

Township of The Archipelago



REVISED
COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE
Regular Meeting of Council
January 16, 2025

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

➤ (Add-on)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

[01]

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

[02] Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

RE: Introduction of the Proposed Municipal Accountability Act

[03] Ministry of Natural Resources

RE: Decision on Discussion Paper: Regulating Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage Projects in Ontario, and Proposal on Enabling the Development of Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage in Ontario: The Geologic Carbon Storage Act

[04] Ontario Provincial Police

RE: Revised OPP Municipal Policing 2025 Billing Statement Package

➤ [04A]

Ministry of Infrastructure

RE: Supporting Ontario's 2025 Connectivity Objectives: Municipal Guidance and Expectations

➤ [04B]

Ministry of Rural Affairs

RE: 2024 Year-In-Review and Greetings from the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs

ARCHIPELAGO CORRESPONDENCE

[05]

WEST PARRY SOUND AREA MUNICIPALITIES

➤ [06]

Request to Province to provide sustainable funding options beyond 2025 and continue to offset costs of the OPP to small and rural municipalities

RE: Municipality of McDougall

ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

*[07] Request to Province to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax Collected on property transactions to municipalities

RE: Municipality of Port Hope

RE: Tay Valley Township

RE: Township of Uxbridge

RE: Township of Scugog

RE: Township of Stone Mills

RE: Township of North Stormont

RE: Township of Amaranth

RE: City of Stratford

RE: King Township

RE: Township of Puslinch

RE: County of Prince Edward

*[08] Request to Province to take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead

RE: City of Stratford

RE: Township of South Stormont

RE: Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley

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

RE: Town of Cobalt

[10] Request to Province to amend section 9 of Regulation 584/06 under the Municipal Act, 2001, to permit municipalities to charge fair fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property

RE: City of Guelph

RE: City of Statford

[11] Resolution expressing opposition to the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212

RE: City of Toronto

[12] Request to Province to support voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma

- RE: City of Toronto
- [13] Request to Province to undertake a review and update the property tax assessment model for Ontario's nuclear generation facilities and other properties within the electricity industry
RE: Municipality of Kindercardine
- [14] Request to Province to take immediate action to address the funding shortfalls and structural challenges in the delivery of EMS services in northern communities
RE: Municipality of Wawa
- [15] Request to Province to take urgent action to modernize the current Tripartite Agreement and secure the future of Billy Bishop Airport
RE: Municipality of Wawa
- [16] Request to Province to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of exotic wild animals and license zoos
RE: Township of East Garafraxa
- [17] Request to Province to respond to letter regarding the transportation and deposition of naturally occurring radioactive materials to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area
RE: Municipality of East Ferris
- [18] Request to Province to make improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system
RE: Town of Cobalt
- [19] Request to Province to reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector
RE: Township of Puslinch
- [20] Letter to the Province regarding concerns pertaining to changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024, that do not fully address the needs of Rural or Northern municipalities
RE: Town of Kearney
- [21] Request to Province to officially make homelessness a health priority
RE: Regional Municipality of Waterloo
RE: City of Stratford
- [22] Letter to Province requesting urgent funding for the Children's Aid Society of Oxford County and other welfare agencies throughout Ontario
RE: City of Woodstock

- [23] Request to Province to prioritize the protection of agricultural lands in the management of excess soil from roads and underground projects
RE: Northumberland County

➤ [23A]

Request to Province to reconsider the amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act
RE: Municipality of South Huron

FIRST NATIONS

[24]

RATEPAYER ASSOCIATIONS

➤ [25]

John Hayes, Archipelago Resident

RE: Comments on the Draft Site Alteration and Tree Preservation By-laws

➤ [25A]

John and Phyllis Lill, Archipelago Resident

RE: Comments on the Draft Site Alteration and Tree Preservation By-laws

RATEPAYERS/OTHERS

[26]

AGENCIES

[27] Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

RE: AMO Policy Update – Municipal Codes of Conduct Legislation

[28] Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

RE: Request to Province to address the funding shortfall in child welfare by providing emergency stabilization funding to Children's Aid Societies

➤ RE: Executive Award – Call for Nominations

[29] Hope Air

RE: Filling the Gap in equitable access to health care in Northern Ontario

➤ [29A]

North East Region Virtual Care Clinic

RE: North East Region Virtual Care Clinic Registration Info

[30] Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

RE: 2025 ROMA Conference Delegation Meetings with Hydro One

[31] [Volunteer Parry Sound](#)

RE: Introduction to Volunteer Parry Sound

ENVIRONMENT

[32]

MISCELLANEOUS

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234-2024-5801

December 12, 2024

Dear Head of Council,

I am pleased to inform you of the introduction of the proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 on December 12, 2024, which, if passed, would make changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to strengthen the municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner framework.

I appreciate the valuable feedback we have received from municipalities and share your commitment to safe and respectful workplaces. The proposed changes, if passed, would:

- enable the creation of a standard municipal code of conduct and standard municipal integrity commissioner investigation processes to help ensure consistency across all Ontario municipalities;
- create a role for the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario in municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner matters, including providing training to municipal integrity commissioners; and
- establish a mechanism to remove and disqualify members of council and certain local boards for a period of four years for the most serious code of conduct violations following a recommendation from the local integrity commissioner, a concurring report from the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, and a unanimous vote of council.

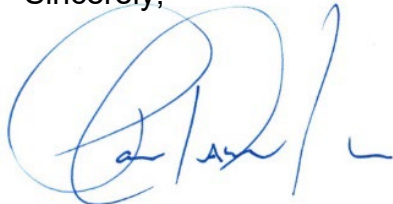
In the coming months, I will want to hear your feedback on the Bill as well as other matters regarding local accountability regimes. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference, where we will have the opportunity to discuss these changes and other matters of importance to your communities.

If passed, important work to develop the regulations to support this new framework would lie ahead, and I remain committed to engaging with you throughout that process. Our intention is to have these changes in effect for the new term of councils beginning in Fall 2026 to ensure there is adequate opportunity for local implementation.

For more information on these amendments, please see the [news release](#). To share your comments on the proposed legislation, please see a posting on the [Regulatory Registry](#) that will be open for comments for 60 days.

If you have any questions regarding these new provisions, please contact your local [Municipal Services Office](#) with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Calandra', is written over a large, light blue circular scribble.

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c: Jessica Lippert, Chief of Staff
Owen Macri, Deputy Chief of Staff
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
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November 25, 2024

Subject: *Decision on Discussion Paper: Regulating Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage Projects in Ontario, and Proposal on Enabling the Development of Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage in Ontario: The Geologic Carbon Storage Act*

Hello,

Over the past two years, the Ministry of Natural Resources has been taking a measured and phased approach to enabling and regulating geologic carbon storage in Ontario. Carbon storage is new to the province, and developing a comprehensive framework to regulate this activity would help ensure that it is done responsibly, with measures in place to safeguard people and the environment.

Geologic carbon storage (further referred to as carbon storage) involves injecting captured carbon dioxide (CO₂) into deep geological formations for permanent storage. This technology could provide industries in Ontario with a critical tool for managing their emissions and contributing to the achievement of Ontario's emissions reduction targets.

Today, we are writing to notify you that 1) a decision has been made to proceed with the development of a framework for enabling commercial-scale geologic carbon storage (Environmental Registry of Ontario posting # 019-8767), and 2) that a new *Geologic Carbon Storage Act* is being proposed (Environmental Registry of Ontario posting # 019-9299).

These developments represent significant steps towards Phase 3 of Ontario's [approach to enabling and regulating geologic carbon storage](#). Ontario aims to have a framework in place by summer 2025. Initially, the ministry anticipates that commercial-scale projects would be proposed in Southwestern Ontario, where the geology is expected to be the most suitable.

- 1) In the summer of this year, we shared information about the development of a legislative and regulatory framework for commercial-scale geologic carbon storage. This information included a discussion paper that provided an overview of how various components of the framework could function. Based on feedback received, a decision was made to move forward with the development of the framework.

More details on the decision, the feedback received, and the original discussion paper can be viewed in the decision notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8767>.

- 2) Based on comments received in response to the discussion paper, as well as feedback received in previous phases of framework development, a *Geologic Carbon Storage Act* (the “Act”) is being proposed. The proposed Act would enable the regulation of research and evaluation activities, and carbon storage activities associated with the permanent storage of carbon dioxide in underground geologic formations in Ontario.

We encourage you to review, and submit feedback on, the legislative proposal on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario posting # 019-9299](#).

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: Resources.Development@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Keyes
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

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612-20

December 19, 2024

Dear Mayor/Reeve/CAO/Treasurer,

Further to the letter sent to you by the Solicitor General on November 29, 2024, please find attached your revised OPP municipal policing 2025 Annual Billing Statement package.

As per the amended Ontario Regulation 413/23, a discount has been applied to the 2023 year-end reconciliation statement that includes both a 44 per cent discount on reconciled overtime costs as well as a 3.75 per cent discount on total 2023 reconciled costs (after the discount on overtime is applied). Additionally, a 10 per cent discount has been applied to the total 2025 estimated costs.

The Municipal Policing Bureau will be hosting rescheduled webinar information sessions on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and on Friday, January 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. E-mail invitations will be forwarded to your municipality. The webinar content will be the same on both dates, please accept the invitation for the date that works best for your schedule.

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

Yours truly,



S.B. (Steve) Ridout
Superintendent
Commander - Municipal Policing Bureau

OPP 2025 Annual Billing Statement - Revised

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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.

		<u>Cost per Property \$</u>	<u>Total Cost \$</u>
Base Service	Property Counts		
	Household	3,374	
	Commercial and Industrial	71	
	Total Properties	<u>3,445</u>	652,606
Calls for Service	(see summaries)		
	Total all municipalities	209,489,870	
	Municipal portion	0.0210%	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		215.17	741,268
10% Discount on 2025 Estimated Costs		(21.52)	(74,127)
Total 2025 Estimated Cost After Discount		193.65	667,141
2023 Year-End Adjustment	(see summary)		6,292
Revised Grand Total Billing for 2025			673,433
Revised 2025 Monthly Billing Amount			56,119

Notes

A 10% Discount has been applied to the grand total of all 2025 estimated costs. The 2023 Year-End Adjustment also includes discounts applied to 2023 reconciled costs (44% on OT and 3.75% on total reconciled costs), see 2023 reconciled statement page for more information.

