



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
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SSMRCA February Board AGM

Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority
February 18, 2025, at 4:45 PM EST
1100 Fifth Line East / Zoom Meeting

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

III. Adoption of Agenda

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

IV. Delegations

There are no requests for delegations received for this meeting.

V. Public Input (3 minutes per speaker)

None.

VI. 2024 Finance and Administration

A. Adoption of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024, be adopted.

B. Accounts Payable

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the list of accounts payable be received as information.

C. 2024 Health and Safety

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Health & Safety Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2024, be received as information.

D. 2024 Final Property Inquiry Statistics

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the staff memo titled "2024 Final Property Inquiry Statistics" dated February 18, 2025, be received as information, be approved.

VII. 2024 Water & Related Land Management

A. Application Approvals: Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits, and the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Part VI

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the summary of the site reports approved by staff pursuant to Ontario Regulation 41/24 and the *CA Act*, be received as information, be approved.

VIII. Chair's Remarks on 2024

IX. 2025 Finance and Administration

A. Election of Officers

RECOMMENDED:

THAT Corrina Barrett and _____ be appointed as scrutineers for the 2025 election of Chair and Vice Chair be approved;

THAT _____ be appointed as Chair of the SSMRCA Board for 2025 be approved;

THAT _____ be appointed as Vice-Chair of the SSMRCA Board for 2025 be approved.

B. Appointments for 2025:

1. Banking Agents

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce be appointed as Banking Agents for 2025.

2. Signing Authority

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

RECOMMENDED:

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

3. Borrowing Arrangements

RECOMMENDED:

THAT subject to Conservation Authority Board approval of loan arrangements, during 2025 the Board Chair or Board Vice Chair and the General Manager be empowered to arrange any necessary borrowing of funds as required from time to time for approved Conservation Authority projects and programs, to a maximum amount of \$125,000,

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

4. Appointment of Auditor

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the firm of BDO Canada LLP be appointed as Auditor for the year ending December 31, 2025, be approved.

5. Appointment of Legal Council

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the firm of Skeggs Paciocco Lawyers LLP be appointed as legal counsel for administrative matters for the year ending December 31, 2025, be approved.

6. CA Representatives on Conservation Ontario Council

RECOMMENDED:

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

C. 2025 Account Payable

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the list of accounts payable be received as information.

D. Health and Safety Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Health & Safety Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2025, be received as information.

E. 2025 Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the proposed schedule for 2025 Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority Board meetings be approved as presented.

F. 2025 Fee Schedule Finalization

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the staff report on the 2025 Draft Fee Schedule and Policy, Version 2.0, dated February 18, 2025, be received as information, and
Further THAT the Board approve the 2025 Draft Fee Schedule and Policy for implementation.

G. Code of Conduct

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

X. 2025 Water & Related Land Management

A. Application Approvals: Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits, and the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Part VI

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the summary of the site reports approved by staff pursuant to Ontario Regulation 41/24 and the *CA Act*, be received as information, be approved.

XI. Correspondence

- a) 2024-12-12 Extension of Minister's direction for conservation authorities regarding fee changes associated with planning, development, and permitting fees**
- b) 2025-01-08 Update: Proposed regulation regarding Minister's Permit and Review powers under the Conservation Authorities Act**
- c) 2025-01-28 Letter from the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources - Chair and Vice-Chair Appointments**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the correspondence to the Board as provided in the agenda package be received as information.

XII. 2025 Board Member Orientation Presentation

The GM will give an overview presentation of Board and SSMRCA responsibilities.

XIII. 2025 New Business & Other

A. General Manager's Report

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the General Manager's Report of February 18, 2025, be received as information, be approved.

B. Ratify December 10, 2024, Email Poll: Emergency Snow Removal from Rooves

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Board approve the payment to North Tech Roofing for the purpose of cleaning the accumulated snow on the Office, Sugar Shack, Garage and sheds for a cost of \$3,200 + HST, be approved, be ratified.

C. Ratify January 9, 2025, Email Poll: Draft Watershed Based Management Strategy and Draft Conservation Land Strategy

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Board approve the posting of the Draft Watershed Based Management Strategy and Draft Conservation Land Strategy on the SSMRCA website for consultation purposes, be approved, be ratified.

