



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

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August 19, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear:

**RE: Request Provincial Government to Support Increasing Funding for Public
Libraries and Community Museums**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on August 12, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Moved: Councillor Howe

Seconded: Councillor Baradziej

C-24- 228

Resolved that the correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie and Town of Lincoln regarding increased funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums be received and endorsed.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC The Honourable Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
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All Ontario Municipalities



Legislative Services

March 19, 2024

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Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Support Town of Lincoln Resolution - Request Provincial Government to Support Increasing Funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 18, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 28, 2024 requesting the Provincial Government to support increasing funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Lincoln correspondence dated February 28, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Todd,
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk
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Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org
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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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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
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JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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Honourable Doug Ford

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August 19, 2024

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BY EMAIL

RE: Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on August 12, 2024, Council passed a resolution regarding the importance of passing Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024 and the advancement of this bill as it requires the Government of Ontario to recognize that intimate partner violence is an epidemic in Ontario. Council noted that over 100 municipalities, police services and service providers across the province are declaring intimate partner violence as an epidemic. Council urges the Province to immediately pass Bill 173, Intimate Partner Epidemic Act, 2024 to recognize the pervasiveness and severity of the problem in an effort to stop the violence.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R24-08-350

Moved By Councillor Verbeek
Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

That in light of events locally and around the region, Council supports Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, and urges the Province to immediately pass Bill 173 and declare at the provincial level that Intimate Partner Violence is an epidemic.

Carried



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I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Malandrucolo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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c.c. Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister, Ministry of Health

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Marit Stiles, Leader, Official Opposition

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Town of Kingsville

Municipality of Lakeshore

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August 21, 2024

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Dear Hon. Ford,

Re: Public Sector Salary Disclosure

At the August 6, 2024 Standing Committees meeting, Committee made the following recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Dean Graff

Seconded by Councillor Don Stewart

That the report from the CAO-Treasurer entitled, "Public Sector Salary Disclosure" be received; and

That Committee recommends to Council the following resolution be adopted and forwarded to the Province of Ontario Premier's Office, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be updated to reflect the inflation rates since 1996; and further

That the Act be further updated so that the inflation rate is applied each year to the requirement to report public salaries.

Carried.

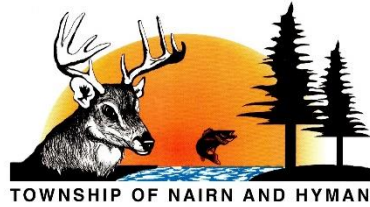
This resolution was subsequently ratified and confirmed by Council at their meeting of August 19, 2024.

Sincerely,

Sydney Dodson
Deputy Clerk

/sd

Cc: Roxanne Hearn – CAO/Treasurer, Premier Doug Ford, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, all Ontario Municipalities



August 21, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
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**RE: Concerns with the Transport and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM)
at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA)**

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Township of Baldwin to formally submit the attached resolution passed jointly by the two Councils at a Joint Emergency Council Meeting on August 19, 2024.

Our two Townships very recently learned of the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine Site and Nipissing First Nation reserve lands and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area in the Township of Nairn and Hyman. The decision to transport and deposit NORM has far-reaching implications for the environment, public health, and safety of our communities, and this significant decision was made without any consultation with our municipalities and the other municipalities located near Agnew Lake or along the Highway 17 corridor.

In addition to the participation of our municipalities in this Emergency Council Meeting, many representatives from surrounding First Nations attended the meeting, underscoring the widespread concern across our region about this impending project. The planned transportation of NORM is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks, therefore we respectfully request your attention to this urgent matter.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION: 2024-EM1-2

DATE: August 19, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor McVey

SECONDED BY: Councillor Cote

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin have been informed of the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine and Nipissing First Nation reserve land, and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) in the Township of Nairn and Hyman; and

WHEREAS this decision has significant implications for the environment, public health, and safety of the surrounding communities, including those within the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin; and

WHEREAS the decision to transport and deposit NORM to the ALTMA site was made without any consultation with the Township of Nairn and Hyman or the other municipalities bordering Agnew Lake, resulting in the exclusion of local municipalities from the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS the exclusion of local municipalities from this process represents a serious breach of trust and a disregard for the well-being of the residents of these communities; and

