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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.3.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-037  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #9  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Municipality of Shuniah on November 14, 2023, regarding Unnecessary Noise - Engine Brakes;**  
**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Sarkaria; our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
MAYOR



# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 399-23

Date: Nov 14, 2023

Moved By: 

Seconded By: 

WHEREAS excessive noise resulting from the operation of moving vehicles falls under the jurisdiction of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8. ("Highway Traffic Act") which is enforced by provincially appointed officers;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Shuniah, have received complaints from residents regarding noises associated with the use of engine retarder brakes on heavy vehicles;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation recommends the use of engine braking in certain circumstances, such as the downgrade located on Spruce River Road to avoid overheating brakes, and as a form of backup brake if brakes fail;

AND WHEREAS a higher engine noise is typically emitted for a short period of time (e.g., ten (10) to thirty (30) seconds), depending on the vehicle's speed and vehicles may make a loud "chattering" or "jackhammer" exhaust noise when this braking system is engaged;

AND WHEREAS this noise can be amplified if the vehicle has no muffler or an improper muffling system;

AND WHEREAS noise emissions from commercial vehicles form part of the Ministry of Transportation's inspection process;

AND WHEREAS installation of "courtesy" signs that request the drivers to limit the use of loud compression style brakes are difficult to enforce and there is evidence of these types of signs not being beneficial;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to enhance enforcement for deficient muffler systems to address concerns around excessive and unnecessary noise from engine brakes.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP Kevin Holland, MP Marcus Powlowski, MPP Lise Vaugeois, and MP Patty Hajdu.

**Carried**       **Defeated**       **Amended**       **Deferred**

  
Signature

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.4.

Resolution Number 2024-038

Title: Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #10

Date: February 21, 2024

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Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer on November 15, 2023, regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act;**

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Associate Minister of Housing, Rob Flack; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
MAYOR



November 16, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
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Re: Motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act

At their Regular Meeting of Council on November 15, 2023, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act:

**Whereas** the Ontario government has acknowledged an affordable housing and housing supply crisis, communicating a targeted approach to build 1.5 million homes by 2031; and

**Whereas** nearly one-third of Ontario households rent, rather than own, according to the most recent 2021 Census of Population; and

**Whereas** the Ontario government has reported that Ontario broke ground on nearly 15,000 purpose-built rentals in 2022, a 7.5 percent increase from 2021 and the highest number on record, with continued growth into 2023; and

**Whereas** the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, provides for the maximum a landlord can increase most tenants rent during a year without the approval of the Landlord and Tenant Board; and

**Whereas** the Ontario government recently strengthened protections for tenants with the intention of preserving affordability, by holding the rent increase guideline for 2024 to 2.5 percent, well below the average inflation rate of 5.9 percent; and

**Whereas** the rental increase guideline protection does not apply to rental units occupied for the first time after November 15, 2018, leaving an increasing number of tenants susceptible to disproportionate and unsustainable rental increases compared to those benefiting from legislated increase protection;



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**Now Therefore Be It Resolved that** the Council of the Town of Aylmer requests provincial consideration for amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, to ensure that all tenants benefit from protections intended to preserve affordability;

**That** a copy of this Resolution be sent to:

- Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Honourable Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- And all Ontario Municipalities.

Thank you,

**Owen Jaggard**

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Associate Minister of Housing [rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)

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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.5.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-039  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #15  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward on November 17, 2023, regarding Guaranteed Livable Income;**  
**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Children, Community and Social Service, Ryan Williams; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament; our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
MAYOR



November 17, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023 the following motion regarding urging the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a guaranteed livable income was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-568**

**DATE: November 14, 2023**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Maynard**

**WHEREAS** on November 23, 2021 Prince Edward County was certified as a 'Living Wage' Employer at the "support" level, through the Ontario Living Wage Network;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario livable wage for Hastings & Prince Edward, in 2022 was determined to be \$19.05, which is \$3.55 more than the Provincial minimum wage rate of \$15.50; and this rate is paid to all staff including students in 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1,376;

