Act* and Impacts on Municipal Drain Infrastructure in Ontario

At the October 17, 2022, regular Council meeting Warwick Township Council discussed the continuing impacts of CN's decision not to participate in funding municipal drains in Ontario, as per the *Drainage Act*, and the negative consequences on our community and others in the Province and approved the following resolution to be circulated to CN and related partners:

WHEREAS municipal drains are considered critical rural infrastructure that support food production, food security, the environment and economic sustainability in rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the creation, maintenance and contribution requirements towards municipal drain infrastructure are governed by the *Drainage Act*;

AND WHEREAS an official from CN Rail has formally communicated to the Township of Warwick that “CN's decision is that it is a federally regulated entity under CTA guidelines, as such, are not governed by provincial regulations”;

AND WHEREAS the implication that any public utility could become exempt from the financial requirements invalidates the underlying principle that all benefitting from municipal drain projects are required to contribute financially, including all public utilities;

AND WHEREAS there are currently at least fifty-five municipal drainage projects in Ontario being impacted by CN's actions and refusal to contribute as per the Drainage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Warwick and many rural municipalities have expressed concerns over this CN Rail position to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs consistently over at least the past four years;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Warwick and other rural municipalities met with Minister Thompson at the Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO) on this issue and Minister Thompson has confirmed it remains the Provincial government's position that the Drainage Act does apply to all federally regulated railways;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Warwick hereby declares as follows:

THAT Ontario's Drainage Act is an important piece of legislation used to meet the drainage needs of a variety of stakeholders, including agricultural businesses and ultimately food production, thereby supporting families, neighbours, and thriving communities;

AND THAT CN Rail be called upon to act as a partner to municipalities and agriculture in Ontario and reconsider its position that the Drainage Act does not apply to it as a public entity;

AND THAT CN Rail contribute to all municipal drains in Ontario, as per section 26 of the Drainage Act, and work to expedite its response timelines to the fifty-five projects currently on hold in Ontario so that the projects impacting the agriculture sector can proceed and be dealt with in a timely manner after years of delay caused directly by CN Rail;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson, local MPP Monte McNaughton, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau, CN Manager Public Affairs, Ontario & Atlantic Canada Daniel Salvatore, the President and CEO of CN Rail Tracy Robinson, Director of Government Relations Railway Association of Canada Gregory Kolz and to all municipalities in Ontario for their support.

- Carried.

Warwick Township Council looks forward to a timely response from CN in the hopes that this issue impacting rural Ontario can be resolved.

Sincerely,



Amanda Gubbels
CAO/Clerk
Township of Warwick

Cc:

Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs,
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