D. Finalize the Draft Watershed Based Management Strategy and Draft Conservation Land Strategy

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Board approve the finalization of the Draft Watershed Based Management Strategy and Draft Conservation Land Strategy for posting on the SSMRCA website under the Governance section, be approved.

XIII. Closed Session

To discuss a legal matter.

XIV. Adjournment

For members of the public interested in attending this meeting, please contact the General Manager, Corrina Barrett, at cbarrett@ssmrca.ca to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



**SAULT STE. MARIE SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025
Hybrid Meeting (1100 Fifth Line East / ZOOM)
@ 4:55 PM
Agenda**

1. Call to Order

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

3. Approval of Agenda

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the SPA Agenda be approved as presented.

4. Administration

A. Appointment of Officers

RECOMMENDED:

THAT that the current slate of SSMRCA executives be replicated for the SPA be approved.

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the signing officers for the SPA be the same two of the three signing officers of the SSMRCA Board being _____, Chair, _____, Vice Chair and Corrina Barrett, General Manager, be approved.

B. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2024

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the SPA Regular Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2024, be adopted.

5. Program Update

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the staff memo titled "Program Update" dated February 18, 2025, be accepted as information.

6. Adjournment

For members of the public interested in attending this meeting, please contact the General Manager, Corrina Barrett, at cbarrett@ssmrca.ca to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

February 6, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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Via fax

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Via email

Robin Jones, President, AMO
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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Via email

Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
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Via email

Re: United States Imposition of Tariffs on Canada

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Hanover, at their regular meeting of February 3, 2025, adopted the following resolution with respect to the above noted matter:

“Whereas United States President Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective February 4, 2025; and

Whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and

Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 to \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Hanover endorse the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and

That the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

That council call on the federal and provincial government to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vicki McDonald".

Vicki McDonald
Clerk

/tp

cc: Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
All Ontario Municipalities



February 5, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian Goods

Please note at their Regular meeting held on February 5, 2025, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 19-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis

Seconded by Warden Clark

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and



Whereas municipalities have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the County of Peterborough supports the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

And that the CAO be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary purchasing policy that integrates and addresses these concerns;

And that County Economic Development & Tourism Division be directed to implement a “Buy Local Peterborough County, Buy Canadian” campaign to encourage residents and businesses to purchase locally made and Canadian goods and services.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver



- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers.
- All local MPs and MPPs,
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Yours truly,

Holly Salisko
Administrative Services Assistant – Clerk's Division/Planning
hsalisko@ptbocounty.ca

Resolution: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs

Moved by: Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
Seconded by: Steve Ferguson, Vice-Chair, EOWC / Mayor of Prince Edward County

Whereas the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

Whereas municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments continue to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities' social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- Doug Ford, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
- Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
- Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
- Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All regional Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

Carried



Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC

February 10, 2025

January 29, 2025

All Municipalities in Ontario
Via Email

Re: Sovereignty of Canada

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, January 20, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding Sovereignty of Canada.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0010.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0010

Title: Sovereignty of Canada

Date: January 20, 2025

Moved by: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded by: Councillor J. Brass

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS incoming President Trump has suggested that with the use of "economic force" such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS residents of our community, known as Canada's Most Patriotic Town, have demonstrated passion for and loyalty to our nation by opposing past "Buy America" trade measures; by celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary by simultaneously flying over 57,000 Canadian flags and along with other activities, by annually hosting popular Canada Day festivities throughout our municipality; and

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867; and

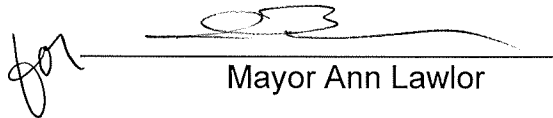
AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Ford and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.