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

WHEREAS the risks associated with NORM are well-documented, and the proximity of the ALTMA to Agnew Lake heightens the concerns regarding the potential contamination of this vital water source; and

WHEREAS according to information received from the Ministry of Mines, there are already some areas of the ALTMA site where dose estimates exceed the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's regulatory limit for casual site users; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin held a joint Emergency Council Meeting on August 19, 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demands that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Transportation immediately halt the project involving the transportation and deposition of NORM at the ALTMA site until a clear line of communication is established with local municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demands full disclosure of all pertinent details regarding the proposed future NORM transportation and deposition plan, including specific transportation routes, emergency response plans, safety protocols, and the future management plan for the ALTMA site; and

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin insists that environmental and health impact assessments be conducted with input from independent experts, and that these assessments include opportunities for public hearings to ensure transparency and community involvement; and

THAT the Province of Ontario enact legislation that consultation with municipalities is a requirement of any projects that include the transportation or deposition of NORM; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; the Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,



Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk Treasurer
Township of Nairn and Hyman

Cc:

Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines
Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members
Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members
Ontario Ombudsman
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Canadian Environmental Law Association
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Certified True Copy

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

**Re: Resolution - Mental Health and Addictions - City of
Pembroke**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting of August 7, 2024, the Council of the Township of
Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support
the request from the City of Pembroke calling upon the
Province of Ontario to allocate funding specifically for the
establishment of a mental health, addiction and residential
drug treatment facility serving Renfrew County.**

Carried - Resolution #2024-5150

Sincerely,

Carmen Miller
Clerk

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April 29, 2024

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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Khanjin, and Mr. Byers,

At the April 2, 2024, Town of South Bruce Peninsula Council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

R-111-2024

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

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

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

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And 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 Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and to all Ontario municipalities.

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

Yours truly,

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

Brianna Collins, P.Eng.
Director of Public Works

cc: All Ontario municipalities

August 26, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage

At its meeting of August 26, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-149, regarding the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage, as follows:

“WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments;

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada;

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bracebridge and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.”

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

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

Yours truly,



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Legal and Legislative Services

August 27, 2024

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Honourable and Dear Sir:

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of August 26, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the City of Toronto dated July 31, 2024 requesting the Provincial Government to support Family Physicians.

Attached please find a copy of the City of Toronto correspondence dated July 31, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter, AMP
Deputy Clerk
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AC:dlk

Attached: City of Toronto

c.c. The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org
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**In reply please quote:
Ref.: 24-MM19.5**

(Sent by Email)

July 31, 2024

MUNICIPAL CLERKS OF ONTARIO'S MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: Member Motions Item 19.5
Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians (Ward All)**

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, adopted [Item MM19.5](#) and, in so doing, has forwarded City Council's decision to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Canchela".
for City Clerk

J. Canchela/wg

Attachment

Sent to: Premier, Province of Ontario
Minister of Health and Deputy Premier, Province of Ontario
Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Municipal Clerks of Ontario's Municipalities

c. City Manager

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AUG 26 2024

BY COUNCIL

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 19

MM19.5	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

City Council Decision

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the Minister of Health to take immediate action to:
 - a. properly compensate family physicians with appropriate fee increases; and
 - b. reduce the administrative burden that the Province places on family doctors so they have more time to see their patients.
2. City Council forward City Council's decision to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.
3. City Council request a direct response from the Minister of Health within 30 days.

Summary

On May 13, 2024, the City of Belleville set a good example by passing a resolution calling upon the provincial government to improve compensation and reduce administrative burden for Ontario's family physicians. Toronto should do the same.

The Province of Ontario is responsible for providing quality health care to all residents of Ontario. Family medicine is the backbone of the healthcare system and providing timely access to a primary health care provider for everyone in Ontario, is essential and should be a top Provincial Government priority. Instead, the shortage of family physicians has reached a crisis point.

Millions of Ontario residents, and hundreds of thousands of Torontonians, do not have a family doctor. Studies show that patients without a primary care provider have poorer health outcomes while costing the health care system more. Meanwhile, hospitals, emergency rooms and clinics are overloaded by residents' unmet health care needs.

