



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

January 20, 2023

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## **SSMRCA January Board AGM**

Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority  
Jan 17, 2023 at 4:45 PM EST to Jan 17, 2023 at 6:45 PM EST  
1100 Fifth Line East / Zoom Meeting

### **Agenda**

#### **I. Call to Order**

#### **II. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

#### **III. Adoption of Agenda**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

#### **IV. Delegations**

Presentation by the Sault Cycling Club on proposed Fat Bike Trail

#### **V. Public Input (3 minutes per speaker)**

#### **VI. 2022 Finance and Administration**

##### **A. Adoption of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2022**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2022 be adopted.

##### **B. Health & Safety Meeting Minutes**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Health & Safety Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2022, be received as information.

##### **C. Accounts Payable**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the list of accounts payable from December 2, to December 31, 2022, be received as information.

#### **VII. 2022 Water & Related Land Management**

##### **A. Application Approvals: Section 28, Ontario Regulation 176/06, Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines & Watercourses**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the summary of the 1 site report approved by staff from December 6, to December 31, 2022, pursuant to Ontario Regulation 176/06, be received as information.

## **VIII. Chair's Remarks on 2022**

### **IX. 2023 Finance and Administration**

#### **A. Election of Officers**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT Corrina Barrett and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as scrutineers for the 2023 election of Chair and Vice Chair be approved;

THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as Chair of the SSMRCA Board for 2023 be approved;

THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as Vice-Chair of the SSMRCA Board for 2023 be approved.

#### **B. Appointments for 2023:**

##### **1. Banking Agents**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce be appointed as Banking Agents for 2023.

##### **2. Signing Authority**

Whereas two authorized signatures are required to bind the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority,

RECOMMENDED:

THAT Corrina Barrett, General Manager, \_\_\_\_\_, Board Chair, and \_\_\_\_\_, Board Vice Chair, be authorized to sign on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority with any two of three signing together be approved.

##### **3. Borrowing Arrangements**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT subject to Conservation Authority Board approval of loan arrangements, during 2023 the Board Chair or Board Vice Chair and the General Manager be empowered to arrange any necessary borrowing of funds as required from time to time for approved Conservation Authority projects and programs, to a maximum amount of \$125,000,

And further THAT Corrina Barrett, General Manager, be authorized to apply payments to the operating loan on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority, as funding allows be approved.

##### **4. Appointment of Auditor**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the firm of BDO Canada LLP be appointed as Auditor for the year ending December 31, 2023 be approved

##### **5. Appointment of Legal Council**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the firm of Skeggs Paciocco Lawyers LLP be appointed as legal counsel for administrative matters for the year ending December 31, 2023 be approved.

#### **6. CA Representatives on Conservation Ontario Council**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and Corrina Barrett be appointed as the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority's representatives to Conservation Ontario, be approved.

#### **C. January Health and Safety Meeting Minutes**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Health & Safety Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2023, be received as information.

#### **D. 2023 Meeting Schedule**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the proposed schedule for 2023 Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority Board meetings be approved as presented.

#### **E. Code of Conduct**

The Code of Conduct will be supplied in the Board package for each member's signature.

#### **F. 2023 SSMRCA Budget Approval**

RECOMMENDED:

a) Levy (matching MNRF funding under S.39 of the Conservation Authorities Act): simple majority vote

THAT the matching 2023 Municipal General Levy amount of \$68,113.00 be approved.

b) Levy (non-matching): weighted vote

*Note – a recorded vote is required in accordance with Provincial Regulations to establish the Nonmatching Municipal Levy. The vote is weighted based on each Municipality's Assessment within the SSMRCA watershed.*

THAT the non-matching 2023 Municipal General Levy amount of \$495,510.45 be approved.

c) Budget: simple majority vote

THAT the 2023 SSMRCA Budget in the amount of \$831,491.91 be approved.

#### **X. 2023 Board Member Orientation Presentation**

As there are new Board members this year, the GM will give an overview presentation of Board and SSMRCA responsibilities.

