



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Friday, March 15, 2024

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**PENDING MOTION REFERRAL/DEFERRAL SUMMARY  
AS OF MARCH 15, 2024**

<b>CLERKS REF. NO.</b>	<b>DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEM</b>	<b>DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL</b>	<b>SUBJECT/ACTION</b>	<b>STATUS OF THE ITEM</b>	<b>COMMENTS/ COMPLETION INFORMATION</b>
02-85 16-26	Infrastructure Services	July 19, 2016	Draft Sidewalk Policy that focuses on the creation of new sidewalks and the improvement and maintenance of existing sidewalks.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b>	
99-99	Community Services	May 3, 2016	Report regarding potential alternatives to expand the use of waterway by the general public. Defers Report R&C-2017-08: Public Consultation Process - 'Go Quiet By-law' & Alternative Uses of the Waterway to the General Committee meeting on September 26, 2017.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> R&C-2017-06 - October 4, 2017 was received for information.	
17-2	Planning & Development Services Traffic & By-laws	September 19, 2017	Refers back to staff for report regarding Section 8 Schedule 3 Food Vehicle, Section 7 Schedule 2 Food Premises and Exemption Section 10 Schedule 4 Hawker and Peddler from By-law 2011-173. Went to the May 15th Council Meeting to be deferred to staff for a report to a General Committee meeting.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> Report coming back April 2024.	
04- 124/18-4	Finance & Engineering	February 20, 2018	Report regarding identifying alternative funding sources to adequately address water meter replacement in 2018.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b>	
18-20	Community Services	April 17, 2018	Defers appointing 1 Council Member to the SEART Committee to the second General Committee meeting in May with the terms of reference.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b>	

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18-73	Infrastructure Services	May 8, 2018	Develop a long term program together with the Region of Niagara over the next 5 years to reduce inflow infiltration within the Dain City Catchment Area.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Working with Regional staff over the next 5 years.	
09-152 18-2	Planning & Development Services and Fire Department	June 5, 2018	Report on an education strategy to the public, tenants and landlords regarding rental housing.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Fire and Planning to provide an update report in 2024.	
09-159	Engineering Division	January 15, 2019	Signed petition regarding the replacement of the Dain City Bridge and refers the matter to staff. <b>January 15, 2019</b> Council meeting: Council approves and recommends that Niagara Regional Council be requested to fund Phase 1 costs of \$4 million for demotion, pier testing and detailed design of the Forks Road Bridge, as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of January 14, 2019.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> March 19, 2019 - Council approved demolition of Forks Road Bridge. Next steps to be considered in the future.	
19-28	Planning & Development Services	March 5, 2019	Request for a Community Teaching Garden to staff for study and review.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> To be brought to the Green Advisory Committee for consideration in 2024.	

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99-110	Community Services	May 7, 2019	Report regarding naming the trails along the waterway.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	
19-75	Clerks Division	May 21, 2019	Report on suitable replacements for paper by becoming paper free by the end of the year 2019. Motion at BRC in Sept./Oct. for paper copies.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	
19-28	CAO	July 9, 2019	Report regarding a partnership between all 4 Service Clubs to a General Committee meeting. (Kiwanis, Lions, Optimist and Rotary Clubs).	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	
19-88	CAO	July 9, 2019	Create a "Downtown Vacancy Mitigation Action Plan" between the City, Business, Community and applicable stakeholders that addresses vacancy rates in our downtown areas.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> To be included in the upcoming Downtown Revitalization Strategy 2024 work.	
99-99	Community Services	September 3, 2019	Staff to start a public consultation process on the design of a new park area and that a report to include public replacement of the current park infrastructure and enhancements due to the loss of parkland come to General Committee by the end of 2019.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	
19-103	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2019	Report on possible enhancements to the public notification process for Committee of Adjustment hearings. Went to the October 1, 2019 Council meeting requesting that subsequent report be provided outlining costs for the two options provided.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter in 2024.	

19-108	Community Services	October 1, 2019	Report on costs and feasibility on installing a dock to aid in the launch of motor boats onto the Welland River from the River Road launch site.	<b>Status:</b> Complete <b>To Complete:</b>	Memorandum on Feb. 13/24 in Council Information Package on Feb. 23/24
08-48	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff a report regarding an Occupancy Standards By-law.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024.	
19-94	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff matter regarding the petition from residents from 155 Gadsby Avenue, there be no change to the zoning, which is currently zoned as open space, in order to protect wild life.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Ontario Land Tribunal matter at this time.	
20-77	Infrastructure Services	June 16, 2020	WHEREAS due to the recent pandemic the City of Welland is not able to provide services that they normally would perform do to the safety of its employees; and further WHEREAS if residents did in fact require a service that is normally provided by the City, in this case being a sewer related service and had to act immediately and contact an outside contractor and in resolving the issue a fee was paid. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to create a report to reimburse part or all of the fee paid by the owner (with guidelines similar to the rodent control program to be adhered to) and the amount be capped and for a certain period to time.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	

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20-106	Planning & Development Services	October 6, 2020	Signed petition from the residents of Caithness Drive regarding turning an established residential area from a single family homes to duplexes and refers this petition to Planning staff for review.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Will be considered as part of update to City's Official Plan in 2024.	
20-19	Planning & Development Services	October 20, 2020	Refers to staff for report the notice of motion regarding 113 Michael Drive, redesignates this area as Open Space and proceed with an RFP to have a park with playground equipment be installed at this location.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Approval for Park Development and will be amended to Open Space in the updated to the City's Official Plan.	
20-82	Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding a Municipal Comprehensive Review, under section 4.3.3.1 of the Official Plan, for the property outlined in Report P&B-2021-08 for an Employment Land conversion from Gateway Economic Centre to Agriculture.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> To be considered as part of the update to the Official Plan in 2024.	
21-58	CAO & Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding Brownfield Employment Lands that are non-employment producing within the city limits.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Will be included in 2024 update to the Brownfield CIP.	