The Province of Ontario could address this issue quickly and efficiently by paying fair wages to family physicians and by lessening the undue administrative burden this provincial government imposes on family doctors.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM19.5

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-246768.pdf>)



Dear Premier Ford :

RE: REQUEST FOR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE ACROSS ONTARIO

At it's regular meeting held on September 3 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed the following resolution.

<< Resolution: **2024/232** Moved By: Councillor R. St-Louis
Seconded By: Councillor G. Pharand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT at the meeting of September 3, 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing received and supports the resolutions from the following municipalities requesting the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage across Ontario:

- Twp. Lake of Bays, Council passed Resolution #TC-206-2024 at its regular meeting held on August 13, 2024
- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Council passed Resolution #2024-253 at its regular meeting held on August 6, 2024
- Town of Bracebridge, Council passed Motion #24-GC-149 at its regular meeting held on August 26, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing urges the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of West Nipissing as well as across all of Ontario and to fund health care appropriately to ensure that every Ontarian has access to physician care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, Honourable Minister of Health for Ontario; Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, Ontario Medical Association (OMA), Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), John Vanthof (MPP), Marc Serré (MP), and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED >>

In accordance with Council's direction, the resolution is being forwarded for your reference.

Respectfully,

Janice Dupuis
Deputy Clerk
Municipality of West Nipissing



Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2024/232
Title: Authorize support resolution re: Physician Shortage
Date: September 3, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Roch St. Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Georges Pharand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT at the meeting of September 3, 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing received and supports the resolutions from the following municipalities requesting the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage across Ontario:

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing urges the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of West Nipissing as well as across all of Ontario and to fund health care appropriately to ensure that every Ontarian has access to physician care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, Honourable Minister of Health for Ontario; Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, Ontario Medical Association (OMA), Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), John Vanthof (MPP), Marc Serré (MP), and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED



Council - Committee of the Whole

Résolution # 2024/232
Titre: Autoriser la résolution de soutien concernant la pénurie de médecins
Date: le 3 septembre 2024

Proposé par: Councillor Roch St. Louis
Appuyé par: Councillor Georges Pharand

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE lors de la réunion du 3 septembre 2024, le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ovest reçoive et appuie les résolutions des municipalités suivantes demandant au gouvernement provincial de reconnaître la pénurie de médecins dans tout l'Ontario :

- Canton de Lake of Bays, le Conseil a adopté la résolution #TC-206-2024 lors de sa réunion ordinaire du 13 août 2024.
- Ville de Bradford West Gwillimbury, le Conseil a adopté la résolution #2024-253 lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 6 août 2024
- Ville de Bracebridge, le Conseil a adopté la motion #24-GC-149..... lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 26 août 2024

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ovest presse le gouvernement provincial de reconnaître la pénurie de médecins dans la municipalité de Nipissing Ovest et dans tout l'Ontario et de financer les soins de santé de façon appropriée pour s'assurer que tous les Ontariens ont accès aux soins d'un médecin.

IL EST EN OUTRE RÉSOLU QU'une copie de cette résolution soit transmise à l'honorable premier ministre de l'Ontario, à l'honorable ministre de la Santé de l'Ontario, au médecin-chef de la santé pour l'Ontario, à l'Association médicale de l'Ontario (OMA), à l'Association des municipalités de l'Ontario (AMO), à John Vanthof (député provincial), à Marc Serré (député fédéral) et à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

ADOPTÉ

August 13, 2024

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
Dear Mr. Best:

**RE: Request for the Provincial Government to Recognize the Physician Shortage
in the Township of Lake of Bays**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, at its last regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2024, passed the following resolution,

“Resolution TC-206-2024

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada,

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Lake of Bays and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried.”

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

CS/iv

Copy to:

Hon. Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health) - sylvia.jones@ontario.ca
Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health) - Kieran.Moore@ontario.ca
Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) amopresident@amo.on.ca
Ontario Medical Association (OMA) – info@oma.org
MPP, Graydon Smith - graydon.smith@pc.ola.org
MP, Scott Aitchison Scott.Aitchison@parl.gc.ca
All Area Municipalities

August 12, 2024

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queens Park
Room 281
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-253
Moved by: Councillor Scott
Seconded by: Councillor Verkaik

That Council receive the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign for information; and

That Council support the motion as written:

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones; and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Deputy Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
(905) 775-5366 Ext 1104
treynolds@townofbwg.com

CC:
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
All Ontario Municipalities

August 26, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage

At its meeting of August 26, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-149, regarding the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage, as follows:

“WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments;

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada;

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bracebridge and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.”

