



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

August 16, 2024

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Advocacy Update

Learn more about our work as we advocate on behalf of AMCTO members

August 16, 2024

Advocacy Update: Support our *Municipal Elections Act* Recommendations

We **need your help** in getting the Ford Government's attention on an important advocacy issue.

Earlier this year, we submitted our recommendations for updating the *Municipal Elections Act* (*MEA*) ahead of the 2026 municipal and school board elections. We recommended to the ministry that updates should be made by Spring 2025 at the latest. We also provided our members with a toolkit including a template council resolution to seek support from councils on this item.

ACCESS OUR MEA TOOLKIT

To date, we have received only two council resolutions calling for the *MEA* to be updated since the release of our recommendations in April. More voices are needed to gain the Government's attention and drive them to action. Awareness of municipal resolutions will help us strengthen the case that municipalities agree on the need for change.

Call to Action

We are calling on our members to discuss with your mayors and councils how **critical** updates to the *MEA* are to the health of democracy and to your ability to support candidates and voters at election time.

- We need updates to align with federal legislation on foreign interference.
- We need privacy protection for contributors and voters.
- We need to make it easier for people to vote and for candidates to understand election rules.

DOWNLOAD OUR TEMPLATE COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Encourage your councils to pass council resolutions and your mayors to write letters of support!

We also need you to take specific action. As members and senior municipal leaders, **your voices are key** in conveying to Minister Calandra and the Government that:

- Making recommended changes to the *MEA* would strengthen local democracy,
- Reducing administrative burdens would allow municipal staff to be more efficient and effective at delivering local elections, and
- An amended *MEA* would provide much-needed time to effectively manage other tasks that support planning and development processes, municipal governance, and service innovation in support of provincial priorities.

DOWNLOAD OUR TEMPLATE LETTER

Download a copy of our template letter above to personally communicate your support for our advocacy efforts on the *MEA* – each letter can be tailored to include your specific local examples that further illustrate the need for change.

We will be continuing to push for legislative and regulatory changes to this fundamental Act, including speaking to our recommendations in delegation meetings at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference next week, and showcasing strength in numbers among our over 2,200 members will help demonstrate that the Province must take action.

Let's work together to make this happen!

For more information or to speak with our Policy and Government Relations team, [please contact us](#).



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[name of municipality] RESOLUTION
Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990* also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the *MEA* containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce.

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration.

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT [insert municipality name] calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca), the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), [name municipality] MPP and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com).



AMO Policy Update – Homelessness and Opioids

Municipal Associations are United in Calling for Provincial Action on Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions

Aligned with AMO advocacy on the [opioid crisis](#) and [homeless encampments](#), Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) have called for the provincial government to address the humanitarian crises of homelessness and mental health and addictions in their new "[Solve the Crisis](#)" campaign. AMO supports OBCM's campaign to draw attention to this crisis.

Municipalities are on the frontlines of these complex social and health issues, but lack the resources, tools and expertise to solve them. The rising number of homeless encampments and the human toll of the opioid crisis are a symptom of deeper system failures that hurt Ontario's social and economic prosperity.

Complex matters like homeless encampments and the opioid crisis underscore the critical need for a [Social and Economic Prosperity Review](#). We need a municipal fiscal relationship that supports the

foundations of a strong economy, sustainable communities and quality of life.

National Summit on the Substance Use Crisis in Small Cities and Towns

To further the discussion on the opioid crisis, the City of Timmins and the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) have partnered to launch a multi-event initiative to address the impact of the substance use crisis on small cities and towns across Canada. The first event will be a national summit held in Timmins on September 5–7, 2024.

The event will bring together Mayors and Councilors from municipalities with populations ranging from approximately 50,000 – 150,000 residents. AMO would encourage members to attend and gain insight into practical solutions to the opioid crisis impacting communities across Ontario and Canada.

For additional information, please email Dr. John Weekes, CCSA Director of Knowledge Mobilization and Strategic Partnerships at jweekes@ccsa.ca.

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Yours sincerely,



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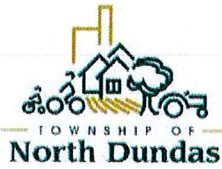
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30 July 2024

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Nolan Quinn, MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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Re: Township of North Dundas Council Meeting – July 18, 2024 – Request for the Provincial Government to Recognize the Physician Shortage in the Township of North Dundas.

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of North Dundas, at its regular meeting held July 18, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Bergeron

Seconded By: Councillor Annable

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Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 613-774-2105 ext. 226 or via email at njohnston@northdundas.com.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'N. Johnston', followed by a small comma.

Nancy Johnston, MBA

Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

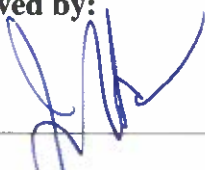


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24172	Meeting Order: 15
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

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RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with AMO, Colin Best, Ontario Medical Association, Kimberly Moran, CEO, Premier Doug Ford, and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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July 30, 2024

Sent Via Email

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RE: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign – Physician Shortage

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on Tuesday July 16, 2024, the Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2024 - 187

Moved by D. Regan

Seconded by J. Hodgins

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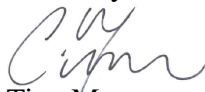
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CARRIED

Please contact our office should you require any further information on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tina Merner', is written over the printed name.

Tina Merner
Deputy Clerk



RE: Letter of Support – AMO-OMA

July 31, 2024

Motion110-2024

Moved by Councillor Glenn Locke
Seconded by Councillor Grace Hamm

That Council direct staff to issue a letter of support to AMO and the Ontario Medical Association as requested.

