



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

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Message from the AMO President



I am very proud and grateful to have been elected as your AMO President at the 2022 AGM & Conference in Ottawa. I want to congratulate all of Ontario's municipal council members for their successful election to their respective positions in the fall. I also want to thank the municipal staff who steward local municipal and school board elections.

Over 40% of council members are new to their positions, and I want them all to know that AMO is here to be a resource and advocate for the municipal sector during their terms of office.

In 2022, Ontario and the world began to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. At the 2022 AMO Conference – the first in-person AMO Conference since 2019 – the AMO Board conferred an AMO Honour Roll Award to Ontario's municipal workers in recognition of their remarkable contribution to our communities and our province in responding to the pandemic. Ontario's municipal workers kept communities running, delivering essential services that people continued to rely on, even when many of us were staying home.

This provincial government has rightly made housing affordability a priority. We all see how the housing crisis is affecting residents of our communities – especially the underhoused. AMO has worked tirelessly to ensure that the municipal voice is heard by the provincial government and to show that Ontario's communities are not the source of housing supply and affordability challenges, but willing partners who are ready to implement solutions.

AMO is governed by a dedicated volunteer Board of municipal councillors, heads of council, and public servants from every part of Ontario. They bring local knowledge and experience to the table and remarkable understanding of the capacity, the needs, and aspirations of Ontario's \$60 billion municipal sector. Thank you to those who serve on the AMO Board.

I also want to thank AMO staff who continue to provide incredible advice and resources to the Board and our members. Through policy analysis and advocacy, member services, and our core administrative and business arm functions, AMO staff ensure our members are well served, represented, and informed.

AMO continues to be one of the most influential advocacy organizations in the country. Ontarians have come to expect that all levels of government work together to implement solutions to the challenges facing our communities. Your support and participation enable the municipal sector to speak with one common voice. None of the work we do would be possible without the support of AMO members.

Your membership in AMO makes a world of difference.

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Colin Best

*President, AMO
Councillor, Region of Halton*

Secretary-Treasurer's Report



I am pleased to provide you with my report on AMO's 2022 financial status and some highlights of the Association from a corporate lens.

A copy of the audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2022 is included in this report. The Association continues to be in good financial shape. The main sources of revenue for the Association are membership fees and the annual conference. AMO's Audit Committee meets three times a year with the auditors as part of the Association's accountability framework.

The financial stability of the organization is demonstrated year-over-year. In 2022, the Board approved the deployment of \$2 million in financial reserves over the next four years for two priority projects: AMO's Healthy Democracy Project and its Municipal Workforce Development Project.

AMO's Finance and Operations Centre is the backbone of AMO's corporate operations and its affiliated organizations – LAS, MEPCO, and ONE Investment. It is responsible for accounting, financial systems, risk management, information technology, human resources, website and email communications management, information systems and data management.

AMO's own website had over 543,912 pageviews in 2022. Subscription to the weekly AMO Watchfile is currently at 7,800. Communicating with our members and keeping everyone up to date is just part of the value-added benefit of an AMO membership.

The work of the Finance and Operations Centre is important to AMO's success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trevor Wilcox".

Trevor Wilcox

Secretary-Treasurer

General Manager - Corporate Performance, County of Simcoe



AMO is your organization.

AMO ensures the collective voice of municipal government in Ontario is heard loud and clear.

AMO works to make municipal governments stronger and more effective. Through AMO, Ontario's 444 municipalities work together to achieve shared goals and meet common challenges.

Through our policy development, advocacy, membership programs, conferences, and training, AMO provides municipal elected officials with the tools to succeed and maximize their finances.



AMO is a highly influential policy and advocacy organization, but it's also much more. Through our LAS – AMO's Business Services organization, there are many cost-saving programs and services designed to support municipalities. We also advance municipal employer interests in the OMERS Pension Plan as your sponsor representative through the Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario (MEPCO). Through MEPCO, we ensure that your voice influences the governance and the administration of the \$124 billion OMERS plan.



AMO continues to have a strong membership base. In 2022, AMO had a membership of 422 municipal members – representing 95% of all municipalities.

AMO's membership is further strengthened by 41 organizations that are partners, associates, districts, and affiliates. We are pleased to have a working relationship with these unique members as we advance the interests of municipal government.

Message from the Executive Director



Over the course of the past three years, AMO has worked hard to support its members and the vitally important work they do to keep communities safe and to protect the services Ontarians rely on most. AMO is glad to continue this important work as our members focus on the social and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and other emerging priorities.

AMO is guided by an exceptional Board of municipal council members and municipal public servants. I am grateful to work with community leaders who care deeply about their residents, communities, and the province.

I am also grateful to work with the AMO staff who work hard to keep you informed and respond to your priorities. They provide the resources, programs, events, and training that AMO members rely on with skill and dedication. In 2022, Monika Turner, AMO's long-standing Director of Policy, retired after serving the AMO membership for 12 years and a distinguished career of public service. Lindsay Jones joined AMO in late 2022 as the new Director of Policy & Government Relations, with over 20 years of experience at the provincial and federal levels.

AMO staff and I know that you have been seized with the housing affordability crisis, which is affecting every community in Ontario. AMO's efforts have been to shine a bright light on the realities of this crisis and the challenges created by the government's response. Throughout the pandemic, Ontarians saw how collaboration among all orders of government leads to better policy and better outcomes. AMO will continue to call on the province and the federal government to work with municipalities to advance important work on housing supply and homelessness.

After two years of meeting virtually, AMO staff delivered an exceptional in-person conference, hosted by the City of Ottawa. We know how meaningful this event is to you – not only to learn, but to interact with your colleagues from across Ontario, many of whom have also become your friends. The 2022 AMO Conference was a resounding success, with over 2,000 registered delegates. AMO staff are truly grateful for your support. We look forward to welcoming you again at the 2023 AMO Conference.

I take seriously the significant role AMO has in shaping public policy and supporting members. These core objectives will continue to drive our efforts in the year ahead.

I want to thank all our members for your support. I also want to thank the many extraordinary municipal public servants who work with AMO staff to ensure our advocacy, member and business services reflect the best knowledge of your priorities, challenges, and aspirations.

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Brian Rosborough

Executive Director

Enterprise

AMO's Enterprise Centre works closely with LAS and ONE Investment to build strategic relationships with partners where there is shared value – the partner succeeds in achieving business goals while AMO/LAS maximizes benefits to members. The Enterprise Centre is led by Judy Dezell.

Finance and Operations

AMO's Finance and Operations Centre is responsible for managing AMO and AMO-related organizations' accounting, financial systems, risk management, information technology, human resources, website management, information systems and data management. Information is disseminated to the AMO membership and the public-at-large using our websites and other electronic tools by leveraging our membership database and other tools. The Finance and Operations Centre is led by Afshin Majidi.

Membership

AMO's Membership Centre supports AMO's membership through the development and delivery of events, education and training, and the management of the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF). The Membership team leads several AMO Board initiatives, including increasing diversity on municipal councils, enhancing understanding and engagement in municipal governance, and examining challenges with understanding and approaches to local democracy. The Membership Centre is led by Petra Wolfbeiss.

Policy

AMO's Policy Centre conducts research, government relations, policy analysis, and advocacy to ensure that provincial policies and programs respect municipal authority. The Policy Centre was led by Monika Turner until her retirement in 2022 and is now led by Lindsay Jones.

Provincial Election Strategy

Leading up to the June 2022 provincial election, AMO released our [2022 Provincial Election Strategy](#). This document serves as a foundation for the next four years of provincial-municipal cooperation and accountability. The strategy is non-partisan, broadly focused, attainable within provincial responsibilities, and reflects sector-wide priorities. The strategy set out an eight-point plan with AMO's vision for economic recovery, prosperity, and increased opportunity. Throughout the provincial election, AMO shared how party platforms and announcements aligned with our eight-point plan.

Municipal Elections

Leading up to the October 2022 municipal elections, AMO launched the [We All Win campaign](#). We All Win promotes the understanding that municipal governments better serve the public when they reflect the diversity of their communities. The campaign featured advice and experiences from elected officials who are making a difference through municipal government.

AMO also developed a website for all unofficial municipal election results. This comprehensive platform positioned AMO as the primary resource for media and the public to view unofficial elections results and key statistics such as voter turnout. This resource would not be possible without the support of Municipal Clerks and Returning Officers who take the time during a very busy period to provide this information. The 2022 Municipal Elections saw significant turnover in the composition of municipal councils, with over 40% of those elected being new to their positions.

Training Opportunities for Members of Council

Following each municipal election cycle, AMO plays an important role in onboarding newly elected and returning municipal councillors and heads of council. AMO modernized its training to reflect the realities, responsibilities, challenges, and opportunities of elected municipal officials in today's context. AMO's New Councillor Training and Head of Council Training are delivered by two experienced Chief Administrative Officers. The training also features subject matter experts where critical insights will be gained to help council members manage diverse issues and expectations throughout their term. The training continues through the 2022-2026 council term.

AMO also evolved its training offerings to ensure our members are supported in their role as local leaders. This includes topics such as: human rights and equity, Indigenous cultural competency, navigating conflict relationships, and foundational and advanced land use planning.