**AND WHEREAS** the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax);

**AND WHEREAS** in accordance with the 2023 Vital Signs Report, up to 3,500 residents (10.1% to 13.5%) are living on low income (less than \$36,000 a year after taxes) and PEC's median income lags behind Ontario by \$7,500/year;

**AND WHEREAS** the median rent for one bedroom in Prince Edward County in accordance with the County Housing Plan for 2023 \$1,513 a month;

**AND WHEREAS** rent is considered affordable, when it is no more than 30% of gross annual income and the number of people receiving government benefits has increased to a level above the provincial average in Prince Edward County. Extrapolated, a full 30% of County residents are deemed to be low-income and unable to afford either market real estate or rental housing prices;

**AND WHEREAS** as of March 31, 2023, there are 1,089 households on the Prince Edward - Lennox and Addington Social Services wait list for subsidized housing in Prince Edward County;

**AND WHEREAS**, in accordance with the County Food Collective, Food bank use is up 26% in Prince Edward County and as many as 6,000 residents experience food insecurity over a year's time;

**AND WHEREAS** on July 25, 2023 Council expressed support for a more generous Canada Child Benefit targeting low-income families struggling with food insecurity and urged Federal government expedite its 2021 election promise to roll-out Canada's first national school food policy, and endorsed the Coalition for Healthy School Food mission to work with partners across Canada to advocate for a universal cost-shared healthy Canada-wide school food program on September 26, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** the 2017 Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) study/survey identified the general affordable workforce housing as a primary obstacle in our workforce attraction;

**AND WHEREAS** the collected data of housing and poverty statistics, and continuing to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result is important in establishing a livable income;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County join other municipalities across Ontario, including Belleville, Napanee to urge the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a Guaranteed Livable Income program; and

**THAT** this resolution be sent to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Parsa, M.P.P., Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Ryan Williams, Bay of Quinte M.P.P., Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte M.P.P, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition of Ontario and Pierre Poilievre Leader of the Official Opposition of Canada requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

**THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Maynard and Marcia Wallace, CAO

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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.6.

**Resolution Number** 2024-040

**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #16 & 25

**Date:** February 21, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance

**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward on November 17, 2023, and the support Resolution passed by Loyalist Township on November 27, 2023, regarding Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to Expand the Use of Permit-by-Rule; AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR

November 17, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023 the following motion regarding support for the Province to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, storm water management systems, and certain water taking activities was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-569**

**DATE: November 14, 2023**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Maynard**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**WHEREAS** the Municipality, in support of the Quinte Conservation Authority, actively supports the Source Water Protection Program, as part of local efforts to implement the Clean Water Act, 2006 and its regulations to protect local municipal drinking water sources;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is proposing to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities;

**AND WHEREAS** In 2018, Bill 68, the Open for Business Act was passed, whereby it legislated that less complex activities that pose low-risk to the environment should not be required to go through the approval process and instead, should self-register on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR);

**AND WHEREAS** Quinte Conservation Authority has outlined in their October 24, 2023 report to their Board, that the activities proposed to move to the EASR may pose too much risk to drinking water, and can pose threats to human health and the environment;

**AND WHEREAS** Quinte Conservation Authority noted the source water protection concern generally lies in the fact the Ministry will no longer undertake an up-front detailed review of applications related to the specified activities, thereby potentially weakening regulatory oversight;

**AND WHEREAS** the specified activities, which have the potential to cause significant adverse impacts to the natural environment and human health will no

longer be subject to public and site-specific scrutiny prior to commencing operation in Ontario;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County supports the concerns outlined by Quinte Conservation Authority and urges the Provincial government to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities; and

**THAT** this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte M.P.P. and Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and

**THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and all Ontario Conservation Authorities.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Maynard and Marcia Wallace, CAO





# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin Council Resolution

Date: February 27, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024- 81

10.1.7-In Support to Resolution passed by the Municipality of Wawa Fire Apparatus

Moved By: Councillor *GRANT*

Seconded By: Councillor *MORETON*

WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to service operational needs;