Carried

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Sincerely,

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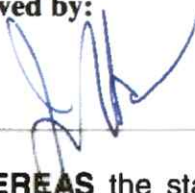


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24172	Meeting Order: 15
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and (Northern Ontario only) and;

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine and;

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77¹/₆ in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and;

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of Wawa and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with AMO, Colin Best, Ontario Medical Association, Kimberly Moran, CEO, Premier Doug Ford, and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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Ref.: 24-MM19.5**

(Sent by Email)

July 31, 2024

MUNICIPAL CLERKS OF ONTARIO'S MUNICIPALITIES:**Subject: Member Motions Item 19.5
Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians (Ward All)**

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, adopted [Item MM19.5](#) and, in so doing, has forwarded City Council's decision to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.


for City Clerk

J. Canchela/wg

Attachment

Sent to: Premier, Province of Ontario
Minister of Health and Deputy Premier, Province of Ontario
Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Municipal Clerks of Ontario's Municipalities

c. City Manager

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 19

MM19.5	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

City Council Decision

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the Minister of Health to take immediate action to:
 - a. properly compensate family physicians with appropriate fee increases; and
 - b. reduce the administrative burden that the Province places on family doctors so they have more time to see their patients.
2. City Council forward City Council's decision to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.
3. City Council request a direct response from the Minister of Health within 30 days.

Summary

On May 13, 2024, the City of Belleville set a good example by passing a resolution calling upon the provincial government to improve compensation and reduce administrative burden for Ontario's family physicians. Toronto should do the same.

The Province of Ontario is responsible for providing quality health care to all residents of Ontario. Family medicine is the backbone of the healthcare system and providing timely access to a primary health care provider for everyone in Ontario, is essential and should be a top Provincial Government priority. Instead, the shortage of family physicians has reached a crisis point.

Millions of Ontario residents, and hundreds of thousands of Torontonians, do not have a family doctor. Studies show that patients without a primary care provider have poorer health outcomes while costing the health care system more. Meanwhile, hospitals, emergency rooms and clinics are overloaded by residents' unmet health care needs.

The Province of Ontario could address this issue quickly and efficiently by paying fair wages to family physicians and by lessening the undue administrative burden this provincial government imposes on family doctors.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM19.5

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-246768.pdf>)

August 12, 2024

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queens Park
Room 281
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-253
Moved by: Councillor Scott
Seconded by: Councillor Verkaik

That Council receive the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign for information; and

That Council support the motion as written:

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones; and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Deputy Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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CC:
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
All Ontario Municipalities

August 13, 2024

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
Dear Mr. Best:

**RE: Request for the Provincial Government to Recognize the Physician Shortage
in the Township of Lake of Bays**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, at its last regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2024, passed the following resolution,

“Resolution TC-206-2024

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada,

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Lake of Bays and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried.”

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

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Copy to:

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Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health) - Kieran.Moore@ontario.ca
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MP, Scott Aitchison Scott.Aitchison@parl.gc.ca
All Area Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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MOVED BY:

- ☐ Thomas Armstrong
☐ Patricia Hull
☒ Paul Kelly
☐ Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- ☐ Thomas Armstrong
☐ Patricia Hull
☐ Paul Kelly
☒ Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: August 13, 2024

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and (Northern Ontario only)

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Larder Lake urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the district of Timiskaming and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Recorded vote requested: ☐

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

☒ Carried
☐ Lost / Defeated
☐ Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
☐ Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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August 14, 2024

AMO
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Toronto, Ontario M5H 3B7

OMA
150 Bloor Street West, Suite 900
Toronto, Ontario M5S 3C1

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday July 15, 2024, the following resolution of support was passed.

Re: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution MD Shortage in Ontario

Resolution 220-2024

Moved By: Councillor Johnson

Seconded By: Councillor Dube

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments. WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada; and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Township of Terrace Bay urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Terrace Bay and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administration Officer/Clerk

June 20, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL

Hon. Doug Ford MPP
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario

Dear Premier,

As I know you will agree, Ontario's paramedics, police officers and firefighters are our frontline heroes, regularly putting themselves at risk to protect the rest of us.

In recent months, local resident, paramedic and former volunteer firefighter, Charles Shaw, has been advocating for paramedics and all police officers to receive the same long-service medal as exists today for firefighters and Ontario Provincial Police officers.

Our Town Council agrees with Mr Shaw, and passed the below resolution unanimously requesting the province create such medals. Here is the resolution:

Resolution 2024-206

Whereas paramedics, firefighters and police officers are our frontline heroes, regularly putting their own health and safety at risk to help others in need;

Whereas the Ontario Fire Services Long Service Medal was created in 1971 to honour firefighters who have served the public for twenty-five years or more and the Governor General's Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal was created in 1985 and 'honours members of a recognized Canadian fire service who have completed 20 years of service, ten years of which have been served in the performance of duties involving potential risks;

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal honours OPP officers who have served for twenty years or more and the Governor General's Police Exemplary Service Medal, created in 1983, 'recognizes police officers who have served in an exemplary manner having completed 20 years of full-time service with one or more recognized Canadian police forces;

Whereas many non-OPP police services have similar local long-service medals within their forces, but there is not a province-wide long-service medal for non-OPP police officers;

Whereas the Governor General's Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal, created in 1994, recognizes 'professionals in the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services to the public who completed 20 years of exemplary service, including at least 10 years in the performance of duties involving potential risk;

Whereas there is no province-wide long-service medal for paramedics in Ontario;

Therefore, The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council:

- 1. Endorse the creation of a province-wide long-service medal for police and for paramedics, modelled after the existing such award for firefighters;*
- 2. In furtherance of this resolution, that the Mayor write to the Premier, Minister of Health, Solicitor General, Minister of Citizenship and our local MPP urging them to work collaboratively to create such awards; and*
- 3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities.*

I believe this is a relatively simple but important measure your government could take to honour our paramedics and police officers, as we already honour our firefighters. I understand the creation of such an award would involve several different ministries, and I hope you might instruct your cabinet to work together to create this award.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



James Leduc
Mayor
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

cc

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Hon. Michael Krezner, Solicitor General
Hon. Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York—Simcoe
Cllr Jonathan Scott, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Mr. Charles Shaw
Ontario's Municipal Councils



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August 14, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Ford,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held August 6, 2024 the following resolution was passed.