OPP 2025 Annual Billing Statement

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

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

OPP 2025 Calls for Service Details
The Archipelago Tp
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 - Revised
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	71			
	Total Properties	<u>3,413</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)		5.06	17,270	16,621
Total 2023 Costs			202.05	689,588	647,131
Discount on 2023 Reconciled Costs	(see notes)		<u>(10.59)</u>	<u>(36,161)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revised 2023 Costs			<u>191.45</u>	<u>653,427</u>	<u>647,131</u>
2023 Billed Amount				<u>647,135</u>	
2023 Revised Year-End-Adjustment				<u>6,292</u>	

Notes

The discount on 2023 Reconciled Costs was calculated by first applying a 44% discount to reconciled OT costs, and then applying a 3.75% discount to the total reconciled costs (after the OT discount had been applied).

The Year-End Adjustment above is included as an adjustment on the 2025 Billing Statement.

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From: Minister of Infrastructure <Minister.MOI@ontario.ca>

Sent: December 23, 2024 2:22 PM

To: Minister of Infrastructure <Minister.MOI@ontario.ca>

Cc: Clayton, Angela (IO) <Angela.Clayton@infrastructureontario.ca>; Veshkini, Ali (MOI) <Ali.Veshkini@ontario.ca>; Vienneau, Jill (MOI) <Jill.Vienneau@ontario.ca>; Singh, Amar <Amar.Singh@infrastructureontario.ca>; brosborough@amo.on.ca <brosborough@amo.on.ca>

Subject: Supporting Ontario's 2025 Connectivity Objectives: Municipal Guidance and Expectations | Soutenir les objectifs connectivité de 2025 de l'Ontario : Orientations et attentes municipales

Good afternoon,

The Government of Ontario has committed nearly \$4 billion to provide every community across Ontario with reliable, high-speed internet access by the end of 2025. Municipalities play a critical role in the success of designated broadband projects by coordinating access to rights-of-way required for broadband infrastructure deployment. As we work together for a more connected Ontario, we recognize that broadband expansion is a strategic initiative for all municipalities as it provides residents with access to essential online services, supports economic growth and creates opportunities for education, commercial and community development.

Ongoing sector engagement has effectively advanced the government's connectivity objectives by identifying barriers to project progress and prioritizing solutions through legislative, regulatory, operational, and administrative actions. Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and the Technical Assistance Team (TAT) have identified opportunities for delivery partners to enhance their effectiveness in supporting the deployment of broadband infrastructure. This letter aims to clarify the role of municipalities in the designated broadband projects program, and helps to identify areas to focus your efforts to build strong partnerships with ISPs, expedite broadband deployment, and better serve the residents and businesses in your region.

The province has put legislative provisions in place to support broadband deployment through the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021 (BBFA)*. Ontario municipalities whose boundaries include the geographic areas where there are designated broadband projects are required to provide right of way access for the construction or operation of a designated broadband project. The BBFA also requires local governments to adhere to specific timelines for permitting and approvals for broadband projects, and outlines data sharing requirements. TAT tracks municipal compliance with BBFA timelines. Additionally, the BBFA authorizes the Minister of Infrastructure to issue notices and orders that require certain broadband stakeholders to complete work if the minister believes they have failed to meet applicable requirements.

Given municipalities' role as a key delivery partner, it is important to understand your responsibilities, especially around negotiating deployment terms and managing right-of-

way access with Internet Service Providers (ISPs). We expect that municipalities put their best efforts forward to collaborate with ISPs on:

- **Running Line and Installation Depth Requirements:** Municipalities should strive, when possible, to accommodate ISPs' running line and depth proposals. Any location requirements, whether implemented through municipal by-laws or through a Municipal Access Agreement (MAA), that vary from ISPs' proposed running lines are expected to be connected to a legitimate technical and/or geographic limitation or planned capital works project.
- **New Aerial Infrastructure Proposals:** In rural road segments that require aerial deployment, ISPs may propose adding new poles or additional pole lines. Municipalities should seek to accommodate new pole installations in the public right-of-way where possible and not place moratoriums on new pole lines. These proposals seek to take advantage of the accelerated deployment timelines and cost efficiencies by leveraging aerial infrastructure.
- **Alignment with Asset Management Plans:** Municipalities are expected to work collaboratively and negotiate reasonably with ISPs with respect to aligning long-term asset management plans to ISP proposals for deployment. Municipalities should not reject an ISP's proposal based on excessive caution of future capital works and should enter good-faith negotiations with ISPs to agree on reasonable cost-sharing proposals for maintenance and relocation based on industry standards.
- **Reasonable application of Causal Costs when developing Permit Fees:** Municipalities are expected to calculate Municipal Consent Permit Application fees in a reasonable manner adhering to the tenets of cost recovery and cost neutrality.

Once municipalities have agreed with ISPs on deployment proposals, they should avoid making mid-program changes to technical requirements. These changes cause significant network redesign, additional costs, and drive project delays. By following these guidelines and taking a collaborative approach when working with ISPs, municipalities can effectively support the acceleration of broadband deployment.

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Infrastructure Ontario in partnership with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network developed a Municipal Access Agreement (MAA) template to support municipalities in negotiations over municipal right-of-way. This resource was recently shared through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and is a valuable tool to expedite negotiations and ensure construction proceeds without delay.

The Ministry also expects ISPs to remain a good partner to municipalities and act in good faith when negotiating municipal rights of way. The TAT team monitors ISPs for the level of engagement they undertake with municipalities and assesses whether sufficient information-sharing has taken place. MOI will also be holding ISPs to account to work constructively and collaboratively with municipalities. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to email broadband@ontario.ca or the TAT Team.

For additional information on municipalities role in broadband deployment and the legislative and regulatory requirements in place to help support the government's commitment to connect all households by the end of 2025, please see [Guideline 3.0: Building Broadband Faster in Ontario](#).

Your commitment and leadership in advancing the Government's broadband objectives is sincerely appreciated. Thank you, in advance, for your efforts to ensure timely, successful deployment in your community and for supporting our broader goal of providing every community across Ontario with access to reliable, high-speed internet, by the end of 2025.

We remain committed to supporting our municipal partners and are prepared to explore any options that can expedite the approval process and provide certainty for municipalities. The Ministry of Infrastructure will host a municipal roundtable and other webinars as necessary in the new year. If you have any questions about the roles and responsibilities of municipalities within Ontario designated broadband projects, or any feedback, please reach out to the Technical Assistance Team at TAT@infrastructureontario.ca.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Kinga Surma
Minister of Infrastructure

cc. Angela Clayton, President and Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure Ontario
Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ali Veshkini, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure
Jill Vienneau, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure
Amar Singh, Executive Vice President, Infrastructure Ontario

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Alana Torresan

From: Alana Torresan
Sent: January 14, 2025 8:38 AM
To: Alana Torresan
Subject: FW: 2024 Year-In-Review and Greetings from the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs

From: Ministry of Rural Affairs (MRA) <Minister.MRA@ontario.ca>
Sent: January 13, 2025 8:27 AM
Subject: 2024 Year-In-Review and Greetings from the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs

Greetings,

As we start the new year, I want to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to Ontario's rural communities and all of the people and organizations that make rural Ontario such a wonderful place to live and work. This time of year is a fantastic opportunity to reflect on what's past and to celebrate the spirit of togetherness that continues to define our vibrant rural areas.

Our rural communities are the heart and soul of Ontario, and your hard work and dedication continue to inspire us all. At the new Ministry of Rural Affairs, we have been working to support and develop business opportunities, attract and strengthen our rural workforce, and build local capacity so that we can meet whatever challenges and opportunities may come our way. Whether it's through community initiatives or local businesses, your contributions make our province stronger. I look forward to future opportunities for us to work together to ensure the vitality of rural communities across Ontario.

I hope this holiday season brought you joy, peace, and prosperity and that you had the chance to relax, enjoy the company of loved ones, and create lasting memories. Let's look forward to a new year filled with hope, growth, and continued success for our rural communities.

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Rural Affairs



Ministry of Rural Affairs Year in Review: 2024 Achievements

Our government has always understood the importance of rural Ontario as a key to the economic success of our entire province. In June 2024, Rural Affairs was created as a new, stand-alone m...

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Bonjour,

Au début de cette nouvelle année, je tiens à adresser mes meilleurs vœux aux collectivités rurales de l'Ontario et à toutes les personnes et organisations qui rendent ces collectivités un endroit où il fait bon vivre et travailler. Saisissons l'occasion pour nous pencher sur ce que nous avons accompli et célébrer l'esprit de collaboration qui continue de définir nos secteurs ruraux dynamiques.

Nos collectivités rurales sont le cœur et l'âme de l'Ontario, et vos efforts rigoureux et votre dévouement sont une source d'inspiration pour nous tous. Le nouveau ministère des Affaires rurales œuvre d'arrache-pied à la création de débouchés économiques, au recrutement et au renforcement de la main-d'œuvre rurale et au développement de la capacité locale afin de pouvoir relever les défis et saisir les opportunités qui se présenteraient à nous. Que ce soit par le biais d'initiatives communautaires ou d'entreprises locales, vos contributions rendent notre province plus forte. Je me réjouis de travailler avec vous à des projets renforçant la vitalité des collectivités rurales de l'Ontario.

J'espère que cette période de Fêtes vous a apporté joie, paix et prospérité, et que vous avez eu la possibilité de vous détendre, de profiter de la compagnie de vos proches et de créer des souvenirs durables. Je souhaite à nos collectivités rurales une nouvelle année remplie d'espoir, de croissance et de réussite.


Bonne année!

