



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

January 17, 2025

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**December 10, 2024**

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Sent via email

**RE: Letter of Support – Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Pelee passed the following resolution at their Regular Meeting of Council held on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

**Resolution 2024 – 198**

**Moved By:** Councillor Dave DeLellis

**Seconded By:** Councillor Stephanie Briggs-Crawford

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby support the resolutions from Township of Russel, King Township, Township of Larder Lake, and the Township of McGarry regarding motions to request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.***

Sincerely,

*Kristine Horst*  
**Kristine Horst**  
Township Administrator & Clerk  
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**Cc**      **Municipalities of Ontario**  
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**Attachments:** Township of Russel Resolution  
King Township Resolution  
Township of Larder Lake Resolution  
Township of McGarry Resolution



# TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL

## CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

**Date:** October 28, 2024

**Item(s) no.:** 10 a

**Subject:** Motion to request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

**Moved by:** Marc Lalonde

**Seconded by:** Lisa Deacon

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

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

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

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

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

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

**1. NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Township of Russell 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** the Corporation of the Township of Russell Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

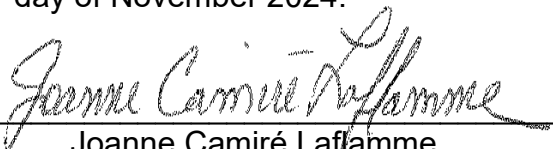
3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring 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

### **MOTION APPROVED**

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

  
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Joanne Camiré Laflamme  
Clerk



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November 18, 2024

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Dear Prime Minister and Premier,

**RE: TOWNSHIP OF KING RESOLUTION – REQUESTING THE REDISTRIBUTION OF  
PROVINCIAL LAND TRANSFER TAX AND GST TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR  
SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

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At its Council meeting of November 12, 2024, Council of the Township of King received and supported the following Resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That;**

1. The Township of King Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. The Township of King 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 Unanimously.*

Yours sincerely,



Denny Timm  
Township Clerk

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Councillor David Boyd, King [dboyd@king.ca](mailto:dboyd@king.ca)

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON  
Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



## MOVED BY:

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

## SECONDED BY:

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

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

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

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;

Recorded vote requested: ☐

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

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date) Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body) Expected response: _____ (enter date)

### Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest\*


Chair:

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

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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MOVED BY:

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

SECONDED BY:

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

Motion #: 8

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

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

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake 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.

Recorded vote requested: ☐

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

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date) Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body) Expected response: _____ (enter date)

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest\***


Chair:

Patricia Hull

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



November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 333/2024

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

**MOVED BY** *Sharon F.*

**SECONDED BY** *Francine Plante*

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

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

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

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

- Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ / Carried Bonita Culhane  
Mayor Mayor

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

NO

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*MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE  
RESOLUTION*

Date: 17 December 2024

252 - 2024

MOVED BY: *Deputy Mayor Hollaway Wadhvani*

SECONDED BY: *Councillor Toms*

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Port Hope Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

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

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

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Olena H', is written over a faint circular official stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Mayor Olena Hankivsky



**City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department**

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December 18, 2024

**Sent via email:** [dmoratto@king.ca](mailto:dmoratto@king.ca)

Diane M. Moratto,  
Administrative Clerk – Council/Committee  
Township of King

**Re: Resolution Regarding Requesting the Redistribution of Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities**

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

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their consideration as part of the December 16, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-197). At the meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

**THAT CA-2024-197, being resolutions requesting the redistribution of Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for sustainable infrastructure funding, be endorsed.**

Sincerely,  
*T. Dafoe*  
Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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Dear Prime Minister and Premier,

**RE: TOWNSHIP OF KING RESOLUTION – REQUESTING THE REDISTRIBUTION OF  
PROVINCIAL LAND TRANSFER TAX AND GST TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR  
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At its Council meeting of November 12, 2024, Council of the Township of King received and supported 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

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**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That;**

1. The Township of King 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 Unanimously.*

Yours sincerely,



Denny Timm  
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The Corporation of the

**Township  
of  
Uxbridge**

In The Regional Municipality of Durham

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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

December 18, 2024

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
[justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

**RE: REQUESTING THE REDISTRIBUTION OF THE PROVINCIAL LAND TRANSFER  
TAX AND GST TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE  
FUNDING  
TOWNSHIP FILE: A-00G**

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Please be advised that during the regular meeting of Council of December 9, 2024, the following motion was carried:

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT The Township of Uxbridge Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

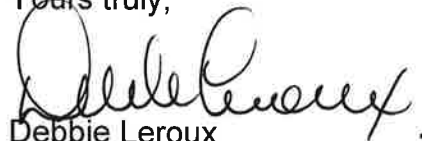
AND THAT the Township of Uxbridge Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

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

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

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

Yours truly,



Debbie Leroux

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

cc: Premier Doug Ford [Premier Doug Ford \(premier@ontario.ca\)](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing [Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing \(minister.mah@ontario.ca\)](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
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All Ontario Municipalities

# Corporation of The Township of Stone Mills

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December 19, 2024

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
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Sent by Email

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

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Stone Mills at its meeting on December 16, 2024, adopted the following resolution,

Moved by Councillor McDonald  
Seconded by Councillor Woodcock

That the correspondence from the Town of Aurora be received and the following motion be adopted,

**Whereas** municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and  
Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

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

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

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

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

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

**Be It Further Resolved That** Township of Stone Mills Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

**Be It Further Resolved That** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local

governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

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

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

**Carried.**

If you require anything further, please contact the undersigned.



