



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

November 3, 2023

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2023 Fall Economic Statement

Policy Update • November 02, 2023

This afternoon, the province released the [2023 Fall Economic Statement](#). The statement included two announcements related to the issues concerning municipalities.

The province has committed \$200 million over 3 years through the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund for the repair, rehabilitation and expansion of municipal water and wastewater infrastructure. AMO commends the province for these investments as a helpful step towards addressing gaps in municipal funding to support growth. Provincial program details, including the ability of upper-tier municipalities to access funding, have yet to be confirmed. AMO has requested to be a part of program design and will continue to advocate to all levels of government for increased capacity to help municipalities deliver services and invest in infrastructure as we support growth and build more homes.

The province has announced the creation of an Ontario Infrastructure Bank with an initial \$3 billion in funding. The agency would help to fund large-scale infrastructure projects, including long-term care homes, energy infrastructure, affordable housing, municipal and community infrastructure and transportation. AMO looks forward to further details regarding the Ontario Infrastructure Bank and how it can help address urgent municipal infrastructure needs across the province.

The Statement also included details regarding the provincial commitment to remove the full provincial portion of HST on qualifying new purpose-built rental housing. AMO welcomes this greater emphasis on enhancing the supply of rental and affordable housing.

Strengthening Public Health Through Voluntary Mergers

Policy Update • October 31, 2023

At the 2023 AMO Conference, the provincial government announced a series of new, planned measures to strengthen public health in Ontario. Among them was the intention to provide resources, support, and incentives to facilitate voluntary mergers to better support communities. This was responsive to AMO's recommendation made during the consultations on public health modernization.

This week, the Ministry of Health [issued a memo](#) to all local public health agencies providing information to inform planning and next steps. Assistance will be provided in 2024 to support voluntary mergers. As a next step, the ministry is initiating discussions about potential merger opportunities. Details are found in the [ministry's slide deck](#).

AMO's membership is encouraged to familiarize themselves with the process and engage with local Boards of Health about any potential plans. AMO will work with the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and play a role to inform the deliberations through membership education.

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Official Plans, Income Security and the Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment

Policy Update • October 23, 2023

Unwinding Changes to Official Plans

Today, the province announced plans to reverse its official plan amendments made in the following select municipalities with housing targets: Barrie, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Ottawa and the City of Peterborough, the Regional Municipalities of Halton, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York, as well as Wellington County. This includes winding back changes to urban boundaries, which some municipalities have said were not needed to build housing. The province will introduce legislation to enact the change. It is engaging the impacted municipalities on the reversal, recognizing projects and investments may have already been made.

AMO welcomes this change. In previous submissions to the legislature, AMO has highlighted that pervasive or indiscriminate provincial intervention in development risks undermining broader local planning efforts with implications for financing, timing and complete communities. AMO has urged the government to use Ministerial planning authorities, such as Municipal Zoning Orders (MZOs) only in collaboration with municipalities and in situations of extraordinary urgency.

Municipalities believe Ontario can build housing and grow faster, and that growth should dovetail with good planning and responsible environmental protection. The provincial government moved unilaterally in directions that it clearly regrets. AMO is pleased that it is changing course to work collaboratively with municipalities on housing.

Income Security for Housing and Homelessness

AMO continues to highlight the importance of improving Ontario's income support system to help address root causes of homelessness across the province. The following changes

to the Ontario Disability Support Program and the Ontario Works program can help those who are homeless to find permanent housing, and prevent more Ontarians from falling into homelessness:

- **Provide base shelter amount to unhoused people on Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW).** Currently, because unhoused individuals do not have shelter costs, they are not entitled to receive shelter benefits. Having enough income to pay rent is a critical part of moving out of homelessness.
- **Increase the amount of money individuals on OW can earn without impacts to monthly benefits (i.e., “earnings exemptions”).** Allowing workers to keep more of what they earn will help people on OW to afford rent while encouraging them to work.
- **Increase the cap on discretionary benefits administered by municipal system managers to 10% from 5%.** Giving municipalities more ability to help cover emergency costs can keep individuals and families’ from losing their homes.

Further, AMO is asking the government to realize the full potential and promise of social assistance transformation by better enabling municipalities to deliver the wrap around supports many individuals need to succeed in sustainable employment.

As part of our recommended income security changes, AMO is supporting calls for federal and provincial investments in enhanced housing subsidies outside the social assistance system to help people afford rent. There is a variety of tools for the municipal toolkit to work with, but more targeted ones are needed.