Mayor Ann Lawlor



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

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January 31, 2025

RE: Correspondence received from Northumberland County regarding the Municipal Restructuring Study

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on January 29, 2025, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Cobourg Council understands that the Northumberland tax base is having difficulties with the constant increase in municipal taxes from both the upper and lower tier municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Council acknowledges the need to explore service rationalization, restructuring, and potential amalgamation within Northumberland County to enhance efficiency and service delivery; and

WHEREAS any study undertaken must provide a comprehensive and balanced approach to ensure that all viable options are fairly considered in determining the best governance and financial structure for all of our communities; and

WHEREAS the town of Cobourg tax base makes up 23% of the Northumberland County tax levy and the town of Cramahe contributes just 6% while both having a single vote at the County of Northumberland Council table unless it is a recorded vote; and

WHEREAS in addition to the options of restructuring and amalgamation, a third alternative must be evaluated, namely the potential dilution of the upper-tier government that could allow for the direct allocation of provincial funding to lower-tier municipalities enhancing the local decision-making process and allowing for fiscal autonomy of the various communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cobourg Council expresses its support and significant interest in the pursuing a study on service rationalization, restructuring, and amalgamation of Northumberland County; and that a third option, be included in the study and that the third option look at the possible dissolution of the



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

upper tier government; and

FURTHER THAT this letter be forwarded to Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable, David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and Northumberland - Peterborough South MPP, and Honourable, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Markham-Stouffville MPP along with all other lower tier municipalities asking for their support in ensuring this much needed study explores all potential options that may better serve the resident of Cobourg and Northumberland County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kristina Lepik'.

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Enclosure.

cc. Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Northumberland – Peterborough South MPP;
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and
All lower tier Ontario Municipalities

January 22, 2025

Delivered via email

Dear Northumberland County Clerks,

Re: Municipal Restructuring Study

I am writing to share a report and accompanying Council Resolution approved by Northumberland County Council on December 18, 2024. The report entitled 'Budget 2025 – Municipal Restructuring Study', was requested by County Council on November 20, 2024 for the purposes of investigating the cost of a restructuring study as part of 2025 budget deliberations.

As per Council's request, this letter is being sent to Member Municipalities to determine interest in pursuing a study of service rationalization, restructuring and/or amalgamation. The support required would include staff time to gather and share information, as well as meetings with the consultant. The study would be informative, and participation would not be seen as an agreement to move forward with any recommendations resulting from the study. If a majority of Member Municipalities wish to participate in the study, we will take the results back to County Council for next steps on moving forward.

Please note the response deadline of March 3, 2025.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Moore
CAO, Northumberland County

c.c. Northumberland County CAOs
Maddison Mather, Clerk, Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By: J. Logel

Seconded By: R. Crate

Agenda
Item 17.c
(2.i)

Resolution Number
2024-12-18- 926

"That County Council direct staff to send a letter to each of Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities to determine interest in pursuing a municipal restructuring study, with a response deadline of March 3, 2025."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Carried 
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

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Report 2024-167

Report Title: Budget 2025 – Municipal Restructuring Study

Prepared by: Jennifer Moore
Chief Administrative Officer
Office of the CAO

Approved by: Jennifer Moore, CAO

Council Meeting Date: December 18, 2024

Report Not Considered by

Standing Committee Because:

- ☐ Time-sensitive Issue (information received too late for Committee consideration)
- ☐ Urgent Matter (issue arose after this month's Committee meeting)
- ☒ Other

Strategic Plan Priorities: ☐ Innovate for Service Excellence
☐ Ignite Economic Opportunity
☐ Foster a Thriving Community
☐ Propel Sustainable Growth
☒ Champion a Vibrant Future

Recommendation

“**That** County Council, having considered Report 2024-167 ‘Budget 2025 - Municipal Restructuring Study’, direct staff to request input from member municipalities to determine interest in pursuing a municipal restructuring study.”

Purpose

At their November 20, 2024 meeting, County Council discussed budget considerations for 2025. As a result of the discussions, staff were directed to report back on the cost of an amalgamation study in the draft budget.

Background

The idea of restructuring is not new to Northumberland County. Northumberland has been restructured several times in its 232-year history. Northumberland was initially formed in 1792. It joined with Durham County to form the Newcastle District in 1802, as part of Upper Canada. In 1850 it became the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham. It remained as the United Counties until 1973. On January 1, 1974, the majority of Durham County joined Ontario County to form Durham Region, except for the Town of Port Hope and Hope Township. Hope and Port Hope joined Northumberland County to form a standalone County named Northumberland. Over the years there have been various changes to the boundaries and names of lower tiers, as those organizations have been restructured, as well with population growth and Provincial direction.