Cordialement,

La ministre des Affaires rurales,



Lisa M. Thompson



Ministère des Affaires rurales : Bilan des réalisations en 2024

Notre gouvernement a toujours reconnu l'importance de l'Ontario rural en tant que moteur de la réussite économique de notre province. En raison du rôle crucial et particulier que joue l'Ont...

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Corporate Correspondence Unit
Communications Branch
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

Avis de confidentialité – Le présent courriel renferme des renseignements destinés uniquement à la personne dont le nom figure ci-dessus. S'il vous a été envoyé par erreur, nous vous prions de nous en aviser en y répondant. Nous vous prions aussi de détruire ce message et toute copie de celui-ci. Merci.

Unité de la correspondance ministérielle
Direction des communications
Ministère des Affaires rurales



RESOLUTION NO.: 2024-125

DATE: December 18, 2024

CARRIED: ✓

DEFEATED:

MOVED BY:

Councillor Blower

DIVISION LIST

Councillor Blower

Councillor Constable

FOR

AGAINST

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Ryman

Councillor Hamer

Councillor Ryman

Mayor Robinson

WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall shares the concerns that the Township of Seguin expressed in the attached resolution over the 2025 Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Annual Billing Statement increase;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality is grateful for the November 29, 2024 announcement by the Province of Ontario to provide financial relief for small and rural municipalities to help offset the increased costs of municipal police services provided by the OPP;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall urges the Province of Ontario to provide sustainable funding options beyond 2025 and continue to offset costs of the OPP to small and rural municipalities.

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.

MAYOR



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>epm</i>
Buszynski	—	—	—	—	DEFEATED —
Collins	—	—	—	—	
Fellner	—	—	—	—	
Finsson	—	—	—	—	
Getty	—	—	—	—	
MacDiarmid	—	—	—	—	

MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE
RESOLUTION

Date: 17 December 2024

252 - 2024

MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hollaway Wadhvani

SECONDED BY: Councillor Tans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Olena Hankivsky", written over a faint circular stamp.

Mayor Olena Hankivsky



December 12, 2024

Right Honorable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Stret
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Sent by Email

Dear: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

RE: Follow-Up: Support for the Motion on Sustainable Municipal Funding.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on December 10th, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-14

MOVED BY: Angela Pierman
SECONDED BY: Wayne Baker

“WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township supports the Town of Aurora’s motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding;

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

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

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

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

ADOPTED

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

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Honorable Premier Doug Ford,
Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance,
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
Local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament,
All Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).



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Sent Via Email to: Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca

December 19, 2024

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

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

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

Moved by Regional Councillor McDougall

Seconded by Councillor Rock

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

Carried

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

If you require anything further, please contact the undersigned.



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Yours Sincerely,

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

Blair Labelle
Director of Corporate Services / Clerk
/am

Enclosure

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



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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Mayor's Office

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

To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Tom Mrakas

Date: November 5, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

November 5, 2024

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2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.



The Corporation of the
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of
Uxbridge**

In The Regional Municipality of Durham

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SENT VIA EMAIL

December 18, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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

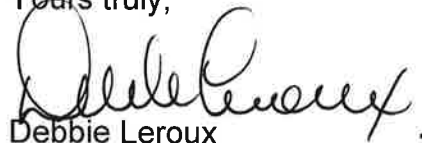
AND THAT the Township of Uxbridge Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

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

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

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

Yours truly,



Debbie Leroux

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

cc: Premier Doug Ford Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca)
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca)
Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca)
MP Jennifer O'Connell (jennifer.oconnell@parl.gc.ca)
MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy (Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)
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December 19, 2024

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

Sent by Email

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

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

Moved by Councillor McDonald
Seconded by Councillor Woodcock

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried.

If you require anything further, please contact the undersigned.

B Teeple

Brandi Teeple

Township Clerk

Township of Stone Mills

Phone: 613 378-2475 ext. 225

Email: bteeple@stonemills.com

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Peter Bethlenfalvy Ontario Minister of Finance

Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox and Addington

Shelby Kramp-Neuman MP Hastings-Lennox and Addington

All Ontario municipalities

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Good day Elected Official,

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

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

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

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

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

Motion: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST

to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges,

public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to

community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user

fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on

property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

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

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

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

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

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

3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST

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

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

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

Regards,

Tom Mrakas

Mayor Town of Aurora

416-543-1624





The Corporation of the Township of
NORTH STORMONT
RESOLUTION

Date: November 26, 2024

Resolution No. 393-2024

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

Mayor F. Landry _____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham _____
Councillor A. Bugelli AB _____
Councillor A. McDonald _____
Councillor C. Shane _____

Mayor F. Landry _____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham _____
Councillor A. Bugelli _____
Councillor A. McDonald _____
Councillor C. Shane CS _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Stormont formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transaction to municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Stormont calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, Eric Duncan, MPP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, Nolan Quinn; and

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

CARRIED DEFEATED DEFERRED

Chair



Declaration of Conflict of Interest: _____

Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest

Vacated His/Her/Their Seat

RECORDED VOTE

Councillor C. Shane	_____
Councillor A. McDonald	_____
Councillor A. Bugelli	_____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham	_____
Mayor F. Landry	_____



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December 24, 2024

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

Sent by email to: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

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

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

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: B. Metzger

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

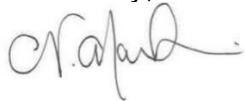
Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Township of Amaranth Council formally requests

1. The Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Amaranth Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,



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



City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

Clerk's Office

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December 18, 2024

Sent via email: dmoratto@king.ca

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,
T. Dafoe
Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities



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November 18, 2024

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

premier@ontario.ca

Dear Prime Minister and Premier,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That;

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

2. The Township of King Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried Unanimously.

Yours sincerely,



Denny Timm
Township Clerk

- cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org
Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
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December 13, 2024

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Hon. Chrystia Freeland
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Hon. Michael Chong, MP
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RE: Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax and Property Sale GST

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 27, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-429:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items listed with the exception of items 6.2 and 6.3 for NOVEMBER 27, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch supports the Resolution from the Township of Larder Lake and Township of McGarry;

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;

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch requests as follows:

That the Provincial Government consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

That the Federal Government be requested to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST 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, thereby ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and



Be It further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

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

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, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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



MOVED BY:

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

SECONDED BY:

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

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

*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

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

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

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

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

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: [REDACTED]

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

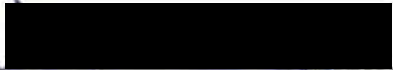


November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 333/2024

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

MOVED BY



SECONDED BY



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

January 6, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-621

DATE: December 17, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor St-Jean

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and Federal GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward:

1. Formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;
2. Formally requests the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte Member of Parliament, Ryan Williams and Member of Provincial Parliament, Tyler Allsopp; and
4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

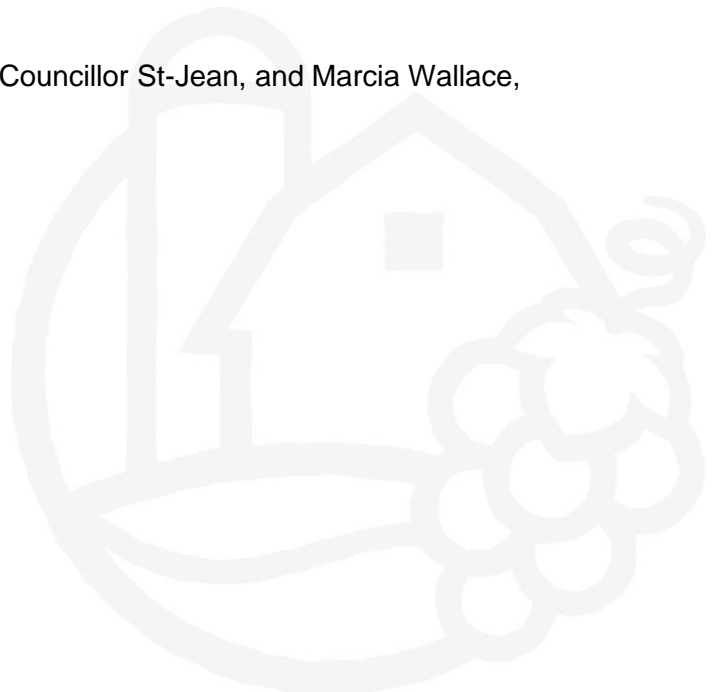
CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

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



Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: City of Stratford Head of Council and Council Members

From: Good Roads

Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

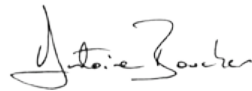
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

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

Sincerely,



Scott R. Butler
Executive Director



Antoine Boucher
President
Good Roads Board of Directors

Alana Torresan

From: Alana Torresan
Sent: January 2, 2025 9:09 AM
To: Alana Torresan
Subject: FW: South Stormont Resolution - Rural Road Safety Program Implementation

From: Ashley Sloan <ashley@southstormont.ca>
Sent: December 24, 2024 11:47 AM
To: Premier of Ontario | Premier ministre de l'Ontario <premier@ontario.ca>; minister.mto@ontario.ca;
Nolan.Quinn@pc.ola.org
Cc:
Subject: South Stormont Resolution - Rural Road Safety Program Implementation

Good day,

Please be advised that Council of the Township of South Stormont passed the following resolution on December 18, 2024:

Resolution No.: 254/2024
Moved By: Councillor Reid McIntyre
Seconded by: Councillor Jennifer MacIsaac

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 health care system;
And whereas roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums; preventing car crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Township of South Stormont requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead;
And further that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support, as well as the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Transportation.
Result: CARRIED

Kind regards,



Ashley Sloan, AMP

Deputy Clerk
Marriage Officiant

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELIZABETHTOWN-KITLEY

December 9, 2024 Session

RES. NO. 283-24

Moved by:

E. Renaud

Seconded by:

R. Smith.

That Council receive staff report PW-24-17 for information;

And That Council direct staff to complete a resolution of support for the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, 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.