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

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

Yours truly,



Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

1000 Taylor Court
Bracebridge, ON
P1L 1R6 Canada



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September 5, 2024

Re: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-10
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

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WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the County of Renfrew and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Date: **August 26, 2024** **Item(s) no.:** 10 (ref. a)

Subject: Resolution to Support AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Moved by: **Jamie Laurin**

Seconded by: **Lisa Deacon**

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario; and

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, MPP of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and AMCTO.

MOTION APPROVED

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 26th day of August 2024.


 Joanne Camiré Laflamme
 Clerk



CANTON DE
RUSSELL
RÉSOLUTION CERTIFIÉE

Date: 26 août 2024 **Article no.:** 10 (réf. a)

Objet: Résolution visant à soutenir les mises à jour provinciales de l'AMCTO concernant la loi sur les élections municipales

Proposé par : Jamie Laurin

Appuyé par: Lisa Deacon

Attendu que les règles électorales doivent être claires, qu'elles doivent aider les candidats et les électeurs à participer aux élections et les administrateurs électoraux à organiser les élections; et

Attendu que la législation doit trouver un juste équilibre entre la fourniture de règles et de cadres clairs pour garantir l'intégrité du processus électoral; et

Attendu que la législation doit également réduire le fardeau administratif et opérationnel pour le personnel municipal en veillant à ce que les administrateurs électoraux locaux puissent organiser les élections d'une manière qui réponde aux circonstances uniques de leurs communautés locales; et

Attendu que la Loi de 1996 sur les élections municipales (LEM) aura 30 ans au moment des prochaines élections municipales et scolaires en 2026; et

Attendu que la LEM établit les règles pour les élections locales, que la Loi de 1990 sur l'évaluation foncière et la Loi de 1990 sur l'éducation contiennent également des dispositions ayant une incidence sur les élections locales, ce qui augmente le nombre d'endroits où les électeurs, les candidats et les administrateurs doivent chercher les règles qui régissent le processus démocratique local en Ontario; et

Attendu qu'avec des règles réparties dans trois textes législatifs, et que la Loi sur l'éducation contient un ensemble de clauses disparates, il y a des problèmes d'interprétation, des incohérences et des lacunes à combler; et

Attendu que la loi peut poser des difficultés aux électeurs, aux candidats, aux donateurs et aux annonceurs tiers qui doivent la lire, l'interpréter, s'y conformer et aux administrateurs électoraux qui doivent l'appliquer; et

Attendu que si les élections locales sont gérées aussi efficacement que possible dans le cadre législatif actuel, une modernisation et une amélioration continue sont nécessaires pour garantir que la loi réponde aux besoins d'aujourd'hui et aux défis de demain; et

Attendu que pour conserver la confiance du public et améliorer les garanties, la loi devrait être révisée en tenant compte du paysage en constante évolution qui a une incidence sur l'administration des élections, y compris la protection de la vie privée, les menaces d'ingérence étrangère, la propagation accrue de la désinformation et l'utilisation accrue de technologies telles que l'intelligence artificielle et l'utilisation d'identités numériques; et

Attendu que « Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario » (AMCTO) a examiné la loi et a formulé plusieurs recommandations, notamment la modernisation de la législation, l'harmonisation des règles et la rationalisation et la simplification de l'administration; et

Attendu que AMCTO a formulé des recommandations de modifications avant les élections de 2026 et des recommandations de modifications à plus long terme avant les élections de 2030; par conséquent

Il est résolu que le canton de Russell demande à la province de mettre à jour la LEM avec les modifications prioritaires décrites par AMCTO avant l'été 2025 et de commencer à examiner et à réécrire la LEM avec des recommandations à plus long terme avant les élections de 2030; et qu'il soit en outre

Résolu que cette résolution soit transmise à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario pour obtenir leur appui et que chaque appui soit ensuite transmis au ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement, au ministre de l'Éducation, au ministre de la Prestation des services publics et commerciaux, au ministre des Finances, au premier ministre de l'Ontario, au député provincial de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell et à AMCTO.