**Brandi Teeple**

Township Clerk

Township of Stone Mills

Phone: 613 378-2475 ext. 225

Email: bteeple@stonemills.com

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Peter Bethlenfalvy Ontario Minister of Finance

Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox and Addington

Shelby Kramp-Neuman MP Hastings-Lennox and Addington

All Ontario municipalities

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Good day Elected Official,

For many years, we have advocated for our fair share of funding from both Provincial and Federal governments. Through FCM and AMO, we've pushed for reforms and for sustainable, predictable funding for municipal infrastructure. With both Provincial and Federal elections approaching, I believe it's time for us to unite and propose a solution for municipalities' fair share.

As we're asked to meet growth targets, our municipalities urgently need predictable, long-term funding to support critical infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and public transit. We need all levels of government to collaborate on a solution that doesn't rely solely on property taxes to fund essential infrastructure in our communities. That's why we're calling on the Province to allocate a portion of the Land Transfer Tax, and on the Federal Government to allocate a portion of the GST from new home sales—no new taxes, just a fair distribution of our own funds for our communities!

Bellow is a Motion I respectfully ask you to bring forward at your council.

This motion ensures that we have the resources to build and maintain the infrastructure that keeps our municipalities running smoothly, without increasing property taxes.

Please consider adding this Motion to your Council agendas. It is essential that our collective voices are heard. Local governments deserve predictable, long-term funding to support critical infrastructure. Together, we can build a brighter future for all Ontarians.

*Motion: 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 \_\_\_\_\_Municipality\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_Municipality\_\_\_\_\_ 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.*

Regards,

Tom Mrakas

Mayor Town of Aurora

416-543-1624





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December 19, 2024

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

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

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Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Scugog at its regular meeting on December 16, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Town of Aurora regarding the Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding:

Moved by Regional Councillor McDougall

Seconded by Councillor Rock

**That** Correspondence received from the Town of Aurora regarding Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding - November 5, 2024, be endorsed.

**Carried**

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Aurora correspondence dated November 5, 2024.

If you require anything further, please contact the undersigned.



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Port Perry, ON L9L 1A7  
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Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair Labelle", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Blair Labelle  
Director of Corporate Services / Clerk  
/am

Enclosure

CC Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Peter Bethlenfalvy Ontario Minister of Finance  
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham  
Jamil Jivani MP Durham  
All Ontario Municipalities  
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Town of Aurora

## Member Motion

Mayor's Office

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

**To:** Members of Council

**From:** Mayor Tom Mrakas

**Date:** November 5, 2024

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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

Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to  
Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding  
November 5, 2024

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.



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December 24, 2024

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

Sent by email to: [justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Council Resolution Regarding Requesting the Redistribution of  
Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable  
Infrastructure Funding**

At its regular meeting of Council held on December 4, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

**Resolution #: 5**

**Moved by:** B. Metzger

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

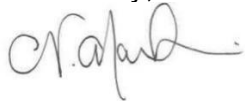
Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Township of Amaranth Council formally requests

1. The Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Amaranth 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**

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

Yours truly,



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

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

January 6, 2025

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of December 17, 2024 the following motion regarding support for redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for sustainable infrastructure funding was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-621**

**DATE:** December 17, 2024

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Roberts

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor St-Jean

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

**WHEREAS** municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, public health costs, childcare, and many other social services, and these costs are rising every year, with limited funding from upper levels of government;

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS** a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and Federal 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 RESOLVED THAT** The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward:

1. Formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;
2. Formally requests the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte Member of Parliament, Ryan Williams and Member of Provincial Parliament, Tyler Allsopp; and
4. **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.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor St-Jean, and Marcia Wallace, CAO



## TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

42 Burnt Bridge Road, PO Box 40  
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January 8, 2025

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

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

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Russell requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

**Resolution No: 2025-01-08-14**  
**Moved by: Councillor Banks**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Keller**

**"Be it resolved** that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the resolution passed by the Township of Russell requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding;

**And further that** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario."

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



# TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL

## CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

**Date:** October 28, 2024 **Item(s) no.:** 10 a

**Subject:** Motion to request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

**Moved by:** Marc Lalonde

**Seconded by:** Lisa Deacon

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

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

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

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

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

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

**1. NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Township of Russell 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** the Corporation of the Township of Russell Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

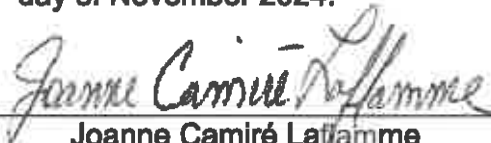
**3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring 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

**MOTION APPROVED**

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

  
Joanne Camiré Laflamme  
Clerk

January 16, 2025

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Hon. Justin Trudeau and Hon. Doug Ford:

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

At their regular meeting of January 15, 2025, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

**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:**

1. **THAT** Town of Pelham Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;
2. **AND THAT** Town of Pelham Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;
3. **AND THAT** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;
4. **AND 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);
5. **AND THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

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Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Clerk, Sarah Leach 905-980-6657.

