



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

December 13, 2024

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Resolution from Northern Ontario Women's Caucus (NOW Caucus)

WHEREAS an arbitrator's investigation into claims of sexual harassment against MPP Michael Mantha concluded during the investigation that the claims were substantiated;

AND WHEREAS in August 2023, MPP Michael Mantha was removed from the NDP caucus after allegations of workplace misconduct were substantiated by multiple witness interviews and video evidence;

AND WHEREAS Ontario residents have requested that the NOW Caucus request that Michael Mantha resign from his position as M.P.P. as they believe that based on the investigation that substantiated the sexual harassment allegations that he does not have the integrity and trust required of the office to effectively represent the Algoma-Manitoulin, particularly the women living in the riding;

AND WHEREAS elected officials at all levels should be held to the same standards as every working Ontarian, operating under workplace violence and harassment policies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NOW Caucus call on Michael Mantha to resign from his position as M.P.P. of the Algoma-Manitoulin Riding immediately.

AND FURTHER that this Resolution be circulated to the 444 municipalities, the office of Michael Manthas, Prime Minister Ford, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario NDP, Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, Mike Shreiner, Ontario Green Party, AMO, ROMA, FONOM, and NOMA.

Moved – Mayor Baril;

Seconded: Councillor Koch

CARRIED



November 25, 2024

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

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford

RE: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on November 19th, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-11-22

MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie
SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

“WHEREAS, official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Tay Valley Township requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;

THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Honorable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Honorable King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Honorable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Honorable Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads;

AND THAT, this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support."

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

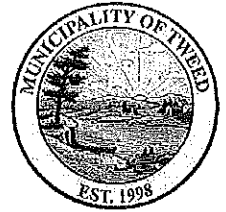
Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Honorable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation,
Honorable King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure,
Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture,
Honorable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs,
Honorable Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response,
Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health,
Thomas Barakat, Good Roads Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations,
All Municipalities in Ontario.

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No. 588
Title: Ontario Good Roads Association
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Moved by J. Palmateer
Seconded by P. Valiquette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the Ontario Good Roads Association request for the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program;
AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to prepare a Resolution as follows:
WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;
AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;
AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;
AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;
AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Carried

At the November 14, 2024, meeting of Tillsonburg Town Council, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution # 2024-530

Moved By: Councillor Parsons

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Beres

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Tillsonburg requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Carried



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November 28, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
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premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier,

**RE: TOWNSHIP OF KING RESOLUTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ONTARIO
RURAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM**

At its Council meeting of November 25, 2024, Council of the Township of King received and supported the following Resolution:

Whereas official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads; and

Whereas, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads; and

Whereas, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base; and

Whereas, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system; and

Whereas, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

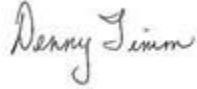
Now Therefore Be It Resolved That;

1. The Township of King requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

3. That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Carried Unanimously.

Yours sincerely,



Denny Timm
Township Clerk

cc. Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga.Surma@pc.ola.org
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org
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Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness & Response
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Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org
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Councillor Jennifer Anstey, King janstey@king.ca
Councillor Mary Asselstine, King masselstine@king.ca



The Municipality of Dysart et al

Regular Council Resolution

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Motion #24-455

Moved by Pat Casey

Seconded by Carm Sawyer

Whereas official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

And whereas, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

And whereas, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

And whereas, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

And whereas, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Dysart et al requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, the Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs, the Ontario Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and the Ontario Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

Further that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Carried ☒

Defeated ☐

Deferred ☐

Walt McKechnie, Deputy Mayor

Mallory Bishop, Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF CHAMPLAIN

**RESOLUTION
REGULAR MEETING**

Agenda Number: 15.1.
Resolution Number 2024-416
Title: Good Roads - Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program
Date: November 28, 2024

Moved By: Gérard Miner
Seconded By: Peter Barton

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Champlain requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support

Certified True Copy of Resolution

Alison Collard
Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2024/11/29)
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CARRIED

Alison Collard, Clerk Date:

Barton, Karla

To: Collard, Alison
Cc: Tessier, Kevin; Levesque, Sebastien
Subject: RE: establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

From: Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>
Sent: October 29, 2024 6:33 PM
To: Collard, Alison <alison.collard@champlain.ca>
Subject: establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

You don't often get email from scott@goodroads.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: Township of Champlain Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: alison.collard@champlain.ca

Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Too many Ontarians are being seriously injured or killed on our roads.

In 2023, there were 616 people killed and 36,090 people injured. The number of fatalities is up nearly 20% in the last ten years.

In 2021, the most recent year of complete data from MTO's *Ontario Road Safety Annual Report* (ORSAR), there were 561 fatalities – 426 of which occurred on municipal roads. While rural Ontario only represents 17% of the province's population, 55% of these deaths occurred on rural roads. By any measure, Ontario's rural roads are disproportionately more dangerous.

At the same time, municipal insurance premiums continue to increase. With no plausible reform being considered for joint and several liability, municipalities need to find innovative means for managing risk, particularly on their roadways,

To deal with this crisis, Good Roads has designed a multifaceted rural road safety program and have been in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to fund it. The program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and save lives. This program is designed to be cost effective while also providing rural municipalities with a direct means for addressing risk associated with their roadways.

Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year \$183 million program that leverages our 131 years of municipal road expertise and our industry partnerships to quickly put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads.

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

If the Township of Champlain would be interested in pursuing this, a Council resolution similar to the example below should be adopted and sent to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Champlain requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

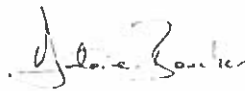
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact Thomas Barakat, Good Roads' Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations, at thomas@goodroads.ca at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Scott R. Butler
Executive Director



Antoine Boucher
President
Good Roads Board of Directors

On November 28, 2024 Regional Council endorsed the following resolution:

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regional Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Regional Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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December 3, 2024

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Via Email: Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org

Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation:

Re: Township of East Garafraxa Resolution of Support for the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Roads Safety Program – Ontario Good Roads Association

Please be advised that, at its meeting of Council held on November 13, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa supported the following motion received from the Ontario Good Roads Association:

**MOVED BY BANFIELD, SECONDED BY HALLS
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of East Garafraxa requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical

investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Peart', with a stylized, cursive script.

Shannon Peart
Administrative Assistant/ Clerk's Department
Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa

cc: Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture
Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs
Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Ontario Good Roads Association
All Ontario Municipalities



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December 4, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Ministry of Transportation
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Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford and the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria,

At the December 3, 2024, Town of South Bruce Peninsula Council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

And whereas preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

And whereas roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums; preventing car crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead;

And further that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support, as well as the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation.

I trust you find this satisfactory; however, should you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Collins'.

Brianna Collins, P.Eng.
Director of Public Works

Cc: Ontario Municipalities

Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Good Roads

Antoine Boucher, President, Good Roads Board of Directors



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Sent Via Email

December 5, 2024

Good Roads
Scott Butler
Executive Director
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Attention: Scott Butler

Scott Butler:

Re: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Please be informed that at its regular meeting of November 27, 2024, Lambton County Council supported correspondence # PW 11-11-24 dated October 29, 2024. For your information, the following resolution was passed:

#1: White/Case: That County Council adopt the resolution in correspondence PW 11-11-24 as follows:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Lambton requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Carried.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Cole'.

Jason Cole, P.Eng.
General Manager, Infrastructure & Development Services

Encl # PW 11-11-24

cc: Lianne Rood, M.P. Lambton-Kent-Middlesex Riding
Bob Bailey, M.P.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding
Marilyn Gladu, M.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
All municipalities in Ontario

From: Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 6:28 PM
To: Stephane Thiffeault <Stephane.Thiffeault@county-lambton.on.ca>
Subject: establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

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Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: County of Lambton Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: stephane.thiffeault@county-lambton.on.ca

Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Too many Ontarians are being seriously injured or killed on our roads.