AMO is supporting the implementation of the proposal for a [Homelessness Prevention and Housing Benefit](#) developed by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness.

Significant Climate Impacts Foreseen in Provincial Report

The provincial government has published the final report of the [Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment](#) (PCCIA). The PCCIA was originally launched by the provincial government in 2020 as part of its Made-In-Ontario Climate Change Plan. The Assessment examines regional impacts of climate change on Ontario to help the government forecast needed responses to ensure resilience for Ontario’s communities, residents, and environments.

The final PCCIA report lays out some significant impacts from a changing climate that will affect communities and residents. AMO has written to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks to request that the government respond to the report and work with municipalities to develop a climate resilience plan for the province. In the interim, municipalities are encouraged to review the report to understand regional changes.

Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Policy Update • October 18, 2023

Municipalities across Ontario are facing increasingly complex challenges, such as tackling homelessness and climate change, without the financial tools to solve them. It's time for the province and municipalities to work collaboratively towards solutions for the long-term stability and sustainability of municipal finances.

AMO has called on Premier Ford to propose an update of the partnership between provincial and municipal governments to build sustainable communities, a solid foundation for economic growth and quality of life.

A social and economic prosperity review would help to create a sustainable, accountable provincial-municipal relationship where both orders of government can meet their responsibilities, grounded in:

- Affordability and fiscal sustainability for both orders of government
- Fairness for taxpayers and affordability for residents
- Coordinated and timely infrastructure investment resilient to climate realities
- Increased housing supply and affordability
- Robust health and social services supporting increased economic participation
- Long term economic development and prosperity for Ontario and its communities
- Modern, effective and streamlined service delivery

It's the right time for a province-wide conversation.



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.4.

Resolution Number 23-169

Title: Request to Province to declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic in Ontario - Resolution to Support

Date: Friday, October 13, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Lundy

Seconded by: Councillor Cade Fraser

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of The Archipelago receives and supports the Town of Aurora's resolution declaring gender-based and intimate partner violence an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada (Hon. Justin Trudeau), the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), Leaders of Opposition Parties, Parry Sound-Muskoka MP (Hon. Scott Aitchison), Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP (Hon. Graydon Smith), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

September 28, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
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Delivered by email
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Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 26, 2023
Motion 10.2 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence
Epidemic

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 26, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas 42 municipalities and regions including OBCM (Ontario Big City Mayors) and MARCO (Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario) members Ajax, Brampton, Burlington, Clarington, Hamilton, London, Oakville, Ottawa, Pickering, Whitby, Toronto, and Windsor, along with Peel, Durham and Halton Regions as well as Lanark County, Essex County and Renfrew County across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic (as of August 18, 2023); and

Whereas on August 16, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as "an epidemic" in the federal government's formal response to a coroner's inquest, also stating that his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic "in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response"; and

Whereas by declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, the Town of Aurora can join the growing number of municipalities and regions in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic; and

Whereas the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence increased exponentially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has not decreased, while funding to provide the growing demand of services and support

for victims and survivors of intimate partner and gender-based violence has not kept pace;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora recommend that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare a gender-based and intimate partner violence epidemic across the country; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the inquest into the 2015 murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County, Ontario, which provide a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the federal government starts this enactment by adding the word Femicide as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada; and**
- 6. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions, and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic.**

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

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



10. Motions

10.2 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

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

Carried (7 to 0)

Oct 25, 2023

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
Niagara Region
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Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: Niagara Region - Motion Respecting Recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest and Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic

This is to confirm that at the Oct 23, 2023 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

1. That, the correspondence received from the Regional Municipality of Niagara regarding the Motion Respecting Recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest and Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic, as attached as Schedule A, be received and supported; and,
2. That, the Township of West Lincoln recognize the issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence in Niagara as serious to the health and wellness of local residents and their families; and,
3. That, the Township of West Lincoln commit to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term danger of violence in our communities; and,
4. That, the Township of West Lincoln declare, in accordance with Recommendation #5 of the Niagara Region request, that intimate partner violence and gender-based violence are an epidemic; and,
5. That, a copy of this motion be sent to each of Niagara's 12 Local Area Municipalities; The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; The Honourable Parm Gill, Minister of Red Tape Reduction; Niagara four MPs; Niagara's four MPPs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO); and Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM).

