



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

September 2, 2022

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Italian Housing Corporation Of Sault Ste. Marie

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August 22, 2022

Ross Romano, MPP
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ELEVATORS - 4 EAST STREET

Dear MPP Romano,

I am writing to you on behalf of 60 senior residents living in an 8 storey building at the Villa Santa Maria in Sault Ste. Marie. 95% of our senior residents are in wheelchairs or utilizing assistive walking devices and depend on safe, workable and trust worthy elevating machinery for their means of independent mobility.

In early March 2022 our two elevators began undergoing modernization upgrades. This process entailed decommissioning one elevator at a time for a 3 month period. Although this placed the residents at a huge disadvantage with only the use of one elevator available, the project was unavoidable for the necessary repairs and upgrades. Thankfully no emergency issue occurred.

The work is now completed and we are waiting for the final inspection for the second elevator to undergo. This inspection must be completed by Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA). As you may or may not be aware of TSSA is in an ongoing strike. This poses concerns with completing the 2 elevator inspection. Our elevator remains decommissioned because of this strike. Numerous scheduling dates between our Elevator Contractor and TSSA have been put on the back burner where no one at TSSA responds nor confirms a scheduling date.

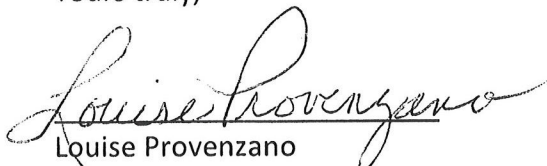
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Without this final inspection approval from TSSA we cannot receive a commission for our elevator. This puts a heavy strain on our 1 elevator and poses a serious safety and health issue on our residents.

This additional ongoing stress forced on the one working elevator for this number of residents and their associated visitors and home care Health Care workers is NOT acceptable.

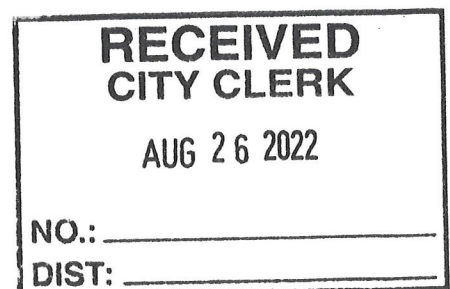
Your intervention to resolving TSSA strike is respectfully implored before a disastrous situation occurs, which could mean fatal consequences for a resident. We need an inspector to approve to recommission this elevator NOW – not tomorrow.

Yours truly,


Louise Provenzano
Chair of the Board of Directors
Italian Housing Corporation
of Sault Ste. Marie


Kathy MacIntyre
Property Manager
Italian Housing Corporation
of Sault Ste. Marie

cc: Ministry of Labor
✓ Sault Ste. Marie City Council
Mike Nadeau, District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board





August 9, 2022

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Attn: Mac Bain, Executive Director
615 Hardy Street
North Bay, ON
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Re: Delayed Ontario One Call Locates – Impact on municipalities and development

On behalf of the Township of Fauquier-Strickland, I would like to voice my great concern regarding the lengthy wait times by Ontario One Call to respond to and complete locates. The municipal office is receiving complaints, on a steady basis, from property owners and contractors who are obligated to delay their projects due to missing locates.

The Township has also been impacted and are unable to move forward with small and major projects for the same reason. Further to inquiries, administration is reporting that wait time is approximately 4 weeks to receive all locates. I find this unacceptable as it is leading to work being 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.

Northeastern Ontario has a very short period for construction. Frost comes out of the ground in mid-June only to have snow on the ground again in October. This being said, it is very discouraging to see that the municipality, property owners and contractors have to wait such a long time to advance construction projects. Many are forced to cancel or delay their projects until next year due to the lack of time remaining before the snow hits the ground.

This problem is extremely concerning to Council as we are seeing a direct impact on municipal infrastructure projects, road repairs, etc.

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

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that they serve. Immediate action is required as it is unacceptable to allow any further delays in receiving and completing locates.