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Brant Burrow

Brant Burrow, Mayor

I, Laura Stanzel, Deputy Clerk
Corporation of the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley
in the County of Leeds, do hereby certify that
the foregoing is a true copy of
RES No. 283-24
passed by the council of the said Corporation
the 9th day of December, 2024
L. Stanzel



THE CORPORATION OF THE **TOWN OF COBALT**

December 11, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 28, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
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Sent Via Email: Premier@ontario.ca

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on December 10, 2024, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-217

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

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 the 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 skill enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

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

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 Corporation of the Town of Cobalt 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 FURTHER 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 FINALLY 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 the municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,



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

cc: Association of Municipalities in Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Municipalities Property Assessment Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities

November 29, 2024

Sent via email to: premier@ontario.ca; minister.mah@ontario.ca;
MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca

Premier of Ontario

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The Honourable Paul Calandra

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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The Honourable Stephen Lecce

Minister of Energy and Electrification
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RE: Guelph City Council Resolution to Enable Municipalities to Charge Fees for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Calandra and Minister Lecce,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Intergovernmental Services on behalf of Guelph City Council

Chief Administrative Office

Intergovernmental.relations@guelph.ca

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

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Ref.: 24-CC23.1**

(Sent by Email)

November 18, 2024

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:**Subject: New Business Item 23.1
Respecting Local Democracy and Cities (Ward All)**City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, considered [Item CC23.1](#) and a copy is attached for your information or appropriate action.

for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/wg

Attachment

c. City Manager



City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

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December 18, 2024

Sent via email: InterGovernmental.Relations@guelph.ca

Intergovernmental Services

Chief Administrative Office

The City of Guelph

City Hall, 1 Carden Street,

Guelph ON N1H 3A1

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister Municipal Affairs and Housing of Ontario
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification of Ontario
Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth - Wellington
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

City Council

New Business - Meeting 23

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

City Council Decision

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

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

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

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

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

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

Summary

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

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

Background Information (City Council)

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

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

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

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

Confidential Attachment 1

Communications (City Council)

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

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

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

(November 7, 2024) E-mail from Beverley Yu (CC.Supp)

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(November 10, 2024) E-mail from Michael Ross (CC.Supp)
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<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/comm/communicationfile-184523.pdf>
(November 10, 2024) E-mail from Loudon Young (CC.Supp)
(November 10, 2024) E-mail from Justin EJ Sharp (CC.Supp)
(November 10, 2024) Letter from Alison Stewart, Bicycle Mayor of Toronto (CC.Supp)
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(November 12, 2024) E-mail from JJ. Fueser (CC.Supp)
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(Sent by Email)

December 20, 2024

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:**Subject: Member Motion Item 23.1
Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise,
seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted [Item MM23.1](#) and in doing so, has forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and requested that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Yours sincerely,

Niko Markakis, for

for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/mp

Attachment

Sent to: All Ontario Municipalities
Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Blood Services
Chief Executive Officer, Grifols Canada

c. City Manager

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 23

MM23.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

City Council Decision

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

1. City Council express its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies in the City.
2. City Council forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Summary

In the City of Toronto, we uphold the principle of voluntary blood and plasma donation, acknowledging its vital importance as a public good. Our commitment derives from the lessons of Canada's tainted blood crisis, which tragically claimed approximately 8,000 lives. The subsequent Royal Krever Commission urged a fully voluntary, non-payment oriented blood and plasma donation system.

Within our Ontario healthcare system, we perceive blood donations as a priceless public resource, underscoring the need to safeguard the integrity of the public, voluntary donor system.

The Voluntary Blood Donations Act of Ontario strengthens this stance, legislating against the payment of donors and prohibiting donors from receiving financial compensation for their blood or plasma.

Canada Blood Services plans to open five paid plasma clinics, including one in Toronto, by 2025. This issue needs immediate attention and action. The public health community has raised concerns about Grifols Pharmaceuticals' plans to open a Toronto clinic. It's vital we protect vulnerable residents from exploitation by for-profit plasma collection companies offering cash for blood-plasma, a predatory practice.

In bringing this motion forward, we strive to reinforce the principles of voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation, protecting both the integrity of Canada's public blood system and the dignity of blood donors.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM23.1

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-249600.pdf>

Attachment 1 - Resolution to Declare the City of Hamilton a "No Paid Plasma Zone"

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-250144.pdf>

Council Meeting

Motion # 12/11/24 - 02

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

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Moved by: Rory Cavanagh

Seconded by: Beth Blackwell

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried.

Jennifer Lawrie

Clerk



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Resolution # RC24282	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>	Seconded by: <i>M Hatfield</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive and support the resolution dated November 19, 2024 from the Township of Terrace Bay regarding Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with Minister Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
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<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	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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Phone: (807) 825-3315 **Fax:** (807) 825-9576

November 19, 2024

Minister of Health Sylvia Jones
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Jones,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday September 16, 2024, the following resolution was put forth by Councillor Chris Dube and was passed.

Re: Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues

Resolution 266-2024

Moved by: Councillor Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor Dube

WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay is gravely concerned about the ongoing shortages and staffing challenges facing Superior North EMS (SNEMS);

WHEREAS, the provincial funding for ambulance services, currently at 50%, along with the city's 50% contribution, has been falling short, leading to financial strain on municipalities and regional partners, including the City of Thunder Bay;

WHEREAS, the rolling shortages of paramedics and EMS personnel in the region present a significant risk to public safety and healthcare services in northern communities, which are disproportionately affected by the province-wide shortage of paramedics;

WHEREAS, recruitment and retention issues, including insufficient wages and benefits, lack of mental health supports, frequent exposure to traumatic experiences, and inadequate recovery time between work periods, are causing high turnover rates and burnout among EMS workers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, be requested to take immediate action to address the funding shortfalls and structural challenges in the delivery of EMS services in northern communities, including:

1. Increasing provincial funding to support EMS services and reduce the financial burden on municipalities;
2. Implementing incentives such as "learn and stay" grants to encourage paramedics to live and work in northern Ontario;
3. Enhancing support systems for EMS workers, including improved wages, benefits, and mental health resources.



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AND THAT, this resolution be forwarded to Minister Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:
AMO
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Resolution # RC24283	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>J Opato</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive and support the resolution dated November 19, 2024 from the Township of Terrace Bay regarding Billy Bishop Airport;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be shared with Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Hon. Anita Anand, President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, Mayor Olivia Chow, Toronto City, Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Minister of Tourism, Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Hon. Arun Thangaraj, Deputy Minister of Transport Canada, John D. Elvidge, City of Toronto – Clerk, Paul Johnson, City of Toronto - City Manager, Jag Sharma, City of Toronto - Deputy City Manager, RJ Steenstra, President and CEO - Ports Toronto, Sandra Pupatello, Chair of Board of Directors - Ports Toronto, Neil Pakey, President and CEO - Nieuport Aviation, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MP Patty Hajdu - Thunder Bay - Superior North, MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Eric Melillo – Kenora, MPP Greg Rickford, (Kenora – Rainy River), MPP Kevin Holland, (Thunder Bay - Atikokan), MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North), and all NOMA member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
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November 19, 2024

Honorable Anita Anand,
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transportation
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Via Email: Anita.anand@parl.gc.ca

Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow
Office of the Mayor
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Via Email: mayor_chow@toronto.ca

Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday October 21, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed.

Re: NOMA Letter re Billy Bishop Airport Support

Resolution 293-2024

Moved By: Councillor St. Louis

Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport serves more than 2 million passengers per year, making it the 9th-busiest airport in Canada, 5th-busiest serving the US market, 3rd busiest airport in Ontario, and making it a critical component of the national and regional air transportation system; and

WHEREAS the airport provides daily connections to the North with service to Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and Sudbury, and enables access to many other neighbouring communities;

and WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport is a critical access point for Northern communities for economic opportunities, tourism, social connectivity and critical medical care located in downtown Toronto;

WHEREAS the airport operates under a Tripartite Agreement among the City of Toronto, Transport Canada and PortsToronto, and that agreement is set to expire in 2033; and

WHEREAS the airport is seeking to secure its long-term future through a process to modernize and extend the Tripartite Agreement to drive sustainable growth and enhanced access and connections for passengers and the communities it connects to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association is seeking urgent action from the City of Toronto, PortsToronto and Transport Canada to commence a process and conclude it by the end of 2025 to modernize the current Tripartite Agreement and secure the future of Billy Bishop Airport.



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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Hon. Anita Anand - President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, Mayor Olivia Chow – Toronto City, Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada - Minister of Tourism, Government of Canada, Hon. François-Philippe Champagne - Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry - Government of Canada, Hon. Arun Thangaraj - Deputy Minister of Transport Canada - Government of Canada, John D. Elvidge - City of Toronto – Clerk, Paul Johnson - City of Toronto - City Manager, Jag Sharma - City of Toronto - Deputy City Manager, RJ Steenstra - President and CEO - Ports Toronto, Sandra Papatello – Chair of Board of Directors - Ports Toronto, Neil Pakey - President and CEO - Nieuport Aviation, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria - Minister of Transportation - Government of Ontario, Hon. Vic Fedeli - Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade - Government of Ontario, MP Patty Hajdu (Thunder Bay - Superior North), MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Eric Melillo – Kenora, MPP Greg Rickford, (Kenora – Rainy River), MPP Kevin Holland, (Thunder Bay - Atikokan), MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North), and all NOMA member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

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October 7, 2024

Honourable Anita Anand
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport
House of Commons
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Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow
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Re: The Future for Billy Bishop Airport Requires Urgent Action and a Modern Governing Agreement

Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

I am writing to you to express my support for the sustained operation and development of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. As the President of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, I am extremely concerned to learn that the Tripartite Agreement that governs operations at the Airport expires in 2033 – less than 9 years from now.

Billy Bishop Airport provides a critical service and point of connection for the North. Many of my community members rely on Billy Bishop airport to visit family, connect through to other destinations for work, travel and tourism or to access critical medical services, the convenience and ease of Billy Bishop Airport cannot be matched. It has been reported widely that Northern Ontario communities have experienced drastic reductions in air service coming out of the COVID pandemic. Reliable air connectivity available through Billy Bishop Airport is an important economic and social lifeline for my community.