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 6720.

Yours Truly,



Jessica Dyson
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Niagara's 12 Local Area Municipalities
The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice;
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
The Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity;
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**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.13.
Resolution Number 23-178
Title: Cigarette Producer Responsibility
Date: Friday, October 13, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Sheard
Seconded by: Councillor MacLeod

WHEREAS cigarette manufacturers play a crucial role in the creation and distribution of cigarette products. Cigarettes, are responsible for significant environmental damage and contribute to waste and pollution; and

WHEREAS cigarette butts are the most common form of litter worldwide and pose a threat to aquatic life and ecosystems. As reported 26 July 2023 to the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, Pollution Probe's Great Lakes Plastic Cleanup identified cigarette butts one of the top five items of microplastics found in the Great Lakes, and

WHEREAS cigarette filters are composed of non-biodegradable materials that can take several years to degrade, exacerbating the problem of waste accumulation; and

WHEREAS the concept of producer responsibility promotes the idea that the party that profits from the creation and sale of a product should also be responsible for managing the product's end-of-life environmental impact; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has successfully implemented producer responsibility programs for various industries, such as electronics, packaging, and batteries, resulting in significant improvements in waste management and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS the exclusion of cigarette manufacturers from current producer responsibility programs in our province creates an inconsistency in environmental policy and hampers our overall efforts to reduce waste and protect our environment. It is imperative to address the environmental impact of cigarette manufacturing, usage, and disposal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of The Archipelago hereby requests the Province of Ontario to include cigarette manufacturers within the scope of producer responsibility regulations and programs;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Government takes necessary steps to develop and amend legislation to ensure cigarette manufacturers are responsible for the collection, recycling, and proper disposal of cigarette waste and the Province of Ontario be encouraged to work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders, including public health organizations, environmental groups, and retail associations, to develop comprehensive and effective strategies for the inclusion of cigarette manufacturers in producer responsibility program, taking into account the unique challenges posed by tobacco products;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario allocate adequate resources and establish monitoring systems to ensure compliance with the newly imposed responsibilities by cigarette manufacturers, including penalties for non-compliance;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario adopts regulations and policies that require cigarette manufacturers to:

1. Take financial responsibility for the collection, transportation, recycling, or safe disposal of discarded cigarettes and related waste materials.
2. Develop and engage in public awareness campaigns to educate the public about the environmental impact of cigarette butt litter and implement programs to educate the public on the safe disposal of cigarette butts.
3. Implement measures to minimize the environmental impact of their products through the use of sustainable materials, reduced packaging, and improved recycling initiatives;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED The Ministry of the Environment actively collaborates with other provinces and territories within Canada to encourage a nationwide approach towards including cigarette manufacturers in Producer Responsibility initiatives;

AND FURTHER BE FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honorable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservations and Parks, relevant Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Leader of the Opposition parties, All Municipalities in Ontario, Pollution Probe, Georgian Bay Forever, Georgian Bay Association, and other pertinent stakeholders as appropriate, urging their support and action in this matter.

Carried



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October 18, 2023

File: C00.2023

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Sent by Email

RE: Municipal Codes of Conduct

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on October 16, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence regarding Municipal Codes of Conduct.

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Whereas all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

Whereas several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

Whereas these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

Whereas municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

Whereas municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Township of Clearview supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation

to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

Also, Be It Resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner;
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;

And that the above resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Regards,



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Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MPP Simcoe Grey, Brian Saunderson
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October 18, 2023

File: C00.2023

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Sent by Email

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Illegal Car Rally – Provincial Task Force

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on October 16, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding illegal car rallies:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Whereas, the prevalence of unsanctioned car rally events has grown in recent years throughout North America; and

Whereas, the Town of Wasaga Beach has been the target of unsanctioned car rallies over the past four years resulting in property damage, threats to public order, and significant risk to people's safety and enjoyment of their property;

And Whereas the protections afforded by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are being violated by unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants, thereby infringing on the rights of others and undermined the response of enforcement personnel; and

Whereas, unsanctioned car rally activity crosses multiple jurisdictions requiring a province wide coordinated response framework to protect all communities from the same disruption and risk to public safety;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Wasaga Beach requests that a provincial task force be assembled to create a municipal response framework to protect communities from unsanctioned car rallies with a mandate to include, but not limited to:

- Investigate legislative enhancements and tools to assist municipalities in responding and enforcing unsanctioned car rallies.
- Investigate expanded powers for municipal law enforcement officers.
- Develop a proactive approach to awareness, prevention, enforcement and collaboration across all enforcement personnel, including police, municipal law enforcement officers and other provincial offences officers.
- Investigate harsher penalties and increased fines for unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants; and

That the Province provide funding to municipalities to assist with the cost in enforcing unsanctioned car rallies; and

And Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, MPP Brian Saunderson, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, County of Simcoe, FCM, and AMO.

