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Council Correspondence

October 13, 2023

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# Affordable Homes, Good Jobs Act Introduced and Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations Response

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## ***Bill 34, Affordable Homes, Good Jobs Act Introduced***

On September 28, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced new legislation today that, if enacted, would incorporate an income component into the definition of affordable housing for the purposes of exemptions from development charges. Consistent with the approach advocated by AMO, the definition is based on the standard of housing costing no more than 30 percent of household income. Precise details are still required as part of the Minister's Affordable Housing Bulletin to enable implementation. AMO will continue to highlight for the government the importance of issuing this bulletin as soon as possible to enable municipalities to understand implications for budgets.

The bill, if enacted, would also support St. Thomas to provide municipal incentives as part of the building of an electric vehicle battery manufacturing plant; would streamline Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) decisions through regulatory change; and provide municipalities with the option of accessing Vendors of Records under Supply Chain Ontario. AMO plans to work with its Land Use Planning and Resources Task Force to make a submission to the government as part of the OLT regulatory consultation.

## **Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations Response**

At its meeting on September 29th, the AMO Board considered the recent request made by Minister Calandra to mayors across Ontario regarding their views on the recommendations of the Housing Affordability Task Force. The Minister has requested

that all heads of council respond to the request by October 16th or risk financial penalties for their municipality. AMO had previously requested that the ministry extend the deadline to allow mayors to consult with councils, however the request was not granted. AMO urges all members who received a letter from the Minister – including those without provincial housing targets – to meet this deadline to remain eligible for investments under the Building Faster Fund.

To support members as consider their response, the AMO Board sent [a letter to Minister Calandra](#) and stated that the letter would be shared with all municipal governments. While mayors will each make individual decisions that reflect local circumstances, AMO states that at a sector-level, municipalities conditionally support all Task Force recommendations with a few exceptions, provided that the government puts in place:

1. A **fair and sustainable funding framework** to support infrastructure and growth, that is not unduly subsidized by existing property taxpayers;
2. A **comprehensive, sequenced implementation plan** that gives both developers and municipalities certainty regarding costs and rules to support effective long-term decision-making;
3. An **accountability framework** that accurately recognizes the roles and responsibilities of different housing partners and does not hold municipalities accountable for the actions of developers or provincial ministries. Mechanisms must be included to ensure that public investments are tied to outcomes in the public interest;
4. A core focus on **non-market housing**, which was not within the mandate of the Housing Affordability Task Force. A robust non-market housing sector is a critical part of a well-functioning overall housing system and needs to be prioritized by governments.
5. A **public policy review by the Ontario Public Service** verifying that each recommendation is feasible, likely to result in increased housing supply and/or affordability and is in the public interest.

The letter identifies top recommendations from the Task Force for prioritization, as well as three recommendations that AMO objects to on principle.

AMO has previously stated that the government has chosen its own path in addressing the housing crisis in Ontario, despite the advice of municipalities, and will be accountable for its outcomes. AMO has also stated that municipalities will do everything within their power to help the province to achieve its housing targets and outcomes. The AMO Board believes that the response outlined in the letter is reflective of this approach.

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**Corporation of the  
Municipality of West Grey**

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September 22, 2023

**RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income**

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on September 19, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230919-005 as follows:

**"THAT in consideration of correspondence received September 8, 2023 from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, council directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, the MP and MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities."**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Eckenswiller".

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: Town of Grimsby – Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Alex Ruff, MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
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September 8, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington St.  
Ottawa, ON, K1A

Attention: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

**RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 5, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded by: Councillor Freake

Whereas the Canadian livable wage for Niagara Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 below the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in Grimsby as of August 2023 is now \$2000 a month; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In Niagara west, rent is approximately 272% of Ontario Works, 145% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 75% of minimum wage full-time, and 150% of minimum wage part time; and



Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

Whereas there are no housing units under Niagara Regional Housing for single adults or families with dependents, including 2,3,4 or five bedrooms in our community; and

Whereas the Grimsby Benevolent Fund reported that in 2022:

- 70+ households received monthly rental supplement totaling \$237,744
- \$79,500 was invested into one time emergency housing support as of June 7, 2023
- 78 households are receiving monthly financial benefits to make rental housing more affordable; and

Whereas food inflation was 8.3% and groceries rose by 9.1%; and

Whereas the Grimsby Food Bank numbers from June 2023 reported:

- 19 new households
- 447 served households
- 1055 served individuals
- 7 emergency visits; and

Whereas the Grimsby Economic Strategic Plan identified the general high cost of living and housing affordability as primary obstacles in our workforce attraction.

Therefore be it resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby encourage these same municipalities to join us in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.