We were pleased to see the Federal Government's investment in a US Customs and Border Patrol preclearance facility, which is expected to open in 2025. This is welcomed news for communities in Northwestern Ontario as it will enable more and better connections through Billy Bishop Airport and amplify the airport's already strong economic contribution. We viewed this investment in the airport's long term future as recognition of the very important role the airport has come to play for the communities it connects including Northwestern Ontario – very much at odds with an agreement that expires in a matter of years.

To that end, we would implore you, as signatories to the Tripartite Agreement, to commence a process to modernize the Tripartite Agreement and secure the long-term future of Canada's 9th-busiest airport and 3rd-busiest in Ontario. My community members rely on this service, and we

want to see even more connections and expanded services to the North. As elected leaders, we have a responsibility to think past our own front doors, reflect the needs of all of our constituents and those beyond our communities who are impacted by our decisions. Certainty about the airport's long-term future should not be something we as leaders should need to think long about. **The time is now for the parties of the agreement to move forward with urgency to ensure this vital piece of transportation infrastructure and the important connections it facilitates are sustained.**

Sincerely,



Wendy Landry
President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

Cc:

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December 13, 2024

Resolution Re: Regulating Exotic Animals and Licensing Zoos

At the regular Council meeting held on October 22, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

**MOVED BY HALLS, SECONDED BY BANFIELD
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council do hereby support the Town of Kirkland Lake and the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolutions with respect to petitioning the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the procession, breeding, and use of exotic wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the exotic wild animal population.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Shannon Peart
Administrative Assistant Clerk's Department
Township of East Garafraxa

Enclosures: Town of Kirkland Lake Motion – Exotic Animals
Western Ontario Wardens Caucus – Roadside Zoos Legislation

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association
World Animal Protection
All Ontario Municipalities

April 5, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Motion – Exotic Animals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED"

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

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

Yours truly,

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

Amberly Spilman
Deputy Clerk/Lottery Licensing Officer



Friday, September 27, 2024

Sent via email
premier@ontario.ca

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Bldg, Rm 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Roadside Zoos Legislation

On Sunday, August 18, 2024 the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus passed the following motion:

Moved by B. Clarke, seconded by K. Marriott:

“THAT this report titled “Roadside Zoos” be received and filed; and

THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus pass the following resolution and forward to all 117 municipalities in Western Ontario;

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

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

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

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

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

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

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers'

Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

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

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca) and AMO (amo@amo.on.ca) , AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com) , and MLEAO (mleo@mleoa.ca)." - **CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil,
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc:

Hon Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association
Western Ontario Municipalities

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD
December 10th, 2024

2024-265

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyackers
Seconded by Councillor Kelly**

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris received a resolution from the Township of Nairn and Hyman, and the Township of Baldwin who formally oppose the transportation and deposition of naturally occurring radioactive materials from the former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site, Nipissing First Nations lands, and adjacent lands operated by the Ministry of Transportation to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Township of Nairn and Hyman, and the Township of Baldwin's resolution in that they should have been consulted on this matter prior to the movement of materials;

AND FURTHER THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission provide answers to the Township of Nairn and Hyman, and the Township of Baldwin's questions and that those municipalities receive notification of all forward movements of this project;

AND FURTHER 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; Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members; Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members; the United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising; Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Anthony Rota; MPP Vic Fedeli, and the Association of Ontario Municipalities, all Ontario municipalities, and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for their consultation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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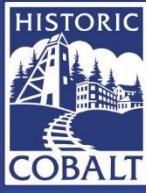
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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-265 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 10th day of December, 2024.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF COBALT

December 12, 2024

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

Sent Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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

RESOLUTION No. 2024-218

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

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

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

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

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

Thank you,



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

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca
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All Ontario Municipalities



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December 13, 2024

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info@tapmo.ca

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Association (ROMA)
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Hon. Ted Arnott, MPP
VIA EMAIL:
ted.arnottco@pc.ola.org

RE: TAPMO Letter regarding Pre Budget Announcement

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 27, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-430:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda items listed with the exception of items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 for NOVEMBER 27, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council supports the information provided by TAPMO to member municipalities of TAPMO; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council sees the value and significance of circulating this information provided by TAPMO to all Ontario municipalities;



Therefore, that Council directs staff to forward items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 to all Ontario municipalities; and

That Council direct staff to forward the following resolution to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school board trustees, AMO, ROMA, Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation:

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

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

Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;

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

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

Whereas the municipal taxpayer should not bear the cost of correcting a past error in assessment methodology that unfairly benefited then aggregate industry, and the new



property tax class ratio risks further undermining the principle of revenue neutrality and eroding confidence in Ontario's legal and tax systems;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Further be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school board trustees, AMO, ROMA,



Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

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, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), Local school board trustees



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Sent via email

November 1, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy
Ministry of Finance
Frost Building South, 7th Floor
7 Queen's Park Crescent
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Bethlenfalvy:

Re: Pre Budget Announcement

As you are aware there was a lengthy Assessment Review Board hearing as well as a divisional court ruling increasing the taxes paid by the aggregate sector due to an inappropriate tax relief mechanism implemented by MPAC.

TAPMO recognizes funding for rural, small and northern municipalities is proposed to see an increase in OMPF funding. This increase is very much appreciated. This increase will begin to address the farm tax rebate shortfalls that rural, small and northern municipalities have been experiencing under the former program. Increasing this funding ensures all Ontarians are supporting farmers and not just the residents that call home to small, rural and northern communities. The impact of Provincially significant programs needs to be absorbed by all Ontarians.

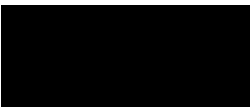
If it is the desire of the Government to provide special treatment to one sector and burdening this special treatment on small, rural and northern communities (where most aggregate operations exist), TAPMO is of the opinion that an aggregate subsidy is not appropriate and should be borne by all Ontarians.

The pre budget announcement provides \$200 to every Ontarian, adding approximately \$3 billion to the Ontario budget. If the Government is willing to add \$3 billion to the deficit. Carrying over the 95% reduction in education tax relief absorbed by all Ontarians for 2024, would have added \$7 million to the total deficit for 2025 or 0.11666667% additional deficit.

TAPMO request the following questioned to be answered:

Explain the justification of increasing taxes on small, rural and northern municipalities which are host to most aggregate operations, to provide a preferential tax relief to the aggregate sector, versus absorbing any relief through increased deficit for all Ontarians?

Yours truly,



James Seeley
Board Chair

Ministry of Finance

Provincial-Local
Finance Division

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Toronto ON M7A 1Y7



October 31, 2024

His Worship James Seeley
Chair, Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO)
jseeley@puslinch.ca

Don MacLeod
Executive Director, TAPMO
executivedirector@tapmo.ca

Dear Mayor Seeley and Mr. MacLeod:

Thank you for your letter about the new aggregate extraction property class.

As noted in my letter of October 3, the Province will be setting municipal tax ratios and education tax rates for the new aggregate extraction property class to provide tax mitigation for properties in the class. The plan is to provide an overall \$6M tax reduction to properties in the class relative to the original 2024 tax level, comprised of \$3M municipal tax and \$3M education tax. While the specific tax ratios and impacts will not be available until after the assessments for 2025 are finalized by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), the intention is that municipalities overall will still benefit from the majority of the incremental tax revenues that resulted from the assessment methodology changes implemented by MPAC for 2024.

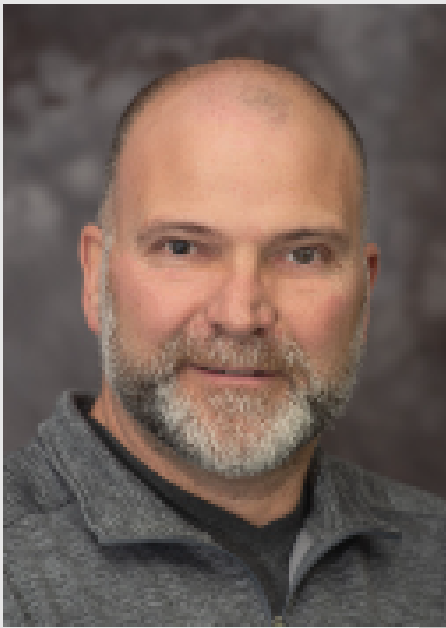
More details will be shared when they become available. We appreciate the importance of providing municipalities with as much time as possible to support their budgetary planning. We have taken note of your request to receive this information by November 30th and will endeavour to provide the data as close to this date as possible.

Regarding your request that TAPMO be included in consultations during 2025, that is an important part of our plan. We will be reaching out to TAPMO as well as the aggregate sector, and working with MPAC and the Ministry of Natural Resources, to seek more detailed information regarding aggregate activities and discuss possible updates to the definition of the property class.

The government understands the challenges small and rural municipalities face. In this regard, in the 2024 Fall Economic Statement announced the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund will be increased by \$100 million (20% increase) annually. This will be phased in over two years with an immediate \$50 million increase in 2025.

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INTRODUCING TAPMO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Don MacLeod held the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of Zorra from 1996 to 2024. The Township of Zorra is in the top 10 aggregate producing municipalities in Ontario. Recently, Don transitioned into the role of Executive Director for TAPMO. With this wealth of experience, Don is particularly well-suited to continue the success of TAPMO in developing a sustainable plan for aggregate extraction across Ontario.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Introducing Don MacLeod, TAPMO Executive Director**
- **Aggregate Property Taxation Assessment Challenges: What to expect in 2025**
- **Meet the Board of Directors and membership!**

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Next TAPMO meeting: Monday November 18, 2024 @ 2:30pm



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November Newsletter

Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities

Following an appeal decision of the Divisional Court, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) revised the assessment methodology and property tax classification of aggregate sites to ensure sector-wide consistency, resulting in tax changes for pits and quarries across the province for 2024 (an increase of \$12M municipal and \$5M education). These properties continue to be assessed based on the province-wide valuation date of January 1, 2016, but the methodology used to derive those values has been modified in line with the court ruling. This legal process was spearheaded by Wellington County. In a troubling response to the Divisional Court decision, the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time (2024) \$7 million education tax reduction, to mitigate the impact of these changes on the aggregate industry. This reduction will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes, which is the first time this kind of a subsidy is being provided by the province for any industry.