In 2023, there were 616 people killed and 36,090 people injured. The number of fatalities is up nearly 20% in the last ten years.

In 2021, the most recent year of complete data from MTO's *Ontario Road Safety Annual Report* (ORSAR), there were 561 fatalities – 426 of which occurred on municipal roads. While rural Ontario only represents 17% of the province's population, 55% of these deaths occurred on rural roads. By any measure, Ontario's rural roads are disproportionately more dangerous.

At the same time, municipal insurance premiums continue to increase. With no plausible reform being considered for joint and several liability, municipalities need to find innovative means for managing risk, particularly on their roadways,

To deal with this crisis, Good Roads has designed a multifaceted rural road safety program and have been in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to fund it. The program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and save lives. This program is designed to be cost effective while also providing rural municipalities with a direct means for addressing risk associated with their roadways.

Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year \$183 million program that leverages our 131 years of municipal road expertise and our industry partnerships to quickly put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads.

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

If the County of Lambton would be interested in pursuing this, a Council resolution similar to the example below should be adopted and sent to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other

roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Lambton requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

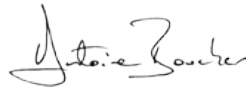
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact Thomas Barakat, Good Roads' Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations, at thomas@goodroads.ca at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Scott R. Butler
Executive Director



Antoine Boucher
President
Good Roads Board of Directors

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELIZABETHTOWN-KITLEY

December 9, 2024 Session

RES. NO. 283-24

Moved by:

E. Renaud

Seconded by:

R. Smith.

That Council receive staff report PW-24-17 for information;

And That Council direct staff to complete a resolution of support for the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, and

Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

Further That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

- ☒ Carried
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Brant Burrow

Brant Burrow, Mayor

I, Laura Stanzel, Deputy Clerk
Corporation of the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley
in the County of Leeds, do hereby certify that
the foregoing is a true copy of
RES NO. 283-24
passed by the council of the said Corporation
the 9th day of December, 2024
L. Stanzel



Rainbow
Registered
Arc-en-ciel
Officiel

Town of Saugeen Shores
600 Tomlinson Drive, P.O. Box 820
Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C0

November 26, 2024

Sent via Email: Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Re: Town of Saugeen Shores Support Resolution for Intimate Partner Violence

Dear Premier Ford,

At the November 25, 2024, Regular Council meeting for the Town of Saugeen Shores, Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas more than 4 in 10 Canadian women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and 1 in 10 experience it almost daily; and

Whereas while one-third of men have also experienced intimate partner violence, women disproportionately experience the most severe forms. According to the Government of Canada, between 2014 and 2019 there were 497 cases of intimate partner homicide nationally and 80% of the victims were women; and

Whereas rates of intimate partner violence are nationally 75% higher for rural women compared to urban women; and

Whereas although IPV is not a pathogen, it is appropriate to label IPV as an epidemic because it has ripple effects causing future poor health outcomes for affected victims and their families, which negatively affect community health, policing, and social services resources; and

Whereas in Saugeen Shores, police-reported Domestic Violence incidents increased between 2018/04/01 to 2024/04/01 by an average of 55.4%; and

Whereas in Bruce and Grey Counties, domestic violence calls between 2018 and 2020 to police increased by 133%; and

Whereas members of the Saugeen Shores Police have been enrolled in the collaborative Police Action on Intimate Partner Violence course, training which improves their policy and action to keep individuals, families, and communities safe; and

Whereas all programs in the Grey-Bruce Health Unit, especially the clinical ones, have components to identify and report any type of violence, including IPV; and several family-

based programs actively and proactively work with individuals and families on early identification and prevention of IPV, as well as the Unit's collaboration with Bruce Grey Child and Family Services and police services, and

Whereas On January 8, 2024, Saugeen Shores Council supported the Town of Goderich's resolution to Declare Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic, and

Whereas it is critical for victims, family members, survivors, and others in our community to see Saugeen Shores' commitment to solving the problem of IPV by, among other actions, recognizing its severity.

Now be it resolved that the Town of Saugeen Shores recognizes the issues of intimate partner violence in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families, and

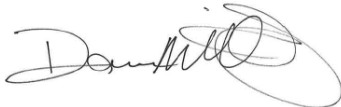
That the Town of Saugeen Shores is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness of intimate partner violence in our community; and

That the Town of Saugeen Shores calls on the Standing Committee of Justice to hold hearings in the fall of 2024 on Bill 173, The Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act; and

That the Town of Saugeen Shores calls on the Province of Ontario to pass and implement Bill 173, The Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act; and

That this resolution be circulated to the Standing Committee on Justice-Clerk, Thushitha Kobikrishna; Chair Lorne Coe, Standing Committee on Justice, Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson, Grey Bruce Medical Officer Dr. Arra, the Saugeen Shores Police Services, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

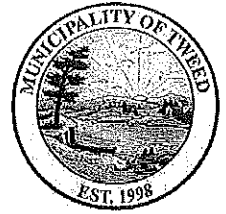
Sincerely,



Dawn Mittelholtz,
Clerk

CC: Standing Committee on Justice-Clerk, Thushitha Kobikrishna
Standing Committee on Justice, Chair Lorne Coe
Minister of Health Sylvia Jones
Attorney General Doug Downey
Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson
Grey Bruce Medical Officer Dr. Arra
Saugeen Shores Police Services
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No. 589
Title: Town of Aurora, Aurora, ON
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Moved by J. Palmateer
Seconded by P. Valiquette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the Mayor of the Town of Aurora request for the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby adopts the following Resolution:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Municipality of Tweed Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

Be It Further Resolved That the Municipality of Tweed Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau,

MP Scott Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament, Ric Bresee and Members of Provincial Parliament Shelby Kramp-Neuman and Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma; and

Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried

November 27, 2024

Delivered by email

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada

justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

premier@ontario.ca

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 26, 2024

**Member Motion 8.9.1 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request the Redistribution of the
Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable
Infrastructure Funding**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on
November 26, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads,
bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are
essential to community well-being and economic development; and**

**Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and
user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure
investment; and**

**Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on
property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating
significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and**

**Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on
property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to
address local infrastructure needs; and**

**Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to
municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for
local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or
homebuyers; and**

**Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST
would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure**

initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Ishita Soneji
Deputy Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 26, 2024
Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to
Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
November 27, 2024

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Copy: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
All Ontario Municipalities
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of November 5, 2024

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of November 5, 2024, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.5.4, 8.8.1, and 8.8.3, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

8.9 Member Motions

8.9.1 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and

sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried

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



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.5.

Resolution Number 2024-406

Title: Resolution Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding (Fair Share)

Date: November 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. **NOW THEREFORE BE IN HEREBY RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and,
2. **BE IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,
3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and,

4. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and,
5. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED


MAYOR



November 28, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

**The Regional
Municipality of
Durham**

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**Alexander Harras
M.P.A.
Director of
Legislative Services
& Regional Clerk**

**RE: Motion Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial
Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding, Our File: C00**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on November 27, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The Regional Municipality of Durham Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;
2. Be It Further Resolved That The Regional Municipality of Durham Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;
4. Be It Further Resolved That the province be reminded it has been asked by AMO and municipalities to develop a new and comprehensive funding arrangement with municipalities including the housing affordability taskforce recommendations;
5. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
6. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/tf

c: Hon. D. Ford, Premier, Province of Ontario
Hon. P. Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance, MPP,
Pickering/Uxbridge
Hon. P. Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. M. Holland, MP, Ajax
J. Jivani, MP, Durham
J. Schmale, MP, Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Brock
P. Lawrence, MP, Northumberland/Peterborough South
C. Carrie, MP, Oshawa
J. O'Connell, MP, Pickering/Uxbridge
R. Turnbull, MP, Whitby
P. Barnes, MPP, Ajax
L. Coe, MPP, Whitby
J. French, MPP, Oshawa
Hon. T. McCarthy, MPP, Durham
Hon. D. Piccini, MPP, Northumberland/Peterborough South
L. Scott, MPP, Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Brock
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities
A. Burgess, Director, Communications and Engagement
B. Hannelas, Manager, Corporate Initiatives and Government
Relations

