

Township of The Archipelago



COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE Regular Meeting of Council November 22, 2024

★ Township of The Archipelago has already endorsed this resolution, or action has already been taken

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

[01]

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

[02] Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

RE: OPP Municipal Policing 2025 Annual Billing Statement Package

[03] Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

RE: Invitation for October 18, 2024 Rural Economic Development roundtable

[04] Ministry of Energy and Electrification

RE: Release of Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power

[05] Ministry of Finance

RE: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Update

ARCHIPELAGO CORRESPONDENCE

[06] Archipelago's Response to North of 50 regarding their 2024 Municipal Grant Request

RE: Township of The Archipelago

[07] Letter sent to Seguin Township regarding Clear Lake Subdivision

RE: Township of The Archipelago

WEST PARRY SOUND AREA MUNICIPALITIES

[08] Request to Province to grant the Municipality of McDougall enforcement of the provisions of the Building Code Act and Part 8 (sewage systems) of the Ontario Building Code

RE: Municipality of McDougall

[09] Request to Near North District School Board to immediately halt their plan to put k-6 elementary students into the Parry Sound High School

RE: Municipality of Whitestone

RE: Township of McKellar

[10] Request to Province for the 2025 Annual Billing Statement to be reduced to an approximate 5% increase that is more manageable for the Township and in line with historical trends

RE: Seguin Township

ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

[11] Request to Province to 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

RE: Town of Petawawa

RE: Municipality of St. Charles

RE: Township of Whitewater Region

RE: Township of Georgian Bluffs

RE: Town of Midland

RE: Township of Southgate

[12] Request to Province to consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$100,000

RE: Clearview Township

[13] Request to Province to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the asset retirement obligations (ARO)

RE: Municipality of St. Charles

*[14] Request to Province to recognize the physician shortage in Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care

RE: Municipality of St. Charles

[15] Resolution supporting the use of alternative construction materials and methods for road works that minimize the City's carbon footprint and are more environmentally sustainable

RE: Municipality of St. Charles

[16] Resolution supporting the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Budget Recommendations

RE: Municipality of St. Charles

*[17] Request to Province to promptly resume the assessment cycle

RE: Municipality of St. Charles

RE: Township of Georgian Bay

- RE: Township of Larder Lake
- [18] Request to Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO Canada Community-Building Funds agreement for 2024-2028 for the same amount that was allocated
RE: Municipality of St. Charles
- [19] Request to Province to immediately halt the project involving the transportation and deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) site until a clear line of communication is established with local municipalities
RE: Municipality of St. Charles
- [20] Request to Province to take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead
RE: Town of Blue Mountains
RE: Town of Pelham
RE: Town of Parry Sound
RE: Municipality of Wawa
RE: Township of McGarry
RE: Municipality of North Perth
- [21] Request to Province to update the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act to reflect the inflation rates
RE: County of Northumberland
- [22] Resolution supporting Public Health Sudbury and District's resolution pertaining to recommendations for Government regulations of nicotine pouches
RE: Township of Larder Lake
REL Municipality of East Farris
- [23] Resolution supporting the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus - Rural Municipal Leaders Support 'Solve the Crisis' Campaign to Address Homelessness and Mental Health
RE: Township of Georgian Bluffs
- *[24] Request to Province to update the Municipal Election Act 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
RE: Township of North Glengarry
RE: Town of Bracebridge
RE: Township of Georgian Bay
RE: Municipality of West Nipissing
RE: Town of Smith Falls
- *[25] Request to Provincial and Federal Governments to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities
RE: Town of Midland

- [26] [Request to Province to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax Collected on property transactions to municipalities](#)
RE: Town of Aurora
RE: Township of Larder Lake
RE: Township of McGarry
- [27] [Request to Province for the protection of agricultural lands and sustainable development in relation to provincial projects and excess soil management practices](#)
RE: Township of Puslinch

FIRST NATIONS

[28]

RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATIONS

[29]

RATEPAYERS/OTHERS

[30]

AGENCIES

- [31] [Chamber of Marine Commerce](#)
RE: Invitation for November 6, 2024 Marine Day on the Hill
- [32] [Good Roads](#)
RE: Request for municipalities to pass a resolution requesting the Province to take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead
- [33] [North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit](#)
RE: Resolution supporting August 16, 2024 letter from 7 Northern Ontario Local Public Health Agencies regarding equitable funding across local public health agencies
RE: Resolution recommending that the Ministry of Health undertake an evaluation of the current funding model for Oral Health services to inform the recommended provincial oral health strategy
- [34] [Northern Ontario School of Medicine \(NOSM\) University](#)
RE: NOSM 20th Anniversary
- [35] [Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee](#)
RE: October 24, 2024 Meeting Agenda
RE: October 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes

[36] [University of Guelph](#)

RE: Urban Exodus: Understanding the impacts of migration to rural Ontario as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

[37] [West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Board](#)

RE: October 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

ENVIRONMENT

[38] [Egis](#)

RE: Notice of Public Update – Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment for the Rehabilitation of Highway 69 and the Shawanaga River Bridge, District of Parry Sound

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612-20

October 4, 2024

Dear Mayor/Reeve/CAO/Treasurer,

Please find attached the OPP municipal policing 2025 Annual Billing Statement package.

This year's billing package includes a statement for the 2023 year-end reconciliation. The final cost adjustment calculated as a result of the 2023 annual reconciliation has been included as an adjustment to the amount being billed to the municipality during the 2025 calendar year.

The final reconciliation of the 2025 annual costs will be included in the 2027 Annual Billing Statement.

For more detailed information on the 2025 Annual Billing Statement package please refer to the resource material available on the internet, www.opp.ca/billingmodel. Further, the Municipal Policing Bureau will be hosting a webinar information session in October/November. An e-mail invitation will be forwarded to the municipality advising of the session date.

If you have questions about the Annual Billing Statement please e-mail OPP.MPB.Financial.Services.Unit@OPP.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Ridout". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Steve Ridout
Superintendent
Commander,
Municipal Policing Bureau

OPP 2025 Annual Billing Statement

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Estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025

Please refer to www.opp.ca for 2025 Municipal Policing Billing General Information summary for further details.

			Cost per Property \$	Total Cost \$
Base Service	Property Counts			
	Household	3,374		
	Commercial and Industrial	71		
	Total Properties	<u>3,445</u>	189.44	652,606
Calls for Service	(see summaries)			
	Total all municipalities	209,489,870		
	Municipal portion	0.0210%	12.79	44,049
Overtime	(see notes)		5.58	19,224
Prisoner Transportation	(per property cost)		1.67	5,753
Accommodation/Cleaning Services	(per property cost)		5.70	19,637
Total 2025 Estimated Cost			<u>215.17</u>	<u>741,268</u>
2023 Year-End Adjustment	(see summary)			42,453
Grand Total Billing for 2025				<u>783,721</u>
2025 Monthly Billing Amount				65,310

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Notes to Annual Billing Statement

- 1) **Municipal Base Services and Calls for Service Costs** - The costs allocated to municipalities are determined based on the costs assigned to detachment staff performing municipal policing activities across the province. A statistical analysis of activity in detachments is used to determine the municipal policing workload allocation of all detachment-based staff as well as the allocation of the municipal workload between base services and calls for service activity. For 2025 billing purposes the allocation of the municipal workload in detachments has been calculated to be 50.7 % Base Services and 49.3 % Calls for Service. The total 2025 Base Services and Calls for Service cost calculation is detailed on the Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary included in the municipal billing package.
- 2) **Base Services** - The cost to each municipality is determined by the number of properties in the municipality and the standard province-wide average cost per property of \$189.44 estimated for 2025. The number of municipal properties is determined based on MPAC data. The calculation of the standard province-wide base cost per property is detailed on Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary included in the municipal billing package.
- 3) **Calls for Service** - The municipality's Calls for Service cost is a proportionate share of the total cost of municipal calls for service costs calculated for the province. A municipality's proportionate share of the costs is based on weighted time standards applied to the historical billable calls for service. The municipality's total weighted time is calculated as a percentage of the total of all municipalities.
- 4) **Overtime** - Municipalities are billed for overtime resulting from occurrences in their geographic area and a portion of overtime that is not linked specifically to a municipality, such as training. Municipalities are not charged for overtime identified as a provincial responsibility. The overtime activity for the calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 has been analyzed and averaged to estimate the 2025 costs. The costs incorporate the estimated 2025 salary rates and a discount to reflect overtime paid as time in lieu. The overtime costs incurred in servicing detachments for shift shortages have been allocated on a per property basis based on straight time. Please be advised that these costs will be reconciled to actual 2025 hours and salary rates and included in the 2027 Annual Billing Statement.
- 5) **Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT)** - Municipalities with court security responsibilities in local courthouses are billed court security costs based on the cost of the staff required to provide designated court security activities. Prisoner transportation costs are charged to all municipalities based on the standard province-wide per property cost. The 2025 costs have been estimated based on the 2023 activity levels. These costs will be reconciled to the actual cost of service required in 2025.

There was no information available about the status of 2025 Court Security Prisoner Transportation Grant Program at the time of the Annual Billing Statement preparation.
- 6) **Year-end Adjustment** - The 2023 adjustment accounts for the difference between the amount billed based on the estimated cost in the Annual Billing Statement and the reconciled cost in the Year-end Summary. The most significant year-end adjustments are resulting from the cost of actual versus estimated municipal requirements for overtime, contract enhancements and court security.

OPP 2025 Estimated Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary

Estimated Costs for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Salaries and Benefits	Positions	Base		Total Base Services and Calls for Service	Base Services	Calls for Service	
		FTE	%				\$/FTE
Uniform Members	Note 1						
Inspector		26.56	100.0	187,318	4,975,177	4,975,177	-
Staff Sergeant-Detachment Commander		8.60	100.0	156,717	1,347,770	1,347,770	-
Staff Sergeant		38.53	100.0	168,657	6,498,335	6,498,335	-
Sergeant		226.23	50.7	143,480	32,459,478	16,460,024	15,999,454
Constable		1,618.15	50.7	120,835	195,529,705	99,147,813	96,381,892
Part-Time Constable		11.97	50.7	91,572	1,096,112	555,839	540,272
Total Uniform Salaries		1,930.04			241,906,577	128,984,959	112,921,618
Statutory Holiday Payout				6,207	11,906,411	6,262,929	5,643,483
Shift Premiums				1,129	2,095,821	1,062,740	1,033,081
Uniform Benefits - Inspector				29.47%	1,466,114	1,466,114	-
Uniform Benefits - Full-Time Salaries				36.38%	85,791,541	44,909,750	40,881,790
Uniform Benefits - Part-Time Salaries				18.75%	205,571	104,245	101,326
Total Uniform Salaries & Benefits					343,372,035	182,790,737	160,581,298
Detachment Civilian Members	Note 1						
Detachment Administrative Clerk		164.29	50.7	75,342	12,377,949	6,276,748	6,101,201
Detachment Operations Clerk		3.41	50.7	69,798	238,011	120,750	117,260
Detachment Clerk - Typist		1.74	50.7	62,349	108,488	54,867	53,620
Court Officer - Administration		28.73	50.7	92,124	2,646,719	1,342,245	1,304,474
Crimestoppers Co-ordinator		0.89	50.7	73,240	65,184	32,958	32,226
Cadet		1.62	50.7	51,219	82,974	41,999	40,975
Total Detachment Civilian Salaries		200.68			15,519,324	7,869,568	7,649,757
Civilian Benefits - Full-Time Salaries				36.13%	5,606,608	2,843,009	2,763,599
Total Detachment Civilian Salaries & Benefits					21,125,933	10,712,577	10,413,355
Support Costs - Salaries and Benefits	Note 2						
Communication Operators				6,682	12,896,527	6,782,230	6,114,297
Prisoner Guards				2,061	3,977,812	2,091,915	1,885,897
Operational Support				7,119	13,739,955	7,225,785	6,514,170
RHQ Municipal Support				3,208	6,191,568	3,256,120	2,935,448
Telephone Support				157	303,016	159,355	143,661
Office Automation Support				938	1,810,378	952,070	858,308
Mobile and Portable Radio Support				357	693,298	364,522	328,776
Total Support Staff Salaries and Benefits Costs					39,612,554	20,831,997	18,780,557
Total Salaries & Benefits					404,110,521	214,335,311	189,775,210
Other Direct Operating Expenses	Note 2						
Communication Centre				150	289,506	152,250	137,256
Operational Support				1,112	2,146,204	1,128,680	1,017,524
RHQ Municipal Support				360	694,814	365,400	329,414
Telephone				1,458	2,813,998	1,479,870	1,334,128
Mobile Radio Equipment Repairs & Maintenance				168	326,258	171,540	154,718
Office Automation - Uniform				4,487	8,660,089	4,554,305	4,105,784
Office Automation - Civilian				1,154	231,585	116,485	115,100
Vehicle Usage				10,219	19,723,079	10,372,285	9,350,794
Detachment Supplies & Equipment				1,073	2,070,933	1,089,095	981,838
Uniform & Equipment				2,360	4,583,144	2,409,725	2,173,418
Uniform & Equipment - Court Officer				1,037	29,793	15,109	14,684
Total Other Direct Operating Expenses					41,569,403	21,854,744	19,714,660
Total 2025 Municipal Base Services and Calls for Service Cost					\$ 445,679,925	\$ 236,190,055	\$ 209,489,870
Total OPP-Policed Municipal Properties						1,246,809	
Base Services Cost per Property						\$ 189.44	

OPP 2025 Estimated Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary

Estimated Costs for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Notes:

Total Base Services and Calls for Service Costs are based on the cost of salary, benefit, support and other direct operating expenses for staff providing policing services to municipalities. Staff is measured in full-time equivalent (FTE) units and the costs per FTE are described in the notes below.

- 1) Full-time equivalents (FTEs) are based on average municipal detachment staffing levels for the years 2020 through 2023. Contract enhancements, court security, prisoner transportation and cleaning staff are excluded.

The equivalent of 85.71 FTEs with a cost of \$17,779,996 has been excluded from municipal costs to reflect the average municipal detachment FTEs required for provincially-mandated responsibilities eligible for Provincial Service Usage credit.