#### **XI. 2023 New Business & Other**

**A. Update for the Board on Bill 23 and recently released Minister's regulation on Prescribed Acts as well as Minister's Direction on Fees**

#### **XII. Closed Session**

To approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 closed session.

**XIII. Adjournment**

For members of the public interested in attending this meeting, please contact the General Manager, Corrina Barrett, at [cbarrett@ssmrca.ca](mailto:cbarrett@ssmrca.ca) to make arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

# New Affordable Child Care Spaces, Information from Province on More Homes Built Faster Plan, Energy Reports Released, Annual Emergency Exercise Requirement, Golf Car Consultations

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## Increase In Affordable Child Care Spaces Across the Province

The Ontario government is creating an additional 53,000 new, affordable licensed child care spaces by December 2026. This announcement is part of the six-year, \$13.2 billion agreement with the federal government to lower fees for families and deliver an average of \$10 per day child care by September 2025. The focus of this new targeted plan is to increase access for families across Ontario. The new spaces will be allocated to communities using a model that incorporates demographics, socioeconomic indicators and existing licensed child care capacity. The spaces will be part of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system and includes a mix of not-for-profit and for-profit centres. The province will also enhance the availability of flexible models of care for a changing economy and labour market including spaces available on weekends and overnight.

Ontario is also launching a \$213 million grant program for new and existing operators. These one-time grants, prioritizing regions with low rates of space availability, will help child care operators offset the initial costs of expanding or creating spaces such as purchasing equipment or renovating facilities.

## New Information from Province Regarding the More Homes Built Faster Plan

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing provided an update [to Heads of Council on December 22, 2022](#) regarding recent legislative and regulatory changes. It provides important information about the implementation of Bill 109, Bill 23, Bill 3 and 39.

On December 28, 2022, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry [provided direction for conservation authorities \(CAs\)](#) regarding fee changes associated with planning, development and permitting fees. On the same day, the Ministry also provided [additional information to conservation authorities \(CAs\) and participating municipalities](#) on legislative and regulatory changes affecting CAs.

## **New Reports Released by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and Ontario Energy Board (OEB)**

In December 2022, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) released a series of reports recently that pertain to the transformation of Ontario's electricity system. The IESO's [Pathways to Decarbonization Report](#) was released in response to the [Ministry of Energy's request](#) that IESO evaluate a moratorium on procurements of new natural gas generating stations in Ontario and develop a pathway to zero emissions in the electricity sector.

The report provides a summary of the dependencies, risks and opportunities involved in the potential 2027 moratorium on natural gas generation in Ontario's electricity system, and the transition to decarbonization. It also lists actions to help ensure Ontario can both manage uncertainty and seize new opportunities as they emerge. The report was informed by IESO's [2022 Annual Planning Outlook](#) and [2021-2024 Conservation and Demand Management Framework Mid-Term Review](#).

Also in December 2022, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) released a new document: [Improving the Electricity Planning Process in Ontario: Enhanced Coordination between Municipalities and Entities in the Electricity Sector](#). It intends to build municipal awareness about the regional electricity planning process and identify information that Local Distribution Companies need from municipalities to improve the accuracy of electricity load forecasts. It is one of many initiatives being actioned in the Regional Planning Process Advisory Group's report, [Recommendations to Improve Ontario's Regional Planning Process](#) which was delivered to the OEB on December 20, 2021.

## **Annual Emergency Exercise Requirement**

Effective December 22, 2022, municipalities are no longer required to conduct the annual practice exercise in a year where:

- The Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) directed the municipality's response in an emergency during that year, and the emergency lasted for at least 48 hours;
- The MECG implemented the municipality's emergency plan and the MECG's procedures to respond to an emergency during that year; and
- The MECG complies with any other requirements that may be specified.

This update intends to provide municipalities flexibility in the allocation of emergency management resources while ensuring emergency management plans are tested annually through the annual practice exercise or responding to an emergency.

For more information about this and other related amendments, please contact your local field officer.