Yours very truly,

*jlegros*

Jodi Legros

Legislative Coordinator

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**Re: Resolution Regarding Respecting Local Democracy and Cities (Ward All)**

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

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their consideration as part of the December 16, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-195). At the meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

**THAT CA-2024-195, being a resolution from the City of Toronto regarding Respecting Local Democracy and Cities, be endorsed.**

Sincerely,  
*T. Dafoe*  
Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

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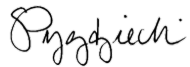
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November 18, 2024

**ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:**

**Subject: New Business Item 23.1  
Respecting Local Democracy and Cities (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, considered [Item CC23.1](#) and a copy is attached for your information or appropriate action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Przedziecki".

for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/wg

Attachment

c. City Manager

## City Council

### New Business - Meeting 23

CC23.1	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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### Respecting Local Democracy and Cities

#### City Council Decision

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

1. City Council express its opposition to the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212, and any related proposed regulations, both of which contradict the stated purpose of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow the City to determine what is in the public interest of the city.
2. City Council request the Province to work collaboratively with cities to address congestion and road safety, and accordingly withdraw the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212.
3. City Council direct the City Solicitor to review Bill 212 and any accompanying regulations, once in force, and to report to City Council with a summary of the legislation and regulations and the potential for commencing litigation to challenge Bill 212 or the regulations.
4. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, or designates, to appear before the Ontario Legislature's Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure, and Cultural Policy as part of public hearings regarding Bill 212 to give testimony in accordance with the position outlined in this item.
5. City Council request the City Manager to submit written comments to Ontario's Regulatory Registry and Environment Registry of Ontario that reflect the City's positions outlined in this item, including the City's opposition to any requirement of the City to provide support in the removal of City Infrastructure approved by its democratically elected City Council.
6. City Council adopt the position that no costs associated with the amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act should be incurred or paid by the City of Toronto, including staff time, planning, design, construction, and traffic management as a result of the congestion created by the removal.
7. City Council forward this item to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Official Opposition, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayors, and all Ontario municipalities and include City Council's commitment to the right of municipalities to govern their own affairs and represent the interests of their residents and electors.

8. City Council request the Ministry of Transportation to permit the publication of the results of the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 as soon as possible to facilitate the use of the study in informing collaborative consultations with cities regarding options for addressing congestion and road safety.

9. City Council direct the City Manager to report back on the feasibility of placing signs on City roads where there are traffic delays resulting from the Provincial mandate to remove bike lanes from Toronto roads and that these signs would read "This road congestion and traffic delay is the result of Premier Ford's Bill 212".

10. City Council direct that Confidential Attachment 1 to the supplementary report (November 13, 2024) from the City Manager remain confidential in its entirety, as it contains information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City of Toronto as a partner municipality in the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022, conducted by a consultant retained by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario as part of a cooperative effort by local and provincial government agencies to collect information about urban travel in southern Ontario, until such time as the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 is authorized to be published by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

Confidential Attachment 1 to the supplementary report (November 13, 2024) from the City Manager remains confidential in its entirety in accordance with the provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, as it contains information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City of Toronto as a partner municipality in the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022, conducted by a consultant retained by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario as part of a cooperative effort by local and provincial government agencies to collect information about urban travel in southern Ontario, until such time as the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 is authorized to be published by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

## **Summary**

The recent provincial Bill 212 seeks to overturn the decisions and work of our locally elected Toronto City Council. If passed, the Bill means one government would, at tremendous cost to the taxpayer and without collaboration, undo another government's work.

As Mayor, it is my responsibility to stand up for the decision-making authority of City Council and the expertise of our professional public service which supports that decision-making. As such, I am working with City Staff to review the City's options and will provide recommendations on this item prior to the City Council meeting on November 13, 2024.

## **Background Information (City Council)**

(November 5, 2024) Report from the Mayor on Respecting Local Democracy and Cities (CC23.1)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-250054.pdf>

(November 13, 2024) Supplementary report and Attachments 2 to 5 from the City Manager on Respecting Local Democracy and Cities - Supplemental Report: Impact of Bill 212 Bike Lanes Framework (CC23.1a)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-250545.pdf>

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## **Communications (City Council)**

(November 7, 2024) E-mail from Matthew Freedlander (CC.Supp)

(November 8, 2024) E-mail from Adam Rodgers (CC.Supp)

(November 7, 2024) E-mail from Derek van Vliet (CC.Supp)

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**Re: Resolution Enabling Municipalities to Charge Fees for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities**

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated November 29, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their consideration as part of the December 16, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-207). At the meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

**THAT CA-2024-207, being a resolution from the City of Guelph regarding Enabling Municipalities to Charge Fees for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities, be endorsed.**

Sincerely,

*T. Dafoe*

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister Municipal Affairs and Housing of Ontario  
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November 29, 2024

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

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Calandra and Minister Lecce,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

**Intergovernmental Services on behalf of Guelph City Council**

Chief Administrative Office

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



December 20, 2024

**RE: MOTION OF SUPPORT OF SOLVETHECRISIS.CA CAMPAIGN**

This will confirm that at a meeting held on December 18, 2024, the Council of the City of Markham adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas** the City of Markham supports the SolveTheCrisis.ca Campaign and requests that the Provincial and Federal Governments take Action to Address the Growing Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Crisis in Ontario; and,

**Whereas** there is a humanitarian crisis unfolding on the streets in our cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. The time for words is over, we need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province of Ontario; and,

**Whereas** the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023<sup>1</sup> and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023<sup>2</sup>; and,

**Whereas** the province has provided additional funding and supports, such as the recent investment of \$378 million for HART Hubs and approximately 375 beds with wraparound supports, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and,

**Whereas** municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and,

**Whereas** this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and,

**Whereas** there is no provincial lead focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.

**Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Markham** supports the SolveTheCrisis.ca Campaign; and,

That the City of Markham calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially; and,

That the Province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority; and,

That the Province appoint a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports; and,

That the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*. 1

That this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis; and,

That the federal government is included in these conversations; and,

<sup>1</sup> Office of the Chief Coroner, Ontario (2024). OCC Opioid Mortality Summary Q4 2023. [PDF] .