Salary rates are based on weighted average rates for municipal detachment staff by rank, level, and classification. The 2025 salaries incorporate the 2025 general salary rate increase set in the 2023 to 2026 OPPA Uniform and Civilian Agreements (uniform and civilian staff - 4.75% in 2023, 4.50% in 2024 and 2.75% in 2025.)

The benefit rates are estimated based on the most recent rates set by the Treasury Board Secretariat, (2024-25). Statutory Holiday Payouts, Shift Premiums, and Benefit costs are subject to reconciliation.

Two new premiums were added in these new agreements: a 3% Frontline Patrol Premium (which applies to Constables and Sergeants in Frontline roles only) and a 3% Second-In-Command Premium (which applies to members when temporarily backfilling a short term platoon command position.) An allowance of \$2,101 per Constable FTE and \$3,330 per Sergeant FTE for the Frontline Patrol Premium and \$76 per Constable FTE for the Second-In-Command premium have been included in the salary rates for Constables and Sergeants. These allowances are subject to reconciliation.

FTEs have been apportioned between Base Services and Calls for Service costs based on the current ratio, 50.7% Base Services : 49.3% Calls for Service.

- 2) Support Staff Costs and Other Direct Operating Expenses for uniform FTEs are calculated on a per FTE basis as per rates set in the 2024 Municipal Policing Cost-Recovery Formula.

OPP 2025 Calls for Service Billing Summary
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Estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count					2025 Average Time Standard	Total Weighted Time	% of Total Provincial Weighted Time	2025 Estimated Calls for Service Cost
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Four Year Average				
	A					B	C = A * B		
	Note 1							Note 2	Note 3
Drug Possession	0	0	0	1	0	5.9	1	0.0001%	170
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	88.1	0	0.0000%	0
Operational	21	44	36	43	36	3.9	140	0.0077%	16,150
Operational 2	12	10	8	9	10	1.7	17	0.0009%	1,907
Other Criminal Code Violations	2	3	0	2	2	7.1	12	0.0007%	1,429
Property Crime Violations	22	10	11	11	14	6.2	84	0.0046%	9,628
Statutes & Acts	8	2	9	6	6	3.5	22	0.0012%	2,516
Traffic	11	21	6	4	11	3.8	40	0.0022%	4,590
Violent Criminal Code	2	8	1	7	5	14.8	67	0.0037%	7,661
Municipal Totals	78	98	71	83	83		383	0.0210%	\$44,049

Provincial Totals (Note 4)

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count					2025 Average Time Standard	Total Weighted Time	% of Total Provincial Weighted Time	2025 Estimated Calls for Service Cost
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Four Year Average				
	A					B	C = A * B		
	Note 1							Note 2	Note 3
Drug Possession	2,803	2,979	2,483	2,363	2,657	5.9	15,676	0.8608%	1,803,207
Drugs	1,127	1,050	797	920	974	88.1	85,765	4.7092%	9,865,380
Operational	178,171	180,823	176,502	180,423	178,980	3.9	698,021	38.3272%	80,291,662
Operational 2	48,046	48,395	46,304	47,019	47,441	1.7	80,650	4.4283%	9,276,939
Other Criminal Code Violations	12,123	12,103	12,206	12,931	12,341	7.1	87,619	4.8110%	10,078,638
Property Crime Violations	46,799	47,403	48,878	49,446	48,132	6.2	298,415	16.3855%	34,325,987
Statutes & Acts	31,261	32,888	32,697	34,047	32,723	3.5	114,531	6.2887%	13,174,266
Traffic	32,067	34,757	38,776	32,713	34,578	3.8	131,397	7.2148%	15,114,318
Violent Criminal Code	19,343	20,055	21,513	22,640	20,888	14.8	309,139	16.9743%	35,559,474
Provincial Totals	371,740	380,453	380,156	382,502	378,713		1,821,214	100%	\$209,489,870

Notes to Calls for Service Billing Summary

- 1) Displayed without decimal places, exact numbers used in calculations
- 2) Displayed to four decimal places, nine decimal places used in calculations
- 3) Total costs rounded to zero decimals
- 4) Provincial Totals exclude data for dissolutions and post-2021 municipal police force amalgamations.

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OPP 2025 Calls for Service Details
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For the calendar years 2020 to 2023

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Grand Total	78	98	71	83	82.50
Drug Possession	0	0	0	1	0.25
Possession – Opioid (other than heroin)	0	0	0	1	0.25
Operational	21	44	36	43	36.00
Accident - non-MVC - Master Code	0	0	0	1	0.25
Animal - Bear Complaint	0	0	3	0	0.75
Animal - Dog Owners Liability Act	0	0	1	0	0.25
Animal - Injured	1	0	1	2	1.00
Animal - Other	0	2	0	0	0.50
Animal - Stray	1	1	3	2	1.75
Assist Public	1	4	1	4	2.50
Distressed / Overdue Motorist	0	0	0	2	0.50
Domestic Disturbance	0	2	5	4	2.75
Family Dispute	1	5	8	1	3.75
Fire - Building	1	0	0	2	0.75
Fire - Other	2	1	1	1	1.25
Found - Others	0	0	1	0	0.25
Found Property - Master Code	0	2	0	2	1.00
Lost - License Plate	0	1	0	1	0.50
Lost - Others	0	0	0	1	0.25
Lost - Radio, TV, Sound-Reprod. Equip.	0	0	0	1	0.25
Lost Property - Master Code	0	2	0	0	0.50
Missing Person 12 & older	0	1	0	0	0.25
Missing Person Located 12 & older	2	1	1	3	1.75
Neighbour Dispute	2	6	3	1	3.00
Noise By-Law	0	1	0	0	0.25
Noise Complaint - Master Code	2	5	2	1	2.50
Noise Complaint - Others	1	3	0	0	1.00
Noise Complaint - Residence	1	0	0	0	0.25
Sudden Death - Natural Causes	0	0	2	0	0.50
Sudden Death - Suicide	1	0	1	0	0.50
Suspicious Person	3	3	0	10	4.00
Suspicious vehicle	1	2	0	3	1.50
Trouble with Youth	0	0	0	1	0.25
Unwanted Persons	1	2	3	0	1.50
Operational 2	12	10	8	9	9.75
911 call - Dropped Cell	4	1	0	0	1.25
911 call / 911 hang up	4	6	3	4	4.25
False Alarm - Others	4	2	4	3	3.25
Keep the Peace	0	1	1	2	1.00
Other Criminal Code Violations	2	3	0	2	1.75
Bail Violations - Fail To Comply	0	1	0	1	0.50
Breach of Probation	1	0	0	0	0.25
Indecent acts - Other	0	0	0	1	0.25
Offensive Weapons - In Vehicle	1	0	0	0	0.25

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For the calendar years 2020 to 2023

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Offensive Weapons - Other Offensive Weapons	0	2	0	0	0.50
Property Crime Violations	22	10	11	11	13.50
Break & Enter	8	3	2	1	3.50
Break & Enter - Firearms	1	0	0	0	0.25
Fraud - False Pretence Over \$5,000	0	0	0	1	0.25
Fraud - False Pretence Under \$5,000	0	0	0	1	0.25
Fraud - Money/property/security Over \$5,000	0	1	1	1	0.75
Fraud - Money/property/security Under \$5,000	2	1	0	1	1.00
Fraud - Other	0	0	2	0	0.50
Interfere with lawful use, enjoyment of property	0	0	1	0	0.25
Mischief	4	2	0	2	2.00
Possession of Stolen Goods under \$5,000	1	0	0	0	0.25
Property Damage	0	1	0	0	0.25
Theft from Motor Vehicles Under \$5,000	0	0	0	1	0.25
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	1	0	0	0.75
Theft Over \$5,000 - Boat (Vessel)	0	0	0	1	0.25
Theft Over \$5,000 - Boat Motor	0	0	1	0	0.25
Theft Under \$5,000 - Boat (Vessel)	0	0	1	0	0.25
Theft Under \$5,000 - Boat Motor	1	0	0	1	0.50
Theft Under \$5,000 - Gasoline Drive-off	0	1	1	0	0.50
Theft Under \$5,000 - Other Theft	1	0	2	1	1.00
Theft Under \$5,000 - Trailers	2	0	0	0	0.50
Statutes & Acts	8	2	9	6	6.25
Mental Health Act	1	0	3	2	1.50
Mental Health Act - Apprehension	0	0	2	0	0.50
Mental Health Act - Placed on Form	0	0	1	0	0.25
Mental Health Act - Threat of Suicide	0	0	1	1	0.50
Mental Health Act - Voluntary Transport	1	1	0	0	0.50
Trespass To Property Act	6	1	2	3	3.00
Traffic	11	21	6	4	10.50
MVC - Personal Injury (Motor Vehicle Collision)	1	3	1	1	1.50
MVC - Prop. Dam. Failed to Remain (Motor Vehicle Collision)	0	2	0	1	0.75
MVC - Prop. Dam. Non Reportable (Motor Vehicle Collision)	1	4	4	0	2.25
MVC - Prop. Dam. Reportable (Motor Vehicle Collision)	9	12	1	2	6.00
Violent Criminal Code	2	8	1	7	4.50
Assault - Level 1	0	4	1	1	1.50
Assault Peace Officer	0	0	0	1	0.25
Assault With Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm - Level 2	0	0	0	1	0.25
Criminal Harassment	1	0	0	2	0.75
Discharge Firearm with Intent	0	0	0	1	0.25
Mischief - Cause Danger to Life	1	0	0	0	0.25
Sexual Assault	0	2	0	0	0.50
Sexual offence occurring prior to January 4, 1983	0	1	0	0	0.25
Utter Threats to Person	0	1	0	0	0.25
Utter Threats to Person - Government Employee	0	0	0	1	0.25

OPP 2023 Reconciled Year-End Summary
The Archipelago Tp
Reconciled cost for the period January 1 to December 31, 2023

			<u>Cost per Property \$</u>	<u>Reconciled Cost \$</u>	<u>Estimated Cost \$</u>
Base Service	Property Counts				
	Household	3,342			
	Commercial and Industrial	<u>71</u>			
	Total Properties	<u><u>3,413</u></u>	174.11	594,254	565,404
Calls for Service	Total all municipalities	187,830,598			
	Municipal portion	0.0260%	14.30	48,791	46,388
Overtime			7.13	24,324	14,724
Prisoner Transportation	(per property cost)		1.45	4,949	3,993
Accommodation/Cleaning Services	(per property cost)		<u>5.06</u>	<u>17,270</u>	<u>16,621</u>
Total 2023 Costs			<u><u>202.05</u></u>	<u><u>689,588</u></u>	<u><u>647,131</u></u>
2023 Billed Amount				<u><u>647,135</u></u>	
2023 Year-End-Adjustment				<u><u>42,453</u></u>	

Notes

The Year-End Adjustment above is included as an adjustment on the 2025 Billing Statement.
This amount is incorporated into the monthly invoice amount for 2025.
The difference between the estimated and billed amount is due to rounding the bills to the nearest dollar throughout the year.

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From: Braunstein, Riley (OMAFA) <riley.braunstein@ontario.ca>
Sent: October 8, 2024 11:29 AM
Subject: An Invitation from the Minister of Rural Affairs

On behalf of Minister Thompson, MPP Dunlop, and MPP G. Smith, I am pleased to invite you to a Rural Economic Development roundtable.

Date: Friday October 18th, 2024

Time: 2:00PM – 3:00PM

Location: Port Severn, ON (Exact location shared day prior to event with RSVP)

Rural Ontario is in a period of historic transformation, with new people moving in, businesses opening, and opportunities developing. While the future looks bright, we need to ensure that all communities can seize these emerging opportunities. Our government knows that we have a role to play in helping rural communities plan for success, but it's something that must be done in partnership.

Please join Minister Thompson, MPP Dunlop and MPP G. Smith for a roundtable discussion to help inform the development of a future Rural Economic Development Strategy. Due to limited capacity, we are asking that participating organizations send a maximum of two representatives. Additional participants may register on the waitlist, with unclaimed spots released closer to the event date.

We look forward to your participation in the upcoming roundtable. Please RSVP by Wednesday October 16th by responding to this email. A complete agenda and further event details will follow.

We look forward to your participation and support!

Kind Regards,

Riley Braunstein

Director of Stakeholder Relations & Operations

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October 23, 2024

Dear Energy Stakeholder:

I am writing today to share [Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power](#), and to share information about next steps on integrated energy resource planning.

Ontario's energy demand is expected to increase by 75 per cent by 2050, as a result of economic development, housing for its growing population and electrification. There is a need to move to an integrated planning process across fuels and sectors, coordinating the build-out of an energy system that remains affordable, abundant and clean.

To support this work, I am pleased to release *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power*, which sets out our priorities in meeting the challenge of a growing Ontario. We are also initiating a consultation and engagement process that would inform the development of Ontario's first Integrated Energy Resource Plan. This plan, which we intend to release in 2025, will consider a long-term, integrated view of energy use across the economy and across all sources of energy.

To help guide this consultation and engagement process, the ministry has released a consultation posting on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#), which includes *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power*, together with links to contextual and background information and a series of questions to help guide feedback from our consultation and engagement. The ministry is seeking feedback from the public, Indigenous communities, and key stakeholders to help shape the plan, and we would like to hear from you.

On October 23, 2024, I also introduced Bill 214, the *Affordable Energy Act, 2024*, for approval by the legislature. This legislation would, if passed, enable the development of Integrated Energy Resource Plans, and take other steps to achieve our vision of an affordable energy future. The proposal includes statutory amendments that would make it more cost-effective to connect to the electricity grid, help reduce energy use to save families and businesses money and support the growth of electric vehicles in Ontario.

Our legislative initiative, along with *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future*, builds on significant work completed over the past six years to refine energy system planning and guide the transition to cleaner forms of energy. I appreciate the valuable contributions from the sector to help inform this work so far, such as the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's engagements. I look forward to continuing to work together through this process.