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

Regards,



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cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
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Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
MPP Brian Saunderson
Commissioner Thomas Carrique, Ontario Provincial Police
County of Simcoe Council

Federation of Canadian Municipalities
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Ontario Municipalities

Monday, October 30, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 4620
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SENT VIA EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca

RE: Support Resolution for Illegal Car Rally – Provincial Task Force

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Please be advised of the following motion that was passed at the Monday, October 16, 2023, Goderich Town Council meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Petrie

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

THAT Goderich Town Council support the resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding Illegal Car Rally - Provincial Task Force;

AND THAT in addition, staff notify the Province that Mayor Bazinet would be interested in being part of such Provincial Task Force.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher
Clerk/Planning Coordinator
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cc. Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, pm@pm.gc.ca.
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ENCLOSED: Town of Wasaga Beach Resolution Letter



TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH

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September 28, 2023

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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Illegal Car Rally – Provincial Task Force

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their September 14, 2023 Council meeting adopted the following resolution regarding illegal car rallies:

WHEREAS the prevalence of unsanctioned car rally events has grown in recent years throughout North America;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Wasaga Beach has been the target of unsanctioned car rallies over the past four years resulting in property damage, threats to public order, and significant risk to people's safety and enjoyment of their property;

AND WHEREAS the protections afforded by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are being violated by unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants, thereby infringing on the rights of others and undermined the response of enforcement personnel;

AND WHEREAS unsanctioned car rally activity crosses multiple jurisdictions requiring a province wide coordinated response framework to protect all communities from the same disruption and risk to public safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach requests that a provincial task force be assembled to create a municipal response framework to protect communities from unsanctioned car rallies with a mandate to include, but not limited to:

- Investigate legislative enhancements and tools to assist municipalities in responding and enforcing unsanctioned car rallies.
- Investigate expanded powers for municipal law enforcement officers.
- Develop a proactive approach to awareness, prevention, enforcement and collaboration across all enforcement personnel, including police, municipal law enforcement officers and other provincial offences officers.
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AND FURTHER THAT the Province provide funding to municipalities to assist with the cost in enforcing unsanctioned car rallies;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, MPP Brian Saunderson, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, County of Simcoe, FCM, and AMO;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities requesting a letter of support be sent to senior levels of government.

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844.

Respectfully yours,



Brian Smith, Mayor Town of Wasaga Beach

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Brian Saunderson, MPP – Simcoe-Grey
Commissioner Thomas Carrique, Ontario Provincial Police
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October 18, 2023

File: C00.2023

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

Sent by Email

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on October 16, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from the Town of Grimsby regarding establishing a guaranteed livable income:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, That in consideration of correspondence received September 11, 2023, from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, Council of the Township of Clearview directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, the MP and MPP for Simcoe-Grey, and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

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

Regards,

Sasha HelmKay-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe Grey
Terry Dowdall, MP Simcoe Grey

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The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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October 17, 2023

Premier Doug Ford
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Ford,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday March 6, 2023, the following resolution of support was passed.

RE: Township of Aurora Motion 10.4 Councillor Weese, Re: Aurora Council Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in Aurora"

Resolution: 257-2023

Moved by: Councillor Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor St. Louis

Whereas the Township of Aurora passed "Motion 10.4 - Councillor Weese; Re: Aurora Council Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in Aurora at its meeting on September 26, 2023; and

Whereas these Strong Mayor Powers undermine democratic processes executed through municipal elections; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers may also violate by-laws established by municipalities that provides accepted and legal procedures for governance; and

Whereas Terrace Bay Council recognizes the important role each Councillor provides the residents in their Ward and the community-at-large;

Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That the Township of Terrace Bay Council supports the Town of Aurora's motion 10.4 and opposes Strong Mayor Powers being provided to the Head of Council;

Be It Further Resolved That this approved Motion is to be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Paul Calandra; Lise Vaugeois MPP, Thunder Bay—Superior North and each of the Municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Jon Hall
CAO/Clerk