RE: Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Resolution: Ontario Long Service Medals

Resolution: 238-2024

Moved by: Councillor Adduono

Seconded by: Council Dube

WHEREAS paramedics, firefighters and police officers are our Frontline heroes, regularly putting their own health and safety at risk to help others in need;

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire Services Long Service Medal was created in 1971 to honour firefighters who have served the public for twenty-five years or more and the Governor General's Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal was created in 1985 and 'honours members of a recognized Canadian fire service who have completed 20 years of service, ten years of which have been served in the performance of duties involving potential risks;

WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal honours OPP officers who have served for twenty years or more and the Governor General's Police Exemplary Service Medal, created in 1983, 'recognizes police officers who have served in an exemplary manner having completed 20 years of full-time service with one or more recognized Canadian police forces;

WHEREAS many non-OPP police services have similar local long-service medals within their forces, but there is not a province-wide long-service medal for non-OPP police officers;

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WHEREAS there is no province-wide long-service medal for paramedics in Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE, The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay:

1. Endorse the creation of a province-wide long-service medal for police and for paramedics, modelled after the existing such award for firefighters;



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2. In furtherance of this resolution, that the Mayor write to the Premier, Minister of Health, Solicitor General, Minister of Citizenship and our local MPP urging them to work collaboratively to create such awards; and
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

Jon Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

Minister of Health – Sylvia Jones – sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Solicitor General Michael Kerzner – Michael.Kerzner@ontario.ca

Minister of Citizenship Michael Ford – Michael.Ford@ontario.ca

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All Ontario Municipalities



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July 26, 2024

Sent via email – deputy-clerk@osmtownship.ca

Liz Ross,

Deputy Clerk

Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

Re: Resolution Regarding the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated June 28, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the July 22, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-124). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-124, being a resolution from The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding the Importance of Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

A. Pascual

Audrey Pascual, Deputy Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration and Skills Development
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

Via Email: david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

Hon. David Piccini M.P.P.
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street
Port Hope, ON
L1A 1C5

Dear Minister Piccini:

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, regarding the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.

At the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting the Fire Chief of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan made a presentation to Council on the dangers presented by lithium-ion batteries. The Fire Chief was reporting back from attending the Charged For Life Symposium presented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

During the presentation, the Fire Chief stressed that the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger. These after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations.

Unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community. Charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results.

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Visit our website at www.osmtownship.ca or follow us on Twitter @OSMTownship

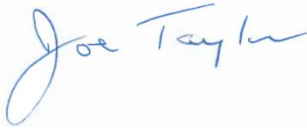
As Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities. We support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries.

We also call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very critical issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Fire Chief if you require any additional information.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joe Taylor, Mayor

Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24166	Meeting Order: 9
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

WHEREAS the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger and;

WHEREAS these after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations and;

WHEREAS unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community and charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results and;

WHEREAS as Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries and;

FURTHERMORE that Council does hereby call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries and that this resolution be shared with the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, the Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
☒ CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐ DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐ TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐ RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐ PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐ WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opat		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

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Legislative Services

March 19, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Support Town of Lincoln Resolution - Request Provincial Government to Support Increasing Funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 18, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 28, 2024 requesting the Provincial Government to support increasing funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Lincoln correspondence dated February 28, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Todd,
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk
ptodd@forterie.ca
PT-dlk

Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario amo@amo.on.ca
Local Area Municipalities
Niagara Region
All Ontario Municipalities



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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

WHEREAS the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

WHEREAS libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

WHEREAS Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.2.

Resolution Number 2024-243

Title: Resolution stemming from April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #3

Date: May 15, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the letter of support dated March 19, 2024 from the Town of Fort Erie supporting Resolution No. RC-2024-23 passed by the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln on February 26, 2024, regarding the urgent need for increased funding to libraries and museums in Ontario;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Neil Lumsden; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.4.

Resolution Number 2024-245

Title: Resolution stemming from April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #29

Date: May 15, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Town of Goderich, on March 18, 2024, regarding the phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); our local Health Unit, Public Health Sudbury & Districts; and, all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Matthew Pearson
Chair
Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee
71108 Morrison Line
RR3, Exeter Ontario
N0M 1S5

SENT VIA EMAIL: mpearson@bmross.net

RE: Recommended Phase-Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report

Dear M. Pearson,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That the Town of Goderich direct a letter to Minister Lisa Thompson requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario;

And Further That area municipalities, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, other Source Protection Committees, and local health units be forwarded the letter and asked for their support.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
/ar

cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org

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MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org
MPP Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks
andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org
MPP Stan Cho, Minister of Long-Term Care Stan.Cho@pc.ola.org
Ontario Municipalities

July 29, 2024

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

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

RE: Letter of Support – Public Health Ontario Proposes Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Pelee passed the following resolution at their Regular Meeting of Council held on July 23rd, 2024:

Resolution 2024 – 129

Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby support the City of Pickering, Township of Amaranth, Town of New Tecumseth, Town of Petrolia, Municipality of Central Manitoulin, and Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, Chatham-Kent-Leamington MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, and the Windsor Essex County Health Unit.

Sincerely,

Kristine Horst

Kristine Horst
Township Administrator & Clerk
Kristine.horst@pelee.ca

Cc **Minister of Health, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org**
Chatham-Kent-Leamington MPP, Trevor.Jones@pc.ola.org
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, Anthony.Leardi@pc.ola.org
Windsor Essex County Health Unit, CEO@wechu.org
Ontario Municipalities

Sent by Email

July 3, 2024

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
College Park, 5th Floor,
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Subject: Corr. 18-24
Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth
Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on June 24, 2024 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 18-24 from Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth, dated May 16, 2024, regarding Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge, Durham Region Public Health, and all Ontario municipalities.

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

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

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

Encl.

SC:am

Copy: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks;
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge;
Durham Region Public Health
All Ontario Municipalities

Chief Administrative Officer



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May 16, 2024

Sent Via Email

Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 15, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution concerning Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water.