Looking ahead to the 2025 tax year, a new aggregate property sub-class is set to be introduced, but the intent to create improved tax stability and predictability feels hollow. The sub-class will result in a \$6 million subsidy for the aggregate industry, \$3 million of which is being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base. The tax subsidy will be funneled through a temporary property tax sub-class within the industrial property category, with MPAC and local municipalities tasked with its implementation. However, the claim that this newly established sub-class will provide stability and predictability raises serious concerns. Instead of genuinely addressing the inequities in the system, it seems to merely provide an unwarranted tax break to the aggregate industry, while shifting the burden onto municipal taxpayers and perpetuating an unjust structure.

The government's approach appears to prioritize the interests of the aggregate sector over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their constituents. MPAC's collaboration with the aggregate sector and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) to gather detailed information on aggregate sites may result in more of the same, rather than meaningful reform. While the government claims this refined data will support future discussions with the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) and municipalities, the focus seems skewed toward accommodating industry demands rather than ensuring fairness and accountability for all taxpayers. This direction threatens to undermine any hope of establishing a principled and sustainable approach to aggregate taxation, leaving communities to bear the consequences.

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Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities

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In light of these changes, TAPMO wishes to voice serious concerns regarding the new tax class ratio established by the Ministry of Finance. Contrary to fostering a revenue-neutral outcome, this adjustment is expected to lead to \$3 million being refunded directly from local taxpayers to the aggregate industry starting in 2025 and beyond. Neither the Ministry nor representatives from the aggregate industry have provided sufficient justification for what seems to be a residential taxpayer-funded subsidy to benefit a for-profit industry. Concerns from both the Ministry of Finance and the aggregate sector highlight that potential cost increases for residential housing stemming from the Assessment Review Board (ARB) ruling have not been adequately assessed or documented. Claims suggesting a mere \$3-4 increase per Ontarian fail to capture the disproportionate impact this assessment framework will have on rural residents, who predominantly host these aggregate operations.

The OSSGA has yet to provide conclusive evidence of the industry's inability to contribute its fair share of taxes. In fact, TAPMO has presented evidence indicating that aggregate producers can meet their tax obligations. For example, Dufferin (CRH) paid \$2 million in royalties to the University of Guelph in 2023, while St. Mary's Cement (CBM Canada) reported total net revenues of \$109,785,000 USD for aggregate products in their 2022 financial statements.

While TAPMO recognizes that tax increases on any property class may be unpopular, we argue that the aggregate industry has long benefited from an inappropriate tax discount. The Divisional Court ruling clarified that MPAC lacked the authority to grant such tax relief. The municipal taxpayers should not have to provide tax relief to the industry as a result of correcting an inappropriate tax benefit that the industry has come to expect. The new property tax class ratio fails to maintain revenue neutrality and threatens to erode trust in Ontario's legal frameworks. Ontarians deserve confidence that these processes are respected and upheld.

TAPMO remains committed to advocating for fair and equitable taxation practices that support both municipal taxpayers and the sustainability of our communities. The future of Ontario's aggregate taxation framework must prioritize transparency, fairness, and the principles of revenue neutrality.

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Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities - What's Next?

TAPMO is urging members to raise awareness of this issue by requesting your Municipal Council consider supporting the following motion:

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

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

Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;

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

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

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

Therefore be it resolved that the Council [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] strongly objects to the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry, and calls on the provincial government to:

1. Reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector, and ensure that future tax policies are fair, equitable, and consistent for all taxpayers.
2. Uphold the principles of revenue neutrality in the aggregate tax framework and ensure that any new tax classifications or methodologies do not result in a net loss of revenue for municipalities, especially those that are already facing significant financial challenges.
3. Commit to meaningful reform that ensures fairness and consistency across all sectors of the economy, and actively engages municipalities and taxpayers in a transparent and inclusive process, rather than catering to the demands of the aggregate industry.
4. Take immediate action to correct the existing inequities in the tax framework, ensuring that the burden of this correction is not unjustly shifted to municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural communities who host these operations.
5. Respect and uphold the integrity of the legal process by honouring the decisions of the Divisional Court and ensuring that all assessment methodologies are transparent, accountable, and based on a fair and balanced approach.

Further be it resolved that the Council [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] supports TAPMO's call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province's tax base; and

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

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**Chair
Mayor James Seeley**
Township of Puslinch



**Vice-Chair
Mayor Jennifer Coughlin**
Township of Springwater

Board of Directors



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Township of Uxbridge



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Loyalist Township



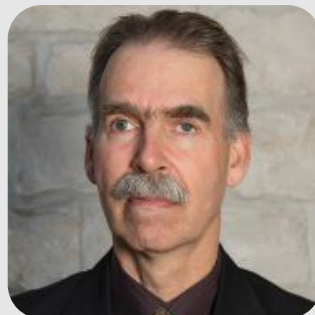
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October 24, 2024

Sent via email

Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy
Ministry of Finance
Frost Building South, 7th Floor
7 Queen's Park Crescent
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy:

Re: Aggregate Assessment

I am writing to raise TAPMO's concerns with the new tax class ratio for aggregate operations that does not maintain a revenue neutral outcome. TAPMO has been informed that the new tax class ratio will result in \$3 million of assessment being refunded to the aggregate industry for 2025 and beyond.

To date, neither the Ministry nor the aggregate industry has provided any justification for this residential taxpayer funded subsidy. The concerns raised by the MOF and the aggregate industry indicate that the potential cost increase for residential housing resulting from the ARB ruling applied across the province has not been thoroughly assessed or documented. Impacts of \$3-4 dollars per Ontarian are not accurate. Most aggregate operations are located in rural municipalities, thus rural residents will be providing this relief on a disproportionate level.

I would draw your attention to the developments in the Town of Erin. Developers are largely paying nearly \$200 million in up-front cost to build a wastewater treatment facility. This cost will be a direct pass through to the cost of the homes serviced by the treatment plant. In comparison, a revenue neutral tax class would be adding less than a quarter dollar to the cost of per tonne of aggregate.

Generally speaking, in Ontario, the provincial framework we strive to achieve is known at the municipal level as "Growth pays for Growth". Taxing aggregate properly brings us as a society closer to achieving that result. The aggregate tax class ratio does not support the revenue neutral tax outcome, nor does it support the principle of "Growth pays for Growth".

The OSSGA has failed to bring definitive evidence of the industry's inability to pay their fair share of taxes. Quite contrary, TAPMO has provided evidence of the ability of producers to pay their fair share. We are referencing the royalties Dufferin paid the University of Guelph (\$2 million in 2023). Further to the point, St. Mary's Cement's (CBM Canada) audited 2022 Financial Statements indicate a total net revenue for aggregate products at a whopping \$109,785,000 USD.

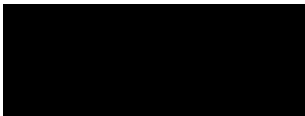
TAPMO recognizes that any increase of taxes on any property class would likely not be welcome. Unfortunately, as recorded in the Divisional Court decision, MPAC did not have the legislative authority to be providing tax relief (page 12 note 55 of the decision) that the industry experienced from 2016 onward. The aggregate industry is accustomed to an inappropriate tax discount. In TAPMO's view, residential taxpayers should not have to provide tax relief to the industry as a result of correcting an inappropriate tax benefit that the industry had come to expect. We respectfully reassert our position that OSSGA has not brought forward evidence to support their claim, other than highlighting the displeasure of paying more taxes. We have also not received evidence from the MOF supporting this relief for 2025 and beyond.

Lastly, we are deeply concerned that the lengthy and expensive legal process undertaken by Wellington County, and the decisions ordered by both the Assessment Review Board and Divisional Court is being undermined. This is particularly concerning given that the ARB decision was upheld. The new property tax class ratio fails to maintain a revenue-neutral tax assessment and undermines the legal process, which incurred significant costs for Wellington County taxpayers. This is extremely disturbing; Ontarians must have confidence in the legal processes in Ontario. Undermining the ARB assessment through a property tax class ratio that does not preserve revenue neutrality erodes that trust.

It is essential that discussions be inclusive and that any future assessment changes involve a fair and balanced approach in consultation with municipal partners, not just the aggregate sector.

TAPMO thanks the Ministry for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue and we look forward to strengthening this relationship.

Yours truly,

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James Seeley
Board Chair



Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2024 - 398

Date: December 19, 2024

MOVED BY:

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

SECONDED BY:

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

DEFEATED

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

Beaucage, Keven

Pateman, Heather

Philip, Cheryl – Mayor

Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor

Sharer, Jill



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December 19, 2024,

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

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

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

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

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

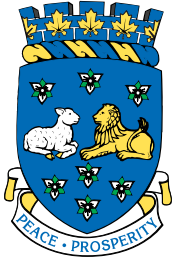
We believe that a one-size-fits-all approach to ARU development may inadvertently overlook the distinct needs of rural communities. As municipalities in rural, Northern Ontario have before, we urge the government to consider creating tailored policies that recognize the specific conditions and requirements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

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

Sincerely,

Mayor, Cheryl Philip

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



September 26, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Solve the Crisis

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on September 25, 2024, approved the following motion:

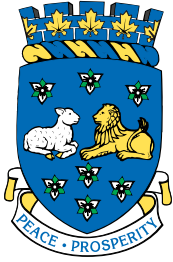
Whereas there is a humanitarian crisis in cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. We need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province; and

Whereas the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023 as well as with an estimated 234,000 Ontarians experiencing homelessness and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023; and

Whereas the province has provided additional funding for mental health, addictions and homelessness programs, including the recently announced Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and

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

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



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

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Region of Waterloo supports the Solve the Crisis Campaign;

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

AND that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;

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

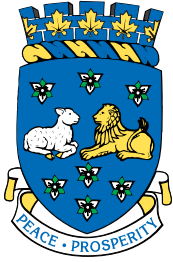
AND request that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*;