December 3, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

VIA EMAIL: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of December 2, 2024:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

And Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

And Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

And Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

And Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of New Tecumseth Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

And Further That the Town of New Tecumseth Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

And Further That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

And Further That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);

And Further That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours truly,



Pamela Slowleigh
Deputy Clerk

- cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org,
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Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey, Brian.Saunderson@pc.ola.org,
Terry Dowdall, MP Simcoe-Grey, Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca
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All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
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December 6, 2024

**RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to
Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on November 20, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobourg Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobourg Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. Honourable, Doug Ford Premier of Ontario;
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Honourable Philip Lawrence, Northumberland – Peterborough South MP;
Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills
Development and Northumberland – Peterborough South MPP; and
All Ontario Municipalities



November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 333/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99,
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY *Elaine F.*

SECONDED BY *Francine Plante*

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and;

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. **Be It Further Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. **Be It Further Resolved That** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive their share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. **Be It Further Resolved That** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. **Be It Further Resolved That** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Defeated _____ / Carried Bonita Culhane
 Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote	Requested by _____	
	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Keft	_____	_____
Councillor Francine Plante	_____	_____



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December 5, 2024

Via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Township of McGarry Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax

Please be advised that, at its meeting of November 26, 2024 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution from the Township of McGarry regarding Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax.

Please find attached the Township of McGarry correspondence for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre
Dean Allison, Niagara West MP
Chris Bittle, St. Catharines MP
Tony Baldinelli, Niagara Falls MP
Jeff Burch, Niagara Centre MPP
Wayne Gates, Niagara Falls MPP
Sam Oosterhoff, Niagara West MPP
Jennifer Stevens, St. Catharines MPP
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Ontario Municipalities



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December 11, 2024

Via email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau

Re: Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax and GST

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their December 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting:

518-2024

Moved By: Marissa Vaughan

Seconded by: Aaron Neeb

Result: Carried

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax

burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now therefore be it hereby resolved that the Municipality of South Huron Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

Be it further resolved that the Municipality of South Huron Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

Be it further resolved that this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Co-ordinator
Municipality of South Huron
kwebster@southhuron.ca
519-235-0310 x. 232

Encl.

cc: Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford, doug.fordco@pc.ola.org
Ontario Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy,
Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org



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MP Huron-Bruce, Hon. Ben Lobb, ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca

MPP Huron-Bruce, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Lisa.Thompsonco@pc.ola.org

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AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca

444 Ontario Municipalities.



December 12, 2024

Right Honorable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Sent by Email

Dear: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

RE: Follow-Up: Support for the Motion on Sustainable Municipal Funding.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on December 10th, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-14

MOVED BY: Angela Pierman

SECONDED BY: Wayne Baker

“WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township supports the Town of Aurora’s motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding;

AND WHEREAS, municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS, the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS, redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS, a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

THAT, this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

THAT, copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.”

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Honorable Premier Doug Ford,
Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance,
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
Local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament,
All Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).



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December 13, 2024

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Hon. Michael Chong, MP
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RE: Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax and Property Sale GST

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 27, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-429:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items listed with the exception of items 6.2 and 6.3 for NOVEMBER 27, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch supports the Resolution from the Township of Larder Lake and Township of McGarry;

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and



Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch requests as follows:

That the Provincial Government consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

That the Federal Government be requested to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thereby ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and



Be It further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

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 #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

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Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

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 #: 8

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

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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: [REDACTED]

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



November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 333/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99,
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY



SECONDED BY



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Defeated _____ / Carried _____
 Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote	Requested by _____	
	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Keft	_____	_____
Councillor Francine Plante	_____	_____

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution # 8

Date: October 28, 2024

Moved By: Carma Williams

Seconded By: Jamie MacDonald

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 and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry 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;

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution #

Date: October 28, 2024

FURTHERMORE, 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;

FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier Doug Ford, 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.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED



MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams

Councillor: Jacques Massie

Councillor: Brian Caddell

Councillor: Jeff Manley

Councillor: Michael Madden

Councillor: Gary Martin

Mayor: Jamie MacDonald

YEA

NEA



THE CORPORATION OF THE **TOWN OF COBALT**

December 11, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 28, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1A1

Sent Via Email: Premier@ontario.ca

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on December 10, 2024, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-217

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

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 the 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 skill enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

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

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 Corporation of the Town of Cobalt 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 FURTHER 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 FINALLY 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 the municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,



Steven Dalley
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer
Tel: (705) 679-8877
Email: sdalley@cobalt.ca

cc: Association of Municipalities in Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Municipalities Property Assessment Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities



Northumberland County

Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

November 28, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Honourable Sylvia Jones (Deputy Premier and Minister of Health)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, 'Support for Family Physicians'

At a meeting held on November 20, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2024-11-20-828, adopting the below recommendation from the November 5, 2024 Community Health Committee meeting:

Moved by: Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky
Seconded by: Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee having considered the correspondence from the City of Stratford regarding 'Support for Family Physicians' recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Deputy Premier and Minister of Health), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2024-11-20-828

Carried

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

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By O. Hurlinsky
Seconded By S. Sibb

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2024-11-20- 828

Council Date: November 20, 2024

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held November 4, 5 and 6, 2024), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
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Finance & Audit Committee, Item 5.a 'Delegation 'Art Gallery of Northumberland' – held by Warden Ostrander			
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And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by

Councillor's Name

Deferred

Warden's Signature

Carried [Signature]
Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature

Community Health Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: November 5, 2024

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2024-11-05- 710

Moved by: B. Ostrander

Seconded by: O. Hankivsky

Council Meeting Date: November 20, 2024

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee having considered the correspondence from the City of Stratford regarding 'Support for Family Physicians' recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Deputy Premier and Minister of Health), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried 

Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____

Committee Chair's Signature



City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

Clerk's Office

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Website: www.stratford.ca

September 13, 2024

Sent via email – councilmeeting@toronto.ca

John D. Elvidge,

City Clerk

City of Toronto

Re: Resolution Regarding Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated July 31, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the September 9, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-140). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-140, being a resolution from The City of Toronto regarding Provincial Support for Family Physicians, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. Mark Holland, Minister of Health
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

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>)

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



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.2.

Resolution Number 2024-403

Title: Resolution Stemming from October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #4

Date: November 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

September 20, 2024

BY E-MAIL

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

Ontario Deposit Return Program

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

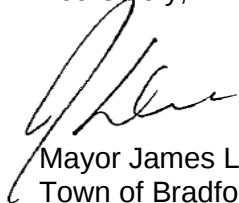
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,



Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities

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



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.3.

Resolution Number 2024-404

Title: Resolution Stemming from October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #7

Date: November 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #C-2024-09-16 passed by Tay Valley Township, regarding Public Sector Salary Disclosure; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



September 25, 2024

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

Sent by Email

Dear: Honourable Doug Ford

RE: Public Sector Salary Disclosure

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on September 24th, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-09-16

MOVED BY: Greg Hallam
SECONDED BY: Wayne Baker

"THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township support the Township of Stirling-Rawdon's resolution regarding Public Sector Salary Disclosure;

THAT, the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be updated to reflect the inflation rates since 1996;

THAT, the Act be further updated so that the inflation rate is applied each year to the requirement to report public salaries;

AND THAT, this resolution be sent to the Province of Ontario Premier's Office, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities."