AND WHEREAS fire apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must mee the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even thou they can still meet the safety regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin is in support of the attached resolution as passed by the Municipality of Wawa and directs the Fire Chief to prepare a letter to give to the clerk as follows; attention to the Fire Underwriters Survey requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, The Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Affairs and Housing, The federation of Canadian Municipalities, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) MPP Vic Fedeli and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Results: *Carried*

**Recorded Vote:**

<u>Member of Council</u>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Mayor Gould	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Moreton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Latimer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Manson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.9.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-043  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**WHEREAS** municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

**AND WHEREAS**, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

**AND WHEREAS**, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortages, which will only be exasperated over the next three (3) to five (5) years, which will cause the levels of service that municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

**AND WHEREAS**, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles, calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades, David Piccinni; our local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

  
MAYOR

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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.8.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-042  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Township of Asphodel-Norwood on December 12, 2023, regarding Rising Municipal Insurance Costs;**  
**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
MAYOR



December 22, 2023

**Sent via E-mail**  
david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

David Piccini, MPP  
Northumberland-Peterborough South  
117 Peter St  
Port Hope, ON L1A 1C5

**Re: Rising Municipal Insurance Costs**

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Dear MPP Piccini,

At its regular meeting held December 12, 2023, the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood considered the above-noted matter and passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** Ontario Municipalities are experiencing higher insurance rates at each renewal with limited access to insurance providers willing to quote on municipal insurance needs;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Asphodel-Norwood's annual insurance premiums have increased from \$150,280 to \$299,729 from 2020 to 2024, representing an accumulated increase of 99.5% over this period;

**AND WHEREAS** these annual increases are unsustainable and divert funds from critical municipal services as one of the most significant constraints in limiting yearly tax levy increases;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood directs staff to send a letter to the MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South calling for action to reduce insurance costs;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that this Resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Trusting you will find the foregoing satisfactory, but please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Melanie Hudson, Acting Clerk  
Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Cc: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.7.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-041  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #7  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**WHEREAS** under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a Judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

**AND WHEREAS** over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

**AND WHEREAS** cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

**AND WHEREAS** the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;

- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Todd McCarthy; BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, Jim Cassimatis; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; our local member of Provincial Parliament; and, all Ontario municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR

## AMO's Education Workshops for Community Building

AMO offers its members a range of education workshops aimed at supporting the many facets of local leadership. Our workshops are delivered by subject matter experts who understand the expectations and demands you face every day. The expectations to lead, solve problems and build the economic and social sustainability of your community are high.

### ***Disability Inclusion Workshop and Panel Discussion***

Accessibility and inclusion are more than meeting your obligations under Ontario's AODA Standards. Elected officials will leave this workshop with a greater depth of knowledge and understanding that is essential to providing access and the ability for all to enjoy your community.

[Register for the March 25 workshop.](#)

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### ***Indigenous Community Awareness***

The AMO-OFIFC Indigenous Cultural Competency Training helps build indigenous cultural competency in municipal government by providing knowledge and tools to utilize in moving improved and stronger relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

[Register for the April 2 workshop.](#)

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### ***Antisemitism and Anti-Islamophobia Training***

As global events are increasingly impacting our local communities, AMO has built important partnerships with the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies and the Canadian Centre for Muslim Women to develop and deliver education on anti-semitism and anti-islamophobia. The insight these workshops offer are invaluable and will support you and your council colleagues building safe, welcoming and inclusive communities.

[Register for the April 24 Antisemitism workshop.](#)

[Register for the May 15 Anti-Islamophobia workshop.](#)

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## ***Competing Rights: What you Need to Know!***

As elected officials, you often face complex issues that seem to pit rights of one group against the rights of others. What do you do when faced with this? This training will help you negotiate these sensitive situations including what you, as an elected official, need to do to fulfill your human rights obligations.

[Register for the May 23 workshop.](#)

If you have questions, please reach out to [events@amo.on.ca](mailto:events@amo.on.ca)

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February 23, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Lambton County Council Motion**

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of February 07, 2024, Lambton County Council Passed the following resolution:

#25: Ferguson/Bradley:

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has agreed to assume responsibility for the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto, which will be uploaded to the Province of Ontario;

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

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**


- a) That the Province of Ontario: (i) upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or (ii) alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.

