



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

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Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024

AMO'S SUBMISSION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

May 6, 2024

Executive Summary

AMO appreciates the introduction of Bill 185, which most importantly addresses problematic elements of Bill 23 regarding development charges (DCs). AMO would also like to acknowledge the productive, collaborative approach that the Minister and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing brought to the development of this legislation.

The introduction of Bill 185 has re-opened discussion about the role of DCs in housing affordability, engendering criticism from the federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure. AMO's hopes this submission will help to clarify some important facts to support discussion across all three levels of government on how to fund and finance the historic infrastructure investments required over the next decade.

DCs are not a tax. They are a tool which allows municipalities to recover the costs of incremental infrastructure tied directly to growth. Unlike the HST or the provincial Land Transfer Tax, they do not flow directly into consolidated revenues to be used for any purpose deemed appropriate. They are collected and spent in highly regulated ways on specific growth-related projects.

While some believe that lowering DCs will lead to lower house prices, this idea goes against basic economic principles. It assumes that the price of a house is simply the sum of its costs as opposed to being determined by the market. It assumes that developers will act against their own rational self-interest by passing on cost savings to buyers instead of pocketing higher profits and leaving property taxpayers to foot the bill.

Recently, there has been a sense that the principle that "growth pays for growth" needs to be rethought, as homebuyers struggle to afford housing due to a variety of complex factors. AMO is very open to a discussion about other ways that growth-related infrastructure can be funded and financed. We have called on the province to sit down with municipalities to explore the services and infrastructure that Ontarians rely on most, can be delivered more effectively, more affordably and more sustainably.

AMO estimates that Ontario's municipalities are planning to invest more than \$250 billion in capital over the next 10 years, with more than \$100 billion of that related to growth. We can't do it with policies designed to reduce our capacity for infrastructure investment. AMO is confident that the Government of Ontario will answer our call for a Social and Economic Prosperity review to ensure that communities in every part of the province have a sound economic foundation and enviable quality of life.

Development Charges

The Facts on Development Charges in Ontario

DCs have been part of Ontario's municipal fiscal framework for decades and are a critical way that municipalities pay for the infrastructure to support housing and growth. There has been much recent misunderstanding of the nature of DCs – and the impact of exemptions – at both the provincial and federal levels.

DCs are not a tax. They are a cost recovery tool with strict provincially mandated rules that ensure that funds collected are tied to specific projects needed to support growth and are not able to be used for any other purposes. This approach contributes to municipal fiscal sustainability and ensures transparency and accountability for current and future residents.

- Municipalities follow a prescriptive process to determine DC rates, beginning with provincial population and employment growth forecasts and conducting a detailed cost of growth analysis to apportion the cost of growth to different development types (e.g., residential, commercial, industrial).
- The process is transparent and consultative, and developers factor these charges into their project costs.
- Because DCs can only be used for the purposes for which they are collected, municipalities create special reserve for each “service” category (e.g. water, wastewater, emergency services) to hold funds to both leverage debt-finance, and to use to pay for specific projects at the time funds are required.
- This funding is not, however, additional money available for new projects or contingency amounts that reflect a sector that is overly risk averse. It is funding that is already committed to support growth-related projects that are underway, managed in a prescriptive way aligned with provincial rules.

While DCs are not a tax, there *are* many taxes on new housing construction, including the HST and provincial land transfer taxes that generate billions in revenue for the federal and provincial governments. The federal government makes the most of all three orders of government on a new house, receiving a 39% share of tax revenues, but contributing only 7.1% of the public infrastructure.¹

¹ Source: [An Uncomfortable Contradiction: Taxation of Ontario Housing - Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis \(cancea.ca\)](https://cancea.ca/)

Ontario's long-standing and highly productive DC framework was designed to:

- Support the development of complete communities, including social, health transportation and environmental infrastructure, and
- To ensure that new growth was not wholly subsidized by existing property taxpayers (DCs only covered between 60-80 percent of costs prior to Bill 23²).