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

Cc: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



29 November 2024

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

RE: Resolution - Support for Provincial Absorption of OPP Costs

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held November 26th, 2024:

Moved by Councillor Kelso

Seconded by Reeve McLaren

THAT, the Council of the Township of Lanark Highlands expresses its support for the resolution from the Town of Midland, advocating for the full absorption of Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) costs into the provincial budget, eliminating cost recovery from municipalities;

AND THAT, a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Ministry of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities across Ontario for their information and consideration.

Resolved

Sincerely,

Nicole Guthrie
Clerk

Encls.

c.c. The Solicitor General
Minister of Finance
Association of Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND



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info@midland.ca

November 7, 2024

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

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities

At its November 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of Ontario's small urban municipalities; and

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

WHEREAS an increase of 26% one year, which is a million dollars (roughly 4% tax increase) for Midland and is something never projected;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT The Town of Midland call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small urban 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 the OPP Billing Model be referred to the Auditor General for review; 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.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210

cc.

MPP, Simcoe North, Jill Dunlop jill.dunlopco@pc.ola.org
Minister of the Solicitor General, Sylvia Jones sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy peter.bethlenfalvyco@pc.ola.org
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) resolutions@amo.on.ca
All Municipalities in Ontario

TOWNSHIP OF CHAMPLAIN

RESOLUTION
REGULAR MEETING

Agenda Number: 11.1.
Resolution Number 2024-401
Title: OPP Billing
Date: November 28, 2024

Moved By: Gérard Miner
Seconded By: Paul Emile Duval

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of Ontario's rural municipalities; and

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

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are facing significant increases in policing costs in 2025 after the Ontario Police Association and Province ratified a four-year collective agreement for uniform and civilian employees; and

WHEREAS an increase of 14.74% in OPP billing one year, which is a \$188,772 (roughly 2.36% tax increase) for Champlain Township is something never projected;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the OPP Billing Model be referred to the Auditor General for review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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

Certified True Copy of Resolution

Alison Collard
Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2024/11/29)
Verify with verifio.com or Adobe Reader.



Alison Collard, Clerk Date:

CANTON DE CHAMPLAIN
RÉSOLUTION
REGULAR MEETING

No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 11.1.
No. du point 2024-401
Titre: Facturation du PPO
Date: le 28 novembre 2024

Proposée par: Gérard Miner
Appuyée par: Paul Emile Duval

ATTENDU QU'il est évident que le gouvernement de l'Ontario a négligé les besoins des municipalités rurales de l'Ontario ; et

ATTENDU QUE les municipalités rurales de l'Ontario sont confrontées à des défis insurmontables pour financer à la fois les investissements initiaux et l'entretien continu de leurs immobilisations, notamment les routes, l'eau et les eaux usées, ainsi que les bâtiments appartenant à la municipalité, y compris les installations récréatives, les bibliothèques et d'autres immobilisations corporelles ; et

ATTENDU QUE les municipalités de l'Ontario sont confrontées à des augmentations importantes des coûts de maintien de l'ordre en 2025, après que l'Association de la police de l'Ontario et la province ont ratifié une convention collective de quatre ans pour les employés en uniforme et les employés civils ; et

ATTENDU QU'une augmentation de 14,74 % de la facturation de la PPO en un an, soit 188 772 \$ (environ 2,36 % d'augmentation des taxes) pour le canton de Champlain, est quelque chose qui n'a jamais été prévu ;

QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE le Canton de Champlain demande au gouvernement de l'Ontario de mettre en œuvre immédiatement un financement durable pour les municipalités rurales en réabsorbant le coût de la Police provinciale de l'Ontario dans le budget provincial, sans recouvrement des coûts pour les municipalités ; et

DE PLUS, QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE le modèle de facturation de la Police provinciale de l'Ontario soit soumis à l'examen du vérificateur général ; et

DE PLUS, QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE le Conseil demande au personnel de faire circuler cette résolution au premier ministre Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), au ministre du Solliciteur général, au ministre des Finances, à l'Association des municipalités de l'Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) et à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

ADOPTÉE

Copie certifiée conforme

Alison Collard, greffière Date :

November 29, 2024

Sent via email to: premier@ontario.ca; minister.mah@ontario.ca;
MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca

Premier of Ontario

Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

The Honourable Paul Calandra

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

The Honourable Stephen Lecce

Minister of Energy and Electrification
10th Floor, 77 Grenville Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2C1

**RE: Guelph City Council Resolution to Enable Municipalities to Charge Fees
for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities**

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Calandra and Minister Lecce,

Guelph City Council at its meeting held on November 26, 2024 passed a resolution regarding the ability of municipalities to charge gas utilities for their use of municipal property, which included the following motions:

1. That Council request the Province of Ontario to amend section 9 of Regulation 584/06 under the Municipal Act, 2001, to permit municipalities to charge fair fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property, as municipalities do in most other provinces.
2. That Council direct staff, to the satisfaction of the DCAO of IDE, to negotiate a Franchise Agreement with the gas distribution company that:
 - a. will allow the City of Guelph to charge fees for use of public property if and when Ontario Regulation 584/06 is amended to allow such charges,
 - b. will ensure that the City of Guelph is not liable to pay for any gas infrastructure relocations needed due to conflicts with municipal infrastructure, and
 - c. will ensure future charges for use of municipal property is not passed on to Guelph customers of the gas distribution company.
3. That the City of Guelph supports, in principle, the Bill 219, "No Free Ride for Fossil Fuels Act, 2024" tabled November 4, 2024 by Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner.

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Across most of Canada, municipalities charge for-profit gas utilities fees for the use of municipal property. This revenue supports municipalities in managing abandoned gas distribution infrastructure and any conflicts with municipal infrastructure without increasing the financial burden on property taxpayers. However, in Ontario, Section 9 of *O.Reg. 584/06* under the *Municipal Act, 2001* prohibits municipalities from charging for-profit gas utilities these fees. If the charging of these fees is permitted, revenues would provide much needed funding towards essential City services and programs, and support the City in funding any future work associated with gas distribution infrastructure.

As Guelph seeks to renew its Franchise Agreement, which sets out the conditions for the use of municipal property by the gas distribution company, there is an opportunity to review the compensation framework for municipalities across Ontario. Many sectors and individuals are increasingly transitioning away from natural gas in favour of cleaner and carbon-free technologies, and Guelph Council believes municipalities should not be locked in to long-term agreements which limit the ability of municipalities to receive fair compensation from for-profit gas distribution companies.

As such, Guelph City Council requests the Province of Ontario amend section 9 of *O.Reg. 584/06* under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to permit municipalities to charge fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property. Additionally, Guelph City Council would like to express its support, in principle, for Bill 219 – the *No Free Ride for Fossil Fuels Act, 2024*, which would enshrine the right of municipalities to charge fees under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*.

Sincerely,

Intergovernmental Services on behalf of Guelph City Council

Chief Administrative Office

Intergovernmental.relations@guelph.ca

City Hall, 1 Carden Street, Guelph ON N1H 3A1

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TTY: 519-826-9771

CC: Mike Schreiner, Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph;
Ontario's Big City Mayors
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

To: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

The Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

Please see the following resolution of the Council of the Town of Deep River regarding Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, passed at the November 20, 2024 Meeting, and respectfully submitted for your consideration.

4.3 Notices of Motion

4.3.1 Request to Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation

Glenn Doncaster, Reeve, Town of Deep River

RESOLUTION 2024 319

MOVED BY: Reeve Doncaster

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for ‘eligible’ sources only;

AND WHEREAS ‘ineligible’ sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the ‘ineligible’ sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

AND WHEREAS these costs this will further burden the municipalities’ finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew, Nipissing Pembroke, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Via email: Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org

November 29, 2024

To: Hon. Rob Flack, Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs

Re: Request for Support – Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Please be advised at its meeting held on November 13, 2024, Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte passed the following resolution supporting the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe's request that the Province consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit:

Be it resolved that the staff recommendations with respect to the items listed under "Consent Agenda Correspondence" be adopted as printed:

d) Correspondence dated October 22, 2024, from the Township of Clearview and Correspondence dated March 22, 2024 from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe re: Request for Support - Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit.