.../cont'd

I encourage you to review *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power* as well as [Bill 214, the Affordable Energy Act, 2024](#), and submit your feedback through the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

If you have any specific questions about this consultation process, please contact the following Ministry of Energy and Electrification staff:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Lecce', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen Lecce
Minister

c: Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries
Matt Hiraishi, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Energy and Electrification
Crystal Mason, Chief of Staff to the Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries
Susanna Laaksonen-Craig, Deputy Minister of Energy and Electrification
Karen Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister of Energy and Electrification



Subject: Municipal Grant Application Outcome

Dear North of 50 Community Group

Thank you for your letter dated August 26, 2024. On the October 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting the decision of Council was made to uphold their previous decision to not support North of 50 with a 2024 municipal grant.

To ensure that the funding decisions are equitable and transparent, a revised policy clarifies the eligible expense categories, budget requirements, and timelines. You can review these details on our website at <https://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/p/municipal-grant->

We encourage you to review the new guidelines for future applications and consider resubmitting with a proposal that meets the policy's criteria.

Sincerely,

Erin Robinson
B.Comm., CPA
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
Township of The Archipelago
Email: erobinson@thearchipelago.ca



RESOLUTION NO.: 2024-106

DATE: October 16, 2024

CARRIED: ✓

DEFEATED: _____

<u>MOVED BY:</u>	<u>DIVISION LIST</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
<u>Councillor Hamer</u>	Councillor Blower	_____	_____
	Councillor Constable	_____	_____
<u>SECONDED BY:</u>	Councillor Hamer	_____	_____
	Councillor Ryman	_____	_____
<u>Councillor Constable</u>	Mayor Robinson	_____	_____

WHEREAS the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority is the delegated authority for the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall with respect to septic approvals;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of McDougall has now grown to require a more streamlined service, as the current application process requires ratepayers and builders to obtain septic approval prior to applying/submitting for a building permit.;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall wishes to prevent delays and speed up the application process within its boundaries.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall officially request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing grant the Municipality of McDougall enforcement of the provisions of the Building Code Act and Part 8 (sewage systems) of the Ontario Building Code, and the authority be removed from North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority.;

AND FURTHERMORE that a copy of this resolution be sent to Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, the West Parry Sound Area municipalities under the authority for North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority.



MAYOR



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Resolution No. 2024-332

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Nash

11.2 Request from Councillor Brian Woods

Draft Motion in respect of Parry Sound 'Mega-School'

WHEREAS the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) was established in 2013 to review Nobel and McDougall elementary schools; and

WHEREAS the Near North District School Board (NNSDB) erred in their decision to include Parry Sound High School within the ARC, which was outside of their established ARC committee mandate; and

WHEREAS the seven municipalities of West Parry Sound supported the ARC recommendations in 2013, however the current (kindergarten to grade 12 (k-12) build plan does not align with the ARC recommendations; and

WHEREAS the seven municipalities of West Parry Sound have repeatedly and unanimously passed municipal resolutions requesting that the NNSDB pause their k-12 intention, and to re-evaluate, as the municipalities have recognized that the build plan does not align with ARC recommendations that each municipality agreed to; and

WHEREAS stakeholders as well as Staff from all affected schools have repeatedly attempted to voice their concerns, and have been silenced; and

WHEREAS the current k-12 build plan is not what stakeholders in 2013 agreed to; and

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Whitestone recognizes the substantial population growth that has occurred across West Parry Sound and are committed to our combined future growth; and

WHEREAS the Near North District School Board did not include any parent/guardian representation from Parry Sound High School within the Accommodation Review Committee as was required; and

WHEREAS the Near North District School Board, during their June 11th 2024 Board meeting passed a motion to create a sub-committee to evaluate the substantial growing

enrollment of the West Parry Sound District since the outdated Pupil Accommodation Review in 2012; and

WHEREAS during the same June 11th 2024 Board meeting, the Near North District School Board relayed their intent to keep and maintain the McDougall Public School property to service their WPS resource center;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby request the NNDSB immediately halt their plan to put k-6 elementary students into the Parry Sound High School; and further

THAT the NNDSB revise their elementary school plan so that k-6 students already enrolled in McDougall Public School can remain, and students enrolled from Nobel Public School can be integrated into McDougall Public School; and further

THAT if operating the McDougall Public School is not a viable long-term solution due to repairs that are required, the Near North District School Board immediately begin conversations with the Ministry of Education to seek capital improvement funding or to fund the build for a brand-new McDougall Public School on the same property; and further

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the following:

Municipality of McDougall	Parent Advisory Committee McDougall Public School
Town of Parry Sound	Parent Advisory Committee Parry Sound High School
Seguin Township	Ontario Teachers' Federation
Township of Carling	Representatives for West Parry Sound
Township of the Archipelago	Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation Representative for West Parry Sound
Township of McKellar	The Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Shawanaga First Nation	The Honorable Todd Smith, Minister of Education
Wasauksing First Nation	Parry Sound MP Scott Aitchison
Henvey Inlet First Nation	Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith
Magnetawan First Nation	
Moose Deer Point First Nation	
The Near North District School Board of Trustees	
Parent Advisory Committee of Nobel Public School	

Carried



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

DATE: October 15, 2024

RESOLUTION No. 24-501
AGENDA ITEM No. 19.1

Moved by:

Mike Kelly

Seconded by:

Debbie Zula

WHEREAS the Municipality of Whitestone has passed Resolution No. 2024-332 requesting that the Near North District School Board (NNDSB) halt their current kindergarten to grade 12 (K-12) build plan for the Parry Sound High School, citing that the build plan does not align with the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) recommendations from 2013; and

WHEREAS the ARC, which was established to review Nobel and McDougall elementary schools, did not recommend including Parry Sound High School within their scope, but the NNDSB has proceeded with such plans; and

WHEREAS municipalities of West Parry Sound, including the Township of McKellar, have unanimously passed resolutions asking the NNDSB to re-evaluate their plans to ensure that k-6 students remain at their respective elementary schools as per the ARC recommendations; and

WHEREAS concerns have been raised by stakeholders, school staff, and parents, yet they have not been adequately addressed by the NNDSB; and

WHEREAS the Township of McKellar recognizes the significant population growth in West Parry Sound and the need for educational facilities that meet the needs of all students, in accordance with community expectations and growth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar supports the Municipality of Whitestone's Resolution No. 2024-332 and urges the NNDSB to halt their current K-12 plan and revise their elementary school strategy to allow students from McDougall Public School and Nobel Public School to remain in or transition to McDougall Public School; and



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR


FURTHER THAT the NNDSB should immediately engage with the Ministry of Education to secure funding for necessary repairs or the construction of a new McDougall Public School if the current facility is not viable; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Near North District School Board, the Municipality of Whitestone, and all relevant stakeholders as listed in Whitestone's Resolution No. 2024-332.

Carried

Defeated

Deferred



David Moore, Mayor

DIVISION VOTE

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councillor Morley Haskim	___	___	___	___
Councillor Mike Kekkonen	___	___	___	___
Councillor Nick Ryeland	___	___	___	___
Councillor Debbie Zulak	___	___	___	___
Mayor David Moore	___	___	___	___



Minister of Finance | Ministre des Finances
PETER BETHLENFALVY

October 30, 2024

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).

We understand the importance of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) to communities across Ontario. We are listening to municipalities and have heard, particularly from small, northern, and rural municipalities, that they are facing financial challenges in delivering services to their communities.

To assist them with these challenges, I am pleased to announce that the Province will be increasing the OMPF by \$100 million over two years, bringing the total funding envelope to \$600 million by 2026. In 2025, municipalities will benefit from an immediate \$50 million increase in funding through the program. This enhancement will be targeted to small, northern and rural municipalities and those with a limited property tax base. This funding will assist municipalities in providing critical services to people across the province.

With the introduction of the enhancement to the program in 2025, all of the program's core grant components will increase. In addition, Transitional Assistance funding guarantees have been enhanced to 100% of a municipality's 2024 OMPF allocation, ensuring that all OMPF core recipients will receive at least the same level of funding as they did in 2024.

The \$100 million enhancement to the OMPF builds on the significant increases in support that the government is providing to municipalities, including investing an additional \$1 billion through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) over five years, starting in 2022, the introduction of the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund and the nearly \$2 billion in housing-enabling infrastructure programs, which include funding specifically dedicated to small, northern and rural municipalities.

We have always been committed to working closely with our municipal partners and know how important the OMPF is for many municipalities. This is why in the coming months the Ministry of Finance will be consulting with municipalities to hear their perspective, advice, and

priorities for the program. Through the ministry's discussions with your treasurers and clerk treasurers, we look forward to discussing how to implement a reporting framework in order to gain a better understanding of how the OMPF is supporting your communities.

The Ministry of Finance's Provincial-Local Finance Division will be providing your municipal treasurers and clerk-treasurers with further details on your 2025 OMPF allocation. Details regarding the consultation process will also be provided. Supporting materials on the 2025 program are available on the ministry's web site at www.ontario.ca/document/2025-ontario-municipal-partnership-fund.

As we continue to work together to build up our communities and move Ontario's economy forward, maintaining a close relationship with our municipal partners remains critical. I look forward to our continued collaboration as we move forward with building a strong future for our province.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance

c. c. The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



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SENT VIA EMAIL: Michael.Kerzner@pc.ola.org

November 6th, 2024

The Honourable Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General
Ministry of the Solicitor General

Dear Honourable Michael Kerzner;

**RE: Resolution No. 2024-331 – 2025 Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Annual Billing
Statement Increases**

At the regular meeting of the Township of Seguin Council held November 4th, 2024, Council passed Resolution No. 2024-331 (copy attached) regarding the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement increases.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Andrea Spinney
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

cc: (via email) The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
West Parry Sound Area Municipalities



Resolution No. 2024-331

**The Corporation of
the Township of Seguin**

Moved by GG Greg Getty

Seconded by TF Terry Fellner Date November 4th, 2024

WHEREAS current police services within the Township of Seguin (hereinafter referred to as the 'Township') are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (hereinafter referred to as the 'OPP');

AND WHEREAS the Township and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades;

AND WHEREAS historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 5%;

AND WHEREAS the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Township on October 4, 2024, that identifies a \$258,155 (21.28%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 1.675% tax rate increase, on top of what the Township was contemplating for the residents of Seguin;

AND WHEREAS the Township was not consulted nor provided any advanced notice from the Commissioner regarding the significant cost increase received for OPP services;

AND WHEREAS the Township cannot afford to absorb this unexpected and entirely preventable increase without causing undo financial strain to our taxpayers;



The Corporation of the Township of Seguin

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Seguin (hereinafter referred to as the 'Council') wishes to dispute the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement;

AND FURTHER THAT Council requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 5% increase that is more manageable for the Township and in line with historical trends;

AND FURTHER THAT any increase above 5% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, the Honourable Graydon Smith MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation on Northern Ontario Municipalities and the West Parry Sound Area Municipalities.

<u>DIVISION LIST</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	
Adams	—	—	—	—	CARRIED <i>ERM</i>
Buszynski	—	—	—	—	DEFEATED —
Collins	—	—	—	—	
Fellner	—	—	—	—	
Finson	—	—	—	—	
Getty	—	—	—	—	
MacDiarmid	—	—	—	—	



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October 25, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier Ford:

RE: Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 21, 2024, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa supports Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls 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;

And further, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

The Town of Petawawa appreciates the Province's attention to the financial challenges faced by small rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

Colin Howard, Dipl.M.M., Bus.Admin.
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Encl: Municipality of Tweed Resolution No. 229

cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities of Ontario
Neil Nicholson, Mayor, Township of Whitewater Region

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 229
Title: Councillor P. Valiquette
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Moved by P. Valiquette
Seconded by J. Palmateer

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 J.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;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.5.
Resolution Number 2024-366
Title: Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 -
Correspondence #22
Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution 207-2024 passed by the Township of Terrace Bay, regarding sustainable funding for OPP in small rural municipalities;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Solicitor General of Ontario, Michael Kerzner; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



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
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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:



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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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

Council Members

Mayor Neil Nicholson
Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier

Councillors:
Mark Bell
Michael Moore
Chris Olmstead
Connie Tabbert
Joey Trimm

Certified True Copy

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Re: Resolution - OPP Notice of Motion for funding support - Municipality of Tweed

At its meeting of October 16, 2024, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

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;

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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;

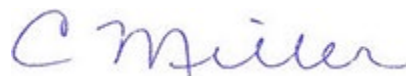
AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

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 Township of Whitewater Region 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: AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca). Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca), MPP John Yakabuski (john.yakabuskico@pc.ola.org) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried as amended - Resolution #2024 - 5187

Sincerely,



Carmen Miller
Clerk/CEMC





The Corporation of the
Township of Georgian Bluffs

October 17, 2024

Re: Municipality of Tweed - Sustainable Funding for Small Rural Municipalities
- OPP Funding

To whom I may concern,

Please be advised that Council for the Township of Georgian Bluffs considered the above-noted matter and passed resolution RES2024-179 at the September 11, 2024, meeting of Council:

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Rick Winters

That staff be directed to provide a letter in support of the resolution from the Municipality of Tweed regarding Sustainable Funding for Small Rural Municipalities - OPP Funding.

Carried

Thank you,

Rayburn Murray

Deputy Clerk

Township of Georgian Bluffs

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Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 229
Title: Councillor P. Valiquette
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Moved by P. Valiquette
Seconded by J. Palmateer

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 J.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;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND



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November 7, 2024

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

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities

At its November 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of Ontario's small urban municipalities; and

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

WHEREAS an increase of 26% one year, which is a million dollars (roughly 4% tax increase) for Midland and is something never projected;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT The Town of Midland call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small urban municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT the OPP Billing Model be referred to the Auditor General for review; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210

cc.

MPP, Simcoe North, Jill Dunlop jill.dunlopco@pc.ola.org
Minister of the Solicitor General, Sylvia Jones sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy peter.bethlenfalvyco@pc.ola.org
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) resolutions@amo.on.ca
All Municipalities in Ontario

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November 8, 2024

Re: OPP Billing and the Call for Provincial Funding Support

Please be advised that at their November 6, 2024, Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate approved the following:

No. 2024-534

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

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 323 Ontario municipalities are protected by the Ontario Provincial Police and are facing anywhere from 9% to 65% increases in OPP billing; 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 Council of the Township of Southgate calls 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;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca), all Ontario MPPs, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110 ext. 230.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Association of Ontario Municipalities
All Ontario MPP's
All Ontario Municipalities



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October 22, 2024

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Hon. Rob Flack

Sent by Email: Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org

RE: Request for Support – Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Please be advised at its meeting held on October 21, 2024, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution supporting the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe's request that the Province consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the motion from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requesting that the Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$100,000; and,

That Council direct staff to send this support motion to the Honourable Rob Flack - Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

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

Sincerely,

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

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.2.