Be it further resolved the Town of Grimsby Clerks Department circulates this resolution to Niagara West MP Dean Allison and Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff, requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby, through its Finance and Human Resources departments, undertake a comprehensive assessment to explore the feasibility and implementation of a living wage policy for all Town of Grimsby employees, with the aim of ensuring that all municipal workers receive fair compensation that aligns with the principles of a living wage and that staff be directed to explore becoming a living wage employer.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk  
Town Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities  
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West  
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West

September 27, 2023

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

**Re: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income**

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following resolution at its regular session meeting of September 26, 2023:

*RESOLUTION #486/23: Hicks, Martin*

That Council receive the correspondence from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income;  
And further, that Council direct staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, MP Kramp-Neuman, MPP Bresee, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact [jwalters@greaternapanee.com](mailto:jwalters@greaternapanee.com) if you require any further information with respect to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Jessica Walters  
Clerk

cc. Hon. Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington  
Hon. Ric Breese, MPP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington  
All Ontario municipalities

**September 27, 2023**

to Whom it May Concern

Re: Support for Motion RE: Guaranteed Livable Income

At the meeting of September 26, 2023, the Council of the County of Brant adopted the following resolution in support of the September 5<sup>th</sup> resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby on Guaranteed Livable Income :

“Whereas the Canadian livable wage for the Brant—Niagara—Haldimand—Norfolk Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 above the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas County of Brant residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in the County of Brant as of 2022 was \$1143.90 a month, and the County of Brant does not have current AMR for September 2023; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In the County of Brant, rent is approximately 156% of Ontario Works, 83.13% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 45% of minimum wage full-time (before tax), and 90% of minimum wage part time; and

Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

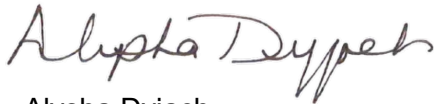
Whereas the recent report by the County of Brant Policy Planning and Corporate Strategy departments determined that the County of Brant has serious shortfalls in both affordable and attainable housing supply;

Therefore be it resolved the County of Brant supports the resolution shared by the Town of Grimsby; and

Be it further resolved that The County of Brant circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result; and

Be it further resolved that The County of Brant encourage these same municipalities to join the County of Brant in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.”

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alysha Dyjach".

Alysha Dyjach  
Director of Council Services, Clerk  
County of Brant



The Township of Alwick/Haldimand

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Council Meeting Date: **September 19, 2023**  
Council Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agenda Item Number: 10.1  
Agenda Item Title: Communications "Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income"


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"Whereas the Council of the Township of Alwick/Haldimand reviewed the resolution supported by the Town of Grimsby re: 'establishing a guaranteed livable income';

Therefore be it resolved that Council directs staff to review the current salary grids for Township jobs and make recommendations during the 2024 Budget Process as to how an Eastern Ontario living wage could be established for any jobs that are below the living wage hourly salary, and the financial impact that would result; and

Further be it resolved that Council directs staff to circulate this resolution to: MPP David Piccini, MP Philip Lawrence, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario."

- Carried
- Defeated
- Deferred
- Recorded Vote

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor John Logel**



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HAMILTON

**VIA: Mail**

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
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September 19, 2023

Dear Prime Minister and Premier,

At the City of Hamilton Council meeting of September 13, the following motion was approved:

**7.2 Municipal Resolution in Support of Basic Income for the City of Hamilton**

WHEREAS, The City of Hamilton recognizes the social and economic challenges faced by its residents that have a detrimental impact on the determinants of health including income inequality, poverty, inadequate housing and precarious employment;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City of Hamilton to strive for the well-being and prosperity of all its residents, which includes ensuring access to basic needs and opportunities to improve health;

WHEREAS, through addressing poverty and improving access to healthcare, a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income can potentially reduce healthcare costs enabling people to afford preventive care and timely treatments while preventing more costly healthcare interventions, leading to better overall population health,

WHEREAS, a Basic Income program was tested in Hamilton during the Ontario Basic Income Pilot project between 2017 and 2019 and more than 1,000 local residents reported positive outcomes including the alleviation of food and housing insecurity, improved physical and mental health, financial stability, social equity and greater connection to the labour market;

WHEREAS, the Federal Budget Office upon reviewing the concept of a national Guaranteed Basic Income program determined it could, if properly set out, be a major economic driver to the Canadian economy; and