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

Whereas free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, including the entire Township of Amaranth, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; and

Whereas the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; and

Whereas the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that The Township of Amaranth hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

Further Be It Resolved that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit, and MPP Sylvia Jones.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Martin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

CC:
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister of Health
Wellington Dufferin Public Health Unit
MPP Sylvia Jones
All Ontario Municipalities



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July 8, 2024

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

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO PROPOSES PHASING OUT FREE WATER TESTING FOR PRIVATE WELLS

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin adopted the following resolution at their meeting of June 27, 2024, regarding the above noted matter;

Resolution # 200-2024

Moved by: Councillor D. Stephens

Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Central Manitoulin Council supports the Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services;

FURTHER, this resolution is circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, and Sudbury District Health Unit...Carried

Please contact our office should you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Deforge", is written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Denise Deforge
CAO/Clerk

cc. Minister of Health sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Sudbury District Health Unit sutcliffep@phsd.ca
Ontario Municipalities

~ AT THE HEART OF IT ALL ~

July 11, 2024

New Tecumseth
Clerks/Administration Department
Administration Centre
10 Wellington St. E. Alliston, ON L9R 1A1
Via email: pslowleigh@newtecumseth.ca

RE: Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

During the July 8, 2024, regular meeting of council, correspondence from New Tecumseth regarding Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Liz Welsh Seconded: Joel Field

THAT the council of the Town of Petrolia support the resolution of the Township of Tecumseth, regarding Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells.

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Director of Legislative Services | Deputy Operations | Clerk

cc: file
Municipalities of Ontario
andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org - Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org - Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Karalyn.dueck@county-lambton.on.ca – Lambton Public Health, Office of the Medical Officer of Health
bob.bailey@pc.ola.org – MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton

Encl.

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June 24, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of June 17, 2024:

Whereas the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water;

And Whereas free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, including the entire Township of The Archipelago, that rely predominantly on private drinking water;

And Whereas the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations;

And Whereas the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of New Tecumseth hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services;

And Further That this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, and Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe -Grey.

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Yours truly,



Pamela Slowleigh
Deputy Clerk

cc. andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org - Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org - Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Sanja.Hakkarainen@smdhu.org – Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Office of the Medical Officer of Health
Brian.Saunderson@pc.ola.org – Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey
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Phone: (519)882-2350



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

P.O. Box 40, 1 Selkirk Avenue, Terrace Bay, ON, P0T 2W0

Phone: (807) 825-3315 **Fax:** (807) 825-9576

August 14, 2024

MPP Lise Vaugeois
LVaugeois-QP@ndp.on.ca

Dear Ms. Vaugeois,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday July 15, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed.

Re: Municipality of Central Manitoulin Resolution - Public Health Phasing out Free Water Testing For Private Wells

Resolution: 219-2024

Moved By: Councillor Dube

Seconded By: Councillor Johnson

WHEREAS the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

WHEREAS free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, including the entire Township of Amaranth, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; and

WHEREAS the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; and Whereas the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Terrace Bay hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health, The Thunder Bay District Health Unit, and MPP Lise Vaugeois.



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administration Officer/Clerk

CC:

MECP -Andrea Khanjin minister.mecp@ontario.ca

MOH – Sylvia Jones – sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

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All Ontario Municipalities

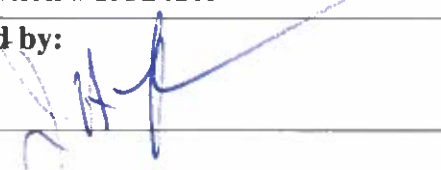


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24165	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Township of Larder Lake and the Town of Cobalt regarding Asset Retirement Obligations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of Wawa approves the following;

1. That correspondence from the Township of Larder Lake and the Town of Cobalt regarding Asset Retirement Obligation be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and all municipalities in Northern Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
	

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

June 26, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Harley
903303 Hanbury Rd
New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on June 25, 2024, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-125

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

WHEREAS the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada;

AND WHEREAS PS3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018;

AND WHEREAS the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities;

AND WHEREAS many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting changes will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt supports the resolutions from the Township of Harley, Coleman Township, Township of Larder Lake, Township of Casey, Township of Hudson & Township of Kerns and hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Steven Dalley
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer
Email: sdalley@cobalt.ca

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

☐ Thomas Armstrong
☒ Patricia Hull
☐ Paul Kelly
☐ Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

☐ Thomas Armstrong
☐ Patricia Hull
☒ Paul Kelly
☐ Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 12

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

WHEREAS, the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities; And

WHEREAS, the Municipal Act, 2001 section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada; And

WHEREAS, PS 3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018; And

WHEREAS, the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities; And

WHEREAS, many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting change will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO; And

FINALLY, THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers

Recorded vote requested: ☐

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

☐ Carried
☐ Lost / Defeated
☐ Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
☐ Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

☐ Thomas Armstrong
☐ Patricia Hull
☐ Paul Kelly
☐ Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

☐ Thomas Armstrong
☐ Patricia Hull
☐ Paul Kelly
☐ Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 13

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Recorded vote requested: ☐

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

☒ Carried

☐ Lost / Defeated

☐ Deferred to: _____ (enter date)

Because:

☐ Referred to: _____ (enter body)

Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

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*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24163	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Municipality of Tweed dated June 17, 2024 regarding a request for the government to implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby endorse the letter from the Municipality of Tweed and request the Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities and;

FURTHERMORE that a copy of the resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
☒ CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐ DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐ TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐ RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐ PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐ WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
	

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No. 229
Title: Councillor P. Valiquette
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Moved by P. Valiquette
Seconded by J. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;
AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried



Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2024/217
Title: Authorize support resolution re: Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities
Date: August 13, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Gagné

Seconded by: Councillor Fern Pellerin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT at the meeting of August 13, 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing received and supports the following resolutions seeking **Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities** from the following municipalities:

- Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh, Council passed Motion RCM - 145/24 at its regular meeting held on June 25, 2024
- Township of Georgian Bay, Council passed Resolution C-2024-165 at its meeting held on May 13, 2024
- Corporation of the Township of Pelee, Council passed Resolution 2024-77 at its meeting held on May 28, 2024
- Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry, Council passed Resolution #13 at its meeting held on June 24, 2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, Honourable Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, Honourable Minister of Finance for Canada, Honourable Premier of Ontario, Honourable Minister of Infrastructure for Ontario; Honourable Minister of Finance for Ontario, AMO, ROMA, FONOM, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED



Council - Committee of the Whole

Résolution #

2024/217

Titre:

Autoriser la résolution de soutien concernant le financement d'infrastructures durables pour les petites municipalités rurales

Date:

le 13 août 2024

Proposé par:

Councillor Daniel Gagné

Appuyé par:

Councillor Fern Pellerin

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE lors de la réunion du 13 août 2024, le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest reçoive et appuie les résolutions suivantes demandant un financement pour l'infrastructure durable pour les petites municipalités rurales de la part des municipalités suivantes:

- Corporation de la ville de Tecumseh, Conseil a adopté Motion RCM - 145/24 lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 25 juin 2024.
- Canton de Georgian Bay, Conseil a adopté résolution C-2024-165 lors de sa réunion du 13 mai 2024.
- Corporation du canton de Pelée, Conseil a adopté Résolution 2024-77 lors de sa réunion tenue le 28 mai 2024.
- Corporation du canton de North Glengarry, Conseil a adopté Résolution no 13 lors de sa réunion tenue le 24 juin 2024.

IL EST EN OUTRE RÉSOLU QU'une copie de la présente résolution soit transmise à l'honorable premier ministre du Canada, à l'honorable ministre du Logement, de l'Infrastructure et des Collectivités du Canada, à l'honorable ministre des Finances du Canada, à l'honorable premier ministre de l'Ontario, à l'honorable ministre de l'Infrastructure de l'Ontario, à l'honorable ministre des Finances de l'Ontario, à l'AMO, à la ROMA, à la FONOM, à la FCM, ainsi qu'à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

ADOPTÉ



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

July 4, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford:

**Re: Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

The Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held June 25, 2024, gave consideration and supported a resolution letter from Township of Pelee, regarding Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

“Motion: RCM - 145/24

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That the Council of the Town of Tecumseh hereby support the Township of Pelee and Georgian Bay’s resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

And that small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

And that both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

And that both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

And that this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable KingaSurma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Dave Epp, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; MPP Trevor Jones, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; Irek Kusmierczk, MP, Windsor-Tecumseh, Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh, AMO, ROMA, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's support on the above matter.

Yours very truly,



Robert Auger, LL.B.
Director Legislative Services & Clerk

RA/kb
Attachments

1. Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution – Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities
2. Township of Georgian Bay Resolution – Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

cc: Mr. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca)
Ms. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure Ontario (kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (dominic.leblanc@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (paul.calandra@pc.olg.org)
Ms. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Dave Epp, MP - Chatham-Kent-Leamington (dave.epp@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Irek Kusmierczyk, MP – Windsor-Tecumseh (irek.kusmierczyk@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Trevor Jones, MPP – Chatham-Kent-Leamington (trevor.jones@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Andrew Dowie, MPP – Windsor-Tecumseh (andrew.dowie@pc.ola.org)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (roma@roma.on.ca)



The Township of Georgian Bay **Resolutions** **Council - 13 May 2024**

Item 12.(a)

Date: May 13, 2024

C-2024-165

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

WHEREAS the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

WHEREAS small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Georgian Bay call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

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☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote ☐ Referred ☐ Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bocek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor

May 29, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Please be advised that at the Township of Pelee's Regular Meeting of Council held on May 28th, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2024 – 77

Moved By: Mayor Cathy Miller

Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor

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**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution # 13

Date: Monday, June 24, 2024

Moved by: Jamie MacDonald

Seconded by: Carma Williams

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Carried

Deferred

Defeated



Mayor / Deputy Mayor



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24168	Meeting Order: 11
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association dated June 19, 2024 regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive and support the correspondence dated June 19, 2024 from the Ontario Forest Industries Association and urges the Ontario government support all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario Forest sector faces.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒ CARRIED		MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐ DEFEATED		Mitch Hatfield		
☐ TABLED		Cathy Cannon		
☐ RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)		Melanie Pilon		
☐ PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED		Jim Hoffmann		
☐ WITHDRAWN		Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>



June 19, 2024

The Hon. Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1W3

The Hon. Nolan Quinn
Associate Minister of Forestry
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1W3

Submitted via email.

Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

Minister Graydon Smith and Associate Minister Nolan Quinn,

Congratulations on your recent appointments within Premier Doug Ford's Cabinet. The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) looks forward to our productive and continued work together.

Over the last six months, three of Ontario's six pulp and paper mills have permanently closed or idled. Adding to the issue was the closure of a critical softwood pulp market in Quebec. As you know, these facilities served as important consumers of solid-wood byproducts from Ontario sawmills.

The OFIA appreciates the many opportunities we have had to speak with you and senior leadership within Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Premier's Office. This includes in-person meetings with members of OFIA's Board Executive Committee on January 19th, March 19th, and May 28th, 2024. During these meetings, the OFIA presented short and long-term actions Ontario could take to address the regional chip and pulpwood market crisis endorsed by the OFIA membership (incl.).

The industry eagerly anticipates government action on this matter, as operating conditions for many have continued to worsen over the past six months. Combined with weak markets for some finished products, many companies struggle to continue their operations. We are now facing an unprecedented challenge in the sector, which could have negative and long-lasting implications for northern and rural communities across Ontario.

Without immediate action in response to OFIA recommendations and, critically, the vetting of potential solutions through the industry to ensure programs truly meet the sector's needs, we fear Ontario could face further curtailments, job losses, and lost economic opportunity.

The OFIA is ready to work with the Ontario government to set the forest products sector on a long-term and stable path towards economic development and prosperity. This includes our

vision of a *Forest Energy Directive* to develop bioheat, district heating, liquid fuels, renewable gases, biocarbon, and electricity generation projects, supporting Ontario's massive forecasted growth in non-emitting energy demands.

We urge you and your colleagues to continue supporting all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario forest sector faces and look forward to future discussions with you.