Resolution Number 2024-363

Title: Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.0 -
Correspondence #5

Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 2024-125 passed by the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, regarding a PS3280 accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

June 26, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Harley
903303 Hanbury Rd
New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on June 25, 2024, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-125

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

WHEREAS the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada;

AND WHEREAS PS3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018;

AND WHEREAS the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities;

AND WHEREAS many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting changes will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt supports the resolutions from the Township of Harley, Coleman Township, Township of Larder Lake, Township of Casey, Township of Hudson & Township of Kerns and hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Steven Dalley
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer
Email: sdalley@cobalt.ca

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.3.
Resolution Number 2024-364
Title: Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 -
Correspondence #6
Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated June 27, 2024 passed by the Town of Petrolia supporting the Resolution dated May 13, 2024 passed by the City of Belleville, regarding family doctors;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

June 27, 2024

City of Belleville
Attn: Clerks Department

Via email: nhenderson@belleville.ca

RE: Family Doctors Resolution

During the June 24, 2024, regular meeting of council, the request submitted by the City of Belleville regarding the Family Doctors was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Debb Pitel Seconded: Liz Welsh

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia support the City of Belleville's resolution dated May 13, 2024;
AND THAT confirmation of the Town's support resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Bob Bailey, the City of Belleville and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Director of Legislative Services | Deputy Operations | Clerk

cc: file
Premier Doug Ford
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton
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May 16, 2024

Todd Smith, MPP
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via e-mail: Todd.Smithco@pc.ola.org

Ric Bresee, MPP
Hastings-Lennox&Addington
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Napanea, ON K7R 1Z4

via e-mail: Ric.Bresee@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister Smith and Minister Bresee:

**RE: City of Belleville Healthcare Resolution in Support of Family Doctors
New Business
10. Belleville City Council Meeting, May 13, 2024**

This is to advise you that at the Council Meeting of May 13, 2024, the following resolution was approved.

"WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario is responsible for providing quality health care to all residents of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, Family medicine is the backbone of the healthcare system and providing timely access to a primary health care provider for everyone in the Province is essential and should be the Provincial Government's highest priority;

AND WHEREAS, the shortage of family physicians across the province has reached a crisis point where millions of Ontario residents do not have a family doctor and hospitals, emergency rooms and clinics are overloaded by the health care needs of Ontario residents;

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May 13, 2024

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AND WHEREAS, studies have shown that without access to a primary care provider, patients end up with poorer health outcomes and it costs the health care system more;

AND WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario could address this issue quickly and efficiently by increasing wages paid to family physicians and lessening the administrative burden all family doctors face with managing practices;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Province of Ontario take immediate action to ensure family physicians are properly compensated with immediate fee increases and that the administrative burden now being experienced by family doctors be reduced so they have more time to see their patients;

AND FURTHER THAT, the City Clerk forward Council's resolutions resulting from Council's approval of these recommendations to premier Doug Ford, Health Minister Sylvia Jones, MPP Todd Smith, MPP Ric Bresee, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT Council request a direct response from the MPPs within 30 days."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,


Matt MacDonald
Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk

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Pc: Premier Doug Ford
Health Minister Sylvia Jones
AMO
Municipal Clerks of Ontario



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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.4.

Resolution Number 2024-365

Title: Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #7

Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catharines, regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

June 27, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
155 University Ave | Suite 800
Toronto, ON M5H 3B7

Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Re: Green Roads Pilot Project
Our File 35.72.3**

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting held on June 24, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS St. Catharines has declared a climate emergency, recognizing the urgent need to address and mitigate the impacts of climate change on our community and environment; and

WHEREAS alternatives to traditional road surfacing materials exist, including green roads technologies that are more sustainable and environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS bioresin is a natural alternative that can be used to support road surfacing, providing a more sustainable option that reduces our reliance on petrochemical-based products; and

WHEREAS many secondary roads in St. Catharines require resurfacing, presenting an opportunity to explore and implement innovative and sustainable road surfacing solutions; and

WHEREAS Good Roads, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have presented alternatives for municipal road restoration that include sustainable and environmentally friendly materials and methods; and

WHEREAS other municipalities, such as Centre Wellington, have entered into a similar pilot project using bioresin and other sustainable materials, demonstrating a commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS implementing pilot projects using bioresin on city roads can provide valuable data and insights into the feasibility, performance, and environmental benefits of this alternative material; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has established the Green Municipal Fund which includes new funding for pilot projects to test innovative and ambitious technologies to improve environmental outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council directs staff to investigate the feasibility and potential benefits of using bioresin on City road works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff investigate other alternative construction materials and methods for road works that minimizes the City's carbon footprint and are more environmentally sustainable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff prepare a report on the findings, no later than Q3 2024, including potential costs, benefits, and environmental impacts of using bioresin or other sustainable construction materials or methods for road works, and if feasible, a list of City streets where a pilot project may be considered in accordance with the City's procurement policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the FCM to encourage the exploration and adoption of sustainable road surfacing alternatives.

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



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: all Ontario Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.6.

Resolution Number 2024-367

Title: Resolution Stemming from August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1
- Correspondence #10

Date: October 16, 2024

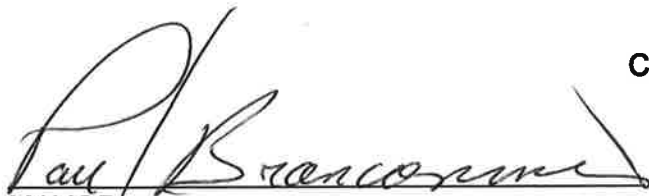
Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #RC24168 passed by the Municipality of Wawa, regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Graydon Smith; the Minister of Northern Development, Greg Rickford; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24168	Meeting Order: 11
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association dated June 19, 2024 regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;

NOWHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa 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.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 <i>M. Pilon</i>	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL <i>Maury O'Neill</i>
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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

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.7.
Resolution Number 2024-368
Title: Resolution Stemming from August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1
- Correspondence #19
Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #2024-08-07-10 passed by the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan, urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

42 Burnt Bridge Road, PO Box 40
Palmer Rapids, Ontario K0J 2E0
TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

August 7, 2024

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

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday August 7th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-08-07-10
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk

31 May 2024

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024/05/184:

7.4(c) WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you,



**Cindy Pigeau
Municipal Clerk**

**Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities**



The Township of Georgian Bay Resolutions Council - 04 Nov 2024

Item 11.(g)

Date: November 4, 2024

C-2024-357

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the St. Charles Resolution 2024-368; and

THAT Council direct staff to draft a letter to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote: Requested by Councillor Cooper

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor Peter Koetsier	x		
Councillor Brian Bochek	x		
Councillor Peter Cooper		x	
Councillor Steven Predko	x		
Councillor Stephen Jarvis	x		
Councillor Kristian Graziano		x	
Councillor Allan Hazelton		x	
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Peter Koetsier, Mayor

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.7.
Resolution Number 2024-368
Title: Resolution Stemming from August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1
- Correspondence #19
Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #2024-08-07-10 passed by the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan, urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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



MOVED BY:

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

SECONDED BY:

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

Motion #: 11

Resolution #: 9

Date: November 12, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports the resolution of from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Patricia Hull	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Paul Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

I declare this motion

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

Patricia Hull

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

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.8.
Resolution Number 2024-369
Title: Resolution Stemming from September 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #11
Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Motion No. 24-366 passed by the City of Quinte West, regarding the Canada Community-Building Fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; the Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland; the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Sean Fraser; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament (MP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

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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 that 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', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with loops and a long horizontal stroke.

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

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

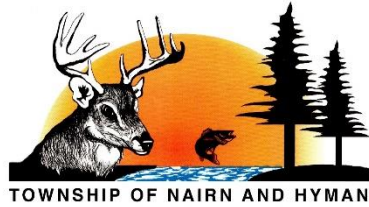
Agenda Number: 8.9.
Resolution Number 2024-370
Title: Resolution Stemming from September 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #17
Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution 2024-EM1-2 passed by the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin, regarding concerns with the transport and deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Minister of Mines, George Pirie; the Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Sarkaria; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



August 21, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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

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
MP Carol Hughes
MPP Michael Mantha
Association of Ontario Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities



**The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting**

Title: Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association and Antoine Boucher, President, Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors

Date: Monday, October 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence of Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association and Antoine Boucher, President, Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors Re: Request for Council Consideration of Support for Resolution regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program;
WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;
AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;
AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;
AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;
AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

YES: 6

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Mayor Matrosovs

Councillor Ardiel

Councillor Hope

Councillor Maxwell

Councillor McKinlay

Councillor Porter

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

Deputy Mayor Bordignon

November 6, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
823 Albion Road
Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A3

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

At their regular meeting of November 6, 2024, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

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

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

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

AND WHEREAS preventing crashes helps to alleviate the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

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

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

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

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

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Clerk, Sarah Leach 905-892-2607 ext 315.

Yours very truly,

jlegros

Jodi Legros

Legislative Coordinator

- c. Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation** Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga.Surma@pc.ola.org
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org
Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org
Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
trevor.jones3@ontario.ca
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, Niagara West Sam.oosterhoffco@pc.ola.org
Good Roads, Scott R. Butler, Executive Director scott@goodroads.ca
Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2024 – 178

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: November 5, 2024

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

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MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED: ✓ DEFEATED: _____ Postponed to: _____

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

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

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

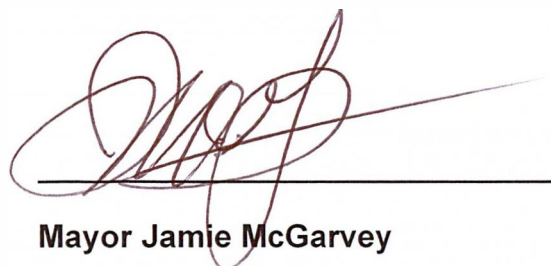
AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural strained health care system;

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

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

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Ontario Good Roads Association; and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. McGarvey', is written over a solid horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Resolution # RC24256	Meeting Order: 7
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catherine's, and Resolution dated October 16, 2024 from the Municipality of St-Charles regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Mitch Hatfield	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Cathy Cannon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Melanie Pilon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Jim Hoffmann	
		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: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR - JIM HOFFMANN	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>Jim Hoffmann</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.4.

Resolution Number 2024-365

Title: Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #7

Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catharines, regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

June 27, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
155 University Ave | Suite 800
Toronto, ON M5H 3B7

Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Re: Green Roads Pilot Project
Our File 35.72.3**

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting held on June 24, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS St. Catharines has declared a climate emergency, recognizing the urgent need to address and mitigate the impacts of climate change on our community and environment; and

WHEREAS alternatives to traditional road surfacing materials exist, including green roads technologies that are more sustainable and environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS bioresin is a natural alternative that can be used to support road surfacing, providing a more sustainable option that reduces our reliance on petrochemical-based products; and

WHEREAS many secondary roads in St. Catharines require resurfacing, presenting an opportunity to explore and implement innovative and sustainable road surfacing solutions; and

WHEREAS Good Roads, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have presented alternatives for municipal road restoration that include sustainable and environmentally friendly materials and methods; and

WHEREAS other municipalities, such as Centre Wellington, have entered into a similar pilot project using bioresin and other sustainable materials, demonstrating a commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS implementing pilot projects using bioresin on city roads can provide valuable data and insights into the feasibility, performance, and environmental benefits of this alternative material; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has established the Green Municipal Fund which includes new funding for pilot projects to test innovative and ambitious technologies to improve environmental outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council directs staff to investigate the feasibility and potential benefits of using bioresin on City road works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff investigate other alternative construction materials and methods for road works that minimizes the City's carbon footprint and are more environmentally sustainable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff prepare a report on the findings, no later than Q3 2024, including potential costs, benefits, and environmental impacts of using bioresin or other sustainable construction materials or methods for road works, and if feasible, a list of City streets where a pilot project may be considered in accordance with the City's procurement policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the FCM to encourage the exploration and adoption of sustainable road surfacing alternatives.

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



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
:sm

cc: all Ontario Municipalities



November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 329/2024

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

MOVED BY *Elaine Fiu*

SECONDED BY *Francine Bente*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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	_____	_____



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November 8, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their meeting on November 4th, 2024:

Moved by Lee Anne Andriessen **Seconded by** Neil Anstett

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

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

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

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

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

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

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of North Perth requests that the Government of Ontario invests in the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead; and



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

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

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

Sincerely,

Lindsay Cline
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor

CC: Minister of Transportation
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Agriculture
Minister of Rural Affairs
Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
Minister of Health
Good Roads
All municipalities in Ontario



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

October 21, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Hon. Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Hon. David Piccini (Minister of Labour Immigration, Training and Skills Development and
MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, Township of Stirling-Rawdon 'Public Sector Salary Disclosure

At a meeting held on October 16, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2024-10-16-717, adopting the below recommendation from the October 1, 2024 Corporate Support Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor John Logel
Seconded by: Council Alternate Michael Metcalf

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Stirling-Rawdon regarding 'Public Sector Salary Disclosure', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland- Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2024-10-16-717

Carried

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

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By J. Logel Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2024-10-16- 717
 Seconded By M. Metcalf


Council Date: October 16, 2024

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the four Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held September 30, 2024 and October 1 and 2, 2024), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
		- Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee, Item 9.b, Correspondence, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 'Request to Repeal Official Plan Amendments Adopting By-law' – Held by Councillor Logel	
		- Public Works Committee, Item 9.a, Report 2024-122, 'Transfer of Thompson Bridge from Northumberland County to the Municipality of Trent Hills' – Held by Council Alternate Michael Metcalf.	
		- Social Services Committee, Item 5.a, Delegation, James Bisson 'Homelessness and Encampment Response Report' – Held by Deputy Warden Hankivsky	
		- Social Services Committee, Item 8.a(1), Delegation, Vivian Vandenhazel 'Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update – Presentation' – Held by Councillor Cleveland	
		- Social Services Committee, Item 8.a(2), Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update - Presentation – Held by Councillor Cleveland	

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
 Councillor's Name

Carried 
 Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
 Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
 Warden's Signature

Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: October 1, 2024

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2024-10-01- 615

Moved by: S. Dibb

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: October 16, 2024

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Stirling-Rawdon regarding 'Public Sector Salary Disclosure', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland- Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature



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August 21, 2024

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

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

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE
69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON
 Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:
 Thomas Armstrong
 Patricia Hull
 Paul Kelly
 Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:
 Thomas Armstrong
 Patricia Hull
 Paul Kelly
 Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7
 Resolution #: 7
 Date: October 22, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports resolution no. 2024-325 passed by the Municipality of St. Charles, regarding recommendations for government regulations of nicotine pouches; And

FURTHER THAT, this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, the Deputy Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; our local member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); THE Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Public Health Sudbury & Districts and ALL Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: 

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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD
November 12th, 2024

2024-238

**Moved by Councillor Champagne
Seconded by Councillor Kelly**

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the resolution received from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and endorses the Perspectives from Northern Ontario on the Public Health Funding Review letter;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health), Elizabeth Walker (Executive Lead, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health), Boards of Health of Ontario, the Honourable Vic Fedeli (MPP, Nipissing), the Honourable Graydon Smith (MPP, Muskoka-Parry Sound), and the Honourable John Vanthof (MPP, Timiskaming-Cochrane), Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and member municipalities.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-238 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 12th day of November, 2024.



Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk



The Corporation of the
Township of Georgian Bluffs

October 17, 2024

Re: Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus - Rural Municipal Leaders Support 'Solve the Crisis' Campaign to Address Homelessness and Mental Health

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that Council for the Township of Georgian Bluffs considered the above-noted matter and passed resolution RES2024-175 at the September 11, 2024, meeting of Council:

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That staff be directed to provide a letter in support of the letter from the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus - Rural Municipal Leaders Support 'Solve the Crisis' Campaign to Address Homelessness and Mental Health.

Carried

Thank you,

Rayburn Murray

Deputy Clerk

Township of Georgian Bluffs

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News Release

Rural Municipal Leaders Support 'Solve the Crisis' Campaign to Address Homelessness and Mental Health

Sunday, August 18, 2024

City of Ottawa - Representing 230 municipalities and over 2.6 million people across Ontario, the [Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus](#), [Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus](#), , and Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus join the call to action around the ['Solve the Crisis' Campaign](#), led by the [Ontario Big City Mayors](#).

During their joint meeting at the start of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 125th Conference, the three caucuses are stating their collective support around the need for the Ontario and Federal Governments to take immediate and targeted action to help solve the crisis around homelessness and mental health.

There is a homelessness and mental health crisis happening on streets across our communities, small and big, rural and urban. Municipalities continue to step up, but do not have the tools, expertise or capacity to fully address the intersectional and complex issues around housing, homelessness, health care, and social services.

We appreciate the actions that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have taken to-date including Ontario's Roadmap to Wellness, the creation of the Homelessness Prevention Program, and investing in youth wellness hubs. But we need to do more to 'Solve the Crisis' together as government partners, and we need to act swiftly.

As municipalities continue to raise, the rising number of homeless encampments and the human toll of the opioid crisis are a symptom of deeper system failures that hurt Ontario's overall social and economic prosperity. The WOWC, EOMC, and EOWC will be sending a letter to Premier

Ford to further underscore the need for a [Social and Economic Prosperity Review](#). We need a municipal fiscal relationship that supports the foundations of a strong economy, sustainable communities and quality of life that reflects modern day and front-line realities.

Organizations and Ontarians can join the call to support the 'Solve the Crisis' campaign by visiting www.solvethecrisis.ca.

Quotes

"As Chair of the WOWC, I see the impacts first-hand around the homelessness and mental health crisis. Municipalities have been working tirelessly on the front-lines to address complex issues. We want to build safe, health communities and the only way to do so is to work together. Let's step up and 'Solve the Crisis' together." – **WOWC Chair, Glen McNeil, Warden of Huron County**

"In communities of all sizes, not just big cities, people are unhoused, suffering and dying. We need to help them and municipalities do not have the financial tools and resources to do it alone. It is time to take action to 'Solve The Crisis' together with municipalities, the Ontario Government, the Federal Government, and community partners at the table." – **EOWC Chair, Peter Emon, Warden of Renfrew County**

"This is something we (the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus) have been pursuing, over the last year: the need for substantial investment by both the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada, to deal with this unprecedented humanitarian crisis that all municipalities are now facing." – **EOMC Chair, Jeff Leal, Mayor of the City of Peterborough**

About our organizations

[Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus](#)

The Western Ontario Wardens Caucus Inc. (WOWC) serves as a unified voice for the 15 upper and single tier municipalities in Southwestern Ontario, advocating for their collective interest. Through collaborative efforts, WOWC works to address the unique challenges faced by rural and small urban

communities, playing a pivotal role in shaping policies and initiatives that positively impact the region's 1.6 million residents.

[Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus](#)

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Inc. (EOWC) is a non-profit organization advocating for 103 small urban and rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario. The EOWC covers an area of 50,000 square kilometres, serving 800,000 residents. For more than 20 years, the EOWC has gained support by speaking with a united voice to champion regional municipal priorities and work with the government, businesses, non-profit organizations, Indigenous leaders, the media, and the public.

[The Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus](#)

The Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus (EOMC) is comprised of ten Eastern Ontario municipalities that advocate for the region's needs and priorities, especially in the areas of health care, infrastructure, and economic development. The caucus works collaboratively with other levels of government, health care providers, community organizations, and interest holders to address the challenges and opportunities facing Eastern Ontario.

[Ontario Big City Mayors](#)

Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) is an organization that includes mayors of 29 single and lower-tier cities with a population of 100,000 or more, who collectively represent nearly 70 percent of Ontario's population. OBCM advocates for issues and policies important to Ontario's largest cities.

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**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution # 3

Date: October 28, 2024

MOVED BY: Jamie MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Carma Williams

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;

October 15, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

At its meeting of October 9, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-184, regarding the AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act, as follows:

“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;

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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;

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

AND FURTHER THAT 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; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori McDonald', written in a cursive style.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



The Township of Georgian Bay Resolutions Council - 04 Nov 2024

Item 11.(d)

Date: November 4, 2024

C-2024-354

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the Bracebridge Resolution; and

THAT Council direct staff to draft a letter 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; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bochek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



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October 17, 2024

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

SENT VIA E-MAIL
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford :

RE: AMCTO RECOMMENDATIONS TO UPDATE THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT (MEA)

At its regular meeting held on October 15 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed the following resolution.

<< Resolution: **2024/285**

Moved By: Councillor R. Larabie

Seconded By: Councillor G. Pharand

WHEREAS at the meeting of October 15, 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing received and supports resolution no. 2024-152 from the Town of Parry Sound;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing calls on the Province of Ontario to update the *Municipal Elections Act* (MEA) with the priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with long-term recommendations ahead of the upcoming elections;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution 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), the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca), the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), John Vanthof (MPP) and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com)

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 # 2024/285
Title: Authorize support of Parry Sound resolution re: AMCTO recommendations to update Municipal Elections Act
Date: October 15, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Roland Larabie
Seconded by: Councillor Georges Pharand

WHEREAS at the meeting of October 15, 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing received and supports resolution no. 2024-152 from the Town of Parry Sound;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing calls on the Province of Ontario to update the *Municipal Elections Act* (MEA) with the priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with long-term recommendations ahead of the upcoming elections;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution 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), the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca), the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontari.ca), John Vanthof (MPP) and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com)

CARRIED



West Nipissing Ouest

CORPORATION DE LA MUNICIPALITÉ DE NIPISSING OUEST

Council - Committee of the Whole

Résolution # 2024/285
Titre: Autoriser le soutien de la résolution de Parry Sound concernant les recommandations de l'AMCTO pour la mise à jour de la loi sur les élections municipales
Date: le 15 octobre 2024

Proposé par: Councillor Roland Larabie
Appuyé par: Councillor Georges Pharand

ATTENDU QUE lors de la réunion du 15 octobre 2024, le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest a reçu et appuie la résolution no 2024-152 de la ville de Parry Sound ;

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest demande à la province de l'Ontario de mettre à jour la Loi sur les élections municipales (LEM) avec les amendements prioritaires tels que décrits par l'AMCTO et de commencer le travail de révision et de réécriture de la LEM avec des recommandations à long terme avant les prochaines élections ;

IL EST EN OUTRE RÉSOLU QU'une copie de cette résolution soit transmise à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario pour obtenir leur soutien et que chaque appui soit ensuite transmis au ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement (minister.mah@ontario.ca), au ministre de l'Éducation (minister.edu@ontario.ca), au ministre de la Prestation des services publics et commerciaux (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), au ministre des Finances (minister.fin@ontario.ca), au premier ministre de l'Ontario (premier@ontari.ca), à John Vanthof (député provincial) et à l'AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com).

ADOPTÉ



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October 2, 2024

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

Dear Minister Calandra,

I am writing to you as the Municipal Clerk at the Town of Parry Sound 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,



Rebecca Johnson
Clerk

/rj
Encl.

cc: Paul Shipway, President, AMCTO president@amcto.com
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and
Housing martha.greenberg@ontario.ca
Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education minister.edu@ontario.ca
Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public & Business Service Delivery &
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Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka Graydon.Smith@pc.ola.org
Ontario Municipal Clerks



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2024 – 152

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: October 1, 2024

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

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MOVED BY:

Paul Borne

SECONDED BY:

[Signature]

CARRIED: DEFEATED: _____ Postponed to: _____

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

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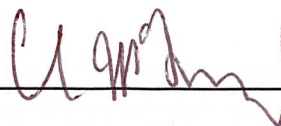
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AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Parry Sound 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), Parry Sound Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com).



Deputy Mayor Chris McDonald



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

October 15, 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 Town Clerk at the Town of Smiths Falls 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.



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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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

cc: Paul Shipway, President, AMCTO president@amcto.com
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
martha.greenberg@ontario.ca
All Municipalities in Ontario
Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education minister.edu@ontario.ca
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and
Procurement todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance Minister.fin@ontario.ca
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Premier@ontario.ca
Honourable John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston John.jordan@pc.ola.org

Attachment: Resolution



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Resolution passed October 7, 2024: Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

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Alana Torresan

From: Alana Torresan
Sent: November 6, 2024 8:21 AM
To: Alana Torresan
Subject: FW: Motion - Fair Share

From: De Bartolo, Betty <BDeBartolo@aurora.ca> on behalf of Mrakas, Tom <TMrakas@aurora.ca>
Sent: October 29, 2024 2:25 PM
To: Mrakas, Tom <TMrakas@aurora.ca>
Subject: Motion - Fair Share

Good day Elected Official,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Be It Further Resolved That _____Municipality_____ Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

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

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

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

Regards,

Tom Mrakas
Mayor Town of Aurora
416-543-1624



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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



MOVED BY:

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

SECONDED BY:

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

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

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

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Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

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

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

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

SECONDED BY:

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

Motion #: 8

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

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

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Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

Patricia Hull

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



November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 333/2024

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

MOVED BY *Debbie Fox*

SECONDED BY *Francine Plante*

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

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



Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Environment,
Conversation and Parks
VIA EMAIL:
Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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premier@ontario.ca

Township of Puslinch
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Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0
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November 7, 2024

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Hon. Matthew Rae, MPP
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Hon. Ted Arnott, MPP
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Barclay Nap
Wellington Federation of
Agriculture
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napbarclay@gmail.com

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

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

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

Whereas the provincial government is undertaking:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

Alana Torresan

From: Alana Torresan
Sent: October 24, 2024 8:08 AM
To: Alana Torresan
Subject: FW: Reminder: You're Invited! Marine Day on the Hill Reception 2024

From: Chamber of Marine Commerce <mmorel-laforce-cmc-ccm.com@shared1.ccsend.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 3:06 PM
To: bert@colishcreations.com
Subject: Reminder: You're Invited! Marine Day on the Hill Reception 2024

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The Chamber of Marine Commerce, the Conference of Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers, St. Lawrence Economic Development Council and Les

Armateurs du St-Laurent will be hosting the annual **Marine Day on the Hill** reception on **Wednesday, November 6, 2024** in **Ottawa, Ontario**.

The complimentary Marine Day on the Hill cocktail reception is the culmination of a day of meetings with federal legislators and provides an opportunity to meet with an audience of bi-national marine industry stakeholders and Canadian Members of Parliament and Senators.

When: Wednesday, November 6th, from 5:00PM to 7:00PM

Where: The Metropolitan, 700 Sussex Dr., Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 1K4

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Questions?

Please contact Maguessa Morel-Laforce, Director of Government and Stakeholder Relations: mmorel-laforce@cmc-ccm.com

About The Chamber of Marine Commerce

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Connect with us!



From: Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Town Clerk <townclerk@thebluemountains.ca>
Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Good Roads

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: Town of The Blue Mountains Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

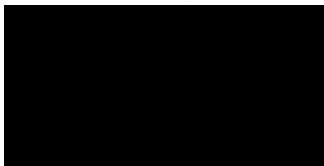
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number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

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

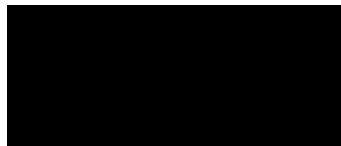
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

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

Sincerely,



Scott R. Butler
Executive Director



Antoine Boucher
President
Good Roads Board of Directors

October 10, 2024

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Dr. Kieran Moore
Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister
College Park, 5th Flr, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health / Deputy Premier
777 Bay Street, College Park, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Dear Dr. Moore, and Minister Jones,

Re: Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review

As its meeting on September 25, 2024, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit carried the following resolution #BOH/2024/09/05:

***Whereas**, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of Health are undertaking a review of the funding approach for local public health agencies; and*

***Whereas**, many factors such as the geography, dispersed population, and less robust infrastructure and service availability in northern Ontario drive up the cost of delivering public health services; and*

***Whereas**, residents of northern Ontario in general have poorer health outcomes compared to their southern counterparts, including a more than 50% higher average avoidable mortality rate, and a 300% higher rate of opioid-related deaths; and*

***Whereas**, the Perspectives from Northern Ontario on the Public Health Funding Review letter outlines many of the equity considerations related to the funding approach for local public health agencies in northern Ontario;*

***Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit endorses the aforementioned letter; and*

***Furthermore Be It Resolved**, that copies of this resolution and the letter be sent to the Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health), Elizabeth Walker (Executive Lead, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health), Boards of Health of Ontario, the Honourable Vic Fedeli (MPP,*

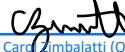
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Sincerely,



Rick Champagne (Oct 29, 2024 14:03 EDT)

Rick Champagne
Chairperson, Board of Health



Dr. Carol Zimbalatti (Oct 9, 2024 10:22 EDT)

Carol Zimbalatti, M.D., CCFP, MPH
Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

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Enclosure: Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review

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August 16, 2024

To: Kieran Moore
Chief Medical Officer of Health & Assistant Deputy Minister

From: Medical Officers of Health
for the 7 Northern Ontario Local Public Health Agencies

Subject: **Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review**

We are writing to you as the seven local public health agencies in Northern Ontario to share some perspectives unique to the North regarding the current Public Health Funding review.