- b) That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Sarnia-Lambton MPP, Bob Bailey; the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria; and the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Ford.

Carried.

Kind Regards,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Olivia Leger

Clerk/County Solicitor

Encl #CC 04-10-24

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Bob Bailey, M.P.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding  
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation





CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF  
CLARENCE-ROCKLAND REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION

Council Regular meeting

**Resolution:** 2024-16  
**Title:** Resolution proposed by Councillor Kyle Cyr and seconded by Mayor Mario Zanth regarding the 9-8-8 National suicide and crisis hotline  
**Date:** February 14, 2024

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**Moved by** Kyle Cyr  
**Seconded by** Mario Zanth

WHEREAS Canada has adopted 9-8-8, as National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and  
WHEREAS the City of Clarence-Rockland recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Clarence-Rockland continues to endorse the 9-8-8 Crisis Line initiative and will display the 9-8-8 information poster in all its municipal buildings; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Todd Doherty, MP for Cariboo-Prince George, as well as all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

**Monique Ouellet**

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Monique Ouellet/Clerk



RÉSOLUTION

Réunion régulière du conseil

**Résolution:** 2024-16  
**Titre:** Résolution proposée par le conseiller Kyle Cyr et appuyée du maire Mario Zanth au sujet du 9-8-8, soit la ligne d'assistance nationale sur le suicide et les crises.  
**Date:** le 14 février 2024

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**Proposée par** Kyle Cyr  
**Appuyée par** Mario Zanth

ATTENDU QUE le Canada a adopté le 9-8-8, comme ligne d'assistance nationale à trois chiffres sur le suicide et les crises ; et  
ATTENDU QUE la Cité de Clarence-Rockland reconnaît qu'il s'agit d'une initiative importante pour s'assurer que les obstacles critiques sont éliminés pour les personnes en situation de crise et qui demandent de l'aide ;  
QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE la Cité de Clarence-Rockland continue d'appuyer l'initiative de la ligne d'écoute 9-8-8 et affichera l'affiche d'information 9-8-8 dans tous ses édifices municipaux; et  
QU'IL SOIT AUSSI RÉSOLU QU'une copie de cette résolution soit envoyée à Todd Doherty, MP de Cariboo-Prince George, ainsi qu'à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

**ADOPTÉE**

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Monique Ouellet/Greffière



**EMAILED**

March 1, 2024

Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery  
Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 2J3

Dear Honourable McCarthy:

**Re: Resolution of Council – Town of Huntsville – Support for Municipality of Wawa  
Resolution RC24017 – Provincial Cemetery Management**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024 the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Huntsville passed the following resolution:

**Motion 28-24**

*Moved by Helena Renwick, seconded by Monty Clouthier*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council support and endorse resolution RC24017 from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Cemetery Transfers, Abandonment Administration, and Management Support.

CARRIED.

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

Regards,

Natalie Little  
Committee Coordinator  
[natalie.little@huntsville.ca](mailto:natalie.little@huntsville.ca)

Cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar  
Hon. Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North  
Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound Muskoka  
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Resolution # RC24017	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>L. Spate</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>

**WHEREAS** the Wawa Cemetery Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 where the Committee received correspondence from Tay Township requesting support regarding Provincial Cemetery Management,

**AND WHEREAS**, under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

**AND WHEREAS** over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

**AND WHEREAS** cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

**AND WHEREAS** the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
• Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
• Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
• Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Jill Dunlop and all Ontario municipalities.

Table with 4 columns: RESOLUTION RESULT, RECORDED VOTE, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, YES, NO. Rows include CARRIED, DEFEATED, TABLED, RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT), PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED, and WITHDRAWN.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature table with two columns: DEPUTY MAYOR - JIM HOEFMANN and CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL. Includes handwritten signatures.

This document is available in alternate formats.



The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
(sent via e-mail)

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Re: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the County of Renfrew regarding Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems.

**Motion #12**

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support correspondence item 'q' from the County of Renfrew regarding water and wastewater.