Sincerely,



Ian Dunn, R.P.F.
President & CEO
Ontario Forest Industries Association
Cell: 647-297-3827

Incl. March 19th, 2024 Slide Deck – Summary of Input from the Membership – OFIA Meeting with the Hon. Graydon Smith

May 28th, 2024 Slide Deck – Ontario Forest Energy Directive

CC The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs
The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Mines
The Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification
The Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy Intensive Industries
The Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Education
The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MPP John Yakabuski, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy
MPP Kevin Holland, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines
Deputy Minister Drew Vanderduim, Ministry of Natural Resources
OFIA Membership

THE VOICE OF NORTHERN BUSINESS



Re: Request for Council Resolution: Support a Set-Aside for Northern Ontario within the OINP

On July 25th, 2024, over 40 organizations from across Northern Ontario came together to formally support an initiative to increase provincially led immigration to Northern Ontario communities. Northern Ontario Chambers of Commerce, Municipalities, Economic Development Agencies, Community Futures Development Corporations, Local Immigration Partnerships, Réseau du Nord, and more are working together to advocate for a Northern Ontario "set-aside" within the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP).

As the Government of Ontario has full authority to set the parameters and allocations for the OINP. We are requesting 3,000 nominations, annually, be specifically set aside for immigrants coming to Northern Ontario to fill labour shortages. These 3,000 immigrants would help our communities maintain their current standard of living. Meaning there would be enough people to support vital services in our communities, pay taxes, and keep businesses open.

Currently, Northern Ontario is only receiving between 1-3% of all allocations through the OINP (approximately 100-200 nominees per year for the past 14 years). Meanwhile, the GTA receives approximately 90% of ALL immigration to Ontario. OINP has 21,500 total spots to allocate in 2024, up from 9,000 spots just three years ago. That means there is plenty of room to make a set-aside for Northern Ontario work without detracting from the GTA and other Ontario communities.

We need your help ASAP. To put pressure on the provincial government, **we are requesting your Council pass a resolution formally supporting a 3,000-nomination set-aside within the OINP for Northern Ontario communities.**

The allocation of these 3,000 spots would be spread among communities, ensuring that the benefits of immigration are extended beyond the largest cities in Northern Ontario. Importantly, the set-aside would **work alongside existing programs**, like the federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (and future iterations of it). Also, in-need occupations would be identified specifically for Northern Ontario communities to help address our unique labour shortages.

The federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot has brought over 4,000 immigrants to Northern Ontario since its inception five years ago. Targeted, community-level immigration works for Northern Ontario. Help us keep the momentum going.

For questions or more information, please contact:

Charla Robinson, President, Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce at charla@tbchamber.ca

THE VOICE OF NORTHERN BUSINESS



Table: Proposed Allocations for Northern Ontario OINP “Set-Aside”

OINP Proposed Northern Ontario Allotments, CMA/CAs and CDs (Rural)		
Geography	Geographic Level	Allocations
Greater Sudbury	CMA	689
Timmins	CA	166
Sault Ste. Marie	CA	310
Thunder Bay	CMA	498
North Bay	CA	290
Kenora	CA	60
Nipissing	District**	52
Manitoulin	District	56
Sudbury	District	72
Greater Sudbury*	District**	0
Timiskaming	District	127
Cochrane	District**	149
Algoma	District**	150
Thunder Bay	District**	95
Rainy River	District	79
Kenora	District**	206

Source: Northern Policy Institute.

Definitions: A census metropolitan area (CMA) must have a total population of at least 100,000. A census agglomeration (CA) must have a core population of at least 10,000. Census divisions (CDs) are intermediate geographic areas between the province/territory level and the municipality.

Note: *The Greater Sudbury CMA overlaps completely with the Greater Sudbury CD. Thus, for simplicity, all the allocations are included under the Greater Sudbury CMA.

**Districts represent the CD population minus the CMA/CA population (if there is a CMA/CA present within the CD). This allows there to be a specific allotment for rural areas

Source: Author's calculations. Based on an allotment of 3,000 spots for Northern Ontario divided amongst regions based on population share. Data obtained from 2021 Census of the Population.

THE VOICE OF NORTHERN BUSINESS



Sample Motion

WHEREAS employers across Northern Ontario are experiencing a critical shortage of **skilled** workers, contributing to a shrinking labour market with an estimated 50,000 newcomers needed by 2041 to sustain current Northern Ontario population levels; and

WHEREAS, the labour shortage is causing significant economic hardship for Northern Ontario communities, including reduced productivity and business closures; and

WHEREAS population and migration trends to 2021 suggest that Northern Ontario needs **100,000 newcomers by 2041** to sustain current population; and

WHEREAS the success of the federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) demonstrates the effectiveness of allocating nomination spots to address regional labour shortages in attracting newcomers to Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program has been expanded from 9,750 nominees in 2022 to a goal of 21,500 nominees in 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY (town / city) COUNCIL (insert municipality name) to:

Urges the Government of Ontario to address the critical market shortage of skilled labour in Northern Ontario by allocating 3,000 Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program spots to support the region's economic growth and development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Copies of this resolution be forwarded to: the Ontario Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development; local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

P.O. Box 40, 1 Selkirk Avenue, Terrace Bay, ON, P0T 2W0
Phone: (807) 825-3315 **Fax:** (807) 825-9576

August 14, 2024

NOMA
P.O. Box 10308
Thunder Bay, Ontario
P7B 6T8

To Whom It May Concern:

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on August 6, 2024 the following resolution was passed.

RE: NOMA Resolution - Support for OINP (Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program)

Resolution: 239-2024

Moved by: Councillor Adduono

Seconded by: Councillor Dube

WHEREAS employers across Northern Ontario are experiencing a critical shortage of skilled workers, contributing to a shrinking labour market.