Before we outline our perspectives, we do wish to note our support of the government undertaking a funding review. It has been our perspective, and that of the local public health field, that a funding approach that enables stable and predictable funding is needed so that we can adequately plan and deliver our services.

We understand that the provincial government is quite concerned by the difference in per capita funding between local public health agencies. We agree, this is something needing to be addressed, but that the goal should not be *equal* (per capita) funding across local public health agencies, but rather *equitable* funding which accounts for the circumstances of each health unit.

The following are some equity considerations that can strengthen and improve the validity of the funding approach for public health in Northern Ontario.

For clarity, our comments are intended to relate only to the base funding grants; we do not intend to make comment on the Unorganized Territories Fund, which we believe requires its own review (we welcome the opportunity for further discussion of this at a future date).

Considerations for Funding Public Health in Ontario

1. Geography

Northern Ontario has much larger service areas than in the rest of the province. Northern Ontario spans 90% of Ontario's land mass, but has only a minority of the province's population. [1] That has major implications in terms of service delivery:

- Our staff must travel long distances to deliver service. That has implications in both transportation costs as well as opportunity costs of staff time. Inflationary pressures have exacerbated these costs.
- Given some of our communities are very remote and inaccessible by roads, travel in many cases is not just by car, but by charter flight or boat. This further increases our travel costs.¹
- Since the populations we serve in Northern Ontario are distributed over a large area, we do not benefit from the population density that facilitates economies of scale. That means we must plan and organize a service many times over. In Northern Ontario, we have 142 municipalities plus many other communities in unorganized territories, as well as First Nations communities. If delivering a vaccination program, for example, a northern local public health agency must plan, organize, travel, set-up, and deliver clinics in many locations, taking into account the lack of public transportation in and between most northern communities. These clinics will ultimately serve fewer people and cannot take advantage of the economies of scale possible in a southern Ontario city where only 2 or 3 fixed locations might be need.
- Our rural geography impacts the nature of services we must deliver as well. For example, since much more of our populations are living in rural and remote areas as compared to the rest of the province, we are much more involved with inspecting small drinking water systems and private drinking water testing. Unlike a municipality in southern Ontario that may have a few large municipal water treatment plants that aren't inspected by local public health, northern communities have a plethora of small drinking water systems that do need regular inspections. This adds significant costs to our budgets to travel to and conduct inspections as well as to transport well water samples to the lab. As well, even where a community may be on municipally treated water, these are smaller plants befitting the size of the municipalities without large public works departments operating them. Larger municipalities enjoy economies of scale

¹ While it may be argued that the Unorganized Territories Grant accounts for serving this population, and this does not impact the broader funding approach, we highlight (1) that some fly-in/boat-in communities are organized municipalities (e.g. Moosonee), and (2) in 2008, when local public health associations were asked to account for their true costs of delivering services to unorganized territories, it was concluded that costs were 99% higher than what the Unorganized Territory Grant provided [15], and so the cost-shared budget heavily supported delivery of services to these communities. Since 2008, the Unorganized Territory Fund has increased 41.3% [15] while cumulative CPI in Ontario has increased 47.1% [16], implying that the role of cost-shared funding has increased since then, especially after accounting for population growth.

from running large plants that foster expertise and sophistication, and comparably lower maintenance costs. Most northern Ontario municipalities don't enjoy these economies of scale, resulting in more common problems and interruptions to operations, and so more involvement by public health to assess risk, monitor water quality, and issue boil water advisories, and drinking water advisories.

- Technology, which may sometimes allow bridging distance through virtual delivery of services, is often not possible in Ontario's North or is very expensive to support. In 2023, the Canadian Government-sponsored Northern Ontario Broadband Report [2] found that only 26% of Northern Ontario communities met the standard of 50% of the population of the community having 10/50 Mbps internet speed. In many communities, and particularly spaces between them, mobile phone service is also spotty. The residents we serve in Northern Ontario therefore frequently do not have the ability to be served virtually.

2. Breadth, Diversity, and Complexity of Populations and Partners

The vast land area of the North also brings with it greater diversity in a few different dimensions:

- The North has 32% (142/444) of Ontario municipalities, but only 20.5% (7/34) of Ontario's health units.
- The North has 107 of the 134 First Nations Communities in Ontario (80%), and 78% of the on reserve population in Ontario (recognizing that the Census is an undercount of Indigenous population, so these numbers may underrepresent the true number). [3] Alongside these populations are Band Councils and Indigenous organizations with whom we engage to ensure we can provide services in a way that is welcome and meaningful, while navigating complex jurisdictional ambiguity.
- People in the North have much lower socio-economic standing. Between 2009 and 2018 Northern Ontario had an annual average of GDP growth [1] of 0.1% compared to 1.7% for Ontario as a whole [4]. Other social determinants of health track similarly in Northern Ontario, and so health outcomes are worse. For example, in 2021 if looking at Mortality from Avoidable Causes [5], the Northern health units had an average avoidable mortality of 323 deaths per 100,000 versus 204 for the rest of Ontario. In fact, the seven Northern health units rank in the top 8 health units for avoidable mortality, and occupy all of the top six positions. Worse social determinants of health put a greater burden on Northern local

public health agencies in terms of the number of clients needing our intervention, and the efforts we need to invest per person to mitigate inequities.

- For Indigenous populations in particular, in Ontario the median income for First Nations people living on reserve is \$32,400, \$44,000 for those living off reserve, and \$50,400 for non-Indigenous people. [6] Similarly, “Low income” status is more prevalent among Indigenous people who live on reserve (33.7%) and off reserve (16.9%) compared to non-Indigenous people (9.9%). [7] With 78% of the on reserve Indigenous population of Ontario, this is a significant pressure on Northern local public health budgets.
- Northern Ontario has disproportionately more Francophones and French Designated Areas (Figure 1), legally obligating more resources be devoted to translation and to ensuring provision of French-language services. Public Health must also engage with Francophone communities and organizations who are numerous across the large Northern geography.

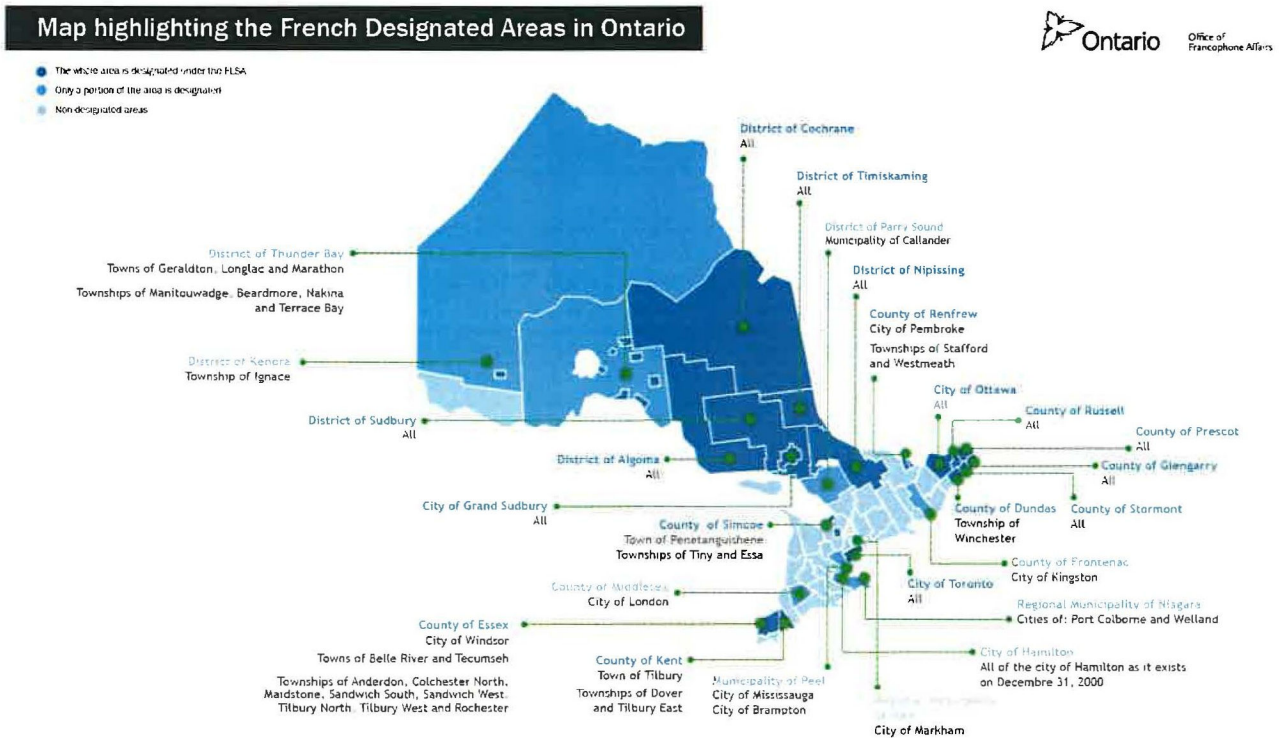


Figure 1. Designated French Language Areas in Ontario. [8]

The implication of this breadth and diversity of our populations and our partners is that it multiplies our workload: we have more municipal, Indigenous, and other partners with whom to engage; and we must meet people where they are with respect to language, Indigenous status, and social determinants of health, and invest in mitigating these. These are challenges not experienced as acutely in other parts of the province.

In addition, when attempting to work upstream, the complex patchwork of partners, many of whom are not well-funded, pose challenges to building coherent coalitions to advance advocacy or policy change for improvement of upstream health determinants.

3. Health Care Gaps

Northern Ontario is unfortunately lacking in health and dental care capacity. According to Ontario's Health Care Experience Survey for December 2019 (most recent results available) [9], 6.7% of Ontarians lacked a primary care provider, but that increased to 11.7% of residents of the North West LHIN and 11.8% of the North East LHIN. The Northern Sub-region reached as high as 29.0% of residents lacking a primary care provider.

In part, this is a function of primary care providers delivering acute care in much of Northern Ontario. In the North, family physicians routinely cover emergency departments, handle most obstetrics, are the primary surgical assists, and support long-term care, often working at multiple sites in a week.

It often falls to local public health to fill the gaps in primary care. For example, looking at the Fall 2023/24 COVID-19 vaccination program, pharmacies did not have the capacity to provide vaccinations in the North to the extent they did in the rest of the province (44.7% of vaccinations delivered by pharmacies in the North compared to 73.9% of vaccinations province-wide). Northern Public health units filled that gap, delivering 43.2% of COVID-19 vaccinations as compared to 15.7% Ontario-wide. Indeed, the six public health units with the lowest pharmacy delivery were all in Northern Ontario, and all 7 Northern Ontario PHUs were in the bottom 10 PHUs for pharmacy share of COVID-19 vaccinations. Despite the lack of pharmacy participation, Northern local public health agencies achieved above average vaccination coverage (17.9% to provincial average of 15.8%) through our efforts.

Table 1 Fall 2023/24 COVID-19 Vaccination Delivery [10][11]

Public Health Unit	Proportion of Vaccines Delivered by Pharmacy	Proportion of Vaccines Delivered by Primary Care	Proportion of Vaccines Delivered by Public Health	Coverage Achieved
Ontario	73.9%	4.4%	15.7%	15.8%
Northern PHUs	44.7%	5.4%	43.2%	17.9%
Porcupine	21.2%	2.2%	66.0%	13.3%
Northwestern	16.2%	3.4%	71.8%	17.0%
Timiskaming	24.0%	12.3%	57.9%	17.2%
Algoma	65.4%	10.0%	18.6%	19.6%
Thunder Bay District	39.7%	8.5%	44.2%	19.9%
North Bay Parry Sound	48.8%	2.0%	43.8%	19.2%
Sudbury & Districts	54.8%	2.6%	36.9%	17.1%

Similar gaps in in primary health care capacity impact other program areas such as child health programming, sexual health programming, infectious disease programming, and rabies post-exposure prophylaxis.

Gaps in primary care can also increase rapidly with the closure of a single clinic or provider group. For example, in 2024, Sault Ste Marie experienced a dramatic announcement that 10,000 patients (8% of the entire health unit’s population) would be de-rostered from their primary healthcare provider due to one provider group having difficulty recruiting primary care providers to replace retirements. [12]

There is also a lack of specialists in the North. Ontario’s Health Care Experience Survey [9] shows that 65.2% of Ontarians must wait longer than 30 days for specialist care. However, that increases to 72.3% of residents in the North West LHIN and 73.8% of those in the North East LHIN. These specialist care gaps create particular challenges for public health follow-up. For example, in the follow-up and care of tuberculosis clients or syphilis infections, both of which have increased in incidence since the pandemic, most Northern communities do not have infectious disease specialists to oversee care, and primary care providers lack experience with these diseases. It falls on public health, who has some expertise from following all cases of these infections, to guide the health care system in care of such clients. This is not the norm in the rest of Ontario where greater clinical expertise exists.