In the late 1990's there was significant restructuring across the province and the number of municipalities was reduced by almost half. Northumberland's boundaries were changed once again when Murray Township left Northumberland and joined the newly formed City of Quinte West. Northumberland's boundaries have otherwise remained unchanged, but there were several amalgamations of lower-tiers. By 2001, Northumberland was comprised of seven lower-tiers and looks as it does today.

Current	Formerly
Town of Cobourg	Town of Cobourg
Municipality of Port Hope	Town of Port Hope Hope Township
Municipality of Trent Hills	Town of Campbellford Village of Hastings Seymour Township Percy Township
Municipality of Brighton	Town of Brighton Brighton Township
Hamilton Township	Hamilton Township
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand	Alnwick Township Haldimand Township
Township of Cramahe	Village of Colborne Cramahe Township

Around the time of the municipal restructuring in 2001, there were also significant changes in the responsibilities of each level of government. While services such as road and bridges had been the County's responsibility since the days of horse and buggy, the County assumed responsibility for many additional services from the province, including Housing and Paramedics.

The table below summarizes key municipal services, and which level of municipal government delivers the service within Northumberland County. It should be noted that the responsibilities of each level of government have changed over time. The manner in which services are delivered varies dramatically across the province. Every municipality has a unique combination of service responsibilities and service levels. The range of services seems to be most diverse in the two-tier municipal structures where a County is the upper tier. Regional governments tend to have more similarities in the distribution of services between the upper and lower tiers.

Service		Upper Tier	Lower Tier
Infrastructure			
	Roads	*	*
	Bridges	*	*
	Water		*
	Wastewater/Sewage		*
	Solid Waste	*	
Community Services			
	Social Services/Service Manager	*	
	Housing	*	
	Parks & Recreation		*
	Forest	*	
	Libraries		*
	Transit		*
	Cemeteries		*
Protection Services			
	Police		*
	Fire		*
	Fire – Communications tower/Dispatch shared service	*	
	Provincial Offences	*	
	Court Security		*
	By Law Enforcement	*	*
	Emergency Planning	*	*
Health Care			
	Paramedics	*	
	Community Paramedicine	*	
	Long Term Care	*	
	Health Unit (funding only)	*	
	Walk-in Clinic	*	

Service		Upper Tier	Lower Tier
Community Development			
	Economic Development	*	*
	Tourism	*	*
	Land Use Planning	*	*
	Conservation Authority (funding only)		*
	Inspections		*
	Inspections – Shared Service	*	
Legislative Services			
	Clerk/Governance	*	*
	Licensing		*
	Archives (existing shared service)	*	*
	MPAC (funding only)	*	
Corporate Services			
	HR/Payroll	*	*
	Finance/Treasury	*	*
	Legal	*	
	IT/GIS (existing shared service)	*	*
	Health & Safety	*	*
	Facilities/Property Management	*	*
	Communications	*	*

Notes

*Some services may be a lower tier responsibility, but are not necessarily delivered by every member municipality.

** Some services may be delivered by another entity, while remaining the responsibility of the municipality.

There are several services where there are existing formal, or informal, shared services arrangements. Selected services have been consolidated, or partially consolidated, at the upper tier to achieve efficiencies and economies of scale such as IT, road surface treatment, GIS, etc. There have been other shared services agreements on an ad hoc basis in recent years such as HR. In addition to the more formal arrangements, municipalities across the County frequently collaborate on service delivery and projects. For example, joint training exercises, road construction with underground works, and purchasing.

Consultations

The County and member municipalities have explored opportunities for shared services over the past couple of decades, with some new opportunities advancing and others being abandoned after hitting barriers. Staff have consistently approached this work with the intention of maintaining (or improving) service levels for the same or less cost. However, it is inherently difficult to voluntarily merge the work of eight separate legal entities with independent governance structures. Every organization has their own identified priorities, in addition to busy day-to-day operating demands.

Anecdotally, there are mixed opinions about the success of previous amalgamations. The key difference is that most previous amalgamations were initiated through a Provincial directive, or a very strong suggestion from the Province that municipalities look to merge with one or more neighbouring municipalities. Small municipalities speak to the potential benefits of economies of scale across their operations, although many municipal services cannot achieve significant savings even at their present size and scale due to labour intensive services, large geographic areas, and other limitations. Municipalities that underwent large amalgamations, such as moving to a single tier, often acknowledge long-term benefits but reference many challenges, including governance structure and service rationalization, that need to be overcome in the early days. In many cases, there were increased costs during the initial years of an amalgamation, as common service levels and expectations were settled. For many communities, particularly in rural Ontario, there are strong ties to existing features of the community; there is a reluctance to accept the changes that could lead to more significant savings.