Staff Recommendation: Receive, Support, Advise Under the Mayor's Signature.

Yours sincerely,



Randy Greenlaw

Mayor
/vc

Cc:
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD
December 10th, 2024

2024-265

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris received a resolution from the Township of Nairn and Hyman, and the Township of Baldwin who formally oppose the transportation and deposition of naturally occurring radioactive materials from the former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site, Nipissing First Nations lands, and adjacent lands operated by the Ministry of Transportation to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Township of Nairn and Hyman, and the Township of Baldwin's resolution in that they should have been consulted on this matter prior to the movement of materials;

AND FURTHER THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission provide answers to the Township of Nairn and Hyman, and the Township of Baldwin's questions and that those municipalities receive notification of all forward movements of this project;

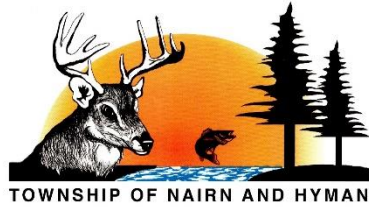
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members; Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members; the United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnisig; Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Anthony Rota; MPP Vic Fedeli, and the Association of Ontario Municipalities, all Ontario municipalities, and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for their consultation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-265 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 10th day of December, 2024.



Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk



October 11, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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

RE: Opposition to the Transportation and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) and Mine Tailings from the Former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site

On behalf of the Councils of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin, we are formally submitting the attached joint resolution regarding our serious concerns over the proposed transportation and deposition of radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA).

Our Councils recently convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on October 2, 2024, to discuss this matter in response to information presented at a Town Hall Meeting on September 11, 2024, by the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. During our deliberations, it became evident that the materials slated for transport are not correctly categorized as NORM, but rather as mine tailings containing not only radioactive substances like niobium and uranium but also other hazardous heavy metals.

We are gravely concerned about the potential environmental and health impacts this project may have, particularly on Agnew Lake—a critical drinking water source for our communities. Our position is that ALTMA should be remediated using clean materials to mitigate existing contamination rather than accepting additional hazardous materials that could exacerbate environmental harm.

This joint resolution calls upon your government and relevant ministries to halt any further actions related to the transportation of this hazardous product to the ALTMA site. The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2024-EM2-12

DATED: October 2, 2024

MOVED BY: Vern Gorham

SECONDED BY: Jason Cote

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 to discuss the proposed plan to transport and deposit radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA); and

WHEREAS the Councils reviewed information received from the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission regarding this proposed plan at the Town Hall Meeting dated September 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Councils strongly agree that the materials that are planned to be deposited are not correctly defined as naturally occurring radioactive materials but rather mine tailings that contain not only the radioactive substance Niobium and uranium but also contain heavy metals that pose significant environmental and health risks; and

WHEREAS there are significant concerns regarding the potential contamination of drinking water sources, particularly Agnew Lake, which many residents rely on for safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS the Councils agree that the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) needs to be remediated using clean materials to mitigate the existing environmental impacts, rather than being used for the deposition of additional hazardous materials; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin formally oppose the transportation and deposition of these materials from the former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site, Nipissing First Nations lands and adjacent lands operated by the Ministry of Transportation to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demand that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission provide answers to our questions and that the municipalities receive notification of all forward movements of this project; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members; Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members; the United Chiefs and Council of Mniidoo Mnising; Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter and urge the Province of Ontario to prioritize the protection of our community's health, safety, and environmental integrity.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Yours truly,

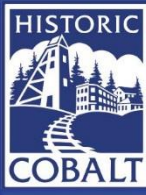


Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk Treasurer
Township of Nairn and Hyman

Cc:

Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines
Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Chief Toulouse and the Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members
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THE CORPORATION OF THE **TOWN OF COBALT**

December 12, 2024

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

Sent Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Cobalt passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

RESOLUTION No. 2024-218

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

WHEREAS Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system;

AND WHEREAS the “catch and release” system is needlessly increasing the policing costs to the Municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt will send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of “catch and release” justice in the Ontario legal system;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant federal and provincial authorities, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Thank you,



Steven Dalley
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer
Tel: (705) 679-8877
Email: sdalley@cobalt.ca

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca
FONOM, fonom.info@gmail.com
Associations of Municipalities Association, amo@amo.on.ca
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Resolution # RC24282	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>	Seconded by: <i>M Hatfield</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive and support the resolution dated November 19, 2024 from the Township of Terrace Bay regarding Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with Minister Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), 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		
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MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>



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November 19, 2024

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

Dear Minister Jones,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday September 16, 2024, the following resolution was put forth by Councillor Chris Dube and was passed.

Re: Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues

Resolution 266-2024

Moved by: Councillor Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor Dube

WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay is gravely concerned about the ongoing shortages and staffing challenges facing Superior North EMS (SNEMS);

WHEREAS, the provincial funding for ambulance services, currently at 50%, along with the city's 50% contribution, has been falling short, leading to financial strain on municipalities and regional partners, including the City of Thunder Bay;

WHEREAS, the rolling shortages of paramedics and EMS personnel in the region present a significant risk to public safety and healthcare services in northern communities, which are disproportionately affected by the province-wide shortage of paramedics;

WHEREAS, recruitment and retention issues, including insufficient wages and benefits, lack of mental health supports, frequent exposure to traumatic experiences, and inadequate recovery time between work periods, are causing high turnover rates and burnout among EMS workers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, be requested to take immediate action to address the funding shortfalls and structural challenges in the delivery of EMS services in northern communities, including:

1. Increasing provincial funding to support EMS services and reduce the financial burden on municipalities;
2. Implementing incentives such as "learn and stay" grants to encourage paramedics to live and work in northern Ontario;
3. Enhancing support systems for EMS workers, including improved wages, benefits, and mental health resources.



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AND THAT, this resolution be forwarded to Minister Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:
AMO
All Ontario Municipalities

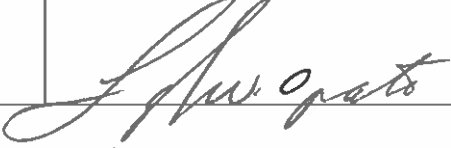


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Resolution # RC24283	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive and support the resolution dated November 19, 2024 from the Township of Terrace Bay regarding Billy Bishop Airport;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be shared with Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Hon. Anita Anand, President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, Mayor Olivia Chow, Toronto City, Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Minister of Tourism, Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Hon. Arun Thangaraj, Deputy Minister of Transport Canada, John D. Elvidge, City of Toronto – Clerk, Paul Johnson, City of Toronto - City Manager, Jag Sharma, City of Toronto - Deputy City Manager, RJ Steenstra, President and CEO - Ports Toronto, Sandra Pupatello, Chair of Board of Directors - Ports Toronto, Neil Pakey, President and CEO - Nieuport Aviation, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MP Patty Hajdu - Thunder Bay - Superior North, MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Eric Melillo – Kenora, MPP Greg Rickford, (Kenora – Rainy River), MPP Kevin Holland, (Thunder Bay - Atikokan), MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North), and all NOMA member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
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MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
	

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November 19, 2024

Honorable Anita Anand,
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transportation
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Via Email: Anita.anand@parl.gc.ca

Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow
Office of the Mayor
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100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
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Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday October 21, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed.