WHEREAS, a Basic Income program can complement and enhance existing social support systems, ensuring a comprehensive and inclusive approach to addressing the needs of Hamilton residents including persons with disabilities and aligns and complements the City of Hamilton's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton supports the concept of a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to combat poverty, income inequality, and economic insecurity within our community; and supports the continuing advocacy of the Basic Income Hamilton Working Group (under the auspices of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction) to share research and the unique experiences of local residents who participated in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot project;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton calls upon the provincial and federal governments to collaborate to implement a national Guaranteed Livable Basic Income program;
- (c) That Hamilton City Council directs the Office of the Mayor to write a letter to the Prime Minister, local Members of Parliament and the Senate, the Premier of Ontario, local Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, calling on these orders of government to work collaboratively towards implementing a National Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their basic needs; and
- (d) That the City of Hamilton encourages other municipalities across the province and the country to join in advocating for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income as a key policy tool in the fight against poverty and inequality and to this end, Hamilton City Council will advocate through its representatives at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Canadian Federation of Municipalities for Guaranteed Livable Basic Income resolutions at meetings of those organizations.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrea Horwath", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mayor Andrea Horwath  
City of Hamilton



cc: Hamilton Area Members of Parliament  
Hamilton Area Members of Provincial Parliament  
All Municipalities of Ontario

**From:** [Kolar, Loren](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:02:00 PM  
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Prime Minister,

Hamilton (Ontario) City Council approved the following as part of a greater resolution respecting Support for Basic Income:

*(c) That Hamilton City Council directs the Office of the Mayor to write a letter to the Prime Minister, local Members of Parliament and the Senate, the Premier of Ontario, local Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, calling on these orders of government to work collaboratively towards implementing a National Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their basic needs; and*

Please see the attached correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income, for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

**Loren Kolar**  
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**Subject:** City of Hamilton (Ontario) Correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:04:00 PM  
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Premier,

Hamilton (Ontario) City Council approved the following as part of a greater resolution respecting Support for Basic Income:

*(c) That Hamilton City Council directs the Office of the Mayor to write a letter to the Prime Minister, local Members of Parliament and the Senate, the Premier of Ontario, local Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, calling on these orders of government to work collaboratively towards implementing a National Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their basic needs; and*

Please see the attached correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income, for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [Kolar, Loren](#)  
**To:** ["C Collins MP Hamilton East Stoney Creek"](#); ["D Muys MP Flamborough Glanbrook"](#); [F Tassi, Hon. MP Hamilton West—Ancaster—Dundas](#); ["L Hepfner Hamilton Mountain"](#); ["M Green MP Hamilton Centre"](#)  
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Members of Parliament,

Hamilton (Ontario) City Council approved the following as part of a greater resolution respecting Support for Basic Income:

(c) That Hamilton City Council directs the Office of the Mayor to write a letter to the Prime Minister, local Members of Parliament and the Senate, the Premier of Ontario, local Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, calling on these orders of government to work collaboratively towards implementing a National Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their basic needs; and

Please see the attached correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income, for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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September 25, 2023

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

**RE: Support for Municipality of Wawa Resolution re: Chronic Pain Treatments**

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on September 20, 2023 Council supported the attached resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding maintaining OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments by passing the following resolution:

“And further that Staff be directed to prepare a letter of support for Item 12.1 (e) Resolution from the Municipality of Shuniah in relation to Support for the Municipality of Wawa regarding Chronic Pain Treatments.” **Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

Josh Machesney,  
City Clerk

CC: Municipalities of Ontario  
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte  
Hon. Todd Smith, MPP, Bay of Quinte  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health  
Hon. Michael A. Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions  
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Moved by: 	Seconded by: 
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**WHEREAS** the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons has made a decision that will lead more people who suffer from chronic pain to turn to opioids to alleviate their pain and;

**WHEREAS** the College is targeting community pain clinics by requiring the use of ultrasound technology in the administration of nerve block injections by licensed physicians. This requirement will increase the time it takes to administer the nerve block and, therefore, reduce the number of patients a physician can see in a day and;

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is proposing to reduce coverage for several vital healthcare services, including a drastic reduction in the number and frequency of nerve block injections a patient can receive and;

**WHEREAS** these changes have been proposed without any consultation with pain management medical professionals or with their patients and;

**WHEREAS** this cut will force chronic pain clinics to shut down, putting a greater strain on family physicians and emergency rooms and;

**WHEREAS** with the reduction in the number of nerve blocks being administered, many patients, looking for pain relief, will turn to overcrowded emergency rooms, opioid prescriptions from doctors or opioid street drugs;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa is requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario;

*p.2....*



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities of Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	
	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES NO
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
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September 27, 2023

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

**Re: Chronic Pain Treatments**

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following resolution at its regular session meeting of September 26, 2023:

*RESOLUTION #487/23: Hicks, Pinnell Jr.*

That Council support the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much needed care for the people of Ontario;  
And further, that Council direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MP Kramp-Neuman, MPP Bresee, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact [walters@greaternapanee.com](mailto:walters@greaternapanee.com) if you require any further information with respect to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Jessica Walters  
Clerk

cc. Hon. Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington  
Hon. Ric Breese, MPP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington  
All Ontario municipalities  
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# Northumberland County Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**September 25, 2023**

Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation  
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development &  
MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Northumberland County Resolution – ‘Highway Traffic Act Amendments’**

At a meeting held on September 20, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-09-20-647 adopting the below recommendation from the September 7, 2023 Public Works Committee meeting.