<https://odpm.ca/occ-opioid-and-suspect-drug-related-death-data/>

- <sup>2</sup> [Homeless Encampments in Ontario. A Municipal Perspective. Association of Municipalities of Ontario. July 2024 -](#)



That both levels of government provide adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted; and,

That Markham City Council calls on the residents of Markham to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting [SolveTheCrisis.ca](https://SolveTheCrisis.ca) and showing your support; and further,

**That a copy of this motion be sent to:**

- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
- The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
- Local MPs
- Local MPPs and
- Ontario's Big City Mayors

Should you have any questions, please contact Kimberley Kitteringham via email at [Clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:Clerkspublic@markham.ca).

Yours sincerely,

Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

<sup>1</sup> Office of the Chief Coroner, Ontario (2024). OCC *Opioid Mortality Summary Q4 2023*. [PDF] .  
<https://odprn.ca/occ-opioid-and-suspect-drug-related-death-data/>

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January 3, 2025

Sent via email – [regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca)

William Short,  
City Clerk  
Regional Municipality of Waterloo

**Re: Resolution Regarding Solving the Crisis**

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated September 26, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the October 15, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-171). Council adopted the following resolution:

**THAT CA-2024-171, being a resolution from the Regional Municipality of Waterloo regarding Solve the Crisis, be endorsed.**

Sincerely,

*T. Dafoe*

Tatiana Dafoe Clerk

/mf

cc: Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada  
Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
Hon Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario municipalities

## Council Meeting

**Motion #** 12/11/24 - 02

**Title:** Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties, CAO General-2024-33

**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024

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**Moved by:** Rory Cavanagh

**Seconded by:** Beth Blackwell

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine is a proud host community of the Bruce Nuclear Generating Site where Bruce Power generates 30% of Ontario's electricity needs; and

Whereas two decades ago the Province of Ontario adopted a property tax assessment model that continues to apply to Ontario's nuclear generation facilities; and

Whereas the Province assessment model includes non-market property valuation for electricity generating properties; and

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine undertook a study in 2024 which has shown that the Provincial assessment model is compromising fairness and shifting the tax burden away from the electricity industry properties and onto the broader property tax base within the host community; and

Whereas the study demonstrated that this is primarily attributable to the assessed value of the subject properties being held almost static over several reassessment cycles, resulting from the Provincially prescribed rules for electricity generating, transmission and distribution properties; and

Whereas the Provincial model results in a disparity between the continuously updated market values assigned to the majority of properties and the static, non-market-based formula applied to electricity industry properties means that the tax burden shifts onto non-industry taxpayers; and

Now Therefore be it Resolved That municipal staff be directed to send communication to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Energy and Electrification, the Minister of Finance, and the local MPP, to request that the Province undertake an immediate review and update the property tax assessment model for Ontario's nuclear generation facilities and other properties within the electricity industry, and copy the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried.**

Jennifer Lawrie

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Clerk

City Clerk's Office

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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>)

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: City of Stratford Head of Council and Council Members

From: Good Roads

**Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

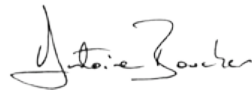
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

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

Sincerely,



Scott R. Butler  
Executive Director



Antoine Boucher  
President  
Good Roads Board of Directors



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December 24, 2024

**Sent via email:** [scott@goodroads.ca](mailto:scott@goodroads.ca)

Scott R. Butler,  
Executive Director  
Good Roads Association

**Re: Resolution Regarding Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program**

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated October 9, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their consideration as part of the November 12, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-189). At the meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,  
*T. Dafoe*  
Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: Premiere Doug Ford  
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation  
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure  
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture  
Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs  
Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health  
Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament Perth-Wellington  
Good Roads Association  
All Ontario municipalities



January 2, 2025

The Honourable Michael Parsa  
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
7th Floor, 438 University Ave.  
Toronto, ON M5G 2K8  
SENT BY EMAIL: [MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca](mailto:MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Parsa

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities' mission ***is to improve the economic and social quality of life for all northerners and to ensure the future of our youth***. The Board would like the Province to consider providing emergency stabilization funding to address the current shortfall in child welfare providing by the Children's Aid Societies.

As well we would ask that the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services undertake a Province wide service review, including the funding model. Also, during the review we would ask that the points listed in the resolution be reviewed and discussed.

Minister, I and the FONOM Executive would be pleased to discuss this further with your staff.

FONOM is an association of some 110 districts/municipalities/cities/towns in Northeastern Ontario mandated to work for the betterment of municipal government in Northern Ontario and strive for improved legislation respecting local government in the North. It is a membership-based association that draws its members from Northeastern Ontario and is governed by an 11-member board.

## **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY IN CHILD WELFARE**

WHEREAS Children's Aid Societies across Ontario are experiencing significant financial pressures, with the majority of agencies running deficits in the millions;

WHEREAS the Financial Accountability Office has indicated funding for child protection has fallen behind inflation, with the sector missing \$70 million compared to previous funding levels;

WHEREAS the current funding model implemented in 2013 has limitations that affect the safety and well-being of children, particularly in northern and remote communities;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services' spending on Child Protection Services is projected to grow at only 0.7% annually from 2023-24 to 2028-29, well below inflation;

WHEREAS the child welfare redesign strategy requires enhanced community-based prevention services and improved quality of care, which cannot be achieved without adequate funding.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM),** calls on the Government of Ontario to immediately address the funding shortfall in child welfare by providing emergency stabilization funding to Children's Aid Societies;

Requests that the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services undertake a **Province wide service review**, including the funding model. During the review, FONOM asks that the following be included in the review.