Legislative Authority / Risk Considerations

The Municipal Act 2001 Part V, Municipal Reorganization specifically permits restructuring of municipalities. This section of the Act outlines the process and authorities for various aspects of restructuring the governance of a municipality or municipalities. The purpose of this section is as follows:

171 (1) The purposes of section 172 to 179 are,

- (a) To provide for a process which allows municipal Restructuring to proceed in a timely and efficient manner;*
- (b) To facilitate municipal restructuring over large geographic areas; and*
- (c) To facilitate municipal restructuring of a significant nature which may include elimination of a level of municipal government, transfer of municipal powers and responsibilities and responsibilities and changes to municipal representation systems. 2001, c.25 s. 171(a)*

Discussion / Options

Any study on municipal restructuring will require participation from all seven member municipalities, and most likely the County, depending on the services being considered. It is critical that there is an interest in the study, and a commitment of support from the participants. The support required would include staff time to gather and share information, as well as meetings with the consultant. The study would be informative, and participation would not be seen as an agreement to move forward with any recommendations resulting from the study.

Staff propose an initial step by County Council to request input from member municipalities to determine interest in pursuing a study of service rationalization, restructuring and/or amalgamation. Further, a resolution should be requested from each member municipality to express their level of interest in the information learned through such as study. This resolution would only be a commitment to participate and receive the final report, but would NOT obligate any municipality to proceed with implementation of the report recommendations.

Further, if a majority of member municipalities wish to participate in the study, then the County should proceed with the procurement of a consultant to conduct the necessary research and analysis, and make recommendations for consideration. Given the anticipated size and scope of the study, it would be a competitive RFP process.

Staff propose two options should there be sufficient interest from member municipalities:

- a) Study the benefits and challenges of a full amalgamation to a single government across Northumberland County for all services. This would include costs and resourcing required through a transition period, projected ongoing savings or increases, high level review of staffing implications, proposed governance model, etc.
- b) Select 1-2 services to evaluate and develop an assessment of options for restructuring. Restructuring could result in an upload to the County, or consolidation with one of the seven member municipalities for all or part of a service, based on the analysis. The review would include transitional and ongoing operational impacts to governance, staffing, service levels, and financial implications, as well as an initial plan for implementation.

Staff recommend option B, and recommend that it be referred to the CAOs' Committee to determine the services to be reviewed. The CAOs should provide input into developing common goals for a study, including financial objectives, service level equalization, staffing and asset impacts, as well as qualitative impacts of service restructuring.

Financial Impact

The cost would be dependent on the scope of the review. Given the complexity of the assessment and number of municipalities, consulting costs would likely be \$150,000 - \$250,000 for the initial reviews, depending on number and complexity of departments included in the study, and the number of municipalities currently offering the service. The work required would be unique to Northumberland County, and could require extensive planning if the direction is to conduct a review of a full amalgamation, with costs likely exceeding the top end of the estimate for a full implementation plan. Given the time required for member municipal consideration as well as the RFP process, it is expected that only a portion of costs would be incurred in 2025 with the balance incurred in 2026.

Member Municipality Impacts

Depending on the extent of the review, there could be a significant impact to member municipal operations and governance.

Conclusion / Outcomes

Staff recommend this report be received for information, and considered as part of the 2025 budget deliberations.

Attachments

N/A

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.2.

Resolution Number 2024-424

Title: Resolution Stemming from November 20, 2024 Regular Meeting - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #9

Date: December 11, 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 Resolution passed on October 21, 2024 by the Town of The Blue Mountains, regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Sarkaria; the Minister of Infrastructure, King Surma; the Minister of Agriculture, Rob Flack; the Minister of Rural Affairs, Lisa Thompson; the Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Trevor Jones; the Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; Good Roads; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



Town of
Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2025 - 16

Date: January 16, 2025

MOVED BY:

- ☐ Beaucage, Keven
- ☐ Pateman, Heather
- ☒ Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- ☐ Sharer, Jill

SECONDED BY:

- ☒ Beaucage, Keven
- ☐ Pateman, Heather
- ☐ Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- ☐ Sharer, Jill

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives all items within Correspondence for Information Section;

AND FURTHER that Council direct Staff to write letters of support from the Town of Kearney for any of the mentioned resolutions of support.