**Moved by:** Councillor Olena Hankivsky

**Seconded by:** Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Highway Traffic Act Amendments', recommend that County Council support the correspondence, and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

**Council Resolution # 2023-09-20-647**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

# Council Resolution

Moved By O. Hankivsky

Agenda  
Item 10

Resolution Number  
2023-09-20 647

Seconded By J. Logel

Council Date: September 20, 2023

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held September 5, 6, and 7, 2023), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
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~~And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."~~

Recorded Vote Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Carried Shouley Reardon  
Warden's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

## Public Works Committee Resolution

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**Committee Meeting Date:** September 7, 2023

**Agenda Item:** 7.a

**Resolution Number:** 2023-09-07-629

**Moved by:** J. Logel

**Seconded by:** H. Martin

**Council Meeting Date:** September 20, 2023

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"That the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Highway Traffic Act Amendments', recommend that County Council support the correspondence, and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

**Carried** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.4.  
**Resolution Number** 2023-152  
**Title:** Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #16) and the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #10)  
**Date:** July 19, 2023

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**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the City of Cambridge, on May 9, 2023, regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments;**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO); the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
MAYOR

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge  
Corporate Services Department  
Clerk's Division  
The City of Cambridge  
50 Dickson Street, P.O. Box 669  
Cambridge ON N1R 5W8  
Tel: (519) 740-4680 ext. 4585  
[mantond@cambridge.ca](mailto:mantond@cambridge.ca)**

May 10, 2023

**Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments**

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

**AND WHEREAS** speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

**AND WHEREAS** barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

**AND WHEREAS** our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

**AND WHEREAS** our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

**AND WHEREAS** s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton  
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)  
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Local Area MPPs  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2023 - 138

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: September 19, 2023

- Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
- Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
- Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
- Councillor **B. KEITH**
- Councillor **D. McCANN**
- Councillor **C. McDONALD**
- Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

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MOVED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_ G.A.

SECONDED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_ B. Keith

CARRIED: ✓ DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_ Postponed to: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Parry Sound has received resolutions from the Town of Fort Erie and the Township of The Archipelago with regards to controls on Airbnb, VRBO and other global technology platforms which affect municipal rentals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the request to the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations; and

Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality; and

Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound calls upon the Province of Ontario to work with municipalities to address situations in which long term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Sent via email

September 28, 2023

**SUBJECT: Provincial legislation for third-party short-term rental companies**

Please be advised that at its meeting held Tuesday, September 26, 2023, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas the demand for alternative accommodations has resulted in an increased prominence of residential properties being advertised for short term accommodations through third party companies such as Airbnb and VRBO; a shift from the 'traditional' cottage rental historically managed by a property owner; and

Whereas over the past decade a flood of properties have been removed from the ownership and long-term rental market (*Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance at McGill University*) contributing to housing shortages, increased housing demands and increased housing costs resulting in housing affordability issues, including affordable rentals; and

Whereas short term rentals (STR) can be beneficial, when operated appropriately, by providing solutions for the accommodation industry that supports local tourism and small businesses as well as providing an opportunity for property owners to generate income from their residence (permanent or seasonal) using a convenient third-party system; and

Whereas STR's can create nuisances including noise, parking, high volumes of visitors attending a property, septic capacity and fire safety, for adjacent residential property owners who wish to experience quiet enjoyment of their property; and

Whereas research indicates that demand for STR's is increasing, in part due to vacationers choosing domestic travel options as well as the financial benefits to property owners, demonstrating that STR's are here to stay; and

Whereas there are no Provincial regulations in place governing third party STR companies resulting in a variety of regulations/guidelines being implemented at the local municipal level which creates inconsistencies, confusion and frustrations for both consumers and residents across the province; and



Therefore, be it resolved that Burlington City Council calls on the Provincial Government to move forward as soon as possible to legislate all third-party short-term rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, requiring them to:

- appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings, and to compel compliance; and
- establish a registry system, making it mandatory for each rental listing to register and pay an appropriate annual fee, with the requirement that STR companies are to provide the registry and collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located, allowing municipalities to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds to assist with the response and enforcement of issues surrounding STR properties; and
- de-list/remove a property from the STR company's listing when a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc. to ensure a property cannot be rented; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Halton MPPs.