## Invitation to Golf Car Consultations

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation has been piloting golf cars in two municipalities (Huron-Kinloss and Pelee Island) since June 2021. The pilot allows golf cars to be operated on-road, subject to any regulatory restrictions.

Given the success of the pilot to date, the ministry is exploring a prospective expansion. Please sign up and [attend](#) ministry-led consultations on February 1 to provide any feedback related to this potential expansion.

If you have any questions, please contact [roadsafety@ontario.ca](mailto:roadsafety@ontario.ca)

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**AMO Submission on Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022**

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

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January 16th, 2023

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Minister of Finance  
Frost Building South, 7th Floor  
7 Queen's Park Crescent  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Y7

Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy:

RE: Reassessment

I am writing on behalf of the [Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario \(AMCTO\)](#).

AMCTO represents excellence in local government management and leadership. With 2,100+ members (e.g., CAOs, Clerks, Treasurers, management) working in municipalities across the province, AMCTO is Ontario's largest association of local government professionals, the leading professional development organization for municipal professionals and recognized as an influential voice on key management and legislative issues affecting the sector.

For over 80 years, AMCTO has maintained a productive relationship with government by helping ensure the professional expertise and local understanding of our members is utilized to improve existing and/or new legislation, policy and programs.

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, AMO wrote to you requesting that the Province provide direction on returning to the assessment cycle. During a delegation with Parliamentary Assistant Crawford at the 2022 AMO Conference, AMCTO raised concerns about the impact the continued postponement of province-wide property assessment was having on municipal finances.

Like AMO we had hoped that the Fall Economic Statement would have provided some details surrounding updated assessments, particularly in light of the significant impacts to municipal finances brought forward by Bill 23.

AMCTO joins our colleagues at AMO in calling on the Province to clarify its intentions regarding reassessment and urges the Province to do so respecting that AMCTO members who, among others, are treasurers and chief financial officers, require adequate lead time for planning and implementation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to David Arbuckle, Executive Director ([darbuckle@amcto.com](mailto:darbuckle@amcto.com)).

Yours Truly,



Elana Arthurs, CMO, AOMC  
President, AMCTO

Cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Al Spacek, Chair, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation  
Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Attn: The Honourable Steve Clark  
777 Bay St.  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

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

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Centre Hastings passed the following resolution at the Regular Meeting of Council held Wednesday December 14th, 2022:

RC/12/14-15-2022

More Homes Built Faster Act Correspondance from:

- 8.4 Norfolk County
- 8.5 Aurora
- 8.6 Orangeville

“That Council support 8.4, 8.5, 8.6.”

Council would like to express their sincere support to all municipalities who have put forth resolutions regarding their concerns for Bill 23.

Should you require anything further to address the above noted resolution, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Typhany Choinard'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Typhany Choinard  
CAO/Clerk



## 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](mailto: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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## AGENDA ITEM #8.4.

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](mailto:Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca).

Sincerely,

Teresa Olsen  
County Clerk  
Norfolk County

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November 23, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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**



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Opposition to Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022  
November 23, 2022

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- 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

Copy: Hon. Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing  
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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November 30, 2022

Hon. Steve Clark  
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Via Email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

**Re: Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act**

Dear Minister Clark,

Town of Orangeville acknowledges Bill 23, titled the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is part of a long-term strategy to provide attainable housing options for families across Ontario. We at the Town understand that Bill 23 is focused on the provincial government's stated goal of having 1.5 million homes built over the next 10 years and aims to do so by reducing bureaucratic costs and delays in construction. While the Province's goals to resolve the housing crisis in the next decade is ambitious and necessary, it could potentially have unintended long-term financial and planning related consequences on municipalities, such as the Town of Orangeville.