CC:

Honourable Paul Calandra - minister.mah@ontario.ca

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

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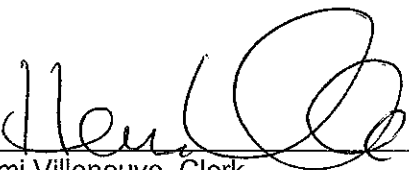
**Township of East Hawkesbury
Regular Meeting**



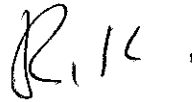
Agenda Number: 16.
Resolution # 2023-50
Title: Correspondence
Date: October 10, 2023

Moved by: Monique Desjardins
Seconded by: Stéphanie Sabourin

Be it resolved that Council support Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.


Hemi Villeneuve, Clerk,

Carried





No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 16.
Résolution # 2023-50
Titre: Correspondance
Date: le 10 octobre 2023

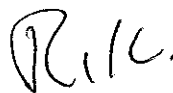
Proposé par: Monique Desjardins
Appuyé par: Stéphanie Sabourin

Qu'il soit résolu que le Conseil soutien le projet de loi 21 qui modifie la Charte des droits des résidents énoncée à l'article 3 de la loi de 2021 sur les soins de longue durée en ajoutant le droit des résidents de ne pas être séparés de leur conjoint au moment de leur admission, mais de disposer d'un logement pour les deux conjoints afin qu'ils puissent continuer à vivre ensemble.



Hemi Villeneuve, Greffière,

Adoptée





Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Robert Kirby
Mayor of Township of East Hawkesbury
5151 County Road 14, P.O. Box 340, St-Eugene, ON, K0B 1P0

RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Kirby,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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9.5.2.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2023 – 149

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: October 3, 2023

Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
Councillor **B. KEITH**
Councillor **D. McCANN**
Councillor **C. McDONALD**
Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED: ✓ DEFEATED: _____ Postponed to: _____

Whereas speeding on Town of Parry Sound roads is a concern, and can occur in all areas of the community; and

Whereas barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to the community; and

Whereas the Town of Parry Sound has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design; and

Whereas local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement; and

Whereas s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Parry Sound supports the request of the City of Cambridge that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey

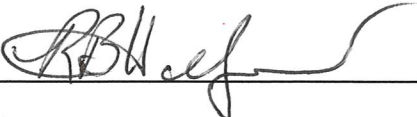
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Town of Rainy River

RESOLUTION

MOVED BY  DATE: **October 10, 2023**

SECONDED BY  RESOLUTION: **23-020**

“WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River is a small community in Northwestern Ontario with limited financial resources;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Rainy River owns and operates the water treatment facilities, water distribution facilities, wastewater treatment facilities and wastewater collection facilities which service the residents of the Town of Rainy River;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Rainy River requires Class II Water Treatment Operators for its facilities;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River attempts to provide training as prescribed by the Province of Ontario to obtain the necessary classification(s);

AND WHEREAS the Town of Rainy River has been fortunate in obtaining a full staff compliment eager to take on the responsibilities of water treatment and distribution and wastewater collection and treatment operations;

AND WHEREAS any new employees of the Town of Rainy River require certification;

AND WHEREAS training is becoming increasingly difficult to procure;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has implemented stringent review of water treatment plants to ensure compliance;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is promoting and providing an increased number of training opportunities for a variety of trades;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River petitions the Province of Ontario to expand water treatment training opportunities for communities within Ontario;

AND FURTHER the training be delivered in a method that is flexible and affordable;

AND FURTHER utilize existing networks, such as Contact North, for on-line exam preparation and exam supervision;

AND FURTHER the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River forward copies of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks Andrea Khanjin, MPP Greg Rickford, Walkerton Clean Water Centre, Ontario Municipalities.”

ABSTAIN _____
AYES _____
NAYES _____

D. ARMSTRONG _____
D. EWALD _____
J. HAGARTY _____
B. HELGESON _____
N. IVALL _____
M. KREGER _____
G. PROST _____

CARRIED _____ ✓
DEFEATED _____


MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR



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



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.2.
Resolution Number 2023-173
Title: Resolution Stemming from July 19, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #4
Date: August 9, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Municipality of Grey Highlands on June 21, 2023 requiring all stop arm cameras on to be installed and paid for by the Province on all school buses for the start of the 2023-2024 school year;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Attorney General Doug Downey; the Ministry of Education; the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED



MAYOR

June 21, 2023

Office of the Premier of Ontario

Sent via email

To Hon. Doug Ford:

Re: Resolution # 2023-475

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the June 21, 2023 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

That the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands urges the Provincial Government to:

1. Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and

2. Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Rick Byers MPP, AMO, Bluewater District School Board, Grey County Warden and all municipalities in Ontario.