**Carried.**

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

Sincerely,

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

Cc: Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario)  
Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada)  
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario),  
Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 31, 2024, The County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

**WHEREAS** the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

**WHEREAS** the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives; and

**WHEREAS** in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of

the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

**WHEREAS** in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

**WHEREAS** in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the County of Renfrew:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.



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

Sincerely,

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

Peter Emon, Warden

County of Renfrew

[warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca](mailto:warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca)

cc: Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario)  
Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada)  
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

His Worship Mayor Campion and Members of City Council  
Welland City Hall  
Civic Square, 60 East Main St.  
Welland ON L3B 3X4

Dear Mayor Campion and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce (GNCC), I am writing to congratulate you and the staff of the City of Welland for your outstanding housing achievements in 2023. We noted with great satisfaction that ground was broken on 868 new housing units last year, exceeding your targets by 176 per cent.

Our members have consistently identified the housing shortage as an issue for economic growth, and the 2024 Ontario Economic Report, released just last month, revealed that building affordable housing was one of the top policy priorities for all organizations surveyed.

We have heard from developers that they consider Welland to be one of the best cities in Ontario to do business in. They have praised your consistent and logical approach to permitting and inspections, your common-sense planning, the ease with which developers can access resources, and the can-do attitude of City staff.

These less-tangible aspects of the municipal approach are as important as bylaws and official plans, if not more so. We have taken the enormous success of development in Welland last year as a further sign that the City has gotten it right. Although it is the developers themselves who will build the houses, Welland has made itself an easy place to do business in and a preferred location for builders.

On behalf of our membership, please accept our sincere admiration and our thanks for creating a municipality with an environment for success. We look forward to even greater achievements in 2024.

Sincerely,



Mishka Balsom, CEO  
Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce



## Media Release

### Niagara Transit Commission kicks off Facilities, Asset and Service Network Master Plan study

NIAGARA REGION, March 5, 2024 – The Niagara Transit Commission (NTC) is proud to announce that it has hired consultant Left Turn Right Turn (LTRT) to complete a comprehensive study aimed at revolutionizing public transit service in Niagara.

The Facilities, Strategic Asset, and Service Network Master Plan is expected to take 18 months to complete and will set the course for optimizing transit services over the next decade, with a focus on improving accessibility, efficiency, and affordability for residents and visitors alike.

The study will involve a thorough examination of existing transit infrastructure, service routes, and operational strategies with the primary objective of recommending an optimal service strategy tailored to meet the specific needs of the Niagara community.

Key elements of the Master Plan include:

**Service Strategy Optimization:** Exploring various transit options to maximize social access, ridership demand, and cost-effectiveness.

**Asset Utilization:** Optimizing vehicle and infrastructure use for long-term sustainability.

**Route and Stop Optimization:** Enhancing current routes and stops to better serve transit users.

**Enhancing Customer Experience:** Prioritizing comfort, safety, and affordability.

The NTC invites members of the public, community organizations, and interested parties to actively participate in the Master Plan process and provide valuable input as it progresses. Updates and opportunities for involvement will be communicated through the NTC's website and social media channels.

For more information about the Facilities, Strategic Asset, and Service Network Master Plan please visit <https://nrtransit.ca/about-nrt/roadmap/master-plan-project/>

**Quotes:**

“The Facilities, Strategic Asset and Service Network Master Plan is one of the most important pieces to be put in place by the Niagara Transit Commission, and I am glad that is getting underway. We moved forward with the amalgamation of Transit with the promise that NRT would provide better service for all residents across Niagara – this Master Plan is how we will deliver on that promise. I look forward to the work being completed and the Transit system continuing its growth across the region.”

**Mat Siscoe, Chair, Niagara Transit Commission**

"The launch of the Facilities, Strategic Asset and Service Master Plan marks a significant milestone for the Niagara Transit Commission whose primary mission is to seamlessly integrate transit services across the entire Niagara region. Through collaboration with LTRT, our riders, and community partners we are confident that the Master Plan will pave the way for a transit network that meets the evolving needs of our residents and supports the continued growth and prosperity of our region."