MOTION ADOPTÉE

Je, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, greffière de la corporation du canton de Russell, atteste que la présente est une copie certifiée de la résolution adoptée par le conseil de la municipalité de Russell le 26^e jour d'août 2024.


 Joanne Camiré Laflamme
 Greffière

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Josh Machesney, City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

September 5, 2024

Via Email: All Municipalities

RE: AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on September 4, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-389 – AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Moved by Councillor Stedall

Seconded by Councillor Sharpe

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

And Whereas AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

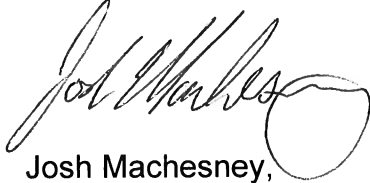
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Quinte West calls for the Province to update The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

And that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, and AMCTO.
Carried

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Machesney", with a large, stylized circular flourish at the end.

Josh Machesney,
City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

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Town of Rainy River

September 9, 2024

sent via email

Minister Paul Calandra
Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street
College Park 17th Floor,
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Calandra:

I am writing to you as the Chief Administrative Officer at the Town of Rainy River and as the municipal officer responsible for the administration of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* in support of AMCTO's recommendations calling for the comprehensive changes to *MEA*.

AMCTO members, as municipal leaders, support the interests and well-being of 235,000 municipal employees across all municipalities in this Province.

Local election administrators care about running fair and accessible elections. We care about ensuring that candidates, voters, and third-party advertisers understand their responsibilities. We care that those that may knowingly break the rules are held to account. We care that the *MEA* and the accompanying *Education Act* and *Assessment Act* are complicated pieces of legislation on their own, and more so read together.

That is why AMCTO reviews the *Act* after every local election and why the Province should be making the necessary changes to make election administration easier and the *Act* clearer to follow for candidates and voters within the timelines AMCTO has set out.

Never has there been a more important moment to ensure the *Act* is working well, closes gaps and provides the right enforcement tools and mechanisms to safeguard our local electoral processes from threats of foreign interference, misinformation and bad actors. Local clerks need support and guidance on how to manage these threats and deal with potential events, especially considering the federal government's recent legislation on foreign interference (Bill C-70).

AMCTO convened a group of municipal staff with experience and expertise in administering local elections to present you with several recommendations for making improvements to *MEA* and calling for an overhaul of the *Act* in the long-term.

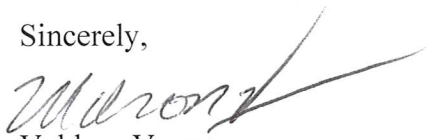
I support AMCTO's recommendations and call on you to update the *MEA* with priority and secondary recommendations by mid-2025 ahead of the 2026 election so that I can make the necessary adjustments for planning and implementation well ahead of statutory timelines imposed upon me to administer an election.

There is a provincial interest in ensuring the health of local democracy and the time to act is now – proactively instead of reactively. Election administrators face several uncertainties as we look ahead to 2026. We observe that in other jurisdictions with elections there is an increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) and other technology to spread misinformation. There are increased levels of electoral interference. Even in Canada, we are seeing reports of more candidates and elected officials stepping back from public life because of concerns for their safety and reputations.

There also is a provincial interest for reducing administrative and operational burdens to help free up staff time to focus on other critical statutory and operational tasks such as those related to planning and development processes, municipal governance, as well as service innovation, in support of provincial priorities.

I look forward to seeing legislation introduced to update the *MEA* in the coming months to address current challenges, streamline processes, and make legislation easier to understand and administer.

Sincerely,



Veldron Vogan
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Rainy River

cc: Paul Shipway, President, AMCTO president@amcto.com
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
martha.greenberg@ontario.ca



Town of Rainy River

RESOLUTION

MOVED BY Dan Armstrong DATE: September 9, 2024
SECONDED BY [Signature] RESOLUTION: 24-033

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

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

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

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990* also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca) the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Kenora-Rainy River MPP and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com).”

ABSTAIN _____
AYES _____
NAYES _____

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

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MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR



September 10, 2024

Via email: advocacy@amcto.com

AMCTO
Attn: Advocacy Team
2680 Skymark Avenue, Suite 610
Mississauga, Ontario L4W 5L6

RE: Municipal Elections Act Update

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled Council meeting on September 10, 2024 and the following resolution was passed.