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

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

And that this Council calls on the residents across the Region of Waterloo to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting SolveTheCrisis.ca and showing your support;

And further that a copy of this motion be sent to:



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- **The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada**
- **The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**
- **The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health**
- **The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**
- **The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions**
- **Local and area MPs, MPPs and Heads of Council**
- **The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions please contact Regional Councillor Dorothy McCabe Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca

Please forward any written responses to this letter to William Short, Director, Council & Administrative Services/Regional Clerk
regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca

Yours sincerely,

William Short, Director Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk

cc: Region of Waterloo Councillor Dorothy McCabe Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca



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January 3, 2025

Sent via email – regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca

William Short,
City Clerk
Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Re: Resolution Regarding Solving the Crisis

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

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

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

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe Clerk

/mf

cc: Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
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The Honorable Doug Ford
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The Honorable Michael Parsa
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
438 University Ave.
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Via email MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca

Dear The Honorable Doug Ford and The Honorable Michael Parsa,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Mayor Jerry Acchione
City of Woodstock

Cc:

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP - ernie.hardemanco@pc.ola.org

Safe and Well Oxford - safewelloxford@gmail.com

Children's Aid Society Oxford County - info@casoxford.on.ca



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

January 7, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

Council Resolution # 2024-12-18-909

Carried

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

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By M. Martin

Agenda
Item 15

Resolution Number
2024-12-18- 909

Seconded By R. Crate

Council Date: December 18, 2024

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

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

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Carried _____
Deputy Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: December 2, 2024

Agenda Item: 7.d

Resolution Number: 2024-12-02- 860

Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: December 18, 2024

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

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature



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Hon. Doug Ford
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November 7, 2024

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

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

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

Whereas the provincial government is undertaking:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



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October 15, 2024

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford

Re: Heritage Advisory Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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Encl.

cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Paul Calandra, Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org ; Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Hon. Michael Ford, Michael.Ford@pc.ola.org; MPP Huron-Bruce, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, info@acwtownship.ca, Municipality of Bluewater, info@municipalityofbluewater.ca , Municipality of Central Huron, info@centralhuron.com, Town of Goderich, townhall@goderich.ca, Township of Howick, clerk@howick.ca, Municipality of Huron East, clerk@huroneast.com, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, mail@morristurnberry.ca, Township of North Huron, clamb@northhuron.ca, Municipality of North Perth, info@northperth.ca , Township of Perth South, lscott@perthsouth.ca, Township of Perth East, acarter@pertheast.ca, Municipality of West Perth, clerk@westperth.com, Town of St. Marys, clerksoffice@town.stmarys.on.ca, City of Stratford, clerks@stratford.ca, Municipality of Brook-Alvinston, idenkers@brookealvinston.com, Township of Dawn-Euphemia, clerk@dawneuphemia.on.ca, Township of Enniskillen, dmctavish@enniskillen.ca, Municipality of Lambton Shores, clerks@lambtonshores.ca, Village of Oil Springs, clerk@oilsprings.ca, Town of Petrolia, petrolia@petrolia.ca, Town of



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July 31, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

South Huron Heritage Advisory Committee

Sample Resolution:

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

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

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

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cale Henderson](#)
Cc: [Steve Wark](#); [Maria Pinto](#);
Subject: Fwd: Township of The Archipelago
Attachments: [Notice of Intention to Adopt Site Alteration and Tree Preservation By-laws Dec 2024.pdf](#)
Sent: 2024-12-22 1:36:30 PM

Hello Cale,
Thank you for sending across these amended proposed bylaws.

I watched the council meeting videos over the weekend. Councilor Ashley and Reeve Liverance expressed a desire to expand the 25m maximum exemption set out in section 5 a) i) for properties with more than 100m of frontage. I believe you said that the township of Georgian Bay had adjusted the 25% maximum through their building by-laws, and that conforming the ToA by-laws to make a similar adjustment would create an unreasonable administrative burden that would significantly delay the implementation of the Tree by-law.

I wonder if we could look at this a different way? Would it be possible to word the exemption in the Tree by-law to allow a maximum of 25m for the first 100 meters of frontage and then reduce the percentage for any successive 100m of frontage? For example, the language could allow up to 25% to a maximum of 25m for the first 100m of frontage plus 15m for each 100m of frontage in excess of 100m. Making such a change would allow council to pass a by-law that more closely matches the geography of the township without unduly penalizing property owners that have frontages greater than 100m.

It appears that this approach could be self-contained within the tree preservation by-law, thereby allowing the Tree by-law to more closely reflect the wishes of council and property owners.

May we have a quick touch base by telephone to confirm that I have the right understanding of the issue, and if so, to review the approach set out above?

If I don't speak to you before, then, I hope you and your family have a very merry Christmas,
John.

John Hayes
[REDACTED]

From: Cale Henderson <chenderson@thearchipelago.ca>
Date: December 19, 2024 at 5:10:48 PM EST
Cc: Steve Wark <Planning@thearchipelago.ca>, Maria Pinto <mpinto@thearchipelago.ca>, Cale Henderson <chenderson@thearchipelago.ca>
Subject: **Township of The Archipelago**

Good afternoon,

Thank you to everyone for their engagement and feedback that has helped shape the Draft Site Alteration & Tree Preservation By-laws.

Following Council's direction at the December Council meeting, the by-laws are now being presented for adoption at the upcoming January Council meeting on **January 17, 2025**. Please see the attached notice with further details.

For more information and to read the final draft by-laws, please visit our website at the link below:

<https://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/p/site-alteration->

Thank you again for your participation throughout this project – please stay tuned for updates on the Site Alteration & Tree Preservation By-laws.

Regards,

Cale Henderson

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Township of The Archipelago
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John and Phyllis Lill

Peacock Island
B434, Sans Souci
Township of the Archipelago

▶ **Mr. Bert Liverance**
c/o
Cale Henderson

chenderson@thearchipelago.ca

Dear Reeve of the Archipelago – Mr. Bert Liverance and Councilors

I am writing to you with regards to the new “Tree Preservation by-law” which I understand is being put before the Council at the January 17, 2025 non-public meeting. I am in agreement with the emails sent to the Council from John Hayes on September 9, 2024 and December 11, 2024. Specifically, I share the view that the revised draft of the by-law still does not adequately reflect the comments made by our community during the public consultation process.

Having said the above, I am of the understanding that the Council may vote to pass the revised by-law at the January 17, 2025 meeting.

There is one aspect of the revised draft that is particularly unreasonable and unfair and has the potential over time to change and severely damage the current state and enjoyment of many of our Archipelago Georgian Bay cottage properties.

- a. In the shoreline buffer area, which is from “high water” back 7.5 meters, the by-law provides some scope to manage vegetation over a linear length of up to 25% of the area but not to exceed a total of 25 linear meters in aggregate. While this 25-meter limitation might be acceptable for Muskoka type waterfront lots with 300– 400 feet of shoreline, it is excessively over restrictive on many Georgian Bay cottage properties. In our case, with our small Island, we have over 2000’ linear feet of shoreline. We face the situation that over time our cottage and bunkies will disappear behind growth in the buffer area. This will significantly change our current situation in a very negative way.
- b. At the minimum we would implore the Council to revise or remove entirely the 25m buffer area restriction in the new by-law.

We would appreciate the Council’s careful consideration of John Hayes’ correspondence and the above comments.

Yours sincerely

John and Phyllis Lill

1/15/2025

Alana Torresan

From: Alana Torresan
Sent: December 13, 2024 3:30 PM
To: Alana Torresan
Subject: FW: AMO Policy Update – Municipal Codes of Conduct Legislation

From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
Sent: December 12, 2024 4:38 PM
To: Maryann Martin <mmartin@thearchipelago.ca>
Subject: AMO Policy Update – Municipal Codes of Conduct Legislation



AMO Policy Update – Municipal Codes of Conduct Legislation

As the most trusted and transparent level of government, accountability is a core value of the municipal sector. For years, municipalities have called on the province for better tools to codify and enforce higher standards of accountability for elected officials. These tools are needed to reinforce the accountability of the municipal sector and to support a safe and respectful work environment for members of council and for municipal staff.

Legislation was promised three years ago following an extensive public consultation process that concluded in fall 2021. If passed and once regulations are finalized, this legislation will largely deliver on that promise by:

- enabling standardization of municipal codes of conduct and integrity commissioner investigation processes;
- creating a role for the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario in municipal codes of conduct and integrity commissioner matters; and

- establishing a mechanism to remove and disqualify from office members of council and certain local boards for the most serious violations.

AMO welcomes this legislation that responds to what municipalities' have consistently requested. AMO will review the details in the bill and engage fully in the legislative process during the next legislative session. Members should be aware that the bill will not become law if the Premier calls an election before the bill passes.

“Municipal councils in Ontario have asked for legislation that holds elected officials to a higher standard of accountability. If passed, this bill would deliver on ensuring that, as members of council, we are living up to the trust that residents put in us. We commend Minister Calandra for getting to this point.”
– Robin Jones, AMO President and Mayor of Westport

“Municipal government is the most trusted, open and transparent order of government. This bill, if passed, will help municipal councils fulfil their commitment a higher standard of accountability, and to address situations of serious misconduct when they arise.” – Brian Rosborough, AMO Executive Director

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Meet Noah Timmins, Ontario



My name is Heidi and my family and I live in Timmins, Ontario.

Our son Noah is two years old, and has a life-threatening condition called Autosomal Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease (ARPKD). It's a rare genetic disease—just one in 20,000 children have it; it affects the kidneys and liver which causes serious complications.

Noah has to use a feeding tube and will likely require multiple organ transplants throughout his life. Our local hospital simply doesn't have the expertise to meet Noah's specialized health needs, so he must travel to The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto every few months. In only two years, Noah has had six surgeries and several other procedures, all in Toronto.

My husband and I tried making these numerous trips by car. It took more than 10 hours with traffic and regular stops for Noah's care. It was exhausting, and incredibly hard on all three of us. Flying is only an hour and fifteen minutes, but there is no way we could afford plane tickets that many times each year.