**Carla Stout, General Manager, Niagara Transit Commission**

"We are excited to get started on Niagara Transit Commission's Transit Facilities, Strategic Asset & Service Network Master Plan. This is a compelling opportunity to collaborate with the community to plan and design a more robust, efficient, and customer-friendly transit system for the region. In the coming months, we will engage with residents, transit staff, businesses, institutions, and others. We look forward to hearing about what better transit looks like to each of you."

**Yuval Grinspun, Principal, LTRT**

**Contact:**

Leah Tracey (media only)  
Executive Assistance/Communications Advisor  
Niagara Transit Commission  
Email: [leah.tracey@nrtransit.ca](mailto:leah.tracey@nrtransit.ca)  
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March 5, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

The Honourable Andrea Khanjin  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Via E-mail: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

**Re: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for ‘Ineligible’ Sources**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 4, 2024 supported the following resolution from the Township of Perry regarding the above noted matter;

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

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

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


Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

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

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Local MPP all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

**Judy  
Smith**

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Judy Smith  
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Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Local MPP  
Ontario Municipalities

Honourable Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery:

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2024-02-30**

**MOVED BY:** Korrine Jordan  
**SECONDED BY:** Greg

Hallam

**“WHEREAS**, under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

**AND WHEREAS**, over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

**AND WHEREAS**, municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within their jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

**AND WHEREAS**, cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

**AND WHEREAS**, the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- amend the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
- provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

**AND THAT**, this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP John Jordan and all Ontario municipalities.”

**ADOPTED**

**Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk**

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Dear Minister Calandra :

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2024-02-28**

**MOVED BY:** Andrew Kendrick  
**SECONDED BY:** Greg

Hallam

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

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

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

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

**AND WHEREAS**, communities such as Tay Valley Township cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Metroland Media Group news publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper”;

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

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

**AND FURTHER**, requests the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

**AND FURTHER THAT**, this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Lanark Frontenac Kingston MPP, John Jordan; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all Ontario Municipalities.”

**ADOPTED**

**Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk**

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Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada:

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2024-02-15**

**MOVED BY:** Korrine Jordan

**SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

**“WHEREAS**, climate change annually contributes to hundreds of billions of dollars in property and infrastructure damage worldwide, stressing local to national and international economies;

**WHEREAS**, climate change jeopardizes the health and risks the extinction of millions of species worldwide, stressing and weakening the health and integrity of ecosystems everywhere;

**WHEREAS**, climate change harms the health and security of people through intense wildfires, flooding, storms, droughts, rising sea levels, the spread of invasive insects bearing diseases, negative impacts on agriculture, and food supply interruption, thus further stressing social, economic, and political systems;

**WHEREAS**, there is now a large body of evidence and climate change risk scenarios which point to the imperative for steep and permanent reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, immediately and in the coming decades, in order to avoid many climate change “tipping points” which, if crossed, will render further and devastating ecological, economic, and societal losses;

**AND WHEREAS**, a crisis can be defined as "a dangerous situation requiring immediate action";

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Tay Valley Township officially declares a climate change crisis for the purposes of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment in our climate action plan to protecting our local ecosystems, local economy, and our community from climate change;

**THAT**, this resolution be revisited each term of Council and within the first year of the new council;

**AND THAT**, this resolution be provided to Prime Minister Trudeau and all federal ministers with portfolios related to climate change; to all federal Opposition party leaders; to MP Scott Reid; to Premier Ford and all Ontario ministers with portfolios related to climate change; to MPP John Jordan and all other Ontario MPPs; to all Ontario Municipalities and the local media.”

**ADOPTED**

**Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk**

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The Township of Georgian Bay  
**Resolutions**  
Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item 11.(e)

**Date: March 4, 2024**

**C-2024-089**

**Moved by** Councillor Steven Predko  
**Seconded by** Councillor Stephen Jarvis

WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and

WHEREAS these essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required; and

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Georgian Bay Council request the Government of Canada to increase the tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers; and

THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all Ontario municipalities, and Scott Aitchison, MP.