On behalf of the Town of Orangeville Council, I put forward a list of concerns of potential unintended consequences arising from Bill 23:

1. Bill 23 could have a direct impact on the state of good repair mandate rolled out by the province in their recent legislation, O.Reg. 588/17. If growth is no longer paying for growth, that means **we may have to reallocate some of our lifecycle asset management dollars**, as required by the same legislation, towards growth related infrastructure.
2. Although we support the overarching message and intention of Bill 23 as it relates to housing affordability, we do question whether **overall quality of life and affordability of our citizens would be severely impacted due to higher taxes** and user fees. The Town of Orangeville has limited cost-recovery avenues, meaning Bill 23 may require cost-recovery within the recent Asset Management plan, resulting in a more significant infrastructure funding gap. This situation will be further exasperated if specific provisions of Bill 23 dilute our ability to cover infrastructure improvements through Development Charges.
3. Town of Orangeville is a fast-growing community with a comprehensive economic outlook for Industrial and Commercial developments. This could be compromised if we find ourselves having to **levy higher development charges for industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) developments to mitigate loss of Residential Development Charges**.



4. Under the current climate of impending global inflation, the Town is already struggling to keep its service levels affordable. Without any direct financial incentive from the province such as interest-free loans from Infrastructure Ontario, **we will lose our ability to build capacity for growth in service areas like Water and Wastewater.**
  
5. Improving residential development efficiencies and costs by limiting the role and scope of Conservation Authorities (CA) in the planning approval process is unclear. Like many municipalities, Orangeville relies on Conservation Authority support to provide guidance on natural hazard avoidance and ecological protection to ensure that the provincial policy framework around these issues is upheld in our planning decisions. **If CAs are removed from this advisory role, we must find alternative means in assuring such policies remain adhered-to.** It is unclear how this would improve approval timing efficiencies or save costs to residential developments. It could inevitably shoulder more costs to development in subsidizing municipal costs and/or consultant peer review support.
  
6. Orangeville supports the province's objectives of lowering costs and improving efficiency for residential development to deliver more housing to Ontarians; However, like many municipalities, our challenges for facilitating more housing within our community are not simply costs and process inefficiencies for developments. Instead, we are challenged by our limited municipal land availability and servicing capacity constraints. We ask that the province **explore actionable measures and tangible resource deployment to support our efforts to increase our land supply and infrastructure servicing capacity.**

According to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) recent submission to the Steering Committee of Bill 23, it states "The province has offered no evidence that the radical elements of the bill will improve housing affordability. It is more likely that the bill will enhance the profitability of the development industry at the expense of taxpayers and the natural environment." As the frontline level of government, municipalities are also eager to resolve the housing crisis and are the most informed on what is needed to create complete communities that Ontarians want and expect. We ask that the province view us as one of the strategic partners in further refining the More Homes Built Faster Act, and open more robust channels of communication and consultation.

Sincerely,

Lisa Post  
Mayor

CC Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
 The Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing  
 The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon Member of Provincial Parliament  
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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January 20, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
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Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a special meeting held on December 12, 2022, passed the following resolution regarding the Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022:

"WHEREAS the provincial government passed Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 on November 28, 2022 with regulations and changes to several provincial acts which will have a significant impact on municipalities in the province;

WHEREAS notwithstanding there are parts of Bill 23 that will help build homes faster, Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) have written to Premier Doug Ford and Minister Steve Clark regarding their concerns with Bill 23, and have presented to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy;

WHEREAS the OBCM mayors have noted significant concerns relating to the impact on the collection of development charges and parkland levies, that will result in billions of dollars worth of infrastructure deficits that, without offsetting, will severely impact the current tax base as well as impact how municipalities will fund parkland spaces;

WHEREAS the impacts of this revenue shortfall will result in property tax increases and severely impact a municipality's ability to build the infrastructure needed to support the creation of new homes including roads, sewer and water systems, and supports for the delivery of fire and police services, delaying the building of new homes;

WHEREAS municipal audits announced by the province in selected municipalities will show how these reserve funds are allocated by each municipality to pay for the cost of this needed infrastructure, based on legislation from the province that strictly sets out their uses;

WHEREAS all partners in the homebuilding process, including municipalities who have responsibility for permitting, approvals and servicing, and developers who are responsible for getting shovels in the ground, can improve processes geared toward their part of creating a new housing supply;

WHEREAS while the municipal sector can help cut red tape and speed up the municipal approvals process, it is the responsibility of the province to look at delays within their ministries, and the responsibility of developers and home builders to further coordinate the building of homes in a timely manner once development approvals are in place;