- Adequately addresses the unique challenges of northern and remote communities;
- Account created for higher operational costs in geographically dispersed regions;
- Provide sustainable funding for prevention services;
- Urges the Province to implement multi-year funding commitments that allow for proper planning and service delivery;
- Advocates for the development of a specific Northern Strategy for child welfare that recognizes the unique needs and challenges of Northern communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to:** The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, Association of Native Child and Family Services Agencies of Ontario, All municipalities within FONOM's jurisdiction, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and the leaders of the Opposition Parties.

Regards.



President Danny Whalen  
**705-622-2479**



**Jerry Acchione**

Mayor

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The Honorable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Via email [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

The Honorable Michael Parsa  
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
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Dear The Honorable Doug Ford and The Honorable Michael Parsa,

I am writing on behalf of Woodstock City Council to express the urgent and pressing need for adequate and sustainable funding for the Children's Aid Society of Oxford County and other child welfare agencies throughout Ontario. These organizations play a vital role in safeguarding and enhancing the health, well-being, and safety of our children, youth, and families and deserves appropriate support and attention from our elected officials.

Our community, like many across the province, relies on the Children's Aid Society and other child welfare agencies to not only protect children and youth from abuse or neglect, but provide critical crisis intervention, early intervention, and preventative services. Their work ensures children receive necessary care at the most crucial times, close to their own homes, allowing families to remain intact and thrive together.

The lack of access to healthcare, mental health supports, poverty reduction initiatives and affordable housing is taking a toll on families and caregivers. These systemic shortfalls propel child welfare agencies into roles they were never intended to assume, filling gaps in services to ensure the well-being of children, youth, and families.

Without sufficient financial backing, these agencies are strained to a breaking point. They operate without the ability to deny families the services they desperately need. They cannot turn clients away, manage waitlists, or declare services unavailable. Yet, even with remarkable community partnerships, these agencies lack the means to expedite or ensure access to necessary treatments for those in their care.

The repercussions of this funding deficit extends well beyond individual families, affecting the community at large. Our local Children's Aid Society is supporting an ever-increasing number of youth exhibiting complex behaviors. These challenges translate into higher intervention costs, increases costs for and pressure on police and emergency service providers.

The lack of access to critical early intervention services is correlating to a distressing rise in youth homelessness. The financial sustainability and stability of the child welfare sector can no longer be deferred

for debate. It is imperative the funding formula is updated to prioritize trauma-informed, culturally relevant and proactive care.

On behalf of Woodstock City Council, I urge the province to prioritize and support the financial needs of these vital agencies. All levels of government must work together to improve upstream intervention and support to prevent the tragic outcomes we are seeing as a result of inadequate funding.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter that affects our community and its future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jerry Acchione', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mayor Jerry Acchione  
City of Woodstock

Cc:

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP - [ernie.hardemanco@pc.ola.org](mailto:ernie.hardemanco@pc.ola.org)

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## **TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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January 8, 2025

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

### **RE: Child Welfare Funding**

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the County of Renfrew.

**Resolution No: 2025-01-08-15**

**Moved by: Councillor Quade**

**Seconded by: Councillor Banks**

**"Be it resolved** that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the County of Renfrew's resolution regarding Child Welfare Funding as attached.

**AND WHEREAS** Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan also formally requests that the Province of Ontario consult with and collaborate with Child Welfare agencies to develop an updated and equitable Child Welfare funding formula and that the newly developed funding formula be structured to ensure an equitable and proportionate distribution that meets the diverse, unique, individual and complex needs of the communities and populations served.

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP Johan Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC), Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), and all municipalities in Ontario."**

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Thompson".

**Tammy Thompson**

**Deputy Clerk**

**Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan**

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November 5, 2024

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Via email: [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

RE: Child Welfare Funding

Dear Premier Ford:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew, at their regular meeting on October 30, 2024, passed the following resolution regarding Child Welfare Funding. Council and our community are deeply concerned about the ongoing funding reductions to the child welfare sector. Renfrew County is experiencing a significant rise in complex social challenges within our communities, placing a heavy strain on local resources and hindering our ability to effectively support families in need.

**WHEREAS** the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke have no financial obligations concerning the funding of Child Welfare agencies; and

**WHEREAS** the Financial Accountability Office in June 2024 identified issues with funding in the Child Welfare sector; and

**WHEREAS** Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has experienced a funding cut of \$1.59 million, or 10.8%, over the past ten years; and

**WHEREAS** Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County was provided planning allocations reflecting a further funding reduction of \$963, 603 over the next two years; and

**WHEREAS** Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has achieved administrative efficiencies as a multi-service agency, has implemented various cost mitigation measures, including reductions in staff and services, and has reached a point where further measures could negatively impact children at risk and their families; and

**WHEREAS** both the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke are committed to improving the health and safety of their residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke formally request the Province of Ontario to consult with and collaborate with Child Welfare agencies to develop an updated and equitable Child Welfare funding formula; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the newly developed funding formula be structured to ensure an equitable and proportionate distribution that meets the diverse, unique, individual, and complex needs of the communities and populations served; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Warden of the County of Renfrew and the Mayor of the City of Pembroke be directed to write a letter to Minister Parsa expressing their concerns and request a

meeting in the fall of 2024 or to submit a joint delegation request for the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference;

**AND THAT** this resolution be shared with Premier Doug Ford, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), and local municipalities.

A compounding challenge impacting our community is that the County of Renfrew has recently declared a state of emergency in response to the opioid crisis, with our service partner, the City of Pembroke, experiencing overdose death rates per capita that are twice the national average. Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has been negatively impacted by a funding reduction of \$1.59 million over the past ten years and is facing a further cut of \$963,603 over the next two years. This continued erosion to the investment in our local child welfare agency will jeopardize the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable children and their families. The cuts will diminish the agency's capacity to offer essential support to those with the greatest need within our small and largely rural communities.