4. Municipal Capacity

Just as local public health agencies struggle with the lack of economies of scale when delivering services to rural and remote populations, it should be observed that municipalities experience these same challenges with their services. Adding in the relatively lower economic opportunities in the North, Northern municipalities therefore have property tax bases that are very stretched. This makes it comparatively difficult for them to contribute to cost-shared funding of local public health. This should be considered in the obligation placed on municipalities in a new funding approach.

We believe all of the above make it more costly to deliver local public health in Northern Ontario, and that needs to be taken into account in the new funding approach.

We also wish to make a couple of comments on measures and metrics which may seem sensible to apply in the funding approach, but which have weaknesses when used for Northern geographies.

Caution on Applying Measures in Northern Ontario

1. Census Undercounting of Indigenous Populations

It is known that many Indigenous people do not complete the Canadian Census, and so the Census's counts for Indigenous population are significant undercounts throughout Northern Ontario. [12]

For example, the Health Counts Kenora project (Our Health Counts - WNHAC) used a respondent driven sampling approach and demonstrated that 76.9% of Indigenous people in the City of Kenora did not complete the 2016 census [7]. Using a conservative approach, "the Canadian Census undercounts Indigenous adults and children living in Kenora by at least 2.6 to 4.0 times." The 2016 Canadian Census reports that 3,155 Indigenous people lived in the City of Kenora; the 2021 Census reported 3,595. Both Thunder Bay and Timmins have also conducted similar counts and found significant undercounts.

As a population known to experience disproportionate health inequities, it is important that any new funding approach factor in the undercount of Indigenous peoples in the Census, and that this undercount is of a population that deserves disproportionate public health resources invested to address their health inequities.

In particular, as a new funding approach attempts to account better for population growth over time, it needs to be addressed that Northern Ontario is seeing significant growth in populations not well captured by the Census, such as Indigenous, anabaptist, and newcomer populations.

2. Inapplicability of ON-Marg in low population areas

The Ontario Marginalization Index is based on analysis at the Census dissemination area. Unfortunately, for much of Northern Ontario, there isn't sufficient population to have data for dissemination areas. For example, in Northwestern health unit, of 229 constituent dissemination areas, 101 (44%) have no data. Therefore, these areas are ignored in ON-Marg calculations. These areas that are excluded from ON-Marg calculations have many First Nation communities with low socioeconomic status and high deprivation, and so their exclusion has the impact of skewing ON-Marg metrics for Northern Ontario to appear less marginalized than is the reality.

Where dissemination areas do have data, that data is not always reliable. For example, on First Nations communities, the Low Income Measure input to ON-Marg has a flag of caution on interpretation, which means that the material deprivation dimension of ON-Marg should similarly be used in caution when looking at First Nations communities. The Northern public health units share land with 107 of the 134 First Nation communities in Ontario.

We appreciate that designing a funding approach for a diverse and complex group of local public health agencies is no easy task.

At its core, our fundamental message is that if a funding approach is to truly advance health outcomes and health equity across the province, health equity must be foundational in its design, and not be simply a variable included amongst many others. Metrics like per capita funding are attractive for their simplicity and ease of understanding. But that clarity in fact masks the complexities of serving Ontarians who are not uniform statistical units, but who live within diverse social contexts defined by countless inequities. We seek a funding approach that delivers not *equal* per capital funding, but *equitable* per capital funding.

We thank you for the consideration of the issues raised in this letter as you undertake the challenge of developing an *equitable* funding approach.

We would be very pleased to meet in the near future to discuss our perspectives further, and how we can support your team as the funding review proceeds.

And we look forward to there being an opportunity to review a funding proposal in the coming months before a final version is submitted for government approval.

Sincerely,



Lianne Catton (Aug 21, 2024 09:39 EDT)

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Glenn Corneil (Aug 19, 2024 08:59 EDT)

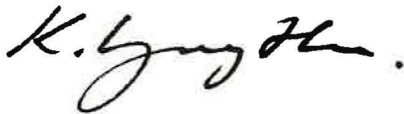
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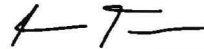
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November 4, 2024

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

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Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister
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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Jones, and Dr. Moore:

RE: Recommendation for Provincial Oral Health Strategy, Including Evaluation of Current Funding Model.

On behalf of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit), please accept this correspondence recommending the development of a provincial oral health strategy that includes a remuneration model for dentists designed to promote equitable access to basic preventive and treatment services (whether delivered privately or in concert with public organizations); and an evaluation of the current funding model for oral health services to inform the aforementioned provincial oral health strategy.

Individuals who receive dental care are less likely to have chronic diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease and good oral health is an essential component of overall health status. Equity-seeking populations tend to have complex dental, social and logistical needs, requiring more intensive clinical and administrative resources. Access to publicly funded dental care varies by jurisdiction, whereby access is positively related to the number of providers accepting individuals with these benefits. It is increasingly common within the Nipissing and Parry Sound districts to have no dental providers accepting clients in receipt of publicly funded dental benefits. One reason for this is the provincial reimbursement model for publicly funded dental programs. A 2019 report from the Canadian Centre for Health Economics indicates that the benefits schedule provided by Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) represents 30 cents on the dollar for a dental practice. For Ontario Works (OW), dental benefits are noted as a 'discretionary health benefit', that is administered at the municipal level by OW administrators. Both ODSP and OW dental reimbursement fees are generally lower than the suggested fees from the Ontario Dental Association. This discrepancy in reimbursement between public and private insurance providers creates a compounded inequity for individuals and families attempting to access basic preventive and treatment services.

Our Health Unit provides the publicly funded Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) and the Ontario Seniors Dental Care

Programs (OSDCP), as well as a Low-income Adult Dental Program (based on local need). These programs are busy with high demand; however, we struggle to recruit and retain dentists as the compensation packages offered in local public health are not competitive with those of private practice. Our district does not have other publicly funded or subsidized dental clinics: we are often the only option. The reimbursement model for publicly funded dental services coupled with the disparity in dentist compensation between public and private sectors, creates a structural inequity for all individuals in receipt of publicly funded dental benefits.

At its meeting on September 25, 2025, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #BOH/2024/09/04:

***Whereas**, due to the higher earnings potential in private practice, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) faces difficulties in recruiting dentists, as the compensation packages offered in public health are less competitive than those in private practice; and*

***Whereas**, the demand for basic dental services in the district is very high. Despite its relatively small size, the Health Unit offers one of the larger Oral Health programs among health units in Ontario. This includes the highly-utilized Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (provincially mandated) and provision of a Low-Income Adult Dental Program (not mandated but based on local need) contributing to the large size of the Oral Health Program in addition to the Healthy Smiles Ontario program (mandated for low-income children and youth); and*

***Whereas**, it is not yet known how or if the Federal dental program will impact the need and level of service in local communities; and*

***Whereas**, equity-seeking populations tend to have complex dental, social and logistical needs, which require more intensive clinical and administrative resources. These challenges drive up the cost of oral care provision, dissuading private practitioners from accepting equity-seeking clients; and*

***Whereas**, there is no central coordination of dental services across the province to ensure that the oral health workforce matches need, and that remuneration models and rates encourage equitable access to basic care across Ontario; and*

***Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the North Bay Parry Sound District Board of Health (Board of Health) recommends that the Ministry of Health develop a provincial oral health strategy that includes a remuneration model for dentists designed to promote equitable access to basic preventive and treatment dental services throughout the province (whether delivered privately or in concert with public organizations); and*

***Furthermore, Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Health recommends that the Ministry of Health undertake an evaluation of the current funding model for Oral Health services to inform the above-recommended provincial oral health strategy; and,*

Furthermore, Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Health provide correspondence of these resolutions to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health), Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health), Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), Michael Sherar (President and CEO of Public Health Ontario), Ontario Boards of Health and **the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA), Association of Municipalities of

Ontario, The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and member municipalities.

Sincerely,



Rick Champagne (Nov 7, 2024 13:42 EST)

Rick Champagne
Chairperson, Board of Health

Dr. Zimbalatti

Dr. Zimbalatti (Nov 4, 2024 11:05 EST)

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Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

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Sent: November 6, 2024 8:32 AM
To: Alana Torresan
Subject: FW: NOSM University is 20 in 2025

From: Cherie Kok <ckok@nosm.ca>
Sent: October 28, 2024 2:46 PM
Subject: NOSM University is 20 in 2025

Dear City Council Members:

I wanted to provide you with some information on a partnership with NOSM University for its **20th Anniversary in 2025**.

As we approach NOSM University's 20th anniversary in 2025, we're reflecting on the incredible partnerships that have helped us grow, strengthen, and support healthcare across Northern Ontario. Your City/Town has played a vital role in this journey, and we're grateful for the collaboration and community spirit you've shown us over the years.

To commemorate this milestone, we have an exciting lineup of events planned throughout 2025. We invite you to join us in celebrating by contributing \$500 to support these anniversary activities.

In appreciation of this support:

- Your community will be featured in our anniversary calendar, which will be distributed to all our community partners
- Your community will be recognized in our NOSM University Achievement Celebration program in May 2025, with an anticipated 500 NOSM University faculty and staff in attendance
- Your community will be showcased as a 20 in 2025 supporter on all our digital assets across our two campuses

We would be honored to celebrate this milestone together, marking the important role you've played in NOSM University's journey.

Let me know if we can count on your support. I would be happy to set up a meeting with you to discuss this opportunity further.

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Kind Regards,

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Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

Open Agenda

Agenda

Date:

October 24, 2024

Time:

6:30pm

Location:

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Present:

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Guests:

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1. Agenda

1.1 Additions to Agenda

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

Open Agenda

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

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That the October 24, 2024 Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Services Committee meeting Agenda be approved.

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes

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Seconded by

That the Minutes of the May 23, 2024 meeting of the Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Services Committee be approved as circulated.

3. Correspondence

4. Deputations

5. Emergency Services Director's Report

Moved by

Seconded by

That the Emergency Services Director's Report dated October 24, 2024 be accepted as submitted.

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

Open Agenda

6.0 Reports

- 6.1 EMS Statistical Report - August 2024
- 6.2 EMS Night Call Statistics - August 2024
- 6.3 EMS Vehicle Inventory - August 2024

Resolution

EMS Committee members have received reports 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 as listed above.

Moved by

Second by

7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda

8. Other Business

- 8.1 DT RR 2025 Land Ambulance Budget-2024
 - 8.1.1 DT ATT#1 2025 Land Ambulance Budget-AD2024 including CPLTC

Resolution

That the EMS Advisory Committee recommends Town of Parry Sound Council approve the 2025 District Land Ambulance Budget in the total amount of \$13,650,076.08 including capital expenditures of \$500,000 from the EMS Capital Reserve and \$575,000 from the EMS Surplus Reserve

Moved by

Seconded by

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

Open Agenda

9. Adjournment

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

Open Minutes

Date:

October 24, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

06:30pm

Location:

(on-line) ZOOM Meeting and for streaming of the meeting please click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QrR6HjwibWOJRbLwnjcFQ/videos>

Members Present:

Jamie McGarvey - chairperson, Scott Sheard, John Wilson, Shelly Foote, Ann MacDiarmid, Pearl Ivens, Joel Constable

Regrets:

Present:

Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

Recording:

Sheri Skinner, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Matt Thomas, EMS Manager

Land Acknowledgment

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

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1. Agenda

1.1 Additions to Agenda

1.1.1 Scott Sheard added The Muskoka District EMS closing the Mactier Base

1.1.2 John Wilson added Discussion on Policy Procedure

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Scott Sheard

Seconded by Pearl Ivens

That the October 24, 2024 Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Services Committee meeting agenda be approved.

carried

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Joel Constable

Seconded by John Wilson

That the Minutes of the May 23, 2024 meeting of the Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Services Committee be approved as circulated.

Carried

3. Correspondence

4. Deputations

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

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5. Emergency Services Director's Report

Dave Thompson provided a brief description and further explanations of the items on his Director's Report.

Moved by Shelly Foote

Seconded by Pearl Ivens

That the Emergency Services Director's Report dated October 24, 2024 be accepted as submitted.

carried

6. Reports

6.1 EMS Statistical Report - August 2024

6.2 EMS Night Call Statistics - August 2024

6.3 EMS Vehicle Inventory - August 2024

Dave Thompson provided a descriptive overview of the various reports attached.

Resolution

EMS Committee members have received reports 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 as listed above.

Moved by Scott Sheard

Second by Ann MacDiarmid

carried

7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda

8. Other Business

8.1 DT RR 2025 Land Ambulance Budget-2024

8.1.1 DT ATT#1 2025 Land Ambulance Budget-AD2024 including CPLTC

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

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Dave Thompson reported to the Committee on the listed enhancements and capital purchases recommended in the 2025 Land Ambulance Budget R & R report.

Moved by Ann MacDiarmid

Seconded by Scott Sheard

Resolution

That the EMS Advisory Committee recommends Town of Parry Sound Council approve the 2025 District Land Ambulance Budget in the total amount of \$13,650,076.08 including capital expenditures of \$500,000 from the EMS Capital Reserve and \$575,000 from the EMS Surplus Reserve

carried

8.2 Mactier EMS Base Closure - Scott Sheard briefed the Committee on how The Muskoka EMS District closed the Mactier Base.

Matthew Thomas spoke on the process of 911 and vehicles responding cross border.

8.3 Policy Procedure:

Discussion on quantity of information provided through the budget process. Committee consensus that appropriate level of information is provided to the committee.

9. Adjournment @ 7:55pm

Moved by Joel Constable

Seconded by Shelly Foote

carried



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**ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Urban Exodus: Understanding the Impacts of Migration to Rural Ontario as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

A notable outcome of the COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario has been an increased migration of urban/suburban residents to rural communities. For some, this migration was prompted by the pandemic-induced creation of telecommuting opportunities and the ability to work remotely. For others, this movement was linked to retirement, second home ownership, or simply a desire to escape the city/suburbs. While this new migration has resulted in population growth and new economic opportunities, it has also added pressure to existing rural infrastructure, reduced housing supply/affordability, and raised concerns about the adequacy of local healthcare services.

The broader impacts/long-term outcomes of this migration, including retention rates, social wellbeing, and land uses conflicts are unknown. This study seeks to understand the immediate and longer-term impacts of this COVID-era rural migration and to identify needs and opportunities for rural communities regarding housing, infrastructure, labour, healthcare, and land use planning, among others, throughout Ontario.