“Resolution TC-227-2024

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

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

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Carried"

We look forward to hearing of the continued advocacy of this matter and further updates on when the Ministry will move ahead with amending the Municipal Elections Act

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
CS/lv

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca),
Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca),
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca),
Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca)
Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca),
Township of Lake of Bays MPP (graydon.smith@pc.ola.org)



August 30, 2024

Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held August 27, 2024 adopted the following:

12.2.4 Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

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

WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of abuse and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and

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

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of Council members' behaviour; and

WHEREAS legislation would hold both accountable and protect all municipal offices; and

WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct and support appropriate accountability when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS the fundamental underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption the workplace is safe; and

WHEREAS government legislation would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies, establish a process for removing individuals in substantiated cases of egregious violence or harassment, as well as

prevent officials whose seats have been vacated for such reasons from seeking immediate or subsequent re-election; and

WHEREAS the aforementioned elements are consistent with previously developed legislation, as well as current legislation tabled (Bill 207, Municipal Accountability and Integrity Act, 2024).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Municipal Administrators Association (OMAA), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and more than 207 municipalities, for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and
- B. THAT the legislation encompasses:
 - i. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
 - ii. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
 - iii. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
 - iv. Amending the Municipal Act, 2001 to require the establishment of a Board of Integrity Commissioners;
 - v. Amending both, the Municipal Act, 2001, and the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow a Commissioner of the Board of Integrity Commissioners to make an application for judicial review to vacate a member's seat and impose prescribed penalties if the Commissioner is of the opinion that the member has made certain contraventions of the Code of Conduct;
 - vi. Adding provisions to both Acts to allow the Commissioner to seek confirmation of certain determinations from a judge of the Superior Court;
 - vii. Introducing provisions to prohibit a member who has been removed from office from running in the election for the remainder of the term and the subsequent term; and
- C. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Attorney General, Doug Downey; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's

Social and Economic Opportunity; Will Bouma, Member of Provincial Parliament; Larry Brock, Member of Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and Ontario municipalities.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra
Attorney General, Doug Downey
Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity
Will Bouma, Member of Provincial Parliament
Larry Brock, Member of Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario municipalities



Justin Trudeau
justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca
(sent via e-mail)

August 30th, 2024

Re: The Canada Community-Building Fund

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its Regular Council meeting on August 28th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the City of Quinte West regarding the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Motion #16

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey

That Council support correspondence item 'i' from the City of Quinte West regarding the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,

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

Cc: Donna Herridge, Executive Director, MFOA donna@mfoa.on.ca
Colin Best, President, AMO amopresident@amo.on.ca
Marilyn Gladu, MP, Sarnia-Lambton marilyn.gladu@parl.gc.ca
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
chrystia.freeland@parl.gc.ca
All Ontario Municipalities

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Virginia LaTour, Deputy City Clerk

August 15, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Via Email - justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

RE: Notice of Motion – Councillor Stedall – The Canada Community-Building Fund

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on August 14, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-366 – Notice of Motion - Councillor Stedall - The Canada Community-Building Fund

Moved by Councillor Stedall

Seconded by Councillor McCue

Whereas the City of Quinte West is entering into an agreement to receive Canada Community-Building Funds, which is administered by the Association of Ontario Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of the Federal government;

And whereas the funding allocations are less than 2% year over year for the next 5 years;

And whereas the amounts allocated in the past 5 years were less than 2% year over year;

And whereas non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure projects without a corresponding growth in revenue;

And whereas there is a requirement for municipalities to complete an asset management plan and a housing needs analysis;

And whereas both of these plans show the large funding gap between infrastructure and housing needs and funds available from property taxation;

And whereas The City of Quinte West has over \$1.5 billion in core infrastructure assets and, like other municipalities, its infrastructure is aging and in need of upgrades and replacement;

And whereas The City's Asset Management Plan requires \$37 million annually to maintain existing assets which, based on current available funding, is resulting in an annual infrastructure deficit of over \$17.1 million;

And whereas municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end;