Re: NOMA Letter re Billy Bishop Airport Support

Resolution 293-2024

Moved By: Councillor St. Louis

Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport serves more than 2 million passengers per year, making it the 9th-busiest airport in Canada, 5th-busiest serving the US market, 3rd busiest airport in Ontario, and making it a critical component of the national and regional air transportation system; and

WHEREAS the airport provides daily connections to the North with service to Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and Sudbury, and enables access to many other neighbouring communities;

and WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport is a critical access point for Northern communities for economic opportunities, tourism, social connectivity and critical medical care located in downtown Toronto;

WHEREAS the airport operates under a Tripartite Agreement among the City of Toronto, Transport Canada and PortsToronto, and that agreement is set to expire in 2033; and

WHEREAS the airport is seeking to secure its long-term future through a process to modernize and extend the Tripartite Agreement to drive sustainable growth and enhanced access and connections for passengers and the communities it connects to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association is seeking urgent action from the City of Toronto, PortsToronto and Transport Canada to commence a process and conclude it by the end of 2025 to modernize the current Tripartite Agreement and secure the future of Billy Bishop Airport.



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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Hon. Anita Anand - President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, Mayor Olivia Chow – Toronto City, Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada - Minister of Tourism, Government of Canada, Hon. François-Philippe Champagne - Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry - Government of Canada, Hon. Arun Thangaraj - Deputy Minister of Transport Canada - Government of Canada, John D. Elvidge - City of Toronto – Clerk, Paul Johnson - City of Toronto - City Manager, Jag Sharma - City of Toronto - Deputy City Manager, RJ Steenstra - President and CEO - Ports Toronto, Sandra Pupatello – Chair of Board of Directors - Ports Toronto, Neil Pakey - President and CEO - Nieuport Aviation, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria - Minister of Transportation - Government of Ontario, Hon. Vic Fedeli - Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade - Government of Ontario, MP Patty Hajdu (Thunder Bay - Superior North), MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Eric Melillo – Kenora, MPP Greg Rickford, (Kenora – Rainy River), MPP Kevin Holland, (Thunder Bay - Atikokan), MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North), and all NOMA member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

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October 7, 2024

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Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow
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Re: The Future for Billy Bishop Airport Requires Urgent Action and a Modern Governing Agreement

Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

I am writing to you to express my support for the sustained operation and development of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. As the President of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, I am extremely concerned to learn that the Tripartite Agreement that governs operations at the Airport expires in 2033 – less than 9 years from now.

Billy Bishop Airport provides a critical service and point of connection for the North. Many of my community members rely on Billy Bishop airport to visit family, connect through to other destinations for work, travel and tourism or to access critical medical services, the convenience and ease of Billy Bishop Airport cannot be matched. It has been reported widely that Northern Ontario communities have experienced drastic reductions in air service coming out of the COVID pandemic. Reliable air connectivity available through Billy Bishop Airport is an important economic and social lifeline for my community.

We were pleased to see the Federal Government's investment in a US Customs and Border Patrol preclearance facility, which is expected to open in 2025. This is welcomed news for communities in Northwestern Ontario as it will enable more and better connections through Billy Bishop Airport and amplify the airport's already strong economic contribution. We viewed this investment in the airport's long term future as recognition of the very important role the airport has come to play for the communities it connects including Northwestern Ontario – very much at odds with an agreement that expires in a matter of years.

To that end, we would implore you, as signatories to the Tripartite Agreement, to commence a process to modernize the Tripartite Agreement and secure the long-term future of Canada's 9th-busiest airport and 3rd-busiest in Ontario. My community members rely on this service, and we

want to see even more connections and expanded services to the North. As elected leaders, we have a responsibility to think past our own front doors, reflect the needs of all of our constituents and those beyond our communities who are impacted by our decisions. Certainty about the airport's long-term future should not be something we as leaders should need to think long about. **The time is now for the parties of the agreement to move forward with urgency to ensure this vital piece of transportation infrastructure and the important connections it facilitates are sustained.**

Sincerely,



Wendy Landry
President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

Cc:

Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Minister of Tourism, Government of Canada
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December 13, 2024

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RE: TAPMO Letter regarding Pre Budget Announcement

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 27, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-430:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda items listed with the exception of items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 for NOVEMBER 27, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council supports the information provided by TAPMO to member municipalities of TAPMO; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council sees the value and significance of circulating this information provided by TAPMO to all Ontario municipalities;



Therefore, that Council directs staff to forward items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 to all Ontario municipalities; and

That Council direct staff to forward the following resolution to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school board trustees, AMO, ROMA, Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation:

Whereas the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time \$7 million reduction in education taxes in 2024, a subsidy that will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes—marking the first such subsidy provided by the province to any industry;

Whereas the Ministry of Finance’s plans to introduce a new aggregate property sub-class in 2025, which is set to provide a \$6 million subsidy to the aggregate industry, with \$3 million of that subsidy being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base, raises serious concerns about the fairness and equity of the system;

Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;

Whereas there is significant concern that the government’s actions prioritize the interests of the aggregate industry over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their residents, and that this shift in burden undermines public trust in the fairness and integrity of Ontario’s legal and tax frameworks;

Whereas TAPMO has presented evidence demonstrating that the aggregate industry is financially capable of meeting its tax obligations, including substantial profits and royalty payments made by industry leaders, further undermining the need for these subsidies;

Whereas the municipal taxpayer should not bear the cost of correcting a past error in assessment methodology that unfairly benefited then aggregate industry, and the new



property tax class ratio risks further undermining the principle of revenue neutrality and eroding confidence in Ontario's legal and tax systems;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch strongly objects to the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry, and calls on the provincial government to:

Reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector, and ensure that future tax policies are fair, equitable, and consistent for all taxpayers.

1. Uphold the principles of revenue neutrality in the aggregate tax framework and ensure that any new tax classifications or methodologies do not result in a net loss of revenue for municipalities, especially those that are already facing significant financial challenges.

2. Commit to meaningful reform that ensures fairness and consistency across all sectors of the economy, and actively engages municipalities and taxpayers in a transparent and inclusive process, rather than catering to the demands of the aggregate industry.

3. Take immediate action to correct the existing inequities in the tax framework, ensuring that the burden of this correction is not unjustly shifted to municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural communities who host these operations.

4. Respect and uphold the integrity of the legal process by honouring the decisions of the Divisional Court and ensuring that all assessment methodologies are transparent, accountable, and based on a fair and balanced approach.

5. Further be it resolved that the Council Township of Puslinch supports TAPMO's call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province's tax base; and

Further be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school board trustees, AMO, ROMA,



Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), Local school board trustees



November 1, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Quenn's Park
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Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy
Ministry of Finance
Frost Building South, 7th Floor
7 Queen's Park Crescent
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Bethlenfalvy:

Re: Pre Budget Announcement

As you are aware there was a lengthy Assessment Review Board hearing as well as a divisional court ruling increasing the taxes paid by the aggregate sector due to an inappropriate tax relief mechanism implemented by MPAC.

TAPMO recognizes funding for rural, small and northern municipalities is proposed to see an increase in OMPF funding. This increase is very much appreciated. This increase will begin to address the farm tax rebate shortfalls that rural, small and northern municipalities have been experiencing under the former program. Increasing this funding ensures all Ontarians are supporting farmers and not just the residents that call home to small, rural and northern communities. The impact of Provincially significant programs needs to be absorbed by all Ontarians.

If it is the desire of the Government to provide special treatment to one sector and burdening this special treatment on small, rural and northern communities (where most aggregate operations exist), TAPMO is of the opinion that an aggregate subsidy is not appropriate and should be borne by all Ontarians.

The pre budget announcement provides \$200 to every Ontarian, adding approximately \$3 billion to the Ontario budget. If the Government is willing to add \$3 billion to the deficit. Carrying over the 95% reduction in education tax relief absorbed by all Ontarians for 2024, would have added \$7 million to the total deficit for 2025 or 0.11666667% additional deficit.

TAPMO request the following questioned to be answered:

Explain the justification of increasing taxes on small, rural and northern municipalities which are host to most aggregate operations, to provide a preferential tax relief to the aggregate sector, versus absorbing any relief through increased deficit for all Ontarians?