CARRIED ☒

DEFEATED ☐

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

Beaucage, Keven

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Pateman, Heather

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Philip, Cheryl – Mayor

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Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor

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Sharer, Jill

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Good day,

Please be advised that Council of the Township of South Stormont passed the following resolution on December 18, 2024:

Resolution No.: 254/2024

Moved By: Councillor Reid McIntyre

Seconded by: Councillor Jennifer MacIsaac

**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 Township of South Stormont 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 Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Transportation.
Result: CARRIED**

Kind regards,



Ashley Sloan, AMP

Deputy Clerk

Marriage Officiant

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January 15, 2025

Good Roads
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Oakville, ON L6J 0B2

Sent via email: info@goodroads.ca

To whom it may concern:

Re: 2025-25

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the January 15, 2025 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

2025-25

That Council receive the Good Road Letter - Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program for information; and

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

Therefor be it resolved that the Municipality of Grey Highlands 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

The Municipality of Grey Highlands

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**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.**

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fines-Vanalstine

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine
Manager of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands



Town of
Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2025 - 16

Date: January 16, 2025

MOVED BY:

- ☐ Beaucage, Keven
- ☐ Pateman, Heather
- ☒ Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- ☐ Sharer, Jill

SECONDED BY:

- ☒ Beaucage, Keven
- ☐ Pateman, Heather
- ☐ Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- ☐ Sharer, Jill

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives all items within Correspondence for Information Section;

AND FURTHER that Council direct Staff to write letters of support from the Town of Kearney for any of the mentioned resolutions of support.

CARRIED ☒

DEFEATED ☐

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

Beaucage, Keven

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Pateman, Heather

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Philip, Cheryl – Mayor

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Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor

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Sharer, Jill

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Good day,

Please be advised that Council of the Township of South Stormont passed the following resolution on December 18, 2024:

Resolution No.: 253/2024

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Andrew Guindon

Seconded by: Councillor Cindy Woods

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 Council of the Township of South Stormont formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; Further, that Council of the Township of South Stormont calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

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;

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 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.

Result: CARRIED

Kind regards,



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January 23, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Via Email

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

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, January 20, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0009 regarding Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0009.

Respectfully,

Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Leaders of the Opposition Parties
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local MPs
Local MPPs
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All 444 Municipalities of Ontario



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0009

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

Date: January 20, 2025

Moved by: Mayor A. Lawlor

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

Item No. 12.1

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;

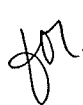

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Halton Hills Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT Town of Halton Hills 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 this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, 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 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.

Mayor Ann Lawlor



Legal and Legislative Services

January 28, 2025

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The Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
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Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Honourable and Dear Sirs,

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of January 27, 2025 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Aurora dated November 27, 2024 requesting the Province to redistribute the Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Aurora correspondence dated November 27, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter,
Acting Manager, Legislative Services/Town Clerk
acarter@forterie.ca

AC:dlk

Encl.

c.c: The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Paul Calendra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing paul.calandra@pc.ola.org
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November 27, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada

Delivered by email
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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)

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November 27, 2024

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Copy: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
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Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
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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

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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
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Carried



RE: Land-Transfer Tax and GST

JANUARY 09, 2025

Honourable and Dear Sirs,

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Township of Limerick at its meeting of December 16, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Aurora dated November 27, 2024 requesting the Province to redistribute the Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding. The Township of Limerick has passed a motion of support for this request.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Aurora correspondence dated November 27, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Victoria Tisdale

Clerk-Treasurer

Township of Limerick

Encl.

c.c: The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

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November 27, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada

Delivered by email
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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

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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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Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
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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 Municipality of Dysart et al

Regular Council Resolution

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Motion #25-35

Moved by Tammy Donaldson

Seconded by Pat Casey

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 resolved that Dysart et al Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. Further that Dysart et al Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. 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

4. 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, MP Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott; and
5. 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.