The social determinants of health play a critical role in shaping children's wellbeing, influencing their development, educational success, and overall health outcomes. For children in communities with geographic isolation and underdeveloped services such as we experience, these determinants become even more pronounced. In Renfrew County, families often face challenges such as limited access to quality healthcare, mental health support, and educational resources.

The lack of these essential services can result in children experiencing higher rates of chronic illnesses, mental health issues, and developmental delays. Furthermore, many families throughout our region are experiencing economic hardships, which can lead to poor nutrition, unstable housing, and heightened exposure to environmental stressors. Again, I am sure you will agree, all of which negatively impact children's long-term health and wellbeing.

Maintaining consistent funding for our rural agency that provides child protection and essential support services is vital. Without adequate financial support for these critical services, vulnerable children may not receive the interventions they need to develop and thrive. Child protection agencies are essential in safeguarding children from abuse and neglect while helping to address emotional and psychological challenges early in life, setting children on a path to healthier futures.

In an area like Renfrew County with limited clinical and assistive infrastructure, these services often become a lifeline, helping to mitigate the impact of social determinants on child health. Prioritizing funding for these services can help break the cycle of disadvantage, promote healthier environments, and ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your interest in our most vulnerable age group in our community.

Sincerely,



Peter Emon, Warden  
County of Renfrew

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# Northumberland County

## Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**January 7, 2025**

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)  
Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks)  
Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness)  
Honorable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South)  
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)  
Northumberland Federation of Agriculture  
All Ontario municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, 'Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development'**

At a meeting held on December 18, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2024-12-18-909, adopting the below recommendation from the December 2, 2024 Public Works Committee meeting:

**Moved by:** Councillor Mandy Martin  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding 'Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

**Council Resolution # 2024-12-18-909**

**Carried**

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

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

## Council Resolution

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Moved By M. Martin

Agenda  
Item 15

Resolution Number  
2024-12-18- 909

Seconded By R. Crate

Council Date: December 18, 2024

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held December 2, 3, and 4, 2024), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
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| <div>- Community Health Committee, Item 8.a, 'Report 2024-156 'Long-term Care Staffing Challenges' – <b>Held by Councillor Logel</b></div> |  |  |  |
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**And Further That** the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor's Name

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_

Warden's Signature

Carried

Deputy

Defeated

Warden's Signature

Warden's Signature

## Public Works Committee Resolution

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Committee Meeting Date: December 2, 2024

Agenda Item: 7.d

Resolution Number: 2024-12-02- 860

Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: December 18, 2024

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"That the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding 'Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Carried   
Committee Chair's Signature

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

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



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November 7, 2024

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RE: Motion for the Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development in Relation to Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practices

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 23, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-378:** Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

Whereas the provincial government is undertaking:

- a) significant road and underground projects over the next ten years which will generate significant excess soil to be managed and disposed; and
- b) studies of underground projects that if implemented will also generate significant excess soil: and



Whereas landfill sites across Ontario are already near capacity, necessitating amendments to legislation to allow certain quality soil to be disposed at excess soil reuse sites instead of being disposed of in landfills effective January 1, 2025; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is currently under resourced and lacks the capacity to effectively manage the additional enforcement and oversight required for the relocation of excess soil; and

Whereas the responsibility to enforce and oversee excess soil regulations is being downloaded onto municipalities, which have limited enforcement capabilities and face the risk of significant costs being passed on to local taxpayers; and

Whereas contamination of existing soil and groundwater is a significant concern, particularly in rural municipalities with valuable agricultural lands and reliance on groundwater for its residents; and

Whereas agricultural lands must be prioritized equally with housing needs, roads and underground infrastructure; failure to adequately protect these lands could exacerbate the ongoing food crisis in Ontario; and

Whereas Ontario is not alone in navigating the challenges of sustainable development, and the United Nations provides guidance through its Sustainable Development Report, which includes goals focused on economic growth, infrastructure, sustainable communities, hunger, clean water and sanitation, climate action, and life on land; and

Whereas it is critical that governments consider the comprehensive impacts on all of these areas when conducting feasibility studies and implementing projects which generate excess soil; and

Whereas neglecting to account for the broader implications of projects may lead to negative outcomes;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch calls on the provincial government to:



1. Prioritize the protection of agricultural lands in the management of excess soil from roads and underground projects and in the planning and feasibility studies related to such projects.
2. Ensure that adequate resources are allocated to the MECP to support effective enforcement and oversight of excess soil regulations.
3. Collaborate with municipalities to provide necessary support and funding for enforcement activities related to excess soil management, minimizing financial burdens on local taxpayers.
4. Conduct a comprehensive impact assessment that considers all aspects of sustainable development, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Report, before proceeding with the traffic tunnel project and any further amendments to excess soil legislation; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Premier of Ontario; all Ontario municipalities; MPP Arnott; MPP Rae; the Wellington Federation of Agriculture; and OMAFRA requesting support for the protection of agricultural lands and sustainable development practices in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



*Town of*  
**Kearney**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2024 - 398**

Date: December 19, 2024

**MOVED BY:**

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

**SECONDED BY:**

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

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received a communication from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra, regarding changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024;

**AND WHEREAS** this announcement from Minister Calandra does not fully address the needs of Rural or Northern municipalities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council confirms their desire for the attached letter to be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Paul Calandra; MPP Graydon Smith; MP Scott Aitchison; Premier Doug Ford; AMO; FONOM; ROMA and to affected municipalities in Rural/Northern Ontario for their support.