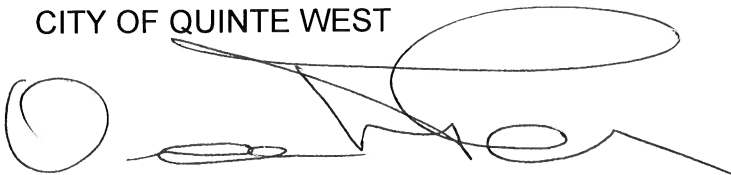
Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CBBF agreement for 2024 - 2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to MFOA, AMO, MP Ryan Williams, and Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, and all Municipalities in Ontario.
Carried

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Virginia LaTour', is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Virginia LaTour,
Deputy City Clerk

cc: Donna Herridge, Executive Director, MFOA
Colin Best, President, AMO
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
All Municipalities of Ontario



August 28, 2024

The Honorable Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
Unit 2.04/2.05 230 Manitoba St.
Bracebridge, ON P1L 2E1

Sent by Email

Dear: Graydon Smith

RE: Province Removes Wetlands Protection for Eastern Ontario

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on August 13th, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-08-11

MOVED BY: Wayne Baker
SECONDED BY: Angela Pierman

“THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township urge the Provincial Government to reopen the wetlands regulation consultation for the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) to:

- allow Tay Valley’s wetlands to receive the same protections as wetlands in the other 29 Conservation Districts in Ontario; and
- ensure Tay Valley’s \$1.3 Billion Tax Assessment is protected from degradation.

THAT, landowners be compensated by the Province when wetlands are designated on their property,

AND THAT, this resolution and a copy of Report #PD-2024-10 – Province Removes Wetlands Protection for Eastern Ontario, be provided to the Minister of Natural Resources, to area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and to all Ontario Municipalities.”

ADOPTED



A detailed report is included.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron Watt".

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith,
John Jordan, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston,
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA),
and to all Ontario Municipalities

/Enclosure



August 28, 2024

The Honorable Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Suite 400, 37 Sandford Dr.
Stouffville, ON L4A 3Z2

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Paul Calandra

RE: Jurisdiction of Ontario's Ombudsman

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on August 13th, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-08-29

MOVED BY: Wayne Baker
SECONDED BY: Angela Pierman

“WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township support the request from the City of Peterborough that a Bill be introduced to amend the Ombudsman Act;

THAT, the Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be requested to introduce a Bill to amend the Ombudsman Act to require the Ontario Ombudsman to provide to each municipality, if requested by the municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation, matter or case respecting the municipality that is referred to in each of the Ombudsman's Annual Reports to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each such investigation, matter or case including:

- i) a copy of each complaint, as applicable, redacted only to the extent of individuals' personal information contained therein;
- ii) the identities of the municipality's employees, officers and members of Council with whom the Ombudsman was consulting in respect of the investigation, matter or case; and
- iii) particulars of the outcome of the investigation, matter or case including the Ombudsman's findings, conclusions and recommendations, if any.

AND THAT, staff forward Council's resolutions resulting from Council's approval of these recommendations to Minister Calandra, MPP John Jordan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all Ontario municipalities.”

ADOPTED

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

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: MPP John Jordan, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
all Ontario Municipalities

April 5, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Motion – Exotic Animals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED"

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

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

Yours truly,

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

Amberly Spilman
Deputy Clerk/Lottery Licensing Officer



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September 5, 2024

Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-11

Moved By: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan received correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association dated June 19, 2024 regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;
NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan does hereby receive and support the correspondence dated June 19, 2024 from the Ontario Forest Industries Association and urges the Ontario government support all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario Forest sector faces."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



June 19, 2024

The Hon. Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1W3

The Hon. Nolan Quinn
Associate Minister of Forestry
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1W3

Submitted via email.

Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

Minister Graydon Smith and Associate Minister Nolan Quinn,

Congratulations on your recent appointments within Premier Doug Ford's Cabinet. The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) looks forward to our productive and continued work together.

Over the last six months, three of Ontario's six pulp and paper mills have permanently closed or idled. Adding to the issue was the closure of a critical softwood pulp market in Quebec. As you know, these facilities served as important consumers of solid-wood byproducts from Ontario sawmills.