That leaves two choices for policy makers who wish to support DC discounts:

- They can offset the municipalities' restricted ability to recover the incremental costs of new development with an alternate source of funding, such permanent provincial or federal grants, or a new revenue source, such as a share of the HST, or
- They can affect increased property taxes on residential and commercial taxpayers, including people on fixed incomes and small businesses.

AMO and Ontario municipalities recognize the need to explore different ways of funding and financing infrastructure in the face of historic growth. But transferring property tax dollars to developers with no clear public benefit would not seem to be the basis of a sound strategy.

Support for Bill 185 Development Charges Act Changes

Across Ontario, municipalities are planning for capital expenditures of over \$250 billion over the next 10 years, with around \$100 billion of that related to growth. Bill 23 significantly undercut municipalities' ability to fund and finance the infrastructure needed to support housing supply – creating an estimated \$10 billion loss in municipal revenue over 10 years. In response to municipal submissions highlighting the impact of these changes, this government committed to “make municipalities whole” in November 2023.

Bill 185 takes significant steps towards restoring municipalities' ability to fund growth-related infrastructure by:

1. Repealing the mandatory five-year phase-in of new DC rates; and
2. Restoring studies as eligible DC expenses.

²The City of Toronto stated that before Bill 23, DCs paid for approximately 60-70% of growth-related infrastructure costs. This means that DCs never fully covered off the cost of growth, and we were already requiring taxpayers to cover a significant portion of growth-related costs. Source: <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/97e8-CP-TorontoFactSheet-development-charges.pdf>

To enable municipalities to keep pace with growth infrastructure needs and to help address the growing homelessness crisis across the province, AMO calls on the government to:

- Reinstatement of the cost of land as an eligible DC expense. Purchasing land on which to build infrastructure like new water treatment plants, water towers, transit hubs and police stations is a key cost driver of municipal infrastructure. Barring municipalities from being able to recover these costs from developers will cost property taxpayers \$1.9 billion over 10 years.
- Reinstatement of the cost of housing services as an eligible DC expense. Capital to repair and build more community housing and emergency shelters is needed Ontario-wide. This measure removed \$2 billion from municipal housing services, impacting an estimated 47,000 units.

Neither Bill 185 nor any of the government's many other pieces of housing legislation since 2022 adequately address the challenge of the extreme lack of deeply affordable housing in Ontario. Community housing waitlists top 200,000 individuals in Ontario. An estimated 140,000 new units of community housing are needed in this province just to approach the OECD average.³ While the National Housing Strategy was supposed to provide a way forward, a lack of federal and provincial alignment are putting at risk more than \$350 million a year in funding for rent supplements and community housing capital. There is an urgent need for federal, provincial and municipal governments to come together to fundamentally re-think the way that community housing is funded in Ontario.

Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs)

The proliferation of MZOs under the previous Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing undermined local decision-making and created challenges for infrastructure planning and funding. The government's new framework requiring those requesting an MZO to provide timelines for downstream approvals, project completion, and demonstrate how infrastructure servicing will be addressed for a project is an important step forward. Going further and enshrining in legislation the need to use MZOs only in collaboration with municipalities and in situations of extraordinary urgency would strengthen protections against MZOs that undermine municipal decision-making, planning, and growth financing.

³ Canada Housing and Renewal Association, "The Impact of Community Housing on Productivity."

Land Use Planning Changes

Bill 185 includes a number of changes to the *Planning Act* that can help to incent density and streamline processes. AMO commends the province in particular for:

- **“Use It or Lose It”** provisions recognize the need to hold developers accountable for the building of houses and that municipalities alone do not control the levers of housing supply. Enabling municipalities to reallocate servicing capacity from those developers who do not pull building permits within a reasonable amount of time will help municipalities make better use of the infrastructure that is already in place and incent developers to move forward with housing
- **Removing application fee refund** provisions to reflect that *all* development partners – including provincial ministries and agencies and developers – have a collective impact on the amount of time it takes to finalize planning approvals. Many municipalities and developers have highlighted the disconnect between fee refund requirements and the realities of the planning process on the ground and called for the repeal of this provision.