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine
Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy-Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands

cc. Attorney General Doug Downey,
Minister of Education Stephen Lecce,
Provincial opposition parties,
Rick Byers MPP,
AMO,
Bluewater District School Board,
Grey County Warden
and all municipalities in Ontario.



Date: September 11, 2023

To: Mayor & Council
From: Crystal LeBrun, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Subject: **School Bus Stop Arm Cameras Resolution**

Notice of Motion by Councillor Tom Smyth

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of South Dundas urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and

b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, and AMO.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS
RESOLUTION

Regular Meeting

Resolution: 2023 - 372

Date: October 17, 2023

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council hereby receives and supports resolution number 2023-475 from the Municipality of Grey Highlands, resolution number 2023-173 from the Municipality of St.-Charles and the resolution from the Municipality of South Dundas passed on September 11, 2023 regarding school bus stop arm cameras;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey; the Minister of Education; the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Deferred

Defeated

MAYOR

Recorded Vote:	Yea	Nay
Mayor Fraser	___	___
Deputy Mayor Bergeron	___	___
Councillor Annable	___	___
Councillor Uhrig	___	___
Councillor Lennox	___	___



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Resolution # RC23249	Meeting Order: 7
Moved by: <i>Mitch Hayfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>[Signature]</i>

WHEREAS the demand for alternative accommodations has resulted in an increased prominence of residential properties being advertised for short term accommodations through third party companies such as Airbnb and VRBO; a shift from the 'traditional' cottage rental historically managed by a property owner; and

WHEREAS over the past decade a flood of properties have been removed from the ownership and long-term rental market (Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance at McGill University) contributing to housing shortages, increased housing demands and increased housing costs resulting in housing affordability issues, including affordable rentals; and

WHEREAS short term rentals (STR) can be beneficial, when operated appropriately, by providing solutions for the accommodation industry that supports local tourism and small businesses as well as providing an opportunity for property owners to generate income from their residence (permanent or seasonal) using a convenient third-party system; and

WHEREAS STR's can create nuisances including noise, parking, high volumes of visitors attending a property, septic capacity and fire safety, for adjacent residential property owners who wish to experience quiet enjoyment of their property; and

WHEREAS research indicates that demand for STR's is increasing, in part due to vacationers choosing domestic travel options as well as the financial benefits to property owners, demonstrating that STR's are here to stay; and

WHEREAS there are no Provincial regulations in place governing third party STR companies resulting in a variety of regulations/guidelines being implemented at the local municipal level which creates inconsistencies, confusion and frustrations for both consumers and residents across the province; and

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa calls on the Provincial Government to move forward as soon as possible to legislate all third-party short-term rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, requiring them to:

- appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings, and to compel compliance; and
- establish a registry system, making it mandatory for each rental listing to register and pay an appropriate annual fee, with the requirement that STR companies are to provide the registry and collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located, allowing municipalities to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds to assist with the response and enforcement of issues surrounding STR properties; and
- de-list/remove a property from the STR company's listing when a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc. to ensure a property cannot be rented; and

FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Algoma-Manitoulin MPPs.

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR

Resolution Number: 213-23

Moved by: Ron McLaren ☐ Blair Flowers ☒ Pearl Ivens ☐ Neil Scarlett ☐
Seconded by: Ron McLaren ☐ Blair Flowers ☐ Pearl Ivens ☒ Neil Scarlett ☐

Oct 23, 2023

Whereas the demand for alternative accommodations has resulted in an increased prominence of residential properties being advertised for short term accommodations through third party companies such as Airbnb and VRBO; a shift from the 'traditional' cottage rental historically managed by a property owner; and

Whereas over the past decade a flood of properties have been removed from the ownership and long-term rental market (Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance at McGill University) contributing to housing shortages, increased housing demands and increased housing costs resulting in housing affordability issues, including affordable rentals; and