**CARRIED** ☒

**DEFEATED** ☐

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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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December 19, 2024,

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,

Thank you for your recent communication regarding the changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024.

While we appreciate the government's efforts to address the housing supply crisis by promoting the creation of additional residential units (ARUs), we must express our concerns about the applicability of these changes in rural municipalities.

The "as-of-right" permission to develop up to three units per lot is only permitted in urban areas where municipal servicing is provided. In these areas, the demand for housing is high, and land is scarce. However, in rural municipalities, where population density is lower and land availability is not typically a constraint, these changes do not apply.

Rural municipalities often struggle with infrastructure limitations, specifically with water supply, sewage systems, and transportation networks. While these changes the Province has made does cut red tape for urban areas of Ontario, they do not address constraints rural municipalities deal with when trying to increase density without municipal servicing. Additionally, the increased residential density permitted by the amendments may not be compatible with the rural character and lifestyle that residents value.

We believe that a one-size-fits-all approach to ARU development may inadvertently overlook the distinct needs of rural communities. As municipalities in rural, Northern Ontario have before, we urge the government to consider creating tailored policies that recognize the specific conditions and requirements of rural areas, ensuring that any regulatory changes support sustainable and contextually appropriate growth.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our feedback and look forward to working collaboratively with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to develop solutions that are beneficial to all Ontarians and where they choose to live.

Sincerely,

Mayor, Cheryl Philip

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney

January 9, 2025

The Honorable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
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Re: Motion regarding Opposition to Provincial Legislation on Cycling Lanes and Support for Municipal Authority in Transportation Planning

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 8, 2025, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced legislation requiring provincial approval for new cycling lanes;

AND WHEREAS this legislation would compel municipalities to demonstrate that proposed cycling lanes will not negatively impact vehicle traffic;

AND WHEREAS cycling infrastructure is crucial for environmental transportation, road safety, and public health, and provincial oversight in this matter represents an unwarranted intrusion into municipal authority;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Aylmer is evolving an active transportation plan to enhance walking and cycling infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has strongly criticized this proposed legislation as a "significant overreach" into municipal jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS AMO has stated that none of its 444 member municipalities were consulted or shown evidence justifying the province's proposed veto power over new bike lanes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Town of Aylmer strongly opposes the proposed provincial legislation governing bicycle lanes and affirms its support for maintaining municipal jurisdiction over cycling infrastructure decisions.

2. That the Town of Aylmer endorses the AMO's position that municipalities are better positioned than the Ministry of Transportation to make decisions about local transportation matters based on local knowledge and community input.

3. That the Town of Aylmer calls on the Government of Ontario to withdraw the proposed legislation and respect the established authority of municipalities to make informed decisions about local transportation needs, including the implementation of cycling lanes.

4. That the Town of Aylmer reaffirms its commitment to its transportation plan and the continued development of safe, environmentally friendly, efficient cycling infrastructure for the benefit of all residents.

5. That the Town Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Member of Provincial Parliament representing constituencies within the Elgin-Middlesex-London region, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

6. That the Town of Aylmer calls upon municipalities across Ontario to adopt similar resolutions in defense of local decision-making authority and sustainable, efficient and environmentally friendly transportation planning.

Thank you,

**Owen Jaggard**

**Director of Legislative Services/Clerk | Town of Aylmer**

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All municipalities



Hon. Doug Ford  
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(sent via e-mail)

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Re: Improvements to Catch and Release System

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its Regular Council meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Town of Cobalt regarding Improvements to the Catch and Release System:

**Motion #15**

Moved by John van Klaveren

Seconded by Netty McEwen

That Council support correspondence item 'h' from the Town of Cobalt regarding Improvements to Catch and Release.

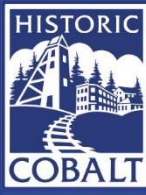
***Carried.***

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn  
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Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

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Associations of Municipalities Association, [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities



# THE CORPORATION OF THE **TOWN OF COBALT**

December 12, 2024

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-218**

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

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

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

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

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

Thank you,



Steven Dalley  
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer  
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October 15, 2024

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Premier's Office  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford

**Re: Heritage Advisory Committee**

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Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their October 7, 2024, Regular Council Meeting:

Motion: 355-2024  
Moved By: Aaron Neeb  
Seconded by: Marissa Vaughan

**Whereas the South Huron Heritage Advisory Committee has presented a letter to South Huron Council outlining concerns regarding heritage preservation in South Huron; and**

**Whereas prior to Royal Assent of the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act provided Council of a Municipality the opportunity to give a notice of intention to designate a property within 90 days of a prescribed event; and**

**Whereas the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 amended Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act to provide that Council may give notice of intention to designate a property only if the property is listed in the register under subsection 27 (3), or a predecessor of that subsection, as of the date of the prescribed event; and**

**Whereas the Heritage Advisory Committee has noted concerns regarding this amendment limiting the authority of municipal councils to designate properties with the potential to undermine the effectiveness of heritage preservation efforts across the province; and**

**Whereas the Heritage Advisory Committee has provided correspondence, attached hereto, to South Huron Council in relation to the concerns requesting Council support and to communicate these concerns to the Province and forward a copy of this motion to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipal Councils across the province, and Provincial MPP.**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation for the Municipality of South Huron request the Province reconsider the amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act; and that this motion and attached correspondence be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipal Councils across the province and MPP Thompson**

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator  
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July 31, 2024

The Heritage Advisory Committee for the Municipality of South Huron wishes to thank South Huron Council for their support of resolution 128-2024 of March 18, responding to the Town of Coburg's request of February 28 for support regarding a proposed amendment to subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

In addition to the concerns South Huron council supported in resolution 128-2024, our committee would like to add that we have additional concerns about amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act implemented by Bill 23 that have direct impact on our local community and - more broadly - the Province of Ontario.