Sincerely,

Mayor Madeleine Tremblay

cc. Highway 11 Corridor Municipalities
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August 9, 2022

Honourable Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General of Ontario
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Dear Solicitor General Kerzner:

Re: Mandatory Firefighter Certification

The Ontario Government has been making great improvements to the legislation which governs the manner in which municipalities conduct their business. One such piece of legislation is the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* and particularly, the requirements for firefighter certification.

While the Town of South Bruce Peninsula supports, in principle, the updates to requirements for volunteer and full-time fire service professionals, we must provide our comments in order for the Province to understand the great burden that the regulations will place on municipalities. Council discussed this issue at their regular Council meeting held on August 2, 2022 and adopted resolution R-296-2022 directing that you are contacted for assistance.

Smaller municipalities such as ours, are not fortunate enough to have full-time firefighters. Our emergency personnel are all volunteers with the exception of our Fire Chief who is a full-time employee and our Deputy Fire Chief who is a part-time employee. It is difficult for our volunteers to dedicate the time to obtaining full certification in the manner legislated, as the fire service is not their primary employment. We have found that the average retention period for volunteers is three to five years meaning that once fully trained, most of our volunteers would leave the service or may even leave the service before they are fully trained and certified.

As you can imagine, this places a huge financial burden on our taxpayers as the certification is an additional cost which is funded wholly from the tax base. No grant funding or other financial assistance has been offered from the Province.

We are under the understanding that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, many municipal governments and the Fire Chiefs across Ontario have raised concerns regarding the legislated requirements for certification. We are respectfully requesting that meaningful consultation and collaboration with the commenting parties takes place

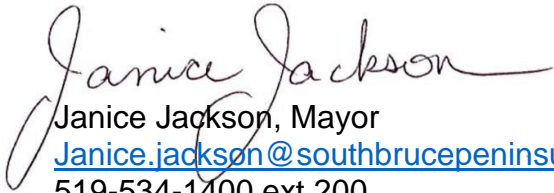


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quickly so that municipalities can better manage their finances and workforce where emergency service provision is concerned.

We look forward to hearing from you and to discussing our position on this important matter with you further.

Yours very truly,



Janice Jackson, Mayor

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Enclosure (1)

cc: Premier Doug Ford, MPP Rick Byers, AMO, OSUM, All Ontario Municipalities,
Ministry of the Solicitor General (Ministry Office)

August 12, 2022

Mayor Janice Jackson
Town of South Bruce Peninsula
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Via Email: janice.jackson@southbrucepeninsula.com

Re: Endorsement of Resolution - Physician Shortages In Ontario

Further to your correspondence dated July 22, 2022 regarding the above noted matter, please be advised that Hanover Council passed the following resolution at their August 8, 2022 meeting:

Moved by COUNCILLOR HOCKING | Seconded by COUNCILLOR KOEBEL

THAT the Council of the Town of Hanover support the motion from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requesting that the Province acknowledge the shortage in all health care worker disciplines and that they take steps to increase the number of practicing physicians in the Province of Ontario. **CARRIED**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,



Vicki McDonald
Clerk

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September 1, 2022

The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Town of Kingsville Council Resolution #336-08292022 in opposition to
Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022**

At its Special Meeting held August 29, 2022 Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed a Resolution against Bill 3 as follows:

Resolution #336-08292022

Moved by Councillor Kimberly DeYong
Seconded by Councillor Laura Lucier

“WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will initially apply to the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa, but will later be expanded to include other municipalities according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these are surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council.

THEREFORE, this Council of the Town of Kingsville, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:

1. These changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Town of Kingsville;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2020; and
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the *Planning Act* and funding of more affordable housing.

Council further directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the "Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy", Kingsville's MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other Municipalities in Ontario."

RECORDED VOTE – Carried Unanimously

	YEA	NAY
Deputy Mayor Gord Queen	X	
Councillor Kimberly DeYong	X	
Councillor Tony Gaffan	X	
Councillor Laura Lucier	X	
Councillor Thomas Neufeld	X	
Councillor Larry Patterson	X	
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If you have any questions or comments please contact Paula Parker at pparker@kingsville.ca.

Yours very truly,



Paula Parker
Town Clerk, on behalf of Kingsville Council

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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