If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 7702 or the e-mail address above.

Sincerely,



Kevin Arjoon  
City Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF MIDLAND

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September 8, 2023

The Senate of Canada  
Ottawa, ON  
K1A 0A4

Via Email: [sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca](mailto:sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca)

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON  
M7A 1A1

Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario**

At its September 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting with Closed Session the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

*That the Town of Midland send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system; and*

*That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.*

Thank you.

Yours very  
truly,

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND**

*Sherri Edgar*

Sherri Edgar, AMCT  
Municipal Clerk  
Ext. 2210



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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Cobourg Police Services Board  
107 King Street West,  
Cobourg, ON K9A 2M4  
VIA EMAIL:  
[sue.bernardi@cobourgpsb.com](mailto:sue.bernardi@cobourgpsb.com)

Town of Cobourg  
55 King Street West,  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 2M2  
[clerk@cobourg.ca](mailto:clerk@cobourg.ca)

October 12, 2023

RE: Correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding Catch and Release Justice in Ontario

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on October 2, 2023, passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Miriam Mutton  
Seconded by Councillor Randy Barber

Resolution No: 315-2023  
October 2, 2023

**THAT** Council receive the correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding Catch and Release Legislation for information purposes; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council support the resolution from the Town of Midland and direct Staff to circulate to Ontario municipalities and the Cobourg Police Services Board.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Cc: Ontario Municipalities

Enclosure: Correspondence from the Town of Midland – “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario

The Honourable Arif Virani  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6  
[arif.virani@parl.gc.ca](mailto:arif.virani@parl.gc.ca)  
VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Downey  
Ministry of the Attorney General  
McMurty-Scott Building  
720 Bay Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9  
[doug.downey@ontario.ca](mailto:doug.downey@ontario.ca)  
VIA EMAIL

October 12, 2023

Dear Minister Virani and Minister Downey,

**RE: “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario**

Please be advised that at their meeting held on October 3, 2023, the Council of the Township of Howick passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 351-23**

**Moved by:** Councillor Grimes

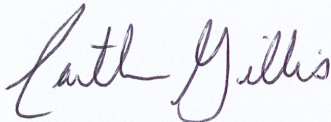
**Seconded by:** Councillor Rognvaldson

**That** Council of the Township of Howick supports Item 9.5 of correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding the current “catch and release” justice in the Ontario legal system.

**Carried.**

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Caitlin Gillis  
Clerk-Administrator  
Township of Howick  
[clerk@howick.ca](mailto:clerk@howick.ca)  
519-335-3208 ext, 2

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities

Enclosure: Correspondence from the Town of Midland – “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario



September 28, 2023

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 September 26, 2023  
Motion 10.2 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence  
Epidemic**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 26, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas 42 municipalities and regions including OBCM (Ontario Big City Mayors) and MARCO (Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario) members Ajax, Brampton, Burlington, Clarington, Hamilton, London, Oakville, Ottawa, Pickering, Whitby, Toronto, and Windsor, along with Peel, Durham and Halton Regions as well as Lanark County, Essex County and Renfrew County across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic (as of August 18, 2023); and**

**Whereas on August 16, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as "an epidemic" in the federal government's formal response to a coroner's inquest, also stating that his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic "in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response"; and**

**Whereas by declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, the Town of Aurora can join the growing number of municipalities and regions in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic; and**

**Whereas the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence increased exponentially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has not decreased, while funding to provide the growing demand of services and support**

**for victims and survivors of intimate partner and gender-based violence has not kept pace;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora recommend that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare a gender-based and intimate partner violence epidemic across the country; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the inquest into the 2015 murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County, Ontario, which provide a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the federal government starts this enactment by adding the word Femicide as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada; and**
- 6. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions, and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic.**

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

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada  
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill  
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora  
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill  
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



## 10. Motions

### 10.2 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

**Moved by** Councillor Gilliland

**Seconded by** Councillor Gallo

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Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

**Carried (7 to 0)**



September 28, 2023

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 September 26, 2023  
Motion 10.4 - Councillor Weese; Re: Aurora Council Opposition to Strong Mayor  
Powers in Aurora**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 26, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas the Head of Council is required to confirm in writing his commitment to meet a municipal housing target by October 15, 2023, in order to receive Strong Mayor Powers; and**

**Whereas the municipality is required to submit a formal housing pledge which will outline how the municipality plans to meet the housing target by December 15, 2023; and**