Housing & Homelessness Advocacy

2022 saw important shifts in the political environment with significant implications for municipal governments. The prominence of housing supply and affordability as an election issue for both the June provincial election and the new government's early legislative agenda fundamentally shifted the provincial-municipal relationship. Prior to the election, the release of [AMO's Housing Blueprint](#) outlined collaborative solutions across governments.

Following the introduction of legislation with profound fiscal, policy, governance, and operational implications for municipalities, AMO was front-and-centre in highlighting serious risks and providing ministries, the legislature, and the media with a critical counterpoint to the developer perspective. AMO's policy work also highlighted the homelessness crisis as an extension of the housing situation, calling for collaborative action across government.

Returning to the Property Reassessment Cycle

Municipal governments provide the services that people and businesses rely on most on a day-to-day basis. Municipal governments contribute approximately \$60 billion in public services and infrastructure, with \$41 billion raised primarily through property taxes and payments-in-lieu of taxes. Given that property tax is the single largest source of revenue for Ontario's municipal governments, AMO knows that a well-functioning, up-to-date assessment system is top of mind for our members; municipal councils need to make important taxation decisions and restore predictability and stability for property taxpayers.

AMO has heard that MPAC is ready to return to the property assessment cycle that was rightly paused during the pandemic. Throughout 2022, AMO encouraged the provincial government to restore the reassessment cycle and worked with MPAC to develop and implement an information campaign designed to dispel myths about the implications of an assessment update.

Healthy Democracy Project & Workforce Development Project

In late 2022, the AMO Board committed \$2 million over four years for two signature projects: the Healthy Democracy Project and the Municipal Workforce Development Project. These two projects respond to two pressing member priorities.

The Healthy Democracy Project builds on AMO's We All Win initiative to advance greater diversity, equity, and inclusion on municipal councils. The Healthy Democracy Project will promote the value and importance of municipal governments in Ontario and Canada's political system, identify ways that AMO can provide support and resources to candidates that will diversify municipal councils, and enhance understanding and encourage participation in municipal government.

The Workforce Development Project will help AMO and Ontario’s municipalities better understand the municipal sector’s workforce needs. Employee recruitment and retention is a major concern for municipal government and a large cohort of municipal employees are eligible to retire over the next decade. This means that Ontario’s municipalities are faced with an impending leadership, knowledge, and skills gap. The Workforce Development Project will engage with municipal and post-secondary partners that will retain and develop our current workforce and prepare the next generation of community builders for careers in the municipal sector.

Electronic Permitting

AMO and LAS continue to explore opportunities in digital technology that helps members automate tasks to increase operational efficiencies, freeing municipal staff to focus on matters that require human abilities like problem solving and intuition. Electronic permitting (e-permitting) for building services, is one area that has helped municipal governments automate parts of the local development approval processes. In 2022, after a competitive procurement exercise, AMO announced a partnership with Cloudpermit, a company that specializes in e-permitting technology for building services. Prior to this partnership, many municipalities in Ontario had been using the Cloudpermit system within their building departments. They have seen the benefits of the software to local building service processes, including faster turnarounds of the issuance, inspection, and approval of permits.

Later in 2022, AMO announced that Cloudpermit’s planning/development module and by-law enforcement module are also available to interested members through the partnership agreement. 38 municipalities implemented Cloudpermit’s building permit system, three implemented the planning module, and five implemented the by-law enforcement module.

Municipal Cybersecurity

Cyber security has quickly climbed up the ranks to become one of the biggest risks facing organizations today. Public sector organizations continue to operate in a rapidly changing environment. As cyber insurance becomes more costly and difficult, if not impossible, for municipalities to procure, LAS made the decision to create a program and secure a partner who could assist municipalities in the event of a cyber incident. A cyber alternative risk feasibility study was conducted in 2022. Twenty-five municipalities took part in the survey and offered critical data required to complete the study. This work has continued with a competitive procurement process, and the selection of ISA Cybersecurity as the LAS partner for this program.

Canada-Community Building Fund

In 2022, AMO's CCBF team delivered nearly \$700 million to municipalities across Ontario on behalf of the federal government in support of critical infrastructure projects. Since its launch in 2005, municipalities receiving Canada Community-Building funds through AMO have invested over \$9 billion from the Fund into over 12,000 local projects. Through the CCBF team, AMO also delivers programming that helps the municipal sector make further progress in asset management and better inform Councils in identifying infrastructure investment priorities.

ONE Investment

ONE Investment's Prudent Investment Program experienced growth in 2022 with three new municipalities joining the program. The Municipality of Neebing and Cities of Quinte West and Thunder Bay transitioned in early 2022. More and more Councils are seeing the increased revenue opportunities available with a more diversified portfolio that better manages risk. ONE Investment's Prudent Investment Program is a turnkey solution available to all municipalities across Ontario providing access to the broader investment powers allowed in the *Municipal Act*.

AMO Board of Directors

The governing body of the Association is the Board of Directors, elected every two years. The Board is comprised of elected and non-elected municipal representatives from across Ontario.

* Indicates member of the AMO Executive Committee

AMO Board of Directors

(as of this Report)

Colin Best*

AMO President
Councillor, Region of Halton

Trevor Wilcox*

AMO Secretary-Treasurer
General Manager,
Corporate Performance,
County of Simcoe

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Past AMO Secretary-Treasurer
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Mayor, Municipality of Red Lake

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CAO, Town of Shelburne

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2022

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Directors of Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Association of Municipalities of Ontario ("AMO"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of AMO as at December 31, 2022, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of AMO in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing AMO's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate AMO or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing AMO's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of AMO's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on AMO's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause AMO to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants
Oakville, Ontario
June 23, 2023

Association of Municipalities of Ontario Statement of Financial Position

December 31	2022	2021
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 572,686	\$ 526,365
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	635,438	1,077,446
Investments (Note 4)	23,054,958	19,889,273
Prepaid expenses	500,712	502,289
	24,763,794	21,995,373
Investment in LAS (Note 6(a))	100	100
Long-term investments (Note 5)	476,193	513,502
Property and equipment (Note 7)	54,754	66,843
	\$ 25,294,841	\$ 22,575,818

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 9)	\$ 2,029,174	\$ 1,844,138
Deferred revenue	198,827	6,600
Deferred contributions - projects (Note 10)	1,031,353	1,530,109
	3,259,354	3,380,847
Deferred contributions - other	63,247	70,114
	3,322,601	3,450,961
Net assets		
Restricted funds	10,455,825	8,895,270
General funds - unrestricted		
Investment in LAS	100	100
Other	8,582,945	7,682,513
Conference self-insurance reserve	691,000	707,515
Training reserve	170,616	170,616
Invested in capital assets reserve	54,754	66,843
Stabilization reserve	2,017,000	1,602,000
	21,972,240	19,124,857
	\$ 25,294,841	\$ 22,575,818

On behalf of the Board:

_____ Director
 _____ Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31	2022			2021
	Canada Community- Building Fund	Other Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Revenue				
Membership fees	\$ -	-	\$ 2,261,487	\$ 2,261,487
Conferences and seminars	-	-	2,425,051	2,425,051
Investment income	-	-	266,364	266,364
Administration and occupancy (Note 3)	-	-	5,168,166	5,168,166
Other Income	-	-	557,908	557,908
Funds received				
Canada Community-Building	677,383,084	-	-	677,383,084
Main Street revitalization (Note 10)	-	117,464	-	117,464
Municipal Asset Management Program	-	168,664	-	168,664
Community School Alliance (Note 10)	-	15,950	-	15,950
Continuous Improvement Fund Project (CIF) (Note 10)	-	291,032	-	291,032
Waste Diversion Project (Note 10)	-	352,167	-	352,167
Steward Obligation Project (Note 10)	-	11,111	-	11,111
Interest earned on funds received	775,809	4,022	-	779,831
Government subsidies	-	-	-	-
	678,158,893	960,410	10,678,976	689,798,279
	678,158,893	960,410	10,678,976	689,798,279
Expenditures				
General - Administration	-	-	1,249,466	1,249,466
Policy - Administration	2,602,169	121,486	1,768,924	4,492,579
Corporate services - Administration	-	-	4,915,120	4,915,120
- Conference, seminars and membership centre	-	-	1,458,638	1,458,638
Funds distributed				
Canada Community-Building	673,996,169	-	-	673,996,169
Main Street revitalization	-	-	-	-
Municipal Asset Management Program	-	168,664	-	168,664
Community School Alliance (Note 10)	-	15,950	-	15,950
Continuous Improvement Fund Project (CIF) (Note 10)	-	291,032	-	291,032
Waste Diversion Project (Note 10)	-	352,167	-	352,167
Steward Obligation Project (Note 10)	-	11,111	-	11,111
	676,598,338	960,410	9,392,148	686,950,896
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Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 1,560,555	\$ -	\$ 1,286,828	\$ 2,847,383
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	2022		2021					
for the year ended December 31	2022	2021	2022	2021				
	Restricted Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Conference Self-Insurance Reserve	Training Reserve	Invested in Capital Assets	Stabilization Reserve	Total	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 8,895,270	\$ 7,682,613	\$ 707,515	\$ 170,616	\$ 66,843	\$ 1,602,000	\$ 19,124,857	\$ 15,147,309
Less of revenue over expenditures for the year	1,560,555	1,286,828	-	-	-	-	2,847,383	3,977,548
Transfers (Note 2)	-	(386,396)	(16,515)	-	(12,089)	415,000	-	-
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 10,455,825</u>	<u>\$ 8,583,045</u>	<u>\$ 691,000</u>	<u>\$ 170,616</u>	<u>\$ 54,754</u>	<u>\$ 2,017,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,972,240</u>	<u>\$ 19,124,857</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31	2022	2021
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operations		
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 2,847,383	\$ 3,977,548
Adjustment required to reconcile excess of revenue over expenditures with net cash provided by operating activities		
Amortization of property and equipment	31,808	31,142
Unrealized loss (gain) on investments	37,309	(13,502)
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	442,008	880,684
Prepaid expenses	1,577	(207,221)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	185,036	226,185
Deferred revenue	192,227	(7,600)
Deferred contributions - projects	(498,756)	(787,702)
Deferred contributions - other	(6,867)	(145,616)
	3,231,725	3,953,918
Investing activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(19,719)	(20,613)
Purchase of investments	(3,165,685)	(3,402,576)
Purchase of long-term investments	-	(500,000)
	(3,185,404)	(3,923,189)
Increase in cash during the year	46,321	30,729
Cash, beginning of year	526,365	495,636
Cash, end of year	\$ 572,686	\$ 526,365