The OFIA appreciates the many opportunities we have had to speak with you and senior leadership within Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Premier's Office. This includes in-person meetings with members of OFIA's Board Executive Committee on January 19th, March 19th, and May 28th, 2024. During these meetings, the OFIA presented short and long-term actions Ontario could take to address the regional chip and pulpwood market crisis endorsed by the OFIA membership (incl.).

The industry eagerly anticipates government action on this matter, as operating conditions for many have continued to worsen over the past six months. Combined with weak markets for some finished products, many companies struggle to continue their operations. We are now facing an unprecedented challenge in the sector, which could have negative and long-lasting implications for northern and rural communities across Ontario.

Without immediate action in response to OFIA recommendations and, critically, the vetting of potential solutions through the industry to ensure programs truly meet the sector's needs, we fear Ontario could face further curtailments, job losses, and lost economic opportunity.

The OFIA is ready to work with the Ontario government to set the forest products sector on a long-term and stable path towards economic development and prosperity. This includes our

vision of a *Forest Energy Directive* to develop bioheat, district heating, liquid fuels, renewable gases, biocarbon, and electricity generation projects, supporting Ontario's massive forecasted growth in non-emitting energy demands.

We urge you and your colleagues to continue supporting all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario forest sector faces and look forward to future discussions with you.

Sincerely,



Ian Dunn, R.P.F.
President & CEO
Ontario Forest Industries Association
Cell: 647-297-3827

Incl. March 19th, 2024 Slide Deck – Summary of Input from the Membership – OFIA Meeting with the Hon. Graydon Smith

May 28th, 2024 Slide Deck – Ontario Forest Energy Directive

CC The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs
The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Mines
The Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification
The Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy Intensive Industries
The Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Education
The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MPP John Yakabuski, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy
MPP Kevin Holland, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines
Deputy Minister Drew Vanderduim, Ministry of Natural Resources
OFIA Membership



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September 5, 2024

Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP Small Rural Municipalities

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-09

Moved By: Councillor Banks

Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be It Resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan does hereby endorse the letter from the Municipality of Tweed and request the Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities and;

Furthermore, that a copy of the resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities In Ontario."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

P.O. Box 40, 1 Selkirk Avenue, Terrace Bay, ON, P0T 2W0
Phone: (807) 825-3315 Fax: (807) 825-9576

July 10, 2024

Municipality of Tweed
255 Metcalf St
Tweed, Ontario
K0K 3J0

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 2, 2024, the following resolution was passed.

Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP small rural municipalities

Resolution: 207-2024

Moved by: Councillor Gary Adduono

Seconded by: Councillor Rick St. Louis

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; AND

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

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources; AND 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; *AND

WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations; AND 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; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174; AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall; AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:



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AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, MPP for Thunder bay-Superior North, Lise Vaugeois and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and at Municipalities of Ontario.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administration Officer/Clerk



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September 5, 2024

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-Ion Batteries

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-08
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supports the letter received from the Township of Otanabee-South Monaghan regarding calling upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to MP Cheryl Gallant and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,


Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

Via Email: david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

Hon. David Piccini M.P.P.
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street
Port Hope, ON
L1A 1C5

Dear Minister Piccini:

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-Ion Batteries

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, regarding the Importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.

At the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting the Fire Chief of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan made a presentation to Council on the dangers presented by lithium-ion batteries. The Fire Chief was reporting back from attending the Charged For Life Symposium presented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

During the presentation, the Fire Chief stressed that the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger. These after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations.

Unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community. Charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results.

Email: info@osmtownship.ca Telephone: 705.295.6852 Facsimile 705.295.6405
P.O. Box 70 20 Third St Keene, ON K0L 2G0
Visit our website at www.osmtownship.ca or follow us on Twitter @OSMTownship

As Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities. We support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries.

We also call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very critical issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Fire Chief if you require any additional information.

**Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan**

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Joe Taylor, Mayor

**Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities**



September 10, 2024

Resolution No. 273/2024

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

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR Francine Plante

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR Annie Keft

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, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; 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 McGarry hereby request 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, Timiskaming Public Health Unit, and Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP.

Defeated _____ / **Carried** Bonita Culhane
Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote

Requested by _____

YES

NO

Mayor Bonita Culhane
Councillor Louanne Caza
Councillor Elaine Fic
Councillor Annie Keft
Councillor Francine Plante