This online survey is a component of this study. We are targeting professionals in the municipal sphere who have expertise in planning, economic development, community development, or general municipal operations and management. We are seeking to understand your experiences of community population changes since the COVID-19 pandemic to present and what impact this had on your work, service delivery, and/or planning.

The [online survey](#) will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. You will be asked questions regarding your experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic in your community or region.

To learn more about this study, visit: <https://www.saraepp.com/urbanexodus> or contact Dr. Sara Epp at sepp@uoguelph.ca

Survey link: https://uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bvJUdWPiIngYaJo

We thank you for your time and look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sara Epp, sepp@uoguelph.ca, Project Lead
Natasha Gaudio Harrison, ngaudioh@uoguelph.ca, Research Assistant

The deadline to complete this survey is November 15, 2024.

Consent Information

Please read the following information so that you can make an informed decision about whether to participate in this research.

Inclusion Criteria

You are receiving this invitation because you fit the inclusion criteria of the study as someone with career experience and expertise that can help to better understand community change and transition, local government reforms as shaped by provincial policies, as well as innovative and entrepreneurial approaches being pursued by local governments to support local community or economic development. If this is not an accurate description of your qualifications, you are under the age of 18, or you do not speak English, you will not be eligible to participate in this study.

Procedures

If you wish to participate in this study please read this consent form. If you agree to participate please click “Yes” to provide your consent and continue to answer questions. If you do not wish to participate please click “No”.

Potential Benefits to Small Town Governments

There will be no direct benefit to you for participating in this research project. However, it will likely generate information that will be valuable to you in your job activities. This project will provide insights into opportunities for small towns. It will also generate recommendations for provincial and federal government to help local governments such as yours to take advantage of the insights gained from this study.

Potential Risks

No identifiable information will be collected in the online survey. There is, however, a potential risk that you may be identified due the relatively small number of potential respondents with access to the information we need. Please do not disclose any identifying information or information you would not share in public in the survey.

Data Protection Procedures

All information collected from participants such as yourself will be immediately stored on a secure, encrypted device and kept there for the duration of the study. Only the researchers will have access to this device. Following the completion of this study, all information collected will be destroyed.

Participation and Withdrawal

Participation in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate or exit the online survey at any time. If you exit the survey before submitting, your data will be destroyed. Please note that it is not possible to withdraw your information once the survey has been submitted. All data will be stored on an encrypted USB device, where it will be kept for the duration of this study. Only the researchers listed in this consent document will have access to the data. All data will be destroyed upon completion of the project. Neither your name nor any information that directly discloses your identity will be used in any document, presentation, or report to be published. Please note that confidentiality cannot be guaranteed while data are in transit over the internet.

Research Results

The results of the study may be used in a series of academic articles and conference presentations.

Ethics Clearance

This project has been reviewed by the Research Ethics Board for compliance with federal guidelines for research involving human participants. If you have questions regarding your rights and welfare as a research participant in this study, please contact: Manager, Research Ethics; University of Guelph; reb@uoguelph.ca; (519) 824-4120 (ext. 56606). You do not waive any legal rights by agreeing to take part in this study.

**West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Board
Open Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2024**

Date: October 9, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Town of Parry Sound Council Chambers, 52 Seguin St.

Members Present:

Chair Donald Sanderson

Archipelago Councillor Tom Lundy

McDougall Mayor Dale Robinson

Parry Sound Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Seguin Councillor Terry Fellner

Steering Committee Members Present

Archipelago CAO John Fior

McDougall CAO Tim Hunt

Parry Sound CAO Clayton Harris

Seguin CAO Jason Inwood

Alternate Members Present:

McDougall Councillor JJ Blower

Parry Sound Councillor George Ashford

Seguin Mayor Ann MacDiarmid

Staff Present:

Recording Clerk Rebecca Johnson

Communications Officer Valerie Iancovich

Parry Sound Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips

Guests Present:

Ball Construction Jay Homewood, Vlad Melut

1. Agenda:

1.1 Move to Closed Meeting

Prior to the scheduled open meeting, the Board moved to a meeting closed to the public per the resolution below.

1.1a Additions to Closed Agenda – N/A

Resolution 2024 - 57

Moved by Councillor Lundy

Seconded by Councillor Fellner

THAT pursuant to Section 239(2) and (3) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, the West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Board moves to a meeting closed to the public in order to address matters pertaining to:

k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or

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local board, (**review and comparison of bank financing proposals for construction; donation and sponsorship agreements**);

Carried

After the Closed Meeting, the Board reconvened in Open Meeting at 7:46 PM

1.2 Additions to Open Agenda – N/A

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Fellner Seconded Mayor Robinson

That the Agenda for the October 9, 2024 West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Board is hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – N/A

1.5 Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mayor McGarvey Seconded Councillor Lundy

That Minutes of the September 11, 2024 Regular Meeting of the West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Board are hereby approved as circulated

Carried

2. Delegations/Correspondence – N/A

3. Business

3.1 Chair's Report

Chair Sanderson extended thanks to members of the Steering Committee who have worked hard since the last meeting to manage the construction project and to the fundraising committee who has been very active in cultivating funds within the community.

3.2 Matters Referred from Closed Meeting

3.2.1 Bank Financing for Construction

Resolution 2024 - 58

Moved by Councillor Fellner Seconded Mayor Robinson

That the Board hereby authorizes the execution of the letter accepting the

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general outline of terms and conditions offered by Scotiabank, the Board's corporate bank, for a secured demand operating line of credit of up to \$13,500,000 for the purposes of financing the construction of the WPS Recreation and Cultural Centre at an interest rate of prime less 0.65%.

Carried

3.2.2 Multi-Purpose Room #1 Sponsorship Contract

Resolution 2024 - 59

Moved by Councillor Fellner

Seconded by Councillor Lundy

That the Board hereby authorizes the Chair and Clerk to sign the Naming Rights Agreement for Multi-purpose Room #1 as submitted in the October 9, 2024, Closed Meeting.

Carried

3.2.3 Spectator Seating

Resolution 2024 - 60

Moved by Mayor McGarvey

Seconded by Councillor Lundy

Whereas future user groups of the West Parry Sound Recreation & Cultural Centre have endorsed alternate hybrid option #2 spectator seating totaling 150 seats as presented by CS&P Architects at the August 14, 2024 Board Meeting,

Therefore, the Board directs the Board Chair and Fundraising Chair to obtain a written agreement with the proponent for donation of \$1 million as identified in his letter of March 21, 2024 in order to install alternate hybrid option #2 spectator seating totaling 150 seats; and

That subject to the proponent's written agreement, the Board directs that the alternate hybrid option #2 specifications be included in construction specifications due to the confirmed donation in hand being in excess of any additional costs to accommodate enhanced spectator seating.

Carried

3.3 Monthly Financial Reports

Submitted by: Steering Committee

Resolution 2024 - 61

Moved by Mayor Robinson

Seconded Councillor Lundy

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That the September 30, 2024 financial reports be received for information.

Carried

3.4 Project & Budget Update

Submitted by: Steering Committee

Steering Committee Vice Chair Jason Inwood noted that September was a busy month with the transition from early works to construction, and that tender package #3 is mostly tendered and coming in under budget.

Jay Homewood of Ball Construction gave a presentation from a prepared power point presentation with an overview of the short-term construction schedule over the next 3-4 months, the overall project schedule and a budget update. Mr. Homewood noted that the early works has concluded, Ball has mobilized on site with foundation work started, to be completed in late 2024/early 2025 and installation of structural steel frame to start in January, 2025. With respect to the overall project schedule, Mr. Homewood noted that the building structure is to be completed by spring, 2025, exterior walls, glass and roof to start spring 2025, swimming pool installation to start summer, 2025 with construction completion targeted for mid-May, 2026.

With respect to the budget, Mr. Homewood noted that the updated overall project budget is \$39,248,460, up from the March 31, 2024 baseline budget of \$36,373,842, with the majority of increase due to unforeseen rock blasting and additional fill. 94.75% of the total hard costs have been tendered, with the hard costs budget tracking slightly below initial projected budget.

Mr. Homewood confirmed in response to a question, that Ball Construction has experience with the nature pool system in the Town of Caledon, with the only difference being that Caledon has an integrated 1 tank pool, and this project has 2 separate pools/tanks.

Resolution 2024 - 62

Moved by Mayor McGarvey

Seconded Councillor Lundy

That the Board receive the October 9, 2024 Project & Budget Update for information purposes.

Carried

3.5 Fundraising Team Report

Verbal Update: Fundraising & Sponsorship Chair Mayor MacDiarmid

Fundraising Team Chair Mayor Ann MacDiarmid reported that the Moose FM

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matching fundraising campaign, with a little less than 6 weeks left, is now at \$74,000. Notable is the retired teachers' campaign at over \$10,000 and the medical community which has now started a matching campaign. Mayor MacDiarmid noted that discussions continue with a prospective donor for naming rights of the aquatic centre, as well as other prospective donors, including some who initially declined and are now reconsidering.

Mayor MacDiarmid responded to Board member questions with the following information:

- If a donor has agreed to be named, you can see it on the Let's Make a Splash/Moose Campaign.
- Now that fundraising is closing in on \$1M, a thermometer showing the fundraising achievement is on the website where it can be updated.

4. Adjournment 8:08 PM

Moved by Councillor Fellner

Seconded by Councillor Lundy

That we do now adjourn.

Carried

November 12, 2024

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Notice of Project Update
Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment for the Rehabilitation of
Highway 69 and the Shawanaga River Bridge, District of Parry Sound
G.W.P. 5246-18-00**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained the services of Egis (formerly McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd.) to carry out the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the rehabilitation of Highway 69 (from 1.8 km north of Highway 559 northerly, to 4.6 km north of Highway 7182) and the Shawanaga River Bridge within the District of Parry Sound. A key map showing the study area is attached.

This study was initiated as a Group 'C' project under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000). The Notice of Study Commencement was distributed on August 16, 2023.

The project includes but is not limited to:

- Highway 69 resurfacing from 1.4 km north of the Highway 559 Interchange, northerly to 4.6 km north of Highway 7182 (Shebeshekong Road); and
- Shawanaga River Bridge rehabilitation, 18.9 km north of the Highway 559 Interchange (Site 44X-0065/B0).

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification that the following has been added to the project:

- **A left-turn lane for northbound traffic along Highway 69 at the intersection of Shebeshekong Road (Regional Road 7182); and**
- **A left-turn lane for northbound traffic along Highway 69 at the intersection with Woods Road.**

An Environmental Screening Document (ESD) will be prepared for the project to document the Class EA Study, identified environmental impacts and associated mitigation measures.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Study, please contact one of the following project team members:

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Ministry of Transportation – Northeast Region

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Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments become part of the public record. If you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.

Sincerely,

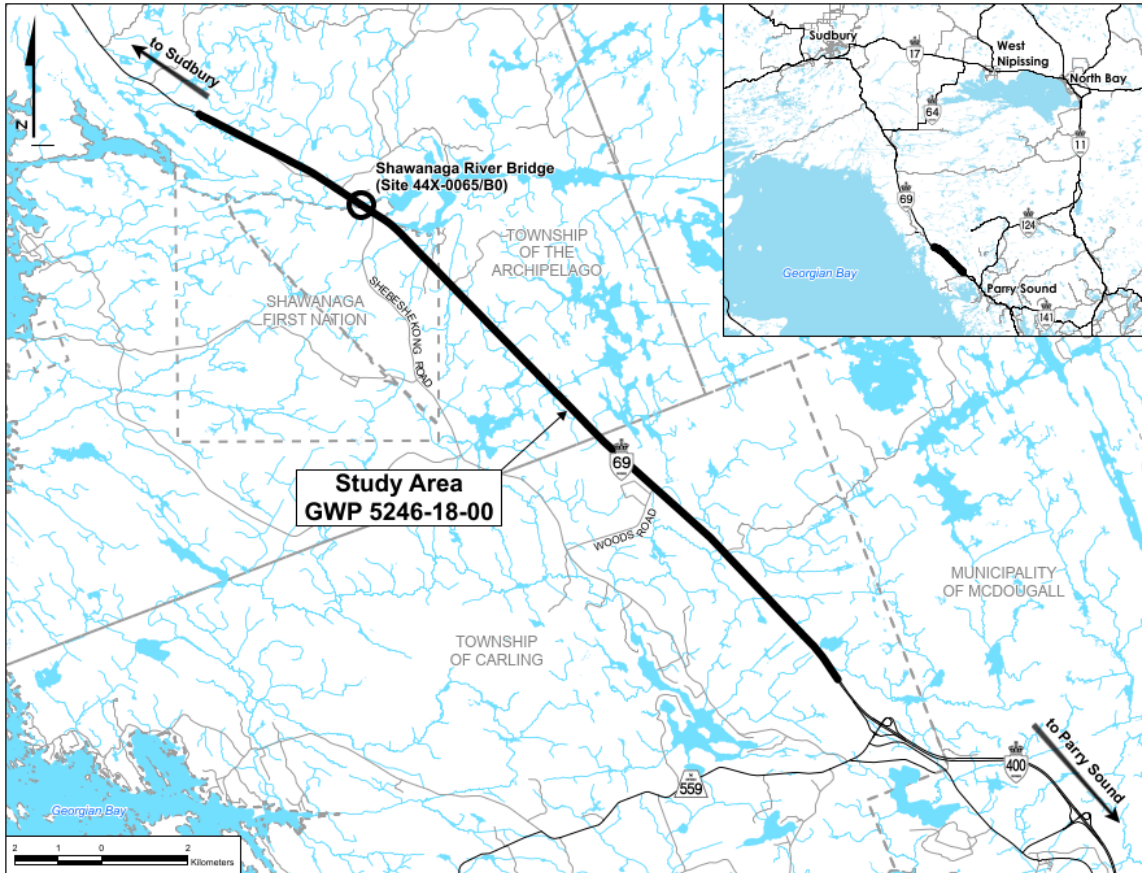


Khaled El-Dalati, P.Eng.

Project Manager

Enclosure Study Area Key Map

cc. Bonnie Murphy, MTO Senior Project Engineer
Heather Garbutt, MTO Environmental Planner
Jennifer Cavanagh, Egis Environmental Planner



Study Area Key Map