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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1. Basis of Presentation

Association of Municipalities of Ontario ("AMO") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated, without share capital, under Letters Patent on May 11, 1990 under the Corporations Act (Ontario). The mandate of AMO is to promote, support and enhance strong and effective municipal government in Ontario.

As a not-for-profit organization, AMO is exempt from income taxes provided certain requirements of the Income Tax Act (Canada) are met.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations require entities to select policies appropriate for their circumstances from choices provided in the specific standards. The following are details of the choices selected by AMO and applied in these financial statements.

Funds

The Restricted fund represents the Canada Community-Building Fund which has specific external restrictions placed on its use by the funder.

The General funds account for AMO's operations and reports unrestricted and externally restricted resources without a specific fund that are not included in the Restricted funds.

The Conference Self-Insurance Reserve was set up to maintain an annual AMO conference self-insurance reserve at 80% of the AMO conference annual costs. The reserve will be adjusted annually based on the budget for the year. The Board approved a transfer of \$16,515 from the Conference Self-Insurance Reserve to the General funds - Unrestricted (2021 - \$707,515 from General funds - Unrestricted to the Conference Self-Insurance Reserve).

The Training Reserve covers the cost of the development of in-person and online/virtual courses. The Board approved a transfer of \$Nil (2021 - \$170,616) from the General funds - Unrestricted to the Training Reserve.

The Stabilization Reserve covers for a maximum of six months any costs incurred. Stabilization reserve allows for additional flexibility for the board to ensure continued operations in case of significant interruptions, difficult economic conditions, or in meeting unforeseen obligations. The reserve will be adjusted annually based on the current budget for the year. The Board approved a transfer of \$2,017,000 (2021 - \$Nil) from General funds - Unrestricted to the Stabilization Reserve.

The Invested in Capital Assets fund represents funds invested in capital assets and is adjusted annually with net increases and decreases in capital expenditures and amortization.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment in Subsidiaries

Local Authority Services ("LAS") is a wholly owned subsidiary of AMO. The investment in LAS is stated at cost. A financial summary of LAS is presented and disclosed in Note 6(a).

Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario ("MEPCO") is controlled by AMO. A financial summary of MEPCO is presented and disclosed in Note 6(b).

Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial instruments are reported at cost or amortized cost less impairment, except long-term investments, which are measured at fair value. Financial assets are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired. Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items remeasured at fair value at each statement of financial position date and charged to the financial instrument for those measured at amortized cost.

Revenue Recognition

AMO follows the restricted fund method for all externally restricted contributions. Under the restricted fund method, externally restricted contributions of the restricted funds are recognized as revenue in the year of receipt. Externally restricted contributions of the general funds are deferred until the year in which the related expenses are incurred.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when the amount is reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Membership and administration and occupancy fees are recognized as revenue in the period to which the fees relate.

Conferences and seminar revenue is recognized in the period in which the event occurs, or the service is provided.

Fees received in advance of the period to which they relate are recorded as deferred revenue in the statement of financial position.

Investment income is recognized as revenue in the period it is earned. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on long-term investments are included in investment income in the period they arise.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives as follows:

Computer hardware	-	4 years straight-line
Furniture and fixtures	-	5 years straight-line

Pension

AMO makes contributions on behalf of its employees to Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System ("OMERS"), which is a multi-employer pension plan. The Plan is a defined benefit plan which specifies the amount of retirement benefit to be received by the employees based on the length of service and rates of pay. The plan has net assets of \$124.2 billion per 2022 annual report. As the amount AMO is obligated to contribute under the Plan is not quantifiable, the accounting, presentation and disclosures that would otherwise be required are not determinable. Due to this fact, AMO follows the standards for a defined contribution plan, the details of which are disclosed in Note 13.

3. Related Party Transactions

Included in accounts receivable are amounts due from related parties as follows:

		2022		2021
LAS	\$	339,726	\$	334,644
MEPCO		35,817		20,891
ROMA		-		3,787

These amounts are unsecured, repayable on demand and are non-interest bearing.

Included in administration and occupancy fees are administration and occupancy fees charged to:

		2022		2021
LAS	\$	957,569	\$	866,106
MEPCO		443,280		466,704
ROMA		128,072		119,999

These transactions are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

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4. Investments

	2022	2021
One Investment High Interest Savings Account (HISA) bearing interest at bank prime rate less 2.235% (2021 - bank prime rate less 1.735%).	\$ 23,054,958	\$ 19,889,273

5. Long-Term Investments

AMO holds long-term investments in the following pooled funds:

	2022	2021
ONE Canadian Equity Portfolio	\$ 289,364	\$ 314,316
ONE Canadian Corporate Bond Portfolio	91,389	99,731
ONE Canadian Government Bond Portfolio	95,440	99,455
	\$ 476,193	\$ 513,502

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6. Subsidiaries

(a) Local Authority Services ("LAS")

LAS is a wholly owned subsidiary of AMO. The mandate of LAS is to work with municipalities, their agencies, boards and commissions, as well as other organizations of Ontario's broader public sector to assist them in reducing their expenditures and to increase their levels of non-tax revenues through the principle of joint or cooperative procurement efforts.

LAS has not been consolidated in AMO's financial statements. Financial statements of LAS are available on request. A financial summary of LAS as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 and for the years then ended is as follows:

	2022	2021
Financial position		
Total assets	\$ 15,724,996	\$ 14,405,317
Total liabilities	10,033,478	8,498,347
Net assets	\$ 5,691,518	\$ 5,906,970
Results of operations		
Total revenue	\$ 10,316,795	\$ 10,733,877
Total expenditures	10,532,246	10,403,975
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ (215,451)	\$ 329,902
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities	\$ (2,068,353)	\$ 1,011,898
Investing activities	1,229,277	(479,236)
Net change in cash	\$ (839,076)	\$ 532,662

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6. Subsidiaries (continued)

(b) Municipal Employer Pension Centre Ontario ("MEPCO")

AMO is the only member of MEPCO. The mandate of MEPCO is to fulfill the obligations of the Association and others under the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Systems Act, 2006.

MEPCO has not been consolidated in AMO's financial statements. Financial statements of MEPCO are available on request. A financial summary of MEPCO as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 and for the years then ended is as follows:

	2022	2021
Financial position		
Total assets	\$ 1,082,689	\$ 1,001,932
Total liabilities	54,990	45,097
Net assets	\$ 1,027,699	\$ 956,835
Net assets comprise:		
Internally restricted	\$ 767,441	\$ 767,441
Unrestricted	260,258	189,394
	\$ 1,027,699	\$ 956,835
Results of operations		
Total revenue	\$ 673,973	\$ 646,626
Total expenditures	603,109	616,756
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 70,864	\$ 29,870
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities	\$ 91,935	\$ 24,275
Investing activity	(99,761)	19,515
Net change in cash	\$ (7,826)	\$ 43,790

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7. Property and Equipment

	2022		2021	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Cost	Accumulated Amortization
Computer hardware	\$ 1,392,727	\$ 1,341,385	\$ 1,373,008	\$ 1,313,466
Furniture and fixtures	66,336	62,924	66,336	59,035
	\$ 1,459,063	\$ 1,404,309	\$ 1,439,344	\$ 1,372,501
Net book value		\$ 54,754		\$ 66,843

8. Affiliate

Rural Ontario Municipal Association ("ROMA")

A number of AMO's Board members serve on ROMA's Board of Directors. ROMA brings the rural perspective to the policy work of AMO, focusing on matters which affect rural communities so that they are brought to the attention of provincial and federal governments.