**Whereas Strong Mayor Powers will result in the Head of Council being granted powers such as:**

- **Choosing to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer;**
- **Hiring certain municipal department heads and establishing and re-organizing departments;**
- **Creating committees of council, assigning their functions, and appointing the chairs and vice-chairs of committees of council;**
- **Proposing the municipal budget, which would be subject to council amendments and a separate head of council veto and council override process;**
- **Vetoing certain by-laws if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a provincial priority;**

- **Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the head of council is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority; and**

**Whereas these Strong Mayor Powers undermine democratic processes executed through municipal elections; and**

**Whereas Strong Mayor Powers may also violate by-laws established in Aurora that provides accepted and legal procedures for governance; and**

**Whereas Aurora Town Council recognizes the important role each Councillor provides the residents in their Ward and the community-at-large;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That the Aurora Town Council opposes Strong Mayor Powers provided to the Head of Council; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That this approved Motion is to be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Paul Calandra; the Regional Municipality of York; and each of the Municipalities in Ontario.**

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

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of York  
All Ontario Municipalities



## 10. Motions

### 10.4 Councillor Weese; Re: Aurora Council Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in Aurora

**Moved by** Councillor Weese

**Seconded by** Councillor Gaertner

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- Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the head of council is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority; and

Whereas these Strong Mayor Powers undermine democratic processes executed through municipal elections; and

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Yeas (4): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Nays (3): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

**Carried (4 to 3)**



**TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH**

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September 28, 2023

Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Illegal Car Rally – Provincial Task Force

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their September 14, 2023 Council meeting adopted the following resolution regarding illegal car rallies:

**WHEREAS** the prevalence of unsanctioned car rally events has grown in recent years throughout North America;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Wasaga Beach has been the target of unsanctioned car rallies over the past four years resulting in property damage, threats to public order, and significant risk to people's safety and enjoyment of their property;

**AND WHEREAS** the protections afforded by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are being violated by unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants, thereby infringing on the rights of others and undermined the response of enforcement personnel;

**AND WHEREAS** unsanctioned car rally activity crosses multiple jurisdictions requiring a province wide coordinated response framework to protect all communities from the same disruption and risk to public safety;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Wasaga Beach requests that a provincial task force be assembled to create a municipal response framework to protect communities from unsanctioned car rallies with a mandate to include, but not limited to:

- Investigate legislative enhancements and tools to assist municipalities in responding and enforcing unsanctioned car rallies.
- Investigate expanded powers for municipal law enforcement officers.
- Develop a proactive approach to awareness, prevention, enforcement and collaboration across all enforcement personnel, including police, municipal law enforcement officers and other provincial offences officers.
- Investigate harsher penalties and increased fines for unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants.

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province provide funding to municipalities to assist with the cost in enforcing unsanctioned car rallies;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, MPP Brian Saunderson, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, County of Simcoe, FCM, and AMO;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities requesting a letter of support be sent to senior levels of government.

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [mayor@wasagabeach.com](mailto:mayor@wasagabeach.com) or (705) 429-3844.

Respectfully yours,



Brian Smith, Mayor Town of Wasaga Beach

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario  
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation  
Brian Saunderson, MPP – Simcoe-Grey  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique, Ontario Provincial Police  
County of Simcoe Council  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities

Sent by Email

October 4, 2023

Andrea Horwath  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5  
[mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca)

Subject: Re: City of Hamilton - Request to Abandon Greenbelt Development  
Corr. 29-23  
File: A-1400

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on September 25, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 29-23, from Andrea Horwath, Mayor, City of Hamilton, dated September 11, 2023, regarding City of Hamilton – Request to Abandon Greenbelt Development, be received and endorsed.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Janet Pilon, Acting City Clerk, City of Hamilton  
All Ontario Municipalities





OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HAMILTON

**VIA: Mail**

The Honourable Paul Calandra  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

September 11, 2023

Dear Minister Calandra:

On August 18, 2023, Hamilton City Council approved Item 7.5 which reads as follows:

**7.5 City of Hamilton – Request to Abandon Greenbelt Development**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to reducing the cost of housing and has pledged to facilitate the construction of 47,000 housing units by 2031;

WHEREAS, City of Hamilton staff have concluded that residential housing development within the former Greenbelt lands is unnecessary to facilitate construction of the pledged housing units;

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2023, Hamilton City Council declared “The Minister’s decision to remove 795 hectares of land from the Greenbelt Plan is unnecessary and is not supported by the City of Hamilton”;

WHEREAS, the Auditor General for the Province of Ontario has confirmed Hamilton’s conclusion that “Greenbelt land was not needed to meet the current housing targets assigned to them by the Housing Ministry”;