Carried ☒

Defeated ☐

Deferred ☐



Murray Fearrey, Mayor



Mallory Bishop, Clerk

January 30, 2025

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

Dear Prime Minister:

Sent via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Re: Motion – Support for Sustainable Funding for Our Communities

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Perth, at their regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, passed the following Motion:

Motion - Support for Sustainable Funding for Our Communities

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 Perth 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 Perth 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.

Sincerely,



Amanda Noël
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca
Scott Reid, MP, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, scott.reid@parl.gc.ca
John Jordan, MPP, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, John.Jordan@pc.pla.org
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance,
Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
minister.mah@ontario.ca
Federation of Canadian Municipalities, resolutions@fcm.ca
Association of Municipalities of Ontario, amo@amo.on.ca
All Ontario Municipalities

February 11, 2025

Sent via email

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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

I am writing to advise you that at the Council meeting held on February 10, 2025, the Town of Newmarket Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

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; and,

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved:

1. That Newmarket 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. That Newmarket Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,
3. 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. 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. 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 sincerely,



Emily Thomas-Hopkins
Legislative Coordinator

Copy:

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Tony Van Bynen, Member of Parliament for Newmarket – Aurora
Dawn Gallagher-Murphy, Member of Provincial Parliament for Newmarket – Aurora
All Ontario Municipalities
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

**Town of Newmarket Council Extract
Council**

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

Date: Monday, February 10, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Simon

Seconded by: Councillor Broome

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; and,

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved:

1. That Newmarket 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. That Newmarket Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of

the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,

3. 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. 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. 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 TOWNSHIP OF
WOOLWICH

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January 17, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

BY EMAIL

Dear Premier,

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Election Advocacy and Preparation

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on January 14, 2025:

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering Report C02-2025 respecting Election 2026 Report 1 – Election Advocacy and Preparation:

- 1. Endorse the resolutions from municipalities across Ontario including that from the Township of Terrace Bay calling on the Province of Ontario to update the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before the summer of 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections; and***
- 2. Forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public Business Service Delivery, Ministry of Finance, our local Minister of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO).***

Township of Terrace Bay Resolution:

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

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

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

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

AND WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for

voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario;

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Terrace Bay calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public Business Service Delivery, Ministry of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, Thunder Bay MPP's, AMO and AMCTO.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tanya Bettridge, by email at tbettridge@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith, Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

Cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Minister of Education
Minister of Public Business Service Delivery
Minister of Finance
Mike Harris, Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
Municipalities of Ontario

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January 21, 2025

Peterborough - Kawartha MPP Dave Smith;
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier;
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Subject: Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on January 13, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Whereas:

1. A municipality's parks and open spaces are critical infrastructure that support a strong community, and the public's shared and safe use of the municipality's parks and open spaces is integral to ensuring that support.
2. Ontario's municipalities are struggling to maintain their parks and open spaces for their shared and safe use by the public as a result of the increasing proliferation of encampments and illicit activities related thereto.
3. Municipalities that enforce their standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in their parks and open spaces must have regard to the availability of shelter space for those who need shelter.
4. On January 27, 2023, Justice Valente of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice rendered his judgment in *Waterloo (Regional Municipality) v. Persons Unknown and to be Ascertained* (2023), [2023] O.J. No. 417 (Waterloo Decision) which declared that the municipality's by-law violated section 7 of the *Charter* and was therefore inoperative insofar as it applied to prevent encampment residents from erecting temporary shelters on a site when the number of homeless individuals in the region exceeded the number of accessible shelter beds.
5. The Waterloo Decision's analysis of the adequacy of shelter beds suggests an unworkable and unclear standard that goes beyond the number of shelter

spaces and that includes the requirement to provide shelter spaces that must accommodate illicit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk. The result is that municipalities are impaired in their enforcement of their standards and have lost or are losing control of their parks and open spaces.