Whereas short term rentals (STR) can be beneficial, when operated appropriately, by providing solutions for the accommodation industry that supports local tourism and small businesses as well as providing an opportunity for property owners to generate income from their residence (permanent or seasonal) using a convenient third-party system; and

Whereas STR's can create nuisances including noise, parking, high volumes of visitors attending a property, septic capacity and fire safety, for adjacent residential property owners who wish to experience quiet enjoyment of their property; and

Whereas research indicates that demand for STR's is increasing, in part due to vacationers choosing domestic travel options as well as the financial benefits to property owners, demonstrating that STR's are here to stay; and

Whereas there are no Provincial regulations in place governing third party STR companies resulting in a variety of regulations/guidelines being implemented at the local municipal level which creates inconsistencies, confusion and frustrations for both consumers and residents across the province; and

Therefore, be it resolved that Township of Machar Council calls on the Provincial Government to move forward as soon as possible to legislate all third-party short-term rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, requiring them to:

- appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings, and to compel compliance; and
- establish a registry system, making it mandatory for each rental listing to register and pay an appropriate annual fee, with the requirement that STR companies are to provide the registry and collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located, allowing municipalities to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds to assist with the response and enforcement of issues surrounding STR properties; and
- de-list/remove a property from the STR company's listing when a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc. to ensure a property cannot be rented; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Graydon Smith, MPP.

Carried by: _____

Lynda Carleton



Hon. Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Bldg 11th Flr, 720 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

October 26th 2023

Sent via e-mail: doug.downey@ontario.ca

Re: Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006

Dear Mr. Downey,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on October 25th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the attached resolution from the Township of McKellar regarding a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006.

Motion 10

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the Township of McKellar regarding a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Sent via e-mail
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)
Neil Oliver, CEO & President, Metroland Media Group
All Ontario Municipalities



Township of McKellar

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October 19, 2023

Hon. Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Bldg 11th Flr, 720 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Sent via email: Doug.Downey@ontario.ca

RE: Call for an Amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006*

Dear Mr. Downey,

At the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 17, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar carried the following resolution:

Resolution No. 23-671

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

WHEREAS Metroland Media Group has sought bankruptcy protection and will cease the print publication of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario, moving to an online-only model; and

WHEREAS Neil Oliver, Chief Executive Officer and President of Metroland Media Group, said the 71 Metroland community publications will be digital only going forward; and

WHEREAS the *Legislation Act, 2006* provides a definition of “newspaper” which applies to every Ontario Act and Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that, (a) **is printed in sheet form**, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; (“journal”); and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

WHEREAS communities such as the West Parry Sound Area cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Parry Sound North Star news publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper”; and

WHEREAS some small, rural, Ontario Municipalities may not have the means to bring an application to the Court to ask for directions and approval of an alternate manner of providing notice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby request the Provincial government to make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Regards,



Karlee Britton
Deputy Clerk
Township of McKellar
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cc:

Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)
Neil Oliver, CEO & President, Metroland Media Group
All Ontario Municipalities

October 30, 2023

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

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of October 24, 2023

Motion 10.1 – Councillor Kim; Re: Cannabis Retail Applications for the Town of Aurora

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on October 24, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas in January 2019, Council voted in favour of retail Cannabis in the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is the legal body overseeing Cannabis Retail; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora with geography of 7 km x 7 km and population of 64,000 currently has 13 Cannabis retail stores and 1 authorized at the AGCO; and

Whereas the long-term vision of the Town's Official Plan supports active and healthy lifestyle choices to complement a complete community; and

Whereas many cannabis stores are within close proximity to schools and daycares which are inhabited by society's most vulnerable; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019 (LLCA) in its regulation already has a precedent by limiting the number of grocery stores licensed to sell beer, wine, and cider to 450 and is currently not accepting any more applications;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora requests that the Government of Ontario through its Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) no longer accepts any further cannabis retail applications for the Town of Aurora; and**

- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora requests that the Government of Ontario re-evaluate its “formula” on how many cannabis stores are permissible within the boundaries of a municipality, including but not limited to:**
 - a. Utilizing a cap or upper limit;**
 - b. Utilizing a population per capita formula;**
 - c. Utilizing a distance to the next cannabis retail store formula; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That should the Government of Ontario revisit the retail Cannabis formula guiding the number of cannabis retail stores permissible in a municipality, that it would extend to all existing municipalities; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora; and the Honourable Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.**