WHEREAS, development of the Greenbelt would be a significant financial liability to Hamilton taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the Auditor General for the Province of Ontario stated: “Land sites removed from the Greenbelt in December 2022 were largely not serviced, were not in their servicing plans, and that many of the sites would be challenging to prioritize and service in the near future...” and “Some of these sites would require considerable infrastructure to prepare them for housing development”; and

WHEREAS, the Greenbelt should be protected as a vital element of Hamilton's environmental and agricultural resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the City of Hamilton requests the Province of Ontario abandon its plan to develop the Greenbelt and that all lands within the City of Hamilton removed from the Greenbelt be reinstated; and

(b) That this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities where Greenbelt lands were slated for development for support and a similar declaration to the Province of Ontario.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C23-015 when responding to this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Mayor Andrea Horwath

File #C23-015

c.c. Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
All Ontario Municipalities (by email)

Please find below a resolution from the Township of Chapleau which was passed on October 2, 2023.

**RESOLUTION 24-267:**  
**L. BERNIER - C. ANSARA**

Resolution to Province of Ontario regarding MPP seat in Algoma-Manitoulin

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby recognize that tolerance for inappropriate sexual misconduct is not accepted in today's world;

**AND THAT** NDP Algoma – Manitoulin MPP Micheal Mantha has been removed from the NDP Caucus due to an allegation of misconduct;

**AND THAT** subsequently an investigation found that there was enough evidence through multiple witness interviews and video evidence that found him guilty of workplace misconduct;

**AND THAT** the Council of the Township of Chapleau would like to see the Province of Ontario send a clear message and set an example of MPP Mantha by removing him from our riding of Algoma – Manitoulin.

**AND FURTHERMORE, THAT** this resolution is circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Leaders of Provincial Opposition parties, and Municipalities within the Algoma – Manitoulin district,

**Carried.**



**Judith Meyntz, AOMC**  
**Chief Administrative Officer**

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Oct 5, 2023

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
200 University Ave #801  
Toronto, ON  
M5H 3C6

Dear AMO Members:

Re: Challenges Faced by Smaller Developers in Ontario Communities

This is to confirm that at the Sept 25, 2023 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

**That, a letter be drafted for signature by the Mayor and that the letter be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal of Affairs, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and its member municipalities, outlining the issues and constraints brought to the Township Council's attention with respect to holding back development applications of new homes within the community.**

The Township of West Lincoln is writing to bring to your attention a significant matter that has recently come to our attention at the Township of West Lincoln. This issue pertains to the challenges faced by small developers in communities like ours, across the province of Ontario. These challenges are currently making it difficult for communities like West Lincoln to meet the housing goals of the province.

We recently received a request from a developer regarding their development project in Smithville, Ontario which was first draft approved approximately in 2015. The developer has presented a compelling case for an extension to the draft plan of condo approval, citing several noteworthy factors that have emerged since their initial application and which are delaying the start of development. Initially Council wanted to refuse extension approval to force the development but it was clear that would not be possible. The challenges are a symptom of broader issues felt by the Municipality on numerous planning issues, and some of these challenges as outlined to us by the developer, are noted below.

A significant challenge is the current state of the market, characterized by severe material supply chain constraints. These constraints have made it exceedingly difficult for the developer to secure pricing for essential construction materials, introducing financial uncertainty. An extension is deemed necessary to ensure the viability of the project, which aligns with our community's need for diverse housing options.

Furthermore, the recent and unexpected increase in interest rates by the Bank of

Canada has created volatility in the marketplace for pre-sale condo townhomes. These rate hikes have affected both the developer's financing costs and potential buyer's ability to secure financing. An extension would provide the developer with the opportunity to adapt their financial strategies in response to this rapidly changing environment.

Additionally, the challenging market conditions in the Niagara Region, as indicated by the Niagara Association of Realtors, have led to declining home values and shifting market dynamics. These changes necessitate a reassessment of the project timelines, for dwelling types and sizes, to ensure its long-term viability and success. Granting an extension will allow the developer to adapt to these current market dynamics and make informed decisions.

Importantly, extending the draft plan of condo approval would help conserve our Township's valuable resources. Re-submitting the entire approval package and undergoing the approval process again would be resource-intensive for both the developer and our local government. We believe that an extension at this time is a pragmatic solution that aligns with efficient resource utilization.

In light of these challenges, our commitment to supporting responsible and sustainable development in our community, and a desire to help address the identified housing shortfall, we kindly request that AMO and the Provincial government consider the current issues faced by developers in communities across Ontario. The challenges outlined by this developer reflect a broader trend that warrants attention and will severely hamper the ability to achieve increased housing starts if not addressed.