WHEREAS the province has not identified accountability measures for all parties involved in creating housing, nor has the province identified annual targets to demonstrate incremental goals to build 1.5 million homes over the next decade;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Kitchener endorse and support the OBCM mayors request to the province immediately pause the implementation of changes to the development charges act and parkland fee reductions in Bill 23 until cities have been consulted on finding solutions to the impacts that these changes will have to our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City request the province put in place the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Table immediately and establish a terms of reference for the implementation table, and that Bill 23 is considered a priority in consultation with municipalities and other stakeholders in the home building industry;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City request the province work with municipalities to re-open the discussion on a new long-term permanent municipal funding strategy to maintain services and fund critical infrastructure projects, and include the federal government to discuss joint solutions such as allocating a portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) to cities, allowing municipalities to build the housing that Ontarians need without having the burden fall on the existing property tax base; THAT while this work on an additional long-term municipal funding strategy is underway, municipalities are made whole, dollar-for-dollar, by the province to eliminate the unintended consequences of revenue reductions associated with Bill 23 changes;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Kitchener endorse and support the OBCM request to hold all stakeholders (provincial ministries, municipalities, developers, and homebuilders) jointly accountable for their part of the home building process through the upcoming housing unit pledge exercise, due to the province by March 1st;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Kitchener endorse and support the OBCM request to urge the province work with each municipality and all other partners in the homebuilding process to identify annual targets, with agreed upon accountability measures and metrics put in place based on each partner's role in the homebuilding process;

THEREFORE IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that City request the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Table regularly identify to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing legislative and regulatory amendments to mitigate or eliminate unintended consequences of Bill 23, inclusive of the effects of outside and market forces that may impact the achievement of these targets."

cc: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus  
Ontario Municipalities

Yours truly,



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A. Fusco  
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk





January 19, 2023

Dear Minister of Health

At our Council meeting last night, we passed a resolution supporting The Municipal Corporation of Township of MacDonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional in their request to the Minister of Health to revisit the decision to reduce virtual physician fees by 80% and fully fund this much need medical option for everyone in the Province of Ontario.

This response will be sent to all municipalities in the Algoma District.

Thank you

Janet Maguire

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Clerk/CAO

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Date: December 13, 2022

Motion # 22-340

Moved By:  
Seconded By:



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WHEREAS on December 1, 2022 the Ministry of Health has implemented an 80% reduction in virtual physician fees;

WHEREAS the reason for this reduction is due to the shortage of family doctors in Ontario which disproportionately affects the north with many small communities without one at all;

WHEREAS at present there are six walk in clinics in Sault Ste Marie where a doctor can be accessed virtually under the supervision of a Registered Nurse;

WHEREAS these clinics can order routine screening tests, renew prescriptions and provide care with such things as sore throats, diabetes maintenance, and urinary track infections. Those needing more serious care are referred to the Emergency Room at the local hospital.

WHEREAS the Emergency Departments at most hospitals are currently overloaded due to staffing shortages, attrition and/or illness.

WHEREAS, these virtual clinics reduce stress and increase safety to patients with minor complaints, or needing prescription renewals and prevents the need to attend the Emergency Room where long waits are likely;

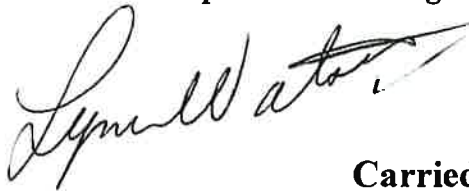
WHEREAS, Northern Ontario communities are geographically widespread and often isolated with an aging population. Long drives to a centre with a doctor are often difficult and in many cases a phone conversation or a virtual consultation with a doctor would work and reduce stress and safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional request the Ministry of Health to revisit the decision to reduce virtual physician fees by 80% and fully fund this much need medical option for everyone in the Province of Ontario.

AND that this resolution be sent to all municipalities in the Algoma District & FONOM

Signed

Lynn Watson



Carried

MAYOR