Yours truly,

James Seeley
Board Chair

Ministry of Finance

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October 31, 2024

His Worship James Seeley
Chair, Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO)
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Don MacLeod
Executive Director, TAPMO
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Dear Mayor Seeley and Mr. MacLeod:

Thank you for your letter about the new aggregate extraction property class.

As noted in my letter of October 3, the Province will be setting municipal tax ratios and education tax rates for the new aggregate extraction property class to provide tax mitigation for properties in the class. The plan is to provide an overall \$6M tax reduction to properties in the class relative to the original 2024 tax level, comprised of \$3M municipal tax and \$3M education tax. While the specific tax ratios and impacts will not be available until after the assessments for 2025 are finalized by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), the intention is that municipalities overall will still benefit from the majority of the incremental tax revenues that resulted from the assessment methodology changes implemented by MPAC for 2024.

More details will be shared when they become available. We appreciate the importance of providing municipalities with as much time as possible to support their budgetary planning. We have taken note of your request to receive this information by November 30th and will endeavour to provide the data as close to this date as possible.

Regarding your request that TAPMO be included in consultations during 2025, that is an important part of our plan. We will be reaching out to TAPMO as well as the aggregate sector, and working with MPAC and the Ministry of Natural Resources, to seek more detailed information regarding aggregate activities and discuss possible updates to the definition of the property class.

The government understands the challenges small and rural municipalities face. In this regard, in the 2024 Fall Economic Statement announced the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund will be increased by \$100 million (20% increase) annually. This will be phased in over two years with an immediate \$50 million increase in 2025.

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INTRODUCING TAPMO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Don MacLeod held the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of Zorra from 1996 to 2024. The Township of Zorra is in the top 10 aggregate producing municipalities in Ontario. Recently, Don transitioned into the role of Executive Director for TAPMO. With this wealth of experience, Don is particularly well-suited to continue the success of TAPMO in developing a sustainable plan for aggregate extraction across Ontario.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Introducing Don MacLeod, TAPMO Executive Director
- Aggregate Property Taxation Assessment Challenges: What to expect in 2025
- Meet the Board of Directors and membership!

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Next TAPMO meeting: Monday November 18, 2024 @ 2:30pm



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November Newsletter

Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities

Following an appeal decision of the Divisional Court, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) revised the assessment methodology and property tax classification of aggregate sites to ensure sector-wide consistency, resulting in tax changes for pits and quarries across the province for 2024 (an increase of \$12M municipal and \$5M education). These properties continue to be assessed based on the province-wide valuation date of January 1, 2016, but the methodology used to derive those values has been modified in line with the court ruling. This legal process was spearheaded by Wellington County. In a troubling response to the Divisional Court decision, the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time (2024) \$7 million education tax reduction, to mitigate the impact of these changes on the aggregate industry. This reduction will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes, which is the first time this kind of a subsidy is being provided by the province for any industry.

Looking ahead to the 2025 tax year, a new aggregate property sub-class is set to be introduced, but the intent to create improved tax stability and predictability feels hollow. The sub-class will result in a \$6 million subsidy for the aggregate industry, \$3 million of which is being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base. The tax subsidy will be funneled through a temporary property tax sub-class within the industrial property category, with MPAC and local municipalities tasked with its implementation. However, the claim that this newly established sub-class will provide stability and predictability raises serious concerns. Instead of genuinely addressing the inequities in the system, it seems to merely provide an unwarranted tax break to the aggregate industry, while shifting the burden onto municipal taxpayers and perpetuating an unjust structure.

The government's approach appears to prioritize the interests of the aggregate sector over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their constituents. MPAC's collaboration with the aggregate sector and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) to gather detailed information on aggregate sites may result in more of the same, rather than meaningful reform. While the government claims this refined data will support future discussions with the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) and municipalities, the focus seems skewed toward accommodating industry demands rather than ensuring fairness and accountability for all taxpayers. This direction threatens to undermine any hope of establishing a principled and sustainable approach to aggregate taxation, leaving communities to bear the consequences.

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Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities

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In light of these changes, TAPMO wishes to voice serious concerns regarding the new tax class ratio established by the Ministry of Finance. Contrary to fostering a revenue-neutral outcome, this adjustment is expected to lead to \$3 million being refunded directly from local taxpayers to the aggregate industry starting in 2025 and beyond. Neither the Ministry nor representatives from the aggregate industry have provided sufficient justification for what seems to be a residential taxpayer-funded subsidy to benefit a for-profit industry. Concerns from both the Ministry of Finance and the aggregate sector highlight that potential cost increases for residential housing stemming from the Assessment Review Board (ARB) ruling have not been adequately assessed or documented. Claims suggesting a mere \$3-4 increase per Ontarian fail to capture the disproportionate impact this assessment framework will have on rural residents, who predominantly host these aggregate operations.

The OSSGA has yet to provide conclusive evidence of the industry's inability to contribute its fair share of taxes. In fact, TAPMO has presented evidence indicating that aggregate producers can meet their tax obligations. For example, Dufferin (CRH) paid \$2 million in royalties to the University of Guelph in 2023, while St. Mary's Cement (CBM Canada) reported total net revenues of \$109,785,000 USD for aggregate products in their 2022 financial statements.

While TAPMO recognizes that tax increases on any property class may be unpopular, we argue that the aggregate industry has long benefited from an inappropriate tax discount. The Divisional Court ruling clarified that MPAC lacked the authority to grant such tax relief. The municipal taxpayers should not have to provide tax relief to the industry as a result of correcting an inappropriate tax benefit that the industry has come to expect. The new property tax class ratio fails to maintain revenue neutrality and threatens to erode trust in Ontario's legal frameworks. Ontarians deserve confidence that these processes are respected and upheld.

TAPMO remains committed to advocating for fair and equitable taxation practices that support both municipal taxpayers and the sustainability of our communities. The future of Ontario's aggregate taxation framework must prioritize transparency, fairness, and the principles of revenue neutrality.

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November Newsletter

Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities - What's Next?

TAPMO is urging members to raise awareness of this issue by requesting your Municipal Council consider supporting the following motion:

Whereas the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time \$7 million reduction in education taxes in 2024, a subsidy that will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes—marking the first such subsidy provided by the province to any industry;

Whereas the Ministry of Finance's plans to introduce a new aggregate property sub-class in 2025, which is set to provide a \$6 million subsidy to the aggregate industry, with \$3 million of that subsidy being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base, raises serious concerns about the fairness and equity of the system;

Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;

Whereas there is significant concern that the government's actions prioritize the interests of the aggregate industry over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their residents, and that this shift in burden undermines public trust in the fairness and integrity of Ontario's legal and tax frameworks;

Whereas TAPMO has presented evidence demonstrating that the aggregate industry is financially capable of meeting its tax obligations, including substantial profits and royalty payments made by industry leaders, further undermining the need for these subsidies;

Whereas the municipal taxpayer should not bear the cost of correcting a past error in assessment methodology that unfairly benefited the aggregate industry, and the new property tax class ratio risks further undermining the principle of revenue neutrality and eroding confidence in Ontario's legal and tax systems;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] strongly objects to the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry, and calls on the provincial government to:

1. Reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector, and ensure that future tax policies are fair, equitable, and consistent for all taxpayers.
2. Uphold the principles of revenue neutrality in the aggregate tax framework and ensure that any new tax classifications or methodologies do not result in a net loss of revenue for municipalities, especially those that are already facing significant financial challenges.
3. Commit to meaningful reform that ensures fairness and consistency across all sectors of the economy, and actively engages municipalities and taxpayers in a transparent and inclusive process, rather than catering to the demands of the aggregate industry.
4. Take immediate action to correct the existing inequities in the tax framework, ensuring that the burden of this correction is not unjustly shifted to municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural communities who host these operations.
5. Respect and uphold the integrity of the legal process by honouring the decisions of the Divisional Court and ensuring that all assessment methodologies are transparent, accountable, and based on a fair and balanced approach.