ROMA has not been consolidated in AMO's financial statements. Financial statements of ROMA are available on request. A financial summary of ROMA as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 and for the years then ended is as follows:

	2022	2021
Financial position		
Total assets	\$ 1,386,407	\$ 980,493
Total liabilities	896,206	279,205
Net assets	\$ 490,201	\$ 701,288
Results of operations		
Total revenue	\$ 425,709	\$ 447,386
Total expenditures	636,796	489,431
Deficiency of revenue over expenditures	\$ (211,087)	\$ (42,045)
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities	\$ 339,300	\$ (57,260)
Investing activity	(288,468)	20,990
Net change in cash	\$ 50,832	\$ (36,270)

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9. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are amounts payable to the government of \$853,772 (2021 - \$877,345).

10. Deferred Contributions - Projects

Deferred contributions – projects are amounts received from parties to carry out specific projects. Funds are recognized as revenue in the period in which the related expenses are incurred. If amounts are not expended, amounts may be refundable.

	Balance beginning of year	Received/ returned/ reallocated in the year	Disbursed and recognized in the year	Balance end of year
Community School Alliance Continuous Improvement Fund project (CIF)	\$ 37,596	\$ 15,950	\$ 2,760	\$ 50,786
Waste Diversion Project	44,786	445,000	291,032	198,754
Waste Diversion Project Wind-up	313,409	620,571	352,167	581,813
Steward Obligation Project	200,000	-	-	200,000
Main Street Revitalization Fund Project	131,681	(120,570)	11,111	-
	802,637	(685,173)	117,464	-
2022	\$ 1,530,109	\$ 275,778	\$ 774,534	\$ 1,031,353
2021	\$ 2,317,811	\$ 135,800	\$ 923,502	\$ 1,530,109

The Main Street Revitalization Fund Project was completed during the year and unspent funds were returned to the funder. Unused funds for the Steward Obligation Project were transferred to the Waste Diversion Project.

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11. Restricted Funds

Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly Federal Gas Tax Program)

On June 17, 2005, the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, AMO and the City of Toronto signed an agreement setting out new revenue sharing arrangements for federal gas tax revenues for investment in municipal infrastructure. AMO administers the fund on behalf of the federal government for all municipalities except Toronto. The agreement resulted in funds of \$1.453 billion flowing to municipalities from 2005 to 2010. Under the Agreement, AMO received 1% of the amounts received and distributed to administer the funds. In 2009, the agreement was extended with an additional \$2.361 billion of funds flowing to municipalities over the period 2010-2014. As part of the extended agreement, the administration fee was reduced to 0.5% to better reflect the related costs.

In 2014, the program was made permanent using a ten-year agreement model with a midterm review. \$3.849 billion flowed to municipalities in Ontario for 2014-2018 based on 2011 population data with AMO continuing to receive 0.5% of the amounts it received to administer the funds. In 2014, the AMO Board of Directors decided to establish a restricted reserve to hold \$5 million for wind up of the program and to distribute the balance of \$15,692,043 in surplus administration funds accumulated on a per capita basis to all municipalities AMO administers funds. In 2018, allocations of \$4.231 billion for 2019-2023 were confirmed to flow to Ontario municipalities based on 2016 population data.

In 2019, there was a one-time doubling of funds by the Government of Canada. Also in 2019, AMO distributed \$12,044,284 in surplus administration fees according to the established allocation model.

In 2021, there was another one-time doubling of the funds. As with the prior top-up, AMO did not take an administration fee. Also, in 2021 the program name was changed from Federal Gas Tax to the Canada Community-Building Fund. This was done to reflect the program's evolution over time and the fact that funds do not come directly from federal gas tax revenues.

12. Capital Disclosures

The capital structure of AMO consists of restricted and unrestricted net assets. The Association manages its capital and makes adjustments to it in light of economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets.

AMO's main objective when managing capital is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can continue to provide the appropriate level of services to the municipalities of Ontario. AMO is subject to externally imposed capital requirements for the Canada Community-Building and Main Street revitalization programs and the restricted funds included in the General funds. These funds are invested and administered according to these requirements.

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13. Pension Plan

AMO contributed \$613,670 (2021 - \$590,823) to OMERS during the year. Of the amount contributed, \$167,022 (2021 - \$149,528) related to employees who worked for AMO's subsidiary, LAS.

The actuarially determined deficit of the OMERS plan on a going concern basis at December 31, 2022 was \$6.1 billion (2021 - \$69 million).

14. Allocation of Expenses

Salaries and benefits are allocated based on the percentage of time spent by staff for each program. Expenses such as rent and information technology costs are allocated based on the percentage of the work performed for each program.

Expenses allocated to various funds were as follows:

	2022				
	Canada Community- Building program	Main Street revitalization	CIF	Municipal Asset Management Program	Waste Diversion Project
Salaries and benefits	\$ 1,168,226	\$ -	\$ 276,820	\$ 94,254	\$ 193,932
Administration expenses	283,647	-	-	-	-
	\$ 1,451,873	\$ -	\$ 276,820	\$ 94,254	\$ 193,932
	2021				
	Canada Community- Building program	Main Street revitalization	CIF	Municipal Asset Management Program	Waste Diversion Project
Salaries and benefits	\$ 1,124,765	\$ 136,503	\$ 344,166	\$ 151,103	\$ 161,905
Administration expenses	257,307	2,083	-	-	-
	\$ 1,382,072	\$ 138,586	\$ 344,166	\$ 151,103	\$ 161,905

15. Commitments

Minimum annual payments payable under the terms of the operating lease for office space for the next year is \$236,082.

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16. Financial Instruments Risks

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows from a financial instrument will fluctuate because of market changes in interest rates. AMO is exposed to interest rate risk on its investments.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that AMO will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities. AMO is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities. AMO reduces exposure to liquidity risk by ensuring that it maintains adequate cash reserves to pay its creditors.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. AMO's main credit risks relate to its accounts receivable and investments. Based on creditworthiness of AMO's counter parties, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required.

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. AMO is exposed to other price risk through its investments in pooled funds.

It is management's opinion that AMO is not exposed to significant interest rate, liquidity, credit, or other price risk arising from its financial instruments.

17. Comparative Figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted in the current year.



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The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

August 15, 2023

SENT VIA EMAIL

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4

Re: Town of Amherstburg Support Resolution - Violence Against Women

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Town of Amherstburg, Town Council passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on August 14, 2023:

That:

1. *The Town of Amherstburg **RECEIVE** correspondence from Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee Windsor Essex (VAWCCWE);*
2. *The Town of Amherstburg **DECLARE** Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) as an epidemic; and,*
3. *Correspondence stating such **BE FORWARDED** to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Local MPPs, and the Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity.*

Motion Carried.

Regards,

Sarah Sabihuddin
Deputy Clerk, Town of Amherstburg
(519) 736-0012 ext. 2216
ssabihuddin@amherstburg.ca

cc:
Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity;
Local MPPs;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
All Ontario Municipalities.



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.2.

Resolution Number 23-131

Title: Request to Province to establish a regulatory framework for digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO - Resolution to Support

Date: Friday, August 18, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Barton

Seconded by: Councillor Cade Fraser

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of The Archipelago has received a request for support from the Town of Fort Erie 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 Township of The Archipelago hereby supports the Town of Fort Erie's resolution and requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations; and
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality; and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials; and

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

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.



Naturally Spirited

KILLALOE-HAGARTY-RICHARDS

Date: August 15, 2023

Resolution No.: 05

Moved by 

Seconded by Margaret MacMillan

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards supports the motion brought forward by the Town of Fort Erie requesting that the Government of Ontario establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO and others which affect municipal rentals to:

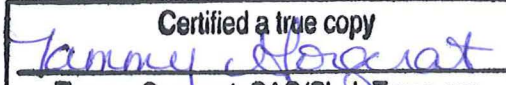
1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licencing regulations;
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality; and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials.

THAT the Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long-term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark; local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried:

Not Carried:

<p style="text-align: center;">Certified a true copy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tammy Gorderat, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards</p>
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Legislative Services

July 26, 2023

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Controls on Airbnb, VRBO and Others Which Affect Municipal Rentals

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of July 24, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Whereas global technology platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO were created to improve global access to rental opportunities, particularly those available for vacation or shorter-term business purposes, and

Whereas the impact of these “disruptive technologies” on rental markets has raised the following concerns in the past decade:

- Concentration of ownership and proliferation of landlord corporations with minimal interest in or accountability to local communities
- Removal of housing stock from long-term rental markets with resulting increases in rents
- Lack of control over occupancy (e.g. families vs large groups of partygoers)
- Incidence of nuisance infractions (noise, garbage, parking), and

Whereas any reduction in the availability of long-term housing stock runs counter to the Province of Ontario’s goal of 1.5 million additional homes in the next 10 years, and

Whereas growth in short-term rental markets may also have a negative impact on housing affordability for the seasonal workers who service tourist destinations or farming communities, and

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Mailing Address:

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON L2A 2S6

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Whereas implementing local/municipal restrictions through municipal law enforcement tools (licensing) and municipal planning tools (zoning by-law restrictions) may push demand to other communities, and

Whereas some platforms (e.g. Airbnb) are already working toward providing notice to owners about municipal regulations and licensing through a license number field, and

Whereas some jurisdictions (e.g. Quebec, Scotland) have acknowledged the limitations of local authorities/municipalities in controlling the impact of global technologies and have developed comprehensive regulatory frameworks, and

Whereas a comprehensive, consistent regulatory approach is likely to prove more effective in Ontario,

Now, therefore, be it resolved,

That: Council requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations, and
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality, and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials and further

That: The Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long-term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties and further

That: A copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter, AMP

Deputy Clerk

acarter@forterie.ca

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Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca
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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 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

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



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August 14, 2023

Via email only

Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Black Ash Tree Classification as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Emo, at its meeting held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 passed the following resolution.