Specifically, subsection 29 (1.2) of the Heritage Act traditionally provided that if a prescribed event occurs, a notice of intention to designate a property must be given within 90 days of the prescribed event. These prescribed events include the submission of development applications under the Planning Act, for example. However, with changes from Bill 23, this subsection is re-enacted to also provide that the municipality may only give a notice of intention to designate the property within 90 days if the property was already included in the register under subsection 27 (3) as of the date of the prescribed event.

This raises significant concerns for our committee. Specifically, we are troubled by the proposed amendments that would limit the authority of municipal councils to designate properties that are not already listed on a municipal register. In South Huron, like many other municipalities around Ontario, there are countless significant structures that are not yet listed under subsection 27 (3), and these changes significantly limit efforts of council to react to proposed demolitions of significant heritage properties in our municipality after planning applications are made.

We believe that these changes have the potential to undermine the effectiveness of heritage preservation efforts in our community and across the province. By weakening the protections afforded to heritage properties and reducing the ability of municipalities to designate and safeguard significant sites, we risk irreparable loss to our built and cultural heritage.

We urge council to carefully consider the implications of the changes to the Ontario Heritage Act under Bill 23 and to advocate for amendments that strengthen rather than weaken heritage preservation efforts. Specifically, we would ask that the province re-establish the 90 day period that had previously been a part of the Ontario Heritage Act for all properties, not just those already listed in the register under subsection 27 (3).

We ask that you pass a resolution to add our specific concerns to those you have already supported, and communicate these to the Province of Ontario. We also ask that you circulate this letter and seek the support of other municipalities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and we look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

South Huron Heritage Advisory Committee

Sample Resolution:

Whereas prior to Royal Assent of the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act provided Council of a Municipality the opportunity to give a notice of intention to designate a property within 90 days of a prescribed event; and

Whereas the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 amended Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act to provide that Council may give notice of intention to designate a property only if the property is listed in the register under subsection 27 (3), or a predecessor of that subsection, as of the date of the prescribed event;

Whereas the Heritage Advisory Committee has noted concerns regarding this amendment limiting the authority of municipal councils to designate properties with the potential to undermine the effectiveness of heritage preservation efforts across the province; and

Whereas the Heritage Advisory Committee has provided correspondence, attached hereto, to South Huron Council in relation to the concerns requesting Council support and to communicate these concerns to the Province and forward a copy of this motion to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipal Councils across the province, and Provincial MPP.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation for the Municipality of South Huron request the Province reconsider the amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act; and that this motion and attached correspondence be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipal Councils across the province and MPP Thompson.



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(sent via e-mail)

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Re: Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its Regular Council meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Kincardine regarding Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties:

**Motion #14**

Moved by Bob Woolvett

Seconded by John van Klaveren

That Council support correspondence item 'g' from the Municipality of Kincardine regarding Property Taxation Implications.

***Carried.***

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn  
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Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities

## Council Meeting

**Motion #** 12/11/24 - 02

**Title:** Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties, CAO General-2024-33

**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024

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**Moved by:** Rory Cavanagh

**Seconded by:** Beth Blackwell

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine is a proud host community of the Bruce Nuclear Generating Site where Bruce Power generates 30% of Ontario's electricity needs; and

Whereas two decades ago the Province of Ontario adopted a property tax assessment model that continues to apply to Ontario's nuclear generation facilities; and

Whereas the Province assessment model includes non-market property valuation for electricity generating properties; and

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine undertook a study in 2024 which has shown that the Provincial assessment model is compromising fairness and shifting the tax burden away from the electricity industry properties and onto the broader property tax base within the host community; and

Whereas the study demonstrated that this is primarily attributable to the assessed value of the subject properties being held almost static over several reassessment cycles, resulting from the Provincially prescribed rules for electricity generating, transmission and distribution properties; and

Whereas the Provincial model results in a disparity between the continuously updated market values assigned to the majority of properties and the static, non-market-based formula applied to electricity industry properties means that the tax burden shifts onto non-industry taxpayers; and

Now Therefore be it Resolved That municipal staff be directed to send communication to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Energy and Electrification, the Minister of Finance, and the local MPP, to request that the Province undertake an immediate review and update the property tax assessment model for Ontario's nuclear generation facilities and other properties within the electricity industry, and copy the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried.**

Jennifer Lawrie

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Clerk



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15 January 2025

**Re: Frontenac County Council Meeting – January 15, 2025 – Motion to support increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000**

### Motions, Notice of Which has Been Given

Motion #: 47-25      Moved By:      Councillor Greenwood-Speers  
Seconded By:      Councillor Gowdy

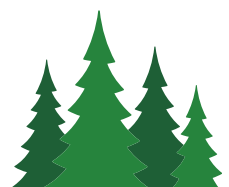
**And Further That** Council a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**

~~Yours Truly,~~

Jannette Amini, Dipl.M.M., M.A. CMO  
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

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January 15, 2025

Via email: [Peter.Bethlengalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:Peter.Bethlengalvy@pc.ola.org)

Ministry of Finance  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Peter Bethlengalvy,

**Re: TAPMO Letter Regarding Pre-Budget Announcement**

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Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their January 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

**Motion:** 15-2025

**Moved:** M. Vaughan

**Seconded:** T. Oke

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

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

**Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the**

**systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator

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Encl.

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