Further be it resolved that the Council [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] supports TAPMO's call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province's tax base; and

Further be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school boards, AMO, ROMA, Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Board of Directors



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Township of Puslinch



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Township of Springwater



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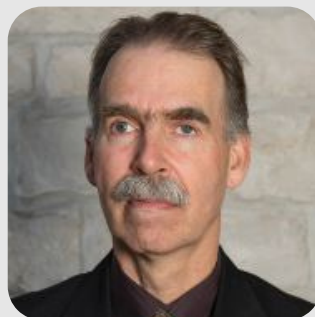
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October 24, 2024

Sent via email

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

Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy:

Re: Aggregate Assessment

I am writing to raise TAPMO's concerns with the new tax class ratio for aggregate operations that does not maintain a revenue neutral outcome. TAPMO has been informed that the new tax class ratio will result in \$3 million of assessment being refunded to the aggregate industry for 2025 and beyond.

To date, neither the Ministry nor the aggregate industry has provided any justification for this residential taxpayer funded subsidy. The concerns raised by the MOF and the aggregate industry indicate that the potential cost increase for residential housing resulting from the ARB ruling applied across the province has not been thoroughly assessed or documented. Impacts of \$3-4 dollars per Ontarian are not accurate. Most aggregate operations are located in rural municipalities, thus rural residents will be providing this relief on a disproportionate level.

I would draw your attention to the developments in the Town of Erin. Developers are largely paying nearly \$200 million in up-front cost to build a wastewater treatment facility. This cost will be a direct pass through to the cost of the homes serviced by the treatment plant. In comparison, a revenue neutral tax class would be adding less than a quarter dollar to the cost of per tonne of aggregate.

Generally speaking, in Ontario, the provincial framework we strive to achieve is known at the municipal level as "Growth pays for Growth". Taxing aggregate properly brings us as a society closer to achieving that result. The aggregate tax class ratio does not support the revenue neutral tax outcome, nor does it support the principle of "Growth pays for Growth".

The OSSGA has failed to bring definitive evidence of the industry's inability to pay their fair share of taxes. Quite contrary, TAPMO has provided evidence of the ability of producers to pay their fair share. We are referencing the royalties Dufferin paid the University of Guelph (\$2 million in 2023). Further to the point, St. Mary's Cement's (CBM Canada) audited 2022 Financial Statements indicate a total net revenue for aggregate products at a whopping \$109,785,000 USD.

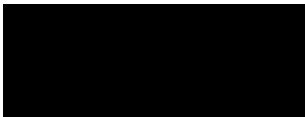
TAPMO recognizes that any increase of taxes on any property class would likely not be welcome. Unfortunately, as recorded in the Divisional Court decision, MPAC did not have the legislative authority to be providing tax relief (page 12 note 55 of the decision) that the industry experienced from 2016 onward. The aggregate industry is accustomed to an inappropriate tax discount. In TAPMO's view, residential taxpayers should not have to provide tax relief to the industry as a result of correcting an inappropriate tax benefit that the industry had come to expect. We respectively reassert our position that OSSGA has not brought forward evidence to support their claim, other than highlighting the displeasure of paying more taxes. We have also not received evidence from the MOF supporting this relief for 2025 and beyond.

Lastly, we are deeply concerned that the lengthy and expensive legal process undertaken by Wellington County, and the decisions ordered by both the Assessment Review Board and Divisional Court is being undermined. This is particularly concerning given that the ARB decision was upheld. The new property tax class ratio fails to maintain a revenue-neutral tax assessment and undermines the legal process, which incurred significant costs for Wellington County taxpayers. This is extremely disturbing; Ontarians must have confidence in the legal processes in Ontario. Undermining the ARB assessment through a property tax class ratio that does not preserve revenue neutrality erodes that trust.

It is essential that discussions be inclusive and that any future assessment changes involve a fair and balanced approach in consultation with municipal partners, not just the aggregate sector.

TAPMO thanks the Ministry for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue and we look forward to strengthening this relationship.

Yours truly,



James Seeley
Board Chair

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Municipal Affairs
and Housing**

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234-2024-5801

December 12, 2024

Dear Head of Council,

I am pleased to inform you of the introduction of the proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 on December 12, 2024, which, if passed, would make changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to strengthen the municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner framework.

I appreciate the valuable feedback we have received from municipalities and share your commitment to safe and respectful workplaces. The proposed changes, if passed, would:

- enable the creation of a standard municipal code of conduct and standard municipal integrity commissioner investigation processes to help ensure consistency across all Ontario municipalities;
- create a role for the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario in municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner matters, including providing training to municipal integrity commissioners; and
- establish a mechanism to remove and disqualify members of council and certain local boards for a period of four years for the most serious code of conduct violations following a recommendation from the local integrity commissioner, a concurring report from the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, and a unanimous vote of council.

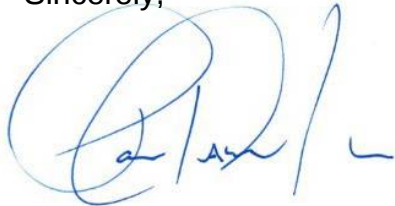
In the coming months, I will want to hear your feedback on the Bill as well as other matters regarding local accountability regimes. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference, where we will have the opportunity to discuss these changes and other matters of importance to your communities.

If passed, important work to develop the regulations to support this new framework would lie ahead, and I remain committed to engaging with you throughout that process. Our intention is to have these changes in effect for the new term of councils beginning in Fall 2026 to ensure there is adequate opportunity for local implementation.

For more information on these amendments, please see the [news release](#). To share your comments on the proposed legislation, please see a posting on the [Regulatory Registry](#) that will be open for comments for 60 days.

If you have any questions regarding these new provisions, please contact your local [Municipal Services Office](#) with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Calandra', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Jessica Lippert, Chief of Staff
Owen Macri, Deputy Chief of Staff
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division
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December 13, 2024

Resolution Re: Regulating Exotic Animals and Licensing Zoos

At the regular Council meeting held on October 22, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

MOVED BY HALLS, SECONDED BY BANFIELD
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby support the Town of Kirkland Lake and the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolutions with respect to petitioning the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the procession, breeding, and use of exotic wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the exotic wild animal population.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Shannon Peart
Administrative Assistant Clerk's Department
Township of East Garafraxa

Enclosures: Town of Kirkland Lake Motion – Exotic Animals
Western Ontario Wardens Caucus – Roadside Zoos Legislation

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association
World Animal Protection
All Ontario Municipalities

April 5, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Motion – Exotic Animals

At its meeting of April 2, 2024, the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake resolved the following:

*“Moved by: Mayor Stacy Wight
Seconded by: Councillor Rick Owen*

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of exotic wild animals in captivity;

AND WHEREAS exotic wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the Province;

AND WHEREAS the keeping of exotic wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife;

AND WHEREAS owners of exotic wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with exotic wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of exotic wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of exotic wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the exotic wild animal population;

AND FINALLY THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario's Solicitor General, Ontario's Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, AMO, AMCTO, MLEAO, Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

CARRIED"

As so directed, a copy of Council's resolution has been supplied above for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Spilman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amberly Spilman
Deputy Clerk/Lottery Licensing Officer



Friday, September 27, 2024

Sent via email
premier@ontario.ca

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Bldg, Rm 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Roadside Zoos Legislation

On Sunday, August 18, 2024 the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus passed the following motion:

Moved by B. Clarke, seconded by K. Marriott:

"THAT this report titled "Roadside Zoos" be received and filed; and

THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus pass the following resolution and forward to all 117 municipalities in Western Ontario;

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and,

WHEREAS non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers'

Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;

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 Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca) and AMO (amo@amo.on.ca) , AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com) , and MLEAO (mleo@mleo.ca)." - **CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil,
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc:

Hon Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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