Resolution June 14, 2023 No. 16

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks listed the Black Ash Tree as endangered in the Province of Ontario as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation in eastern and southern Ontario;

WHEREAS this classification was given even though the Emerald Ash Borer is not known to be widespread in Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Black Ash Tree is assumed to remain abundant on the landscape of Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) classification of "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits killing (Harvesting), harming, harassing, possessing, transporting, trading, and selling of live or dead Black Ash, and damaging or destroying its habitat on both Crown and Private Land;



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WHEREAS the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) classification of “endangered”, for the Black Ash Tree, came into effect on January 26, 2022;

WHEREAS the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy is proposed to come into enforcement in January 2024;

WHEREAS the strategy is not expected to change the 50-99% destruction of Black Ash by the Emerald Ash Borer;

WHEREAS the strategy contains 170 references to possibilities that “may” be or are “poorly understood”, including 80-year climate change models;

WHEREAS one of these unknown factors is the Rainy River forests of Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Rainy River forests, while having features of Great Lakes – St. Lawrence, also include Boreal and Prairie habitats following a continuum from northern Minnesota rather than from Southern Ontario;

WHEREAS the strategy, if applied, will certainly have severe impact on the economy, agriculture, forestry, tourism, recreation, First Nations and residential landowners of the Rainy River District;

WHEREAS it would be impossible to fully comply with the strategy and continue living in much of the Rainy River District;

WHEREAS consultation on the Black Ash and Emerald Ash Borer did not include the majority of Northwestern Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Rescind the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy at least as it concerns the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario;
- b) Seek further understanding of the health of the Black Ash in the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario.
- c) Complete a provincial study regarding socio-economic impact on this part of Northwestern Ontario

in consultation with stakeholders BEFORE any policies are passed and enacted upon.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Regards,

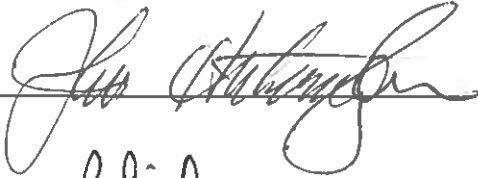



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- cc. Thunder Bay – Superior North MP, Marcus Powlowski
Premier Doug Ford
Kenora-Rainy River MPP, Greg Rickford
Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
The Federation of Agriculture
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Office of the Ontario Regional Chief – Chiefs of Ontario
Northwestern Ontario First Nations
Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA)
Rainy River District Clerks & CAO's

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 255

AUGUST 23, 2023

Moved by: 

Seconded by: 

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan endorses and supports item 4.1 Township of Emo Black Ash Tree Endangered Species Act;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to local MPs and MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, The federation of Agriculture, Ontario Federation of Agricultural, Office of the Ontario Regional Chief – Chiefs of Ontario, Northwestern Ontario First Nations, Rainy River District Municipal Association and Rainy River District Clerks & CAO's.

Carried  Defeated _____ Deferred _____



Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			



*Knowing our heritage
we will build our future*



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Mail

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

August 1, 2023

Dear Premier Ford:

City Council, at its meeting held on July 14, 2023, approved Item 13 of Planning Committee Report 23-011 which reads as follows:

13. Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (Greenbelt Plan Amendment No. 3) (PED23046(a)) (City Wide) (Item 11.4)

- (a) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff, in conjunction with Legal Services staff, be directed to provide input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator under protest with respect to any private development proposals and associated community benefits within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area;
- (b) That the Eleven Directions to Guide Development attached as Appendix "D", as amended, to Report PED23046(a), which were previously approved by Council as part of the City's Municipal Comprehensive Review process, be utilized as the framework for the City's input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Areas;

Direction #11

The City of Hamilton considers agricultural use to be of prime consideration, along with the protection of wetlands and natural heritage features.

- (c) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to schedule a public meeting of the Planning Committee for the purpose of

obtaining public input as to the City's priorities and expectations with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area; and, that staff consult with City of Hamilton Public Engagement staff to ensure: the statutory meeting meets best engagement practice as much as possible; that the statutory meeting be held in the evening, be live streamed, and be held at a publicly accessible facility that is in close proximity to the Book Road lands; and, that the *Provincial Land and Development Facilitator*, all MPP and MP's be extended an invitation to attend.

- (d) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to request public discussion except where excluded under the provisions of the Municipal Act, including public agendas, a list of participants and minutes.
- (e) That the Mayor send a letter regarding these recommendations to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario Municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C23-012 when responding to this correspondence.

Sincerely,

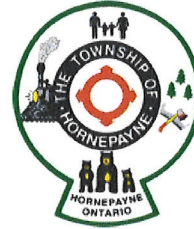


Mayor Andrea Horwath

File #C23-012

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

The Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By: Drago Stefanic

Resolution No. 2023-288

Seconded By: Ted Scheniman

Date: August 16, 2023

WHEREAS the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot Project (RNIP) allows newcomers to apply for permanent residency after two full years of employment with any scope of permit, and alleviates certain restrictions related to the immigration process; and,

WHEREAS most of the cities that participate in RNIP have widened their catchment area to include smaller municipalities in this program; and,

WHEREAS the Township of Hornepayne is not part of the RNIP program; and,


WHEREAS the inability to participate in the RNIP program significantly deters newcomers from settling within the community; and,

WHEREAS the Sault Ste. Marie RNIP catchment area may be expanded to include the Townships of Hornepayne, Chapleau, Dubreuilville, and White River, and the Municipality of Wawa;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne does hereby request that the City of Sault Ste. Marie expand their catchment area to include the Townships of Hornepayne, Chapleau, Dubreuilville, and White River, and the Municipality of Wawa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Carol Hughes, MP Algoma–Manitoulin–Kapusksing, and the City of Sault Ste. Marie, with a copy to the Townships of Chapleau, Dubreuilville, and White River, and the Municipality of Wawa.

Carried Defeated Deferred


Cheryl Fort (Aug 17, 2023 15:07 EDT)
signature of presiding officer

Council Resolution Form

Date: 17 Aug 2023

No: Resolution No.199-23

Moved By: Councillor Popkie
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

Disposition: CARRIED.

Item No: 12.08.2 Description: Request for Support - The Women of Ontario Say No

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and

Whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and

Whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and

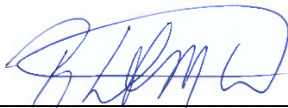
Whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

Whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and


Now, therefore be it resolved that the Township of Greater Madawaska supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and

Also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office



Rob Weir, Mayor



Robin Emon, Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD
Resolution: Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Stratford supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- 1. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment**
- 2. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario**
- 3. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province**

- 4. Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner**
- 5. Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;**

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for endorsement.

Adopted by City Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford on July 10, 2023.

The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
Attention: City Clerk, 519-271-0250 extension 5329, clerks@stratford.ca

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May 10, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-293
DATE: **May 9, 2023**
MOVED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**
SECONDED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)

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BY COUNCIL

- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters;

THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO

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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - 236 - 23

Date: July 10, 2023

For Clerk's use only, if required		
Recorded Vote Requested By:		
Barr	Y	N
Cameron	Y	N
Gural	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Maitland	Y	N

Moved by: Barr

Gural

Ireland

Maitland

Seconded by: Barr

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Ireland

Maitland

Notice of Motion: Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory, and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act is welcomed; and

WHEREAS the proposed Provincial Planning Statement (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and render aspects of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminate some local planning autonomy, and directly interfere with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, use and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has played a crucial role in providing planning input and reviewing services to assist our municipality and has provided its own comments outlining its concerns and recommendations;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford urges the province to:

- Pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)
- Reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each one has unique landscapes, housing needs and visions for local planning matters
- Follow the recommendations provided by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

AND THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried Defeated


Michael Cameron, Mayor

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.5.
Resolution Number 2023-153
Title: Resolution Stemming from June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #11
Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Loftus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, on May 9, 2023, regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA); the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

Planning and Housing Committee

PH4.8		Adopted		Ward: All
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City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