While Bill 185 has addressed a number of the fiscal and policy challenges inherent in Bill 23, key outstanding issues remain, including:

- **Eliminating regional Official Plans and planning responsibilities**, breaking the logical link between planning and servicing. In a rapid growth environment, the lack of a way to coordinate planning approvals and infrastructure creates a significant risk of either under-servicing or over-building and an over-burdening of the property tax base.
- **Downloading environmental risks** by preventing municipalities from entering into agreements with Conservation Authorities to provide technical advice on development proposals, requiring municipalities to take on responsibility for safeguarding environmentally sensitive lands including farmland and protecting people and property from natural hazards without the appropriate expertise. The ability for the Minister to override Conservation Authorities’ decisions flood hazards proposed in the new regulation significantly compounds these risks.

- **Remaining vague on Indigenous consultation and consent** in the face of First Nations calls to more explicitly incorporate United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) provisions for free, prior and informed consent into land-use planning and development processes. Detailed guidance is required to support a shared understanding of obligations and best practices to underpin strong Indigenous-municipal relationships.

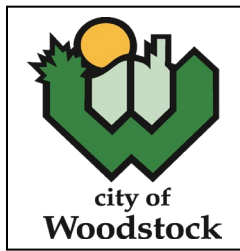
Conclusion

Bill 185 addresses some critical issues with Bill 23 regarding development charges, but further action is needed. While reinstating the 5-year phase-in and studies as eligible expenses is positive, restoring housing services and land costs as eligible for development charges is crucial to ensure municipalities can manage growth and infrastructure needs.

Affordable housing remains a significant concern. AMO urges the government to reinstate housing services as an eligible development charge cost to support building critically needed community housing units. This, along with addressing the federal funding shortfall, is essential to address the housing affordability crisis.

While streamlining land use planning is desirable, it must be balanced with environmental protection. Bill 23's weakening of Conservation Authorities and the lack of clarity on Indigenous consultation create significant risks and require government action.

Ultimately, a successful path forward requires a comprehensive approach that addresses infrastructure funding, affordable housing needs, environmental protection, and clear roles and responsibilities for all partners involved in building Ontario's future.



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May 17, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Sir:

Re: Intimate Partner Violence

At the regular meeting of Woodstock City Council held on May 16, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

“That Woodstock City Council support the resolution from the City of Sault Ste. Marie to support Bill C-332 and enact the necessary amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada to include Coercive Control of an Intimate Partner;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the City of Sault Ste. Marie; the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety; the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services; the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health; the Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth; the Honourable Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development; the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice; and the Honourable Arpan Khanna, Oxford MP.”

Yours Truly,

Sunayana Katikapalli, MPS, CAMP
Manager, Clerks Services/Deputy City Clerk
City of Woodstock

Cc.

The City of Sault Ste. Marie – r.tyczinski@cityssm.on.ca

the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety – dominic.leblanc@parl.gc.ca

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May 21, 2024

The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Honourable Shelly Spence, Auditor General of Ontario

VIA Email to: minister.mecp@ontario.ca
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca
comments@auditor.on.ca

RE: Recommended Phase out of free water well testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, the Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2024 - 123

Moved by J. Hodgins

Seconded by A. Westman

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

WHEREAS free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities such as the Township of Lucan Biddulph; and

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

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

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

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit, and MPP Elgin-Middlesex-London.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Ron Reymer

Ron Reymer
CAO/Clerk

cc: MPP Rob Flack



May 21st, 2024

Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

ATTENTION: Hon. Doug Ford

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Resolution – Request to the Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held April 23rd, 2024:

Moved by Councillor Summers

Seconded by Councillor Kelso

THAT, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands supports the resolution of the Town of Coburg regarding the request to the Province to amend the blue box regulation;

AND THAT, a copy of the support letter be sent to the Premier of Ontario, AMO and member municipalities.