We recommend that the decision-making process for future planning applications be allowed to be guided by a balanced approach that takes into account market conditions, historical precedence, and resource conservation. This approach should ultimately contribute to provide much-needed housing supply to communities like West Lincoln, albeit at slower rates than first contemplated.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and believe that addressing these challenges will help promote equitable development opportunities across the province. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any additional information or clarification on this issue.

We look forward to collaborating with AMO and the Provincial government to find solutions that support the growth and vitality of our community and others like it.

Sincerely,



Mayor Cheryl Ganann  
cc.. Minister Paul Calandra  
All AMO member municipalities

# Municipality of *Bluewater*

October 2, 2023

The Honourable Lisa M. Thompson  
Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP)  
408 Queen Street, P.O. Box 426  
Blyth, ON N0M 1H0

Re: Childcare availability in Ontario

Dear Minister Thompson:

The Municipality of Bluewater is concerned about the critical issue of childcare availability in our province and how it is linked to educational requirements and low wages within the childcare sector. We believe that addressing these issues is crucial for the well-being of our families and the future prosperity of Bluewater and Ontario.

Childcare availability in Ontario has become an increasingly pressing problem for parents and guardians. Access to affordable, high-quality childcare is essential for families to balance work and family responsibilities, and it plays a vital role in supporting the early development and education of our children. However, the lack of available childcare spaces is a significant barrier for many parents, limiting their ability to participate fully in the workforce and achieve financial stability.

We suspect that one of the key factors contributing to the shortage of childcare spaces is the educational requirements imposed on childcare workers. While it is important to ensure the safety and well-being of children in childcare settings, the current educational requirements may be overly restrictive. These requirements often result in a shortage of qualified childcare providers, making it challenging to expand the availability of childcare services.

This year in the Municipality of Bluewater, we have childcare facilities and before and after school programs that have closed or have reduced capacity due to lack of qualified staffing. These recent closures and capacity issues have imposed a significant amount of stress on families in our community.

Additionally, low wages within the childcare sector are a significant concern. Many qualified and passionate individuals are discouraged from pursuing a career in childcare

due to the low wages and limited opportunities for professional growth. This low-wage structure not only makes it difficult to attract and retain skilled childcare educators but also effects the quality of care children receive. Investing in the professional development and fair compensation of early childcare educators is essential to ensure that our children receive the best care possible and the best start in life.

**To address these issues and improve childcare availability in Ontario, the Municipality urges you to consider the following actions:**

1. Review and Reform Educational Requirements: Work with relevant stakeholders to review and potentially revise the training methods of early childcare educators, striking a balance between safety and accessibility by increasing the praxis model to learning.
2. Invest in Professional Development: Advocate for increased investment in professional development opportunities for childcare workers to enhance their skills and qualifications.
3. Increase Wages: Support initiatives to increase the wages of childcare workers, ensuring that they are paid a fair and competitive salary for the vital work they do.
4. Expand Funding: Work to secure additional funding for the expansion of childcare services and facilities, especially in underserved and rural communities.
5. Promote Public Awareness: Raise public awareness about the importance of accessible and high-quality childcare services and the need for policy changes.

This is an urgent matter that is expected to worsen and your timely response to these concerns is needed.

By addressing these issues, we can make significant strides toward improving childcare availability in Bluewater and Ontario and ensuring that families have the support they need to thrive. We kindly request your timely support and advocacy on these matters and would be grateful for any updates or initiatives related to childcare reform in our province.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. We look forward to your continued dedication to the well-being of Ontario's families and children.

Sincerely,



Mayor Paul Klopp for the  
Council of the Municipality of Bluewater

cc: Premier Doug Ford  
Ben Lobb, Huron-Bruce MP  
Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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October 11, 2023

RE: Correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on October 2, 2023, passed the following resolution:

Moved by           Councillor Miriam Mutton  
Seconded by       Councillor Brian Darling

Resolution No: 314-2023  
October 2, 2023

**THAT** Council receive the correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement for information purposes; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council endorse and support the resolution from the Township of Puslinch and Council direct staff to send a duplicate resolution to associated ministries and Ontario Municipalities.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Illegal Land Use Enforcement Taskforce's mandate be expanded to include other types of illegal land uses and not solely on illegal trucking land uses; and

That the Province be requested to strengthen municipal enforcement powers by:

- Amending the Municipal Act to enable municipalities to physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations;
- Increasing the maximum penalty amounts in the Planning Act to \$50,000 for an individual upon conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted; and





# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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- Including provisions to ensure a corporation is liable to fines of not more \$100,000 upon first conviction and not more than \$50,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the corporation was initially convicted.

That a copy of this report be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; and

That a copy of this report be provided to the municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe area seeking support in the request for strengthened enforcement powers to combat significant illegal land uses negatively impacting communities across Ontario and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,  
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon,  
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario,  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,  
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