City Council Decision

City Council on June 14 and 15, 2023, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its concern to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the general direction taken in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement as it represents fundamental changes in how growth planning is carried out in the Province and by the City of Toronto.
2. City Council support in principle the provisions in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement that encourage the supply of housing, notwithstanding, that references to "Affordable Housing" and "Housing that is affordable to low-and moderate-income households" have not been carried over.
3. City Council request the Province of Ontario through ERO 019-6813 and outlined in Attachment 1 to the report (May 17, 2023) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City planning to:
 - a. maintain all policy references to “residential intensification” and “redevelopment” in the current Provincial Policy Statement to provide clarity that where sufficient land and servicing exists to accommodate forecast population through infill, the need for greenfield development is diminished;
 - b. require that large and fast-growing municipalities accommodate a minimum of 50 percent of all residential development within their existing settlement area and that new settlement areas or settlement area expansion lands are planned for a minimum density target of 50 residents and jobs per gross hectare;
 - c. maintain the density targets of Urban Growth Centres (Growth Plan 2.2.3.2) and policies that directed how Urban Growth Centres will be planned (Growth Plan 2.2.3.1);
 - d. provide flexibility for municipalities to identify additional higher order transit corridors that deviate from the definition of "higher order transit" in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement;
 - e. maintain the Growth Plan policies (2.2.4.8 – 2.2.4.10) that support the development of complete communities with a compact built form and affordable housing within Major Transit Station Areas, on lands adjacent to Major Transit Station Areas, and along transit corridors;
 - f. include reference to affordable housing in Provincial Planning Statement Policy 2.4.2.6 given provincial direction to include affordable housing in Protected Major Transit Station

Areas through inclusionary zoning;

g. maintain that municipalities may identify a settlement area or allow the expansion of a settlement area boundary only at the time of a 5-year official plan update and only where it has been demonstrated that certain conditions have been met (Provincial Policy Statement 1.1.3.8);

h. lead a provincial-municipal process with large and fast-growing municipalities for the periodic preparation of regional population and employment forecasts. Enable municipalities to continue to be able to adopt higher forecasts;

i. direct municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to continue using population and employment forecasts of Schedule 3 of the Growth Plan for managing growth to 2051 and ensuring “at least 25 year” supply of land;

j. maintain the current definitions of “affordable” housing and "low and moderate-income households" or provide explicit direction for municipalities to set their own definition;

k. maintain the requirement for municipalities to establish targets for housing affordable to low- and moderate-income households (Provincial Policy Statement 1.4.3(a)) and for affordable ownership and affordable rental housing (Growth Plan 2.2.6.1(a)(ii));

l. maintain Growth Plan policy 2.2.6.3 that provides direction to municipalities to use available tools to require that multi-unit residential developments incorporate a mix of unit types to accommodate a diverse range of households sizes and incomes;

m. revise the definition of “housing options” to include consideration for affordable housing, tenure, and unit types to accommodate a range of household sizes;

n. amend proposed policy 2.2.1.b.2, related to the conversion of existing commercial and institutional buildings for residential uses, to include a requirement to maintain or replace employment space within the redevelopment or within an off-site location;

o. enact a Regulation to permit the use of zoning with conditions, pursuant to Section 113 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, that would enable a municipality to secure replacement employment space as part of redevelopments proposing to convert existing commercial and institutional space;

p. enact a Regulation to permit the use of conditional zoning, pursuant to Section 113 of the City of Toronto Act 2006, that would enable the City to require and secure employment space to be provided prior to, or concurrent with any non-employment uses, including residential;

q. revise the Employment Area definition to explicitly include film production, cluster of office uses, stand-alone convenience retail and services to serve businesses and workers within Employment Areas, and enable municipalities to define components of Employment Areas to serve local economies;

r. maintain the current timeframe for when a conversion of employment lands can be considered: only when municipalities are undertaking their 5-year Official Plan review, absent the Municipal Comprehensive Review concept;

s. strengthen land use policy protections for all Employment Areas across the Province to ensure that these lands support the economy and are viable over the long-term;

- t. require that municipalities determine that sensitive land uses proposed near manufacturing, warehousing and other major facilities are compatible or can be made compatible prior to permitting a sensitive land use;
- u. retain the existing Growth Plan policy (2.2.5.8) which requires that the development of sensitive land uses, major retail and major office will avoid, or where avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate adverse impacts on industrial, manufacturing or other major facilities;
- v. maintain the current Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan policies that explicitly support energy efficiency, increased vegetation, and improved air quality;
- w. maintain and expand the geographic scope of the current Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan policies related to natural heritage protection, climate action, intensification, and greenhouse-gas reduction;
- x. expand the geographic scope of the Growth Plan's protections for natural heritage systems (4.2.2), water resource systems and watershed planning (4.2.1), and stormwater management (3.2.7) to the entire Province;
- y. maintain the Growth Plan's provincially identified Agricultural System;
- z. maintain Growth Plan policy 4.2.8.1 requiring municipalities to develop and implement official plan policies and other strategies related to conserving mineral aggregate resources;
- aa. change the definition of "waste management system" to consider the waste hierarchy and is inclusive of and prioritizes resource recovery and environmental outcomes consistent with the Province's circular economy ambitions;
- bb. align the Waste Management policies with the language of the Waste Free Ontario Act and Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act and provide guidance on how municipalities are to interpret the Waste Management policies in the Provincial Planning Statement alongside the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act;
- cc. include policy direction that requires municipalities to coordinate and plan for appropriate and adequate shared waste management infrastructure;
- dd. include policy direction that ensures the provision of lands for integrated waste management, including recycling and processing facilities, and residual disposal/management;
- ee. maintain and expand the geographic scope of Growth Plan policy 4.2.1.4 that requires a sub-watershed plan for large-scale development in greenfield areas;
- ff. maintain policy references to "key hydrologic features, key hydrologic areas and their functions", from the current Provincial Policy Statement (2.2.1(e)) and expand the geographic scope of Growth Plan policy 4.2.1.2;
- gg. include direction in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water;
- hh. recognize and promote green infrastructure's role in water and stormwater systems;

- ii. maintain all transportation related policies in the current Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan that support reducing vehicle trips;
- jj. include language regarding planning for a transportation system in way that accounts for factors such as equity, cost, air quality, winter maintenance and resiliency;
- kk. modify policies concerning the protection of heritage properties to say, “protected heritage property shall be conserved”, recognizing that the definition of “protected heritage property” includes more than lands with built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes;
- ll. maintain the existing Land Needs Assessment methodology as Provincial guidance to the large and fast-growing municipalities for assessing land needs as a complement to the Provincial Projections Methodology Guideline available to other municipalities;
- mm. include as part of the transition regulation that all planning matters (Official Plan Amendments or Zoning By-law Amendments) that predate the in-effect date of the new Provincial Planning Statement be transitioned under the existing planning framework. These include planning matters that are: (1) deemed complete and in process/under review; (2) city-initiated process underway or nearing completion, or (3) Council-adopted but is under appeal or appeal period nearing;
- nn. continue to transition Official Plan Amendment 231 as a matter in process that was approved under the Growth Plan, 2006;
- oo. acknowledge the importance of and requirement for undertaking integrated planning across the Province;
- pp. provide guidance on expectations with respect to municipal engagement with Indigenous communities on land use planning matters that identify best practices;
- qq. clarify the scope of a municipality's obligation to identify potential impacts of decisions on the exercise of Aboriginal or treaty rights and how the Province's role in addressing asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights will be integrated in the municipal decision-making process; and
- rr. add a new policy that enables municipalities to put in place local policies that address the changing nature of office space and needs to reflect the local context.

4. City Council confirm that film production will continue to be considered a form of manufacturing for the purposes of land use planning and interpretation of official plan policies and zoning standards.

5. City Council forward Attachment 2 to the report (May 17, 2023) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning from the Film Commissioner and Director, Entertainment Industries related to the impacts the proposed Provincial Planning Statement has on the City’s film production Industry to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

6. City Council forward a copy of the report (May 17, 2023) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Leader of

the Official Opposition, all Ontario MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

7. City Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to undertake dedicated consultation with affected industry stakeholders on any changes to policies related to the protection of employment lands in advance of proceeding with the proposed Provincial Planning Statement.

Committee Recommendations

The Planning and Housing Committee recommends that:

1. City Council express its concern to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the general direction taken in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement as it represents fundamental changes in how growth planning is carried out in the province and by the City of Toronto.
2. City Council support in principle the provisions in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement that encourage the supply of housing, notwithstanding, that references to "Affordable Housing" and "Housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income households" have not been carried over.
3. City Council request the Province through ERO 019-6813 and outlined in Attachment 1 to the report (May 17, 2023) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, to:
 - a. maintain all policy references to "residential intensification" and "redevelopment" in the current Provincial Policy Statement to provide clarity that where sufficient land and servicing exists to accommodate forecast population through infill, the need for greenfield development is diminished.
 - b. require that large and fast-growing municipalities accommodate a minimum of 50 percent of all residential development within their existing settlement area and that new settlement areas or settlement area expansion lands are planned for a minimum density target of 50 residents and jobs per gross hectare.
 - c. maintain the density targets of Urban Growth Centres (Growth Plan 2.2.3.2) and policies that directed how Urban Growth Centres will be planned (Growth Plan 2.2.3.1).
 - d. provide flexibility for municipalities to identify additional higher order transit corridors that deviate from the definition of "higher order transit" in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement.
 - e. maintain the Growth Plan policies (2.2.4.8 – 2.2.4.10) that support the development of complete communities with a compact built form and affordable housing within MTSAs, on lands adjacent to MTSAs, and along transit corridors.
 - f. include reference to affordable housing in Provincial Planning Statement Policy 2.4.2.6 given provincial direction to include affordable housing in Protected Major Transit Station Areas through inclusionary zoning.
 - g. maintain that municipalities may identify a settlement area or allow the expansion of a settlement area boundary only at the time of a 5-year official plan update and only where it has been demonstrated that certain conditions have been met (Provincial Policy Statement 1.1.3.8).