- 6. On December 12, 2024, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, introduced Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024. Among its various initiatives, Bill 242 proposes to amend section 2 of the Trespass to Property Act by adding aggravating factors that must be considered in the court's determination of a penalty under that section. However, the key challenge is that a municipality's exercise of its rights at common law and under section 9 of the Trespass to Property Act to remove encampments from the municipality's parks and open spaces remains potentially subject to the unworkable and unclear standard for the adequacy of shelter space suggested by the Waterloo Decision.**
- 7. In these circumstances, municipalities need provincial legislation that clearly defines a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.**

Now therefore, be it resolved:

- 1. That the provincial government be respectfully requested to amend Bill 242 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.**
- 2. That, without limitation, Bill 242 provides that a municipality will have met the standard for shelter space for the purposes of the municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces:**
 - a) despite the establishment and enforcement of shelter rules including rules that prohibit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk; and**
 - b) if an official designated by the municipality is satisfied that the number of available shelter spaces is at least equal to the aggregate of the number of individuals actually seeking shelter and the number of individuals against whom the municipality is planning to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.**
- 3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to:**

- a) Peterborough - Kawartha MPP Dave Smith;
- b) Honourable Doug Ford, Premier;
- c) Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- d) Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;
- e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and to
- f) Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy
City Clerk

cc:
City of Peterborough Council
City of Peterborough Staff



Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2025 - 16

Date: January 16, 2025

MOVED BY:

- ☐ Beaucage, Keven
- ☐ Pateman, Heather
- ☒ Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- ☐ Sharer, Jill

SECONDED BY:

- ☒ Beaucage, Keven
- ☐ Pateman, Heather
- ☐ Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- ☐ Sharer, Jill

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives all items within Correspondence for Information Section;

AND FURTHER that Council direct Staff to write letters of support from the Town of Kearney for any of the mentioned resolutions of support.

CARRIED ☒

DEFEATED ☐

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

Beaucage, Keven

☐☐

Pateman, Heather

☐☐

Philip, Cheryl – Mayor

☐☐

Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor

☐☐

Sharer, Jill

☐☐

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Ref.: 24-MM23.1**

(Sent by Email)

December 20, 2024

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: Member Motion Item 23.1
Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise,
seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted [Item MM23.1](#) and in doing so, has forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and requested that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Yours sincerely,

Niko Markakis, for

for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/mp

Attachment

Sent to: All Ontario Municipalities
Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Blood Services
Chief Executive Officer, Grifols Canada

c. City Manager

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 23

MM23.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

City Council Decision

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies in the City.
2. City Council forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Summary

In the City of Toronto, we uphold the principle of voluntary blood and plasma donation, acknowledging its vital importance as a public good. Our commitment derives from the lessons of Canada's tainted blood crisis, which tragically claimed approximately 8,000 lives. The subsequent Royal Krever Commission urged a fully voluntary, non-payment oriented blood and plasma donation system.

Within our Ontario healthcare system, we perceive blood donations as a priceless public resource, underscoring the need to safeguard the integrity of the public, voluntary donor system.

The Voluntary Blood Donations Act of Ontario strengthens this stance, legislating against the payment of donors and prohibiting donors from receiving financial compensation for their blood or plasma.

Canada Blood Services plans to open five paid plasma clinics, including one in Toronto, by 2025. This issue needs immediate attention and action. The public health community has raised concerns about Grifols Pharmaceuticals' plans to open a Toronto clinic. It's vital we protect vulnerable residents from exploitation by for-profit plasma collection companies offering cash for blood-plasma, a predatory practice.

In bringing this motion forward, we strive to reinforce the principles of voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation, protecting both the integrity of Canada's public blood system and the dignity of blood donors.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM23.1

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-249600.pdf>)

Attachment 1 - Resolution to Declare the City of Hamilton a "No Paid Plasma Zone"

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-250144.pdf>)



Northumberland County

Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

January 31, 2025

Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks)
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance)
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, Municipality of St. Charles 'Deposit Return Program'

At a meeting held on January 22, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-01-22-035, adopting the below recommendation from the January 6, 2025 Public Works Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Martin
Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Deposit Return Program' recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2025-01-22-035

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 M. Martin
Seconded By J. Fogel

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2025-01-22- 035

Council Date: January 22, 2025

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the three Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held January 6 and 8, 2025)."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Carried  _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: January 6, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.b

Resolution Number: 2025-01-06- 004

Moved by: B. Ostrander

Seconded by: J. Logel

Council Meeting Date: January 22, 2025

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Deposit Return Program' recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South), 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

**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.

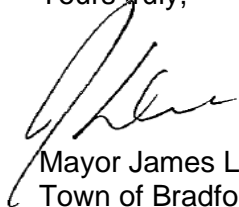
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

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,



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