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WHEREAS the success of the federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) demonstrates the effectiveness of allocating nomination spots to address regional labour shortages in attracting newcomers to Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program has been expanded from 9,750 nominees in 2022 to a goal of 21,500 nominees in 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the COUNCIL of the Township of Terrace Bay

1. Urges the Government of Ontario to address the critical labour market shortage in Northern Ontario by allocating 3,000 Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program spots to support the region's economic growth and development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Copies of this resolution be forwarded to: the Ontario Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development; local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association/Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and the Aguasabon and Thunder Bay Chambers of Commerce



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

P.O. Box 40, 1 Selkirk Avenue, Terrace Bay, ON, P0T 2W0

Phone: (807) 825-3315 Fax: (807) 825-9576

Sincerely,

Jon Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

MLITSD David Piccini – David.piccini@ontario.ca

MPP – Thunder Bay Superior North – Lise Vaugeois – Lvaugeois-QP@ndp.on.ca

FONOM – fonom.info@gmail.com

Aguasabon Chamber of Commerce – aguasabonchamber@gmail.com

Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce – chamber@tbchamber.ca



RE: Letter of Support – AMPS in Ontario Building Code

July 31, 2024

Hon. Graydon Smith
Ministry of Natural Resources
5th Floor, 99 Wellesley St
Toronto, ON M7A 1W3
Graydon.smith@pc.ola.org

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AMO
amo@amo.on.ca

RE: Township of Lake of Bays Resolution regarding Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act.

Please be advised that the Township of Limerick, at its meeting held on July 15, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent discussion, the following motion was passed:

Motion 112-2024

Moved by Councillor Jan MacKillican
Seconded by Councillor Shawn Pack

That staff is directed to issue a letter of support for Royal Assent of AMPS in the Building Code.

Carried

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Victoria Tisdale
Clerk-Treasurer

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities

Victoria Tisdale, Clerk Treasurer
clerk@township.limerick.on.ca
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COUNTY
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Nicole Ilcio, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
assistant@township.limerick.on.ca
Telephone: 613-474-2863
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May 14, 2024

Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attention: Paul Calandra
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Mr. Calandra:

RE: Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act.

The Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) is an enforcement tool approved by the Provincial Government in August of 2009 and was originally used for parking offences to free up court time and cost.

A large number of municipalities have adopted an AMPS program and have applied AMPS to other Municipal enforcement by-laws as a replacement to the standard Part 1 Provincial Offences Act (POA) ticket system, as it provides the alleged offender with a flexible appeal system and the municipality the ability to apply unpaid penalties on to the property taxes. AMPS frees up valuable Provincial Offences Court time saving the province and the municipalities valuable resources and funds.

AMPS was written into the Building Code Act in December of 2017 however it has not received Royal Assent. AMPS has proven to be a valuable tool for education and enforcement of other Municipal by-laws. On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, we ask that AMPS receive Royal Assent. In doing so this would free up time for Building Officials to conduct their primary job (building inspections) instead of having to attend court normally a full day to hear an appeal to Part 1 ticket, at the same time providing the offender a more streamlined appeal system.

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

TG/iv

Copy to:

MPP, Graydon Smith
Association of Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipal Clerk and Treasurers of Ontario
All Area Municipalities



TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOKH AND RAGLAN

42 Burnt Bridge Road, PO Box 40
Palmer Rapids, Ontario K0J 2E0
TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

August 7, 2024

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

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday August 7th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-08-07-10
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk

31 May 2024

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024/05/184:

7.4(c) WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you,



**Cindy Pigeau
Municipal Clerk**

**Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities**

TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

MOVED BY: Muir DATE: AUGUST 12, 2024

SECONDED BY: Smith RES.NO: 13

WHEREAS this council believes that the safety of our community and its protection from crime in all its forms is of utmost importance.

WHEREAS our taxpayer-funded judicial system exists to protect the public, who in return for their tax dollars are entitled to a system that works.

WHEREAS the number of charges laid for failure to comply with court orders – primarily failure to comply with the terms of a promise to appear, undertaking, recognizance, probation order, or peace bond – are steadily on the rise in the province of Ontario.

WHEREAS there has been a notable increase in the number of violent offences committed in the province of Ontario by individuals who are concurrently subject to release orders.

WHEREAS the Ontario justice system is backlogged, court systems under strain, and police and prosecutors overwhelmed by their caseloads.

WHEREAS we have seen a dramatic lowering of the threshold for release, resulting in violent, serious, or repeat offenders who should by rights have been reasonably detained in custody, released on supervision plans that are increasingly deficient.

WHEREAS the general sense among the criminal population is that breaching bail conditions will not result in much by way of consequence for the offender, as evidenced by a clear pattern province-wide of unjustifiable release, a pattern which is bound to continue given insufficient resources to conduct Crown bail reviews, surety bond estreatment hearings, and ensure the subsequent collection of surety bond funds after judgment.

WHEREAS a ‘catch and release’ system constitutes a failure of government to perform a core function of its existence, that being the protection of public.

WHEREAS the current hard drug crisis has contributed to a desperate criminal element that is exacting a significant financial and emotional toll on communities across Canada.

WHEREAS our police services are being demoralized by expending precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of these habitual criminal offenders within a system that limits their ability to effectively protect the public.

AND WHEREAS this ineffective follow-through by our judicial system unfairly erodes the public’s trust in our police services, who consequently become the target of frustrated and angry residents who feel they are no longer being protected from crime.

AND WHEREAS the increasing erosion of public faith and trust in our judicial system ultimately brings the administration of justice in the province of Ontario into disrepute and leads to a growing feeling amongst residents that they are no longer protected by a system perceived to prioritize the rights and freedoms of the criminal over the rights and safety of themselves and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Red Rock send a letter to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Attorney General of Ontario Doug Downey, Ontario Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MP Patty Hajdu, MPP Lise Vaugeois, Staff Sergeant David Moscall, Nipigon OPP, all Ontario Police Associations and Police Departments, Ontario Provincial Police, all Ontario MPPs and MPs, and all municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration, requesting additional funding in Ontario's legal system to support a meaningful resistance to the current "catch and release" practice, including hiring sufficient court staff, with a specific focus on additional assistant Crown Attorneys.