Resolved

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël,
Clerk/Acting CAO

Encls.

c.c. AMO
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Town of Cobourg

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premier@ontario.ca

April 8, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to
Amend the Blue Box Regulation

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on March 27, 2024, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council support the recommendation of the Township of Perry and send a copy of the support letter to the Premier of Ontario, AMO and member municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Enclosure.

cc. AMO
All Ontario Municipalities



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February 26, 2024

Via Email

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

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for
'Ineligible' Sources**

At their last regular meeting on Wednesday February 21, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following:

"Resolution #2024-52

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

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

And Whereas 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

And Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue

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Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And further that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bm', is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

c.c. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
All Ontario Municipalities

"Via Email: Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org"

May 24th, 2024

The Honorable Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and housing

Re: Operational Budget Funding

This will serve to advise you that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, passed the following resolution pertaining to the above noted:

"Resolution No. 281-2024

Moved by: Councillor Sylvie Charron-Lemieux

Seconded by: Councillor Mark Recoskie

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Paul Calandra; and the Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, John Vanthof.

CARRIED."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

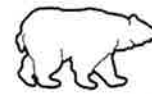


Alice Mercier
Clerk

AM/ed

c.c: All Ontario Municipalities;
Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford;
Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, John Vanthof





“Via Email: Premier@ontario.ca”

May 24th, 2024

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Re: Increase Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

This will serve to advise you that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, passed the following resolution pertaining to the above noted:

“Resolution No. 283-2024

Moved by: Councillor Sylvie Charron-Lemieux

Seconded by: Councillor France Bouvier

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario:

(i) upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or

(ii) alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.

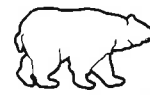
FURTHERMORE, THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, John Vanthof; the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria; and the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Ford.

CARRIED.”



THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

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WONDERFULLY UNEXPECTED

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

Alice Mercier
Clerk

AM/ed

c.c: All Ontario Municipalities;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
Ontario Minister of Transportation, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkira;
Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, John Vanthof



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATTAWAN

DATE

May 27, 2024

Resolution No.

2024 - 068

MOVED BY

Councillor

EDWARDS

SECONDED BY

Councillor

LAHAYE

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of Mattawan support the resolution Hastings County and the Municipality of East Ferris, calling on the Ontario and Federal Governments to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

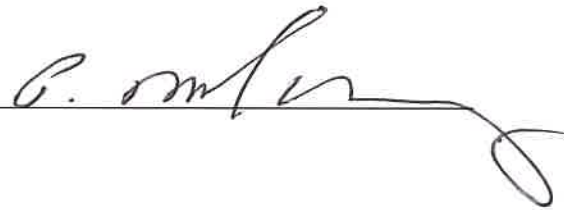
AND FURTHER THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

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

AND FURTHER THAT AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, Good Roads and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Mayor Peter Murphy



DIVISION VOTE

NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL

YEAS

NAYS

Councillor Bell

Councillor Edwards

Councillor Lahaye

Councillor Lemaire

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD

May 14th, 2024

2024-104

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support the resolution from Hastings County calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

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

AND FURTHER THAT AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, Good Roads and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-104 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 14th day of May, 2024.



Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk



May 30th, 2024

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

ATTENTION: Hon. Doug Ford

Dear Premier Ford,

Resolution – RE: Hastings County Motion regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held May 14th, 2024:

Moved by Councillor Kelso

Seconded by Councillor Summers

THAT, Council supports the resolution from Hastings County regarding Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities;

AND THAT, this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington; MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Resolved

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël,
Clerk/Acting CAO



Encls.

c.c. The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and
Communities of Canada
Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing
Corporation
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure
The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and
Housing
MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington
MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington
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April 17, 2024

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RE: Hastings County Motion regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities

Please be advised that Hastings County Council, at its meeting held on March 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hastings County call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

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

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group that includes a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington; MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Cathy Bradley
Director of Legislative Services

“Via Email: roma@roma.on.ca; info@goodroads.ca”

May 24th, 2024

Rural Ontario Municipality Association
Att: Board of Directors

Ontario Good Roads Association
Att: Board of Directors

Re: Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conference

This will serve to advise you that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, passed the following resolution pertaining to the above noted:

“Resolution No. 282-2024

Moved by: Councillor Sylvie Charron-Lemieux

Seconded by: Councillor Rodney Hoogenhoud

WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

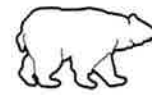
FURTHERMORE THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Paul Calandra; and the Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, John Vanthof.

CARRIED.”



THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

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Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

Alice Mercier
Clerk

AM/ed

c.c: All Ontario Municipalities;
Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford;
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Paul Calandra;
Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, John Vanthof



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATTAWAN

DATE May 27, 2024 Resolution No. 2024 - 069

MOVED BY Councillor EDWARDS

SECONDED BY Councillor LAHAYE

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of Mattawan support the resolution from the City of St. Catharine's and the Municipality of East Ferris regarding petitioning the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;

AND FUTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, AMCTO, and MLE.

CARRIED Mayor Peter Murphy P. Murphy

DIVISION VOTE

NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL	YEAS	NAYS
<u>Councillor Bell</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Councillor Edwards</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Councillor Lahaye</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Councillor Lemaire</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD
May 14th, 2024

2024-106
Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support the resolution from the City of St. Catharines regarding petitioning the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;

AND FUTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-106 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 14th day of May, 2024.



Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk

April 23, 2024

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

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on April 8, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Jennie Stevens, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Jeff Burch, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Local MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO)
All Municipalities of Ontario

May 28, 2024

Town of Lincoln
4800 South Service Road
Beamsville, ON
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Attention: Ms. Julie Kirkelos, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk

Dear Ms. Kirkelos,

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

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on May 27, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution

That the correspondence from the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln, dated February 28, 2024 be received and supported.

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

Sincerely,



Justin J. Paylove
Director of Legislative Service/Clerk
jpaylove@westlincoln.ca

JJP/jmt

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

March 20, 2024

Julie Kirkelos, Clerk
Town of Lincoln
4800 South Service Road
Beamsville ON L0R 1B1

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

Re: Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that at its meeting of March 19, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet passed the following motion:

“**THAT** Correspondence item C-2024-067 from the Town of Lincoln respecting Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario be received and supported.”

Should you have any questions, please contact me at achrastina@wainfleet.ca or 905-899-3463 ext. 224.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber Chrastina".

Amber Chrastina
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West
Local Area Municipalities

4800 SOUTH SERVICE RD
BEAMSVILLE, ON L0R 1B1
905-563-8205

February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

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

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

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

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

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

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

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

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

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

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

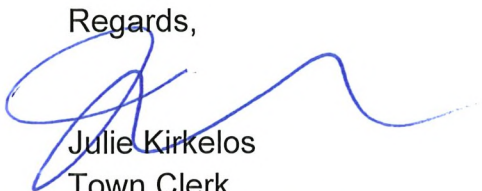
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing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

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

CARRIED

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

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

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



The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Councillor Ardiel Notice of Motion Re: Ride-Sharing Services
Date: Monday, June 3, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Ardiel
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Bordignon

WHEREAS the Town of The Blue Mountains faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community; AND WHEREAS Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel; AND WHEREAS the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework; AND WHEREAS transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs; THEREFORE BE it RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament for Northumberland-Peterborough South; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario municipalities, including Grey County

YES: 6

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Mayor Matrosovs
Councillor McKinlay

Deputy Mayor Bordignon
Councillor Porter

Councillor Ardiel

Councillor Hope

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1 Councillor Maxwell