Then we learned about this charity called Hope Air. We've flown with Hope Air more than 15 times in Noah's short life—and I don't know how we'd manage without them. They have been a lifeline to Noah and our family. Without Hope Air, I cannot imagine what our family would have endured.

We also know that Hope Air cannot meet this demand by itself without funding support from the Ontario Government, so that they can continue to support families like ours.

I would ask that you do all that you can, to ensure that Hope Air is able to continue to deliver its lifesaving work.

Grateful mom to Noah,
Heidi

In 2024, Hope Air will provide over 3,500 travel arrangements for patients in need, living in over 75 communities across Northern Ontario. Hope Air reduces barriers of distance and cost, in access to medical specialty care, delivering better health outcomes for patients in need.





January 2, 2025

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

Dear Minister Parsa

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY IN CHILD WELFARE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regards.



President Danny Whalen
705-622-2479



Executive Award Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted from municipalities and individuals in Northeastern Ontario for the FONOM Executive Award to be presented at the upcoming FONOM Conference in the City of Greater Sudbury.

The following is a description of the purpose of the award and eligibility requirements.

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to honour an individual member of FONOM who has contributed in a special and meaningful way toward the enrichment and betterment of the lives of the residents of Northeastern Ontario and who has exerted tireless efforts over a period of years in promoting the objectives of FONOM regionally and provincially.

Who is eligible? To qualify for the Executive Award, recipients must have served in an elected office in one of the municipalities within the FONOM membership district.

When are the awards presented?

The award is presented concurrent with the annual FONOM Conference. The recipient and their nominator will be notified in advance of the awards ceremony.

When is the deadline for nominations?

Any person or organization can nominate an individual by completing the following nomination form and sending the signed form to the address below, no later than **April 4th, 2025**.

Previous recipients of the FONOM Executive Award are:

- 1997 Joe Mavrinnac, Kirkland Lake
- 1998 John Hodder, Manitoulin
- 1999 Marcel Noel, West Nipissing
- 2000 Fred Poulin, Smooth Rock Falls
- 2001 Vic Power, City of Timmins
- 2002 Austin Hunt, Manitoulin
- 2003 Jim Gordon, Sudbury
- 2004 Richard Adams, Parry Sound
- 2005 Phyllis Floyd, Former Executive Director, Sudbury
- 2006 Henry (Chick) Goertzen, Township of Laird
- 2008 Ellwood McKinnon, Township of Johnson
- 2009 George Farkouh, City of Elliot Lake
- 2010 John Rowswell, Sault Ste. Marie
- 2011 Michael "J.J." Doody, Timmins
- 2012 Frank Gillis, Espanola
- 2013 Austin Hunt, Billings
- 2014 Stephen Butland, Sault Ste. Marie
- 2015 Vyrn Peterson, Blind River
- 2016 Tom Laughren, Timmins
- 2017 Alan Spacek, Kapuskasing
- 2018 Jamie McGarvey, Parry Sound
- 2019 Mac Bain, North Bay
- 2020 Merrill Bond, Charlton and Dack
- 2021 Georges Bilodeau, Huron Shores
- 2022 Lynn Watson, Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional
- 2023 Councillor Paul Borneman, Town of Parry Sound
- 2024 Mayor Paul Schoppmann, Municipality of St.-Charles

Need more information?

Further information and nomination forms may be obtained from:

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Address: 306-665 Oak Street East North Bay, Ontario P1B 9E5

Email: fonom.info@gmail.com

Nominations must be submitted by April 5th so please submit your nomination forms as soon as possible. Thank you!

FONOM Executive Award Nomination Form

Personal information on this form is collected under the Federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). Some of the information may constitute personal information. By filling out this form you agree that all personal information provided by you on the form may be collected, used and disclosed by FONOM for purpose of determining eligibility and notifying recipients of the FONOM Executive Award.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY AND COMPLETE IN FULL.

Individual Being Nominated

Title	First Name	Last Name
Name of Organization	Position	
Address		
City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Telephone No. (9:00am – 5:00pm)	Email Address	

Nomination Submitted By:

Title	First Name	Last Name
Name of Organization	Position	
Address		
City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Telephone No. (9:00am – 5:00pm)	Email Address	

Is nominee aware of this nomination Yes No

Signature of Nominator	Date
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In addition to completing the form, please see the reverse side of this page for additional material to be included in your submission.

Please provide a brief description of your nominee's activities and the contribution he or she has made. Please note that the selection of award recipients is based solely on information provided in the nomination package. It is therefore important that all materials in the package be complete.

Please include the following in your submission:

1. Description of achievement:

- a) Describe the achievement in detail, including any background or historical information related to the achievement.
- b) Describe what made this an outstanding achievement for your nominee, including any extraordinary circumstances or challenges the nominee faced.
- c) Describe how this achievement has touched the lives of others or the life of the person being nominated.
- d) Indicate how long you have known the nominee.
- e) Indicate the timeframe that this achievement took place.

2. Two Written Testimonials

Testimonials should be current and from persons who can attest to the value and impact of the achievements of the nominee.

3. Additional Material (optional)

List any additional material provided to support this nomination. For example, additional testimonial letters, publications, media stories, etc.

NOTE: Please do not send originals of important or official documents, as they will not be returned.

Please submit signed nomination form and supporting materials to:

Mail:

306-665 Oak Street East
North Bay, Ontario P1B 9E5

Email:

fonom.info@gmail.com

DEADLINE Completed forms must be received by April 4th, 2025

Alana Torresan

From: Kristina De Marzio <kdemarzio@hopeair.ca>
Sent: December 13, 2024 9:21 AM
To: Alana Torresan
Cc: Mark Rubinstein
Subject: Hope Air : filling the gap in equitable access to health care in Northern Ontario
Attachments: Noah.pdf

Dear Mayor Liverance,

I hope you're doing well and thank you again for all that you do for the people of Ontario.

Earlier this month, your government made important enhancements to the Northern Health Travel Grant (NHTG). These enhancements will undoubtedly provide meaningful support through partial reimbursement of travel expenses for those traveling long distances for medical care.

However, many low-income individuals and families still face overwhelming financial barriers. Even with NHTG support, the upfront costs for airfare, accommodations, and other necessities often reach thousands of dollars- an unsurmountable burden for those already struggling. Essential travel expenses like taxis and meals continue to remain ineligible for reimbursement, leaving critical gaps in access to care.

Hope Air bridges this gap, complementing the government's policy to reduce barriers of distance and cost in access to health care for Northern Ontario patients. To continue meeting the growing demand for our services, we remain hopeful that the Ministry of Health will consider providing funding in 2025 to support our vital work.

To illustrate the impact of our work, I am sharing with you the story of Baby Noah, a two-year-old from Timmins, Ontario who benefitted from Hope Air's assistance. Noah's story is one of hundreds from over 75 Ontario communities, that underscores how critical Hope Air's services are in the province.

Wishing you and your family the very best this holiday season.

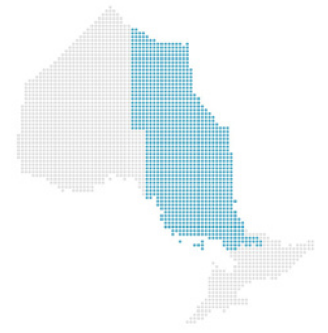
Kind Regards,
Kristina

Kristina De Marzio (She/Her)
Manager, Community Engagement | **HOPE AIR**
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We acknowledge that we live and work on the unceded, traditional territories of many Indigenous peoples. We are grateful for the privilege of being on lands that these peoples have nurtured since time immemorial.

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Hydro One is pleased to be accepting delegation meetings at the 2025 ROMA Conference on **Monday, January 20 and Tuesday, January 21.**

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If you are interested in requesting a delegation meeting with Hydro One representatives, **please fill out the form [linked here](#).**

There are limited appointments available - please complete the form by **Monday, January 6.**

We also hope you will join us for our Learning Lunch on Monday, January 20 at 12:00 p.m. in the Willow room to hear how we are energizing life in communities across Ontario.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Hydro One.

 Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

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From: Cobi Sharpe

Sent: December 11, 2024 6:29 PM

To: Bert Liverance - Reeve

Subject: Not Interested in Helping Parry Sound? Then Skip this Email

Oh great, you're still here! Perfect, because West Parry Sound needs people like you to help make a difference.

Dear Bert,

I'm reaching out to introduce [Volunteer Parry Sound](#) (VPS), a community-driven hub connecting residents with meaningful volunteer opportunities that strengthen our local organizations and communities. By promoting VPS, you can help:

1. **Boost Community Engagement:** VPS connects residents with impactful volunteer roles, building a stronger sense of belonging.
2. **Support Local Growth:** Our platform helps non-profits, charities, and community groups access the dedicated volunteers they need to thrive.
3. **Enhance Quality of Life:** Increased volunteerism fosters inclusivity, support, and improved well-being across West Parry Sound.

Your support of VPS would be instrumental in expanding our reach and impact.

Additionally, more impactful ways include:

1. **Community Leadership:** By promoting VPS, councillors show active support for civic engagement, which reflects positively on their commitment to building a stronger, connected community. This can enhance their public image and reinforce their role as advocates for local well-being.
2. **Enhanced Local Services:** Councillors who encourage volunteerism help local organizations receive the support they need.
3. **Economic and Social Impact:** A stronger volunteer base can reduce the burden on municipal resources and support economic resilience by helping local non-profits, charities, and community groups flourish.

I'd love the opportunity to discuss the mission and values behind VPS, what our long term plans for building volunteerism are, and how you can help us.

Enjoy the day!

Cobi Sharpe

Community Engagement Coordinator

Volunteer Parry Sound (by the team at [Sound Fundraising Strategies](#))

web: www.VolunteerParrySound.com

VPS is a platform for passionate individuals like you to find volunteer opportunities that match your skills and interests.



My working day may not be your working day. Please do not feel obliged to reply to this email outside of your typical working hours.