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

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



10. Motions

10.1 Councillor Kim; Re: Cannabis Retail Applications for the Town of Aurora

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

Whereas in January 2019, Council voted in favour of retail Cannabis in the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is the legal body overseeing Cannabis Retail; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora with geography of 7 km x 7 km and population of 64,000 currently has 13 Cannabis retail stores and 1 authorized at the AGCO; and

Whereas the long-term vision of the Town's Official Plan supports active and healthy lifestyle choices to complement a complete community; and

Whereas many cannabis stores are within close proximity to schools and daycares which are inhabited by society's most vulnerable; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019 (LLCA) in its regulation already has a precedent by limiting the number of grocery stores licensed to sell beer, wine, and cider to 450 and is currently not accepting any more applications;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora requests that the Government of Ontario through its Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) no longer accepts any further cannabis retail applications for the Town of Aurora; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora requests that the Government of Ontario re-evaluate its "formula" on how many cannabis stores are permissible within the boundaries of a municipality, including but not limited to:
 - a. Utilizing a cap or upper limit;
 - b. Utilizing a population per capita formula;
 - c. Utilizing a distance to the next cannabis retail store formula; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That should the Government of Ontario revisit the retail Cannabis formula guiding the number of cannabis retail stores permissible in a municipality, that it would extend to all existing municipalities; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora; and the Honourable Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill; and
5. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

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

Carried



October 27, 2023

Via email: TC.MinisterofTransport-MinistredesTransports.TC@tc.gc.ca

Minister of Transport Canada
5th Floor 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Hon. Pablo Rodriguez,

Re: Floating Accommodations

At the meeting of October 23, 2023, the Council of the Town of Huntsville adopted the following resolution in support of the Township of Lake of Bays Resolution #B(a)/04-12-22 and Township of Georgian Bay Motion C-2022-164 and C-2023-157 on Floating Accommodations:

Motion 222-23

Moved by Monty Clouthier, seconded by Helena Renwick

WHEREAS: the Township of Georgian Bay and the Township of Lake of Bays has identified concerns with Floating Accommodations.

AND WHEREAS: the Township of Georgian Bay and the Township of Lake of Bays has requested that Transport Canada address the issue;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Town of Huntsville supports Township of Lake of Bays Resolution #B(a)/04-12-22 and Township of Georgian Bay Motion C-2022-164 and C-2023-157;

AND FURTHER THAT: Council hereby directs staff to forward this Resolution to the Minister of Transport, the Premier of Ontario, Scott Aitchison - MP, Graydon Smith - MPP, Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario (Township of Lake of Bays Resolution to be included in this correspondence).

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the Lake of Bays resolution for your reference as well.

Yours truly,

Jessica Boyes
Deputy Clerk

Copy to: Premier of Ontario
Scott Aitchison – MP
Graydon Smith – MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Municipalities in Ontario

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS
Council Meeting

RESOLUTION #8(a)/04/12/22
NO.:

MOVED
BY:



DATE: April 12, 2022

SECONDED
BY:



WHEREAS floating accommodations have become a growing concern in that they will affect the environment, character, tranquillity and the overall enjoyment of Lake of Bays and regulating these floating accommodations is a top priority for the Township of Lake of Bays;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that Transport Canada amend the Canada Shipping Act 2001 by adding the following to the Act:

- All vessel greywater be discharged into a holding tank and disposed of as per Provincial regulations for new vessels; and
- All floating accommodations are required to conform to all Provincial and municipal regulations and by-laws.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to include the following:

- Post signs to restrict floating accommodation/camping on the water in southern Ontario (Muskoka ~~south~~) and that a permit from the NDMNRF is required and a permit will not be granted without the consent of the local municipality;
- Camping is reduced from 21 days to 7 days;
- Not permit any camping on the water within 300m of a developed lot or within a narrow water body of 150m; and
- Should a municipality have more restrictive by-laws related to camping, these by-laws would apply.

AND FURTHER, THAT Council hereby directs the Clerk to forward this resolution to the Minister of Transport Canada, the Premier of Ontario, Scott Aitchison, MP, Norm Miller, MPP, Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF), Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

RECORDED VOTE	Yeas	Nays
Councillor Mike Peppard		
Councillor Robert Lacroix		
Councillor Nancy Tapley		
Councillor Rick Brooks		
Councillor George Anderson		
Councillor Jacqueline Godard		
Mayor Terry Glover		

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Postponed to:

☐ Lost

MAYOR



Terry Glover