- h. lead a provincial-municipal process with large and fast-growing municipalities for the periodic preparation of regional population and employment forecasts. Enable municipalities to continue to be able to adopt higher forecasts.
- i. direct municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to continue using population and employment forecasts of Schedule 3 of the Growth Plan for managing growth to 2051 and ensuring “at least 25 year” supply of land.
- j. maintain the current definitions of “affordable” housing and "low and moderate-income households" OR provide explicit direction for municipalities to set their own definition.
- k. maintain the requirement for municipalities to establish targets for housing affordable to low- and moderate-income households (Provincial Policy Statement 1.4.3(a)) and for affordable ownership and affordable rental housing (Growth Plan 2.2.6.1(a)(ii))
- l. maintain Growth Plan policy 2.2.6.3 that provides direction to municipalities to use available tools to require that multi-unit residential developments incorporate a mix of unit types to accommodate a diverse range of households sizes and incomes.
- m. revise the definition of “housing options” to include consideration for affordable housing, tenure, and unit types to accommodate a range of household sizes.
- n. amend proposed policy 2.2.1.b.2, related to the conversion of existing commercial and institutional buildings for residential uses, to include a requirement to maintain or replace employment space within the redevelopment or within an off-site location.
- o. enact a Regulation to permit the use of zoning with conditions, pursuant to Section 113 of the City of Toronto Act 2006, that would enable a municipality to secure replacement employment space as part of redevelopments proposing to convert existing commercial and institutional space.
- p. enact a Regulation to permit the use of conditional zoning, pursuant to Section 113 of the City of Toronto Act 2006, that would enable the City to require and secure employment space to be provided prior to, or concurrent with any non-employment uses, including residential.
- q. revise the Employment Area definition to explicitly include film production, cluster of office uses, stand-alone convenience retail and services to serve businesses and workers within Employment Areas, and enable municipalities to define components of Employment Areas to serve local economies.
- r. maintain the current timeframe for when a conversion of employment lands can be considered: only when municipalities are undertaking their 5-year Official Plan review, absent the Municipal Comprehensive Review concept.
- s. strengthen land use policy protections for all Employment Areas across the Province to ensure that these lands support the economy and are viable over the long-term.
- t. require that municipalities determine that sensitive land uses proposed near manufacturing, warehousing and other major facilities are compatible or can be made compatible prior to permitting a sensitive land use.

u. retain the existing Growth Plan policy (2.2.5.8) which requires that the development of sensitive land uses, major retail and major office will avoid, or where avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate adverse impacts on industrial, manufacturing or other major facilities.

v. maintain the current Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan policies that explicitly support energy efficiency, increased vegetation, and improved air quality.

w. maintain and expand the geographic scope of the current Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan policies related to natural heritage protection, climate action, intensification, and greenhouse-gas reduction.

x. expand the geographic scope of the Growth Plan's protections for natural heritage systems (4.2.2), water resource systems and watershed planning (4.2.1), and stormwater management (3.2.7) to the entire Province.

y. maintain the Growth Plan's provincially identified Agricultural System.

z. Maintain Growth Plan policy 4.2.8.1 requiring municipalities to develop and implement official plan policies and other strategies related to conserving mineral aggregate resources.

aa. change the definition of "waste management system" to consider the waste hierarchy and is inclusive of and prioritizes resource recovery and environmental outcomes consistent with the Province's circular economy ambitions.

bb. align the Waste Management policies with the language of the Waste Free Ontario Act and Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA) and provide guidance on how municipalities are to interpret the Waste Management policies in the Provincial Planning Statement alongside the RRCEA.

cc. include policy direction that requires municipalities to coordinate and plan for appropriate and adequate shared waste management infrastructure.

dd. include policy direction that ensures the provision of lands for integrated waste management, including recycling and processing facilities, and residual disposal/management.

ee. maintain and expand the geographic scope of Growth Plan policy 4.2.1.4 that requires a sub-watershed plan for large-scale development in greenfield areas.

ff. maintain policy references to "key hydrologic features, key hydrologic areas and their functions", from the current Provincial Policy Statement (2.2.1(e)) and expand the geographic scope of Growth Plan policy 4.2.1.2.

gg. include direction in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water.

hh. recognize and promote green infrastructure's role in water and stormwater systems.

ii. maintain all transportation related policies in the current Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan that support reducing vehicle trips.

- jj. include language regarding planning for a transportation system in way that accounts for factors such as equity, cost, air quality, winter maintenance and resiliency.
- kk. modify policies concerning the protection of heritage properties to say, “protected heritage property shall be conserved”, recognizing that the definition of “protected heritage property” includes more than lands with built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes.
- ll. maintain the existing Land Needs Assessment methodology as Provincial guidance to the large and fast-growing municipalities for assessing land needs as a complement to the Provincial Projections Methodology Guideline available to other municipalities.
- mm. include as part of the transition regulation that all planning matters (Official Plan Amendments or Zoning By-law Amendments) that predate the in-effect date of the new Provincial Planning Statement be transitioned under the existing planning framework. These include planning matters that are: (1) deemed complete and in process/under review; (2) city-initiated process underway or nearing completion, or (3) Council-adopted but is under appeal or appeal period nearing.
- nn. continue to transition Official Plan Amendment 231 as a matter in process that was approved under the Growth Plan, 2006.
- oo. acknowledge the importance of and requirement for undertaking integrated planning across the Province.
- pp. provide guidance on expectations with respect to municipal engagement with Indigenous communities on land use planning matters that identify best practices.
- qq. clarify the scope of a municipality's obligation to identify potential impacts of decisions on the exercise of Aboriginal or treaty rights and how the Province's role in addressing asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights will be integrated in the municipal decision-making process.
- rr. add a new policy that enables municipalities to put in place local policies that address the changing nature of office space and needs to reflect the local context.

4. City Council confirm that film production will continue to be considered a form of manufacturing for the purposes of land use planning and interpretation of official plan policies and zoning standards.

5. City Council forward Attachment 2 to the report (May 17, 2023) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade from the Film Commissioner and Director, Entertainment Industries related to the impacts the proposed Provincial Planning Statement has on the City’s film production Industry.

6. City Council forward a copy of the report (May 17, 2023) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Leader of the Official Opposition, all Ontario MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

7. City Council request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing undertake dedicated consultation with affected industry stakeholders on any changes to policies related to the protection of employment lands in advance of proceeding with the proposed Provincial Planning Statement.

Origin

(May 17, 2023) Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning

Summary

The policy led planning system under which municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) Area have operated since 2006 has experienced numerous changes over the last 5 years requiring the City to continuously review, examine and adapt our planning policies and practices. On April 6, 2023 as part of Bill 97, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced a draft Provincial Planning Statement that is intended to replace the current Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Some policies of the Growth Plan are intended to be incorporated into the new Provincial Planning Statement and the Growth Plan is proposed to be repealed.

The proposed repeal of the Growth Plan now treats the region generally the same as any other part of the Province despite it being home to 70% of Ontarians. While some Growth Plan policies are found in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, virtually all the foundational ones have been eliminated and the overall policy intent of establishing a regional plan to lay out and coordinate planning, resource and infrastructure management efforts has been abandoned. Absent a comprehensive and coordinated regional growth management framework, potential unintended consequences may include, loss of agricultural land and associated worsening food insecurity, degradation of the natural heritage system and it's ability to mitigate the impacts of climate change, impacts on water quality, uncoordinated infrastructure planning that increases costs for local and regional governments, uncoordinated and unsustainable development patterns that encourage car dependency, and the loss and removal of employment lands needed to support a diverse economic base.

The direction for regional planning implied in the draft Provincial Planning Statement represents a seminal change in the land use planning system in the GGH that together with recent and potential future governance changes pose risks to the widely recognized benefits of coordinated and integrated land use, resource and infrastructure planning and calls into question progress toward widely understood and desirable outcomes around climate adaptation, inclusion, economic and financial stability over the next decades. Growing imperatives around housing supply and paying for infrastructure should spark an evolution in regional planning through a focussed collaborative process around making the Growth Plan work better, without jettisoning its fundamental goals around limiting sprawl and long-term land use predictability.

The Province has provided stakeholders 60 days to review the proposed document and comments are due no later than June 5, 2023. Staff will submit the recommendations from Planning and Housing Committee to the provincial ERO posting and will submit additional comments received at City Council's meeting on June 14-16, 2023 as supplementary information to the recommendations contained in this report.