Carried       Defeated       Recorded Vote       Referred       Deferred

**Peter Koetsier, Mayor**



March 6, 2024

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

**Delivered by email**  
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024  
Member Motion 8.1.9 - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Council/Committee Meeting  
Structure Under Strong Mayor Powers**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas the Province expanded Strong Mayor Powers to municipalities over 50,000 in population, who committed to a housing pledge in the fall of 2023 to help address the housing crisis, but was not mandatory to accept with a housing pledge; and**

**Whereas the Town of Aurora head of council has the discretion whether to use the strong mayor powers, except for those dealing with the budget; and**

**Whereas strong mayor powers permit the head of council the ability to create new committees of council made under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, where all members are council members, and assign their functions. The head of council is also able to appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of such committees of council;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council requests that the Mayor reconsider using strong mayor powers to alter the current structure of Council and/or committee meetings, but rather remains the same as officials were originally elected to do; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora, and all Ontario municipalities.**

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024  
Council/Committee Meeting Structure Under Strong Mayor Powers  
March 6, 2024

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

Sincerely,



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

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill  
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora  
All Ontario municipalities



## 8. Standing Committee Reports

**Moved by** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded by** Councillor Gaertner

That the Standing Committee Reports, items 8.1 and 8.2, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.1.7, 8.1.8, 8.2.1, 8.2.4, 8.2.6, and 8.2.8, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

**Carried (6 to 0)**

### 8.1 General Committee Meeting Report of February 6, 2024

#### 8.1.9 Member Motion - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Council/Committee Meeting Structure Under Strong Mayor Powers

Whereas the Province expanded Strong Mayor Powers to municipalities over 50,000 in population, who committed to a housing pledge in the fall of 2023 to help address the housing crisis, but was not mandatory to accept with a housing pledge; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora head of council has the discretion whether to use the strong mayor powers, except for those dealing with the budget; and

Whereas strong mayor powers permit the head of council the ability to create new committees of council made under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, where all members are council members, and assign their functions. The head of council is also able to appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of such committees of council;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council requests that the Mayor reconsider using strong mayor powers to alter the current structure of Council and/or committee meetings, but



rather remains the same as officials were originally elected to do; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora, and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**



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March 6, 2024

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

**Delivered by email**  
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024  
Member Motion 8.2.8 - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Legislative Amendments to  
Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;  
and**

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

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

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

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

**Whereas municipal governments have limited abilities in their toolkit to  
adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and**

**Whereas the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal  
member of council is the suspension of pay for 90 days, even when  
egregious acts are committed and substantiated; and**

**Whereas AMO has called on the government to table and pass legislation  
that reflects the following recommendations:**

- **Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment**
  - **Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario**
  - **Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province**
  - **Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner**
  - **Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;**
1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora supports the call of action the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has submitted to the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them, in consultation with municipal governments; and**
  2. **Be It Further Resolved That the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's letter of recommendations which includes options for enforcing compliance by council members with municipal Codes of Conduct such as**
    - **Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment**
    - **Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario**
    - **Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province**
    - **Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner**
    - **Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office; and**

- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, and Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora, the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all 444 Ontario municipalities.**

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

Sincerely,



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

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

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Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario municipalities



## 8. Standing Committee Reports

### 8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2024

#### 8.2.8 Member Motion - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

**Moved by** Councillor Gilliland

**Seconded by** Councillor Gallo

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas municipal governments have limited abilities in their toolkit to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

Whereas the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal member of council is the suspension of pay for 90 days, even when egregious acts are committed and substantiated; and

Whereas AMO has called on the government to table and pass legislation that reflects the following recommendations:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment

- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
  - Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
  - Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
  - Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;
1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora supports the call of action the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, (AMO), has submitted to the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them, in consultation with municipal governments; and
  2. Be It Further Resolved That the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's letter of recommendations which includes options for enforcing compliance by council members with municipal Codes of Conduct such as
    - Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
    - Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
    - Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
    - Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
    - Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill, and Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket–Aurora, the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all 444 Ontario municipalities.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

**Carried (6 to 0)**