FOR: 4

AGAINST: _____


MAYOR'S SIGNATURE



Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2024/218
Title: Authorize support resolution re: Solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs
Date: August 13, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Fern Pellerin

Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT at the meeting of August 13, 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing received and supports the following resolutions seeking **Solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs** from the following municipalities:

- Loyalist Township, Council passed Resolution 2024-49 at its regular meeting held on March 12, 2024
- City of Stratford, Council passed Resolution CA-2024-049 at its regular meeting held on April 8, 2024
- Corporation of the Township of Emo, Council passed Resolution #18 at its regular meeting held on May 15, 2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, Honourable Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, Honourable Minister of Finance for Canada, Honourable Premier of Ontario, Honourable Minister of Infrastructure for Ontario; Honourable Minister of Finance for Ontario, AMO, ROMA, FONOM, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED



Council - Committee of the Whole

Résolution #

2024/218

Titre:

Autoriser la résolution de soutien concernant les solutions pour résoudre les pressions financières et budgétaires significatives liées au développement, à l'entretien et à la réparation des infrastructures.

Date:

le 13 août 2024

Proposé par:

Councillor Fern Pellerin

Appuyé par:

Councillor Daniel Gagné

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE lors de la réunion du 13 août 2024, le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest a reçu et appuie les résolutions suivantes cherchant des solutions pour résoudre les pressions financières et budgétaires importantes liées au développement, à l'entretien et aux réparations de l'infrastructure des municipalités suivantes :

- Canton de Loyalist, le Conseil a adopté la résolution 2024-49 lors de sa réunion ordinaire du 12 mars 2024.
- Ville de Stratford, le Conseil a adopté la résolution CA-2024-049 lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 8 avril 2024.
- Corporation du canton d'Emo, le Conseil a adopté la résolution no 18 lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 15 mai 2024.

IL EST EN OUTRE RÉSOLU QU'une copie de la présente résolution soit transmise à l'honorable premier ministre du Canada, à l'honorable ministre du Logement, de l'Infrastructure et des Collectivités du Canada, à l'honorable ministre des Finances du Canada, à l'honorable premier ministre de l'Ontario, à l'honorable ministre de l'Infrastructure de l'Ontario, à l'honorable ministre des Finances de l'Ontario, à l'AMO, à la ROMA, à la FONOM, à la FCM, ainsi qu'à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

ADOPTÉ

March 18, 2024

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

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Motion regarding solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of March 12, 2024, Loyalist Township Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-49

Moved by Councillor Budarick
Seconded by Councillor Parks

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has agreed to assume responsibility for the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto, which will be uploaded to the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS like the City of Toronto, The Corporation of Loyalist Township and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario are experiencing significant financial and budgetary pressures including those related to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, and are seeking reasonable solutions to address the same while balancing their financial books;

AND WHEREAS the uploading of municipal highway infrastructure to the Province of Ontario or, alternatively, appropriately increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to Ontario municipalities will assist municipalities in addressing such financial challenges;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a. The Province of Ontario:



- upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or
 - alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.
- b. A copy of this resolution be circulated the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Ontario Minister of Transportation; MPP Ric Bresee, Hastings, Lennox & Addington; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; all municipalities in Ontario.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Kantharajah".

Anne Kantharajah
Township Clerk

Cc: the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Ontario Minister of Transportation
Ric Bresee, M.P.P., Hastings, Lennox & Addington
Association of Municipalities
All municipalities in Ontario
Jim Hegadorn, Mayor, Loyalist Township
Rebecca Murphy, CAO, Loyalist Township
Councillor Budarick, Loyalist Township
Councillor Parks, Loyalist Township



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July 12, 2024

Sent via email – chandley@loyalist.ca

Cindy Handley,
Administrative Assistant
Corporate Services Department
Loyalist Township

Re: Resolution regarding solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated March 18, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the April 8, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-049). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-049, being a resolution from the Loyalist Township regarding solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

A. Pascual

Audrey Pascual, Deputy Clerk

/mf

cc: Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities



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July 5, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Re: Operational Budget Funding

The Council of the Township of Emo, at its regular meeting held May 15, 2024, passed the following resolution.

Resolution No.: 18, May 15, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Teeple

Seconded by: Councillor Whatley

WHEREAS all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes, and;

WHEREAS all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

WHEREAS the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion-dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial funding for their Police operating budget, and;

WHEREAS the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Emo call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

Yours sincerely,



Crystal Gray, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

The Corporation of the Township of Emo

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Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, paul.calandra@pc.ola.org

Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org

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Virginia LaTour, Deputy City Clerk

August 15, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Via Email - justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

RE: Notice of Motion – Councillor Stedall – The Canada Community-Building Fund

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on August 14, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-366 – Notice of Motion - Councillor Stedall - The Canada Community-Building Fund

Moved by Councillor Stedall

Seconded by Councillor McCue

Whereas the City of Quinte West is entering into an agreement to receive Canada Community-Building Funds, which is administered by the Association of Ontario Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of the Federal government;

And whereas the funding allocations are less than 2% year over year for the next 5 years;

And whereas the amounts allocated in the past 5 years were less than 2% year over year;

And whereas non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure projects without a corresponding growth in revenue;

And whereas there is a requirement for municipalities to complete an asset management plan and a housing needs analysis;

And whereas both of these plans show the large funding gap between infrastructure and housing needs and funds available from property taxation;

And whereas The City of Quinte West has over \$1.5 billion in core infrastructure assets and, like other municipalities, its infrastructure is aging and in need of upgrades and replacement;

And whereas The City's Asset Management Plan requires \$37 million annually to maintain existing assets which, based on current available funding, is resulting in an annual infrastructure deficit of over \$17.1 million;

And whereas municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end;

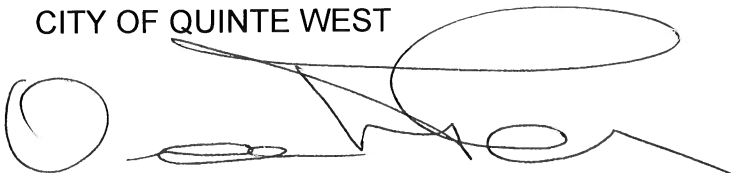
Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CBBF agreement for 2024 - 2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to MFOA, AMO, MP Ryan Williams, and Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, and all Municipalities in Ontario.
Carried

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

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Virginia LaTour', written over a horizontal line.

Virginia LaTour,
Deputy City Clerk

cc: Donna Herridge, Executive Director, MFOA
Colin Best, President, AMO
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
All Municipalities of Ontario