This report outlines staff comments on the proposed Provincial Planning Statement as itemized in Attachment 1. The recommendations contained in this report address concerns raised by City staff intended to inform the Ministry of the City's comments and suggested revisions to the proposed Provincial Planning Statement. Staff from City Planning, Engineering & Construction Services, Economic Development & Culture, the Housing Secretariat, Toronto Water, Parks,

Forestry & Recreation, Corporate Finance and Legal Services reviewed and provided comments organized in the following six themes:

1. Regional Planning;
2. Housing;
3. Employment Lands Planning;
4. Environment;
5. Infrastructure; and
6. Implementation

Background Information (Committee)

(May 17, 2023) Report and Attachments 1 and 3 from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/bgrd/backgroundfile-236614.pdf>)
Attachment 2 - Provincial Planning Statement 2023: Impact on Film Production Industry (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/bgrd/backgroundfile-236776.pdf>)

Communications (Committee)

(May 29, 2023) Letter from Geoff Kettel and Cathie Macdonald, Co-Chairs, Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-169993.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Craig McLuckie, President, Toronto Industry Network (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170052.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Victoria Harding, Executive Director, DGC Ontario (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170104.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Issac Tang, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, on behalf of PT Studios Inc. (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170105.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Peggy Kyriakidou, President, and Jayson Mosek, Business Agent, NABET 700-M UNIFOR (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170106.pdf>)

Communications (City Council)

(June 14, 2023) Letter from Les Veszlenyi and Angela Barnes, Co-Chairs of the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network (CC.Supp)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-170401.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Ian Carmichael and John Caliendo, Co-Chairs, ABC Residents Association (CC.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-170438.pdf>)

Speakers

Victoria Harding, Directors Guild of Canada - Ontario
Cynthia Lynch, FilmOntario
Peggy Kyriakidou, NABET 700M UNIFOR
Angela Mastronardi, IATSE Local 873



DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD)

August 21, 2023

Re: Time for Change – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Honourable Rasheed:

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 9th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the attached resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding a *Time for Change – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Motion 8

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

That Council support item 'e' of correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding a Time for Change – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak

Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Marilyn Gladu, MP
Bob Bailey, MPP
Lianne Rood, MP
Monte McNaughton, MPP
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee
All Ontario Municipalities

July 5, 2023

Via Email: Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD)

Honourable Rasheed:

**Re: Time for Change
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on June 26, 2023 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at ckclerk@chatham-ketn.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith

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Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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Lianne Rood, MP
Dave Epp MP
Trevor Jones, MPP
Monte McNaughton, MPP
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: Aug 8, 2023

Resolution No.: 309-23

Moved By: _____ *[Signature]*

Seconded By: _____ *[Signature]*

THAT Council receives and supports the resolutions from Chatham-Kent and South Huron regarding changes to MFIPPA;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to MP Marcus Powlowski, MP Patty Hajdu, MPP Lise Vaugeois, MPP Kevin Holland, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee and Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Lantry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



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August 11, 2023

Climate Emergency Unit
c/o The David Suzuki Institute
201 Pringle Farm Rd
Saltspring Island, BC
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Dear Erin Blondeau, Director of Communications

Re: Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT)

Please be advised that the Council for the Township of Severn received correspondence respecting the Just Transition Transfer (JTT) at their recent August 9th, 2023 Council meeting.

Following discussion Motion C2023-042 was passed:

Moved by Councillor - Ward 3 Phil Brennan
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Judith Cox

WHEREAS Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are slowly starting to trend downward, but the reduction trajectory remains incongruent with what science and justice demands;

WHEREAS Canada must spend what it takes to confront the climate emergency, and there is an urgent need for Canada to spend more on climate infrastructure that would drive down GHGs and hasten the transition off fossil fuels;

WHEREAS Canada needs to make an audacious and hopeful offer to those workers and communities whose employment and economic security is currently tied to the fossil fuel industry (and to a lesser extent the auto, steel, concrete, and agriculture industries, etc., all of which face substantial transition challenges), and to Indigenous communities on the frontlines of fossil fuel extraction;

WHEREAS the federal government has introduced a *Sustainable Jobs Act*, but this Act needs to be paired with and backed-up by a substantial investment in the jobs of the future;

WHEREAS much of the climate infrastructure needed will come under provincial, municipal and Indigenous jurisdiction (renewable energy, grid upgrades, public transit, zero-emission housing, etc.), and training comes under provincial jurisdiction, but it is the federal government that has the greatest capacity to pay;

WHEREAS a new federal Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT) specifically linked to funding climate infrastructure projects that would create hundreds of thousands of jobs, along with training and apprenticeships programs for workers and those leaving the oil and gas industry -- would be a transformative program that signals that Canada is indeed entering emergency mode;

WHEREAS the JTT would be an annual transfer of approximately \$25 billion from the federal government to provincial/territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments, purpose-built to meet the climate emergency imperative to decarbonize our society, ensuring communities can fund the infrastructure and training needed to transition off fossil fuels, while creating thousands of sustainable jobs in a way that is specific to their needs and locale;

WHEREAS the JTT's distribution would be based on a formula linked to recent GHG emissions in each province (but fixed from that point onward, so as not to perversely incentivize continued high GHGs), recognizing that some jurisdictions face a more challenging task to transition their local economies;

WHEREAS the JTT would transfer federal funds to newly established just transition agencies in each province and territory -- jointly governed by the federal government, provincial/territorial governments, municipal governments, and local Indigenous nations -- and in some case directly to Indigenous nations, ensuring the transfer money is not simply absorbed into provincial or municipal budgets or used to displace other infrastructure or

training funds, but rather, ensuring the money is used for its intended purpose, and that fund are allocated in a manner sensitive to local climate action plans, the unique GHG profiles of each region, and to local labour market/training needs;

WHEREAS a JTT could provide significant, stable, multi-year funding for the climate infrastructure and training/employment needs of municipalities, Indigenous communities, energy utilities, public transit authorities and public housing authorities;

WHEREAS the federal government is welcome to title such a new transfer as they see fit (e.g. a Sustainable Jobs Transfer or a Climate Infrastructure Transfer);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Severn formally endorses the call for a new Just Transition Transfer; and

THAT the Township of Severn urges the federal government to establish a new Just Transition Transfer, starting with a major financial commitment in the next federal budget; and will write to the federal ministers concerned expressing this support;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (705) 325-2315 x 232 or by email at agray@severn.ca

Regards,

Alison Gray

Alison Gray, BAH, CMO, AOMC
Clerk

Cc Ontario Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.2.
Resolution Number 2023-150
Title: Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #4, 10, 11, 12, and 19
Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles expresses support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the Court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated to the municipalities represented by the Western Ontario Warden's Causus;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Parliament (MP); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

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MAYOR

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.6.
Resolution Number 2023-154
Title: Resolution Stemming from June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #21
Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it the most;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles understands that the Federal National Housing Strategy allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in Community Housing Network as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national Community Housing Network relative to every other province and territories;

AND WHEREAS receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing;

AND WHEREAS the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND WHEREAS a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through Reaching Home, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of Community Housing Network nationally;

AND WHEREAS there is an inequitable distribution of Reaching Home funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles understands the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long- term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project;

AND WHEREAS taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national Canadian Housing Network amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal National Housing Strategy;

AND WHEREAS the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the Social Housing Agreement for several decades through federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs;

AND WHEREAS without some flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main National Housing Co-Investment Fund program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency and accessibility;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles appreciates the federal government's commitment to end chronic homelessness and wishes this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding Reaching Home funding to all Service Managers;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles also supports the provincial position in relation to the provinces and territories Repair Fund under the National Housing Co-Investment Fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal Housing Accelerator Fund. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understanding that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles wishes to request that Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation consider actions taken by municipalities under the province's Housing Supply Action Plans into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles believes the federal government should heed the precedent of the Social Housing Agreement and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the Rapid Housing Initiative's 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service Managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity;


AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can

undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles urges the Federal Government provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all our residents;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of the Resolution be forward to the individuals listed below for consideration and support, Prime Minister Trudeau; Minister Ahmed Hussen; the local Member of Parliament (MP); Premier Ford; Minister Clark; the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

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MAYOR

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.3.
Resolution Number 2023-151
Title: Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #9 and 15) and from the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #19)
Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

WHEREAS prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001, allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the current Public Tax Sale process is a burdensome process to a municipality that invests a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the Corporation of the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Ministry of Finance (MOF); the Ontario Municipal Tax & Revenue Association (OMTRA); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

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Council Members

Mayor Neil Nicholson
Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier

Councillors:
Mark Bell
Michael Moore
Chris Olmstead
Connie Tabbert
Joey Trimm

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Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Re: Resolution - Victims Services of Renfrew County - Lisa Oegema and Faye Cassista

To Whom it may concern:

At its meeting of July 5, 2023, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the recommendation #1 from the CKW Inquest in formally declaring intimate partner violence as an epidemic.

Carried - Resolution #2023-2019

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