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21-59	CAO & Economic Development	March 2, 2021	Report on a strategy to aggressively pursue the acquisition of seaway lands from the Federal government, to discuss with them an accelerated process to declare such lands surplus and enter into discussions for the acquisition of identified properties and review options for "lease to own" such lands until such time as they become available. Staff identify Seaway lands of interest and develop servicing plans and other strategies as may be required and further staff identify other lands within and/or adjacent to employment lands identified in Welland's official plan that would be strategic acquisitions for the purpose of industrial/employment use and see if owners are interested in selling those lands to the municipality. If they are not interested the city would not pursue expropriation. In relation to all of the above staff would prepare strategies and associated costs to service lands so that they would be "shovel ready".	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> Update report to come in 2024 through Economic Development.	
06-156	Planning & Development Services	April 20, 2021	Report as part of the Official Plan Review detailing what Urban Farming initiatives Council should consider accommodating.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b>	
21-92	Planning & Development Services	July 6, 2021	Report regarding petition by residents of Seaway Pointe Condominium at 330 Prince Charles Drive regarding parking space for the Evertrust Development at 350 Prince Charles Drives.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> Applications were approved and building is currently under construction.	
98-82	Community Services	September 21, 2021	Refers Report R&C-2021-17 back to staff to present an updated design to an upcoming General Committee Meeting based on the comments from members of Council.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b>	



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21-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	December 21, 2021	Refers to staff signed petition regarding installation of speed bumps and a speed reduction in front of the Park entrance area on Page Drives.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
22-57	Infrastructure Services	February 22, 2022	Refers back to staff Report ENG-2022-08: Environmental Compliance Approval No. A120412 Amendment Application – 65 Canal Bank Street.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
07-144	Economic Development	January 31, 2023	Dissolution of the Welland Development Commission (WDC) referred back to staff for further information.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
05-50	Planning & Development Services	March 7 & 28, 2023	Refers back to staff regarding changes to the Municipal Heritage Register from the Town of Grimsby and Report P&B-2023-06.	<b>Status:</b> In process <b>To Complete:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024.	
02-160	Planning & Development Services	March 27, 2023	Staff report re: having Council representation or staff on the Committee of Adjustment, Grants and Programs and Property Standards Committee.	<b>Status:</b> In process <b>To Complete:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024.	
05-141	Community Services	March 27, 2023	A comprehensive inventory of public art be assembled to include art located on both private and public lands in conjunction with the Arts & Culture Committee and the Heritage Committee.	<b>Status:</b> Complete <b>To Complete:</b>	Memorandum on Feb. 22/24 in Council Information Package on Mar. 1/24
22-152	Planning & Development Services	March 27, 2023	Develop content for residents, simplifying and explain the process to provide a better understanding for interested parties, and to freely provide these resources to members of the public by posing online on the City website.	<b>Status:</b> In Progress <b>To Complete:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024.	

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23-62	Human Resources Division	April 25, 2023	Refers back to staff Report HR-2023-01: Non-Union Performance Evaluation Policy.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
02-160	Human Resources Division/ Clerks Division	May 16, 2023	Refers back to staff a notice of motion to arrange a customized training session, Human Rights and Equity: The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders offered by the Association of Municipalities not later than Q2 in 2024.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
23-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 16, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-15: Cash In Lieu of parking Policy. Went to the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting to consult with the development community and public with regards to the proposed Cash-In-Lieu Parking By-law with a final By-law for consideration.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	
21-79	Planning & Development Services	June 6, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-22 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 368 Aqueduct Street and 155 Gadsby Avenue.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council.	
22-137	Planning & Development Services	June 6, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-20 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 50 Bruce Street.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council.	

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02-160	CAO	September 5, 2023	Refers back to staff notice of motion re: shall be notified in camera if any entity including but not limited to committees, commissions, agencies or boards that the city funds, or approves members or places members of council on, if this entity experiences any litigation involving its members.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
02-160	Clerks Division	September 19, 2023	Refers back to staff Report CLK-2023-19: Amendment to Hybrid Model – Meeting of Council.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
23-122	Clerks Division	September 19, 2023	Refers back to staff Notice of Motion regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report recommendation #57.	<b>Status:</b> City Clerk is exploring training opportunities. <b>To Complete:</b>	
21-121	Engineering Division/Planning Division	November 21, 2023	Report to increase the funding for SWAP Program to soften costs to the homeowner.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
06-84	Community Services	December 12, 2023	Correspondence from Town of Fort Erie re: encouraging contribution supporting Hospice Niagara and refers the motion back to staff for a report.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
23-28	Community Services	December 19, 2023	Presentation re: Crimestoppers Program and refers matter to staff for report.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	

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24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	January 9, 2024	Placing a 5 Ton Maximum weight restrictions signs on Quaker Road east from Niagara Street to Towpath Drive.	<b>Status:</b> Complete <b>To Complete:</b>	Memorandum on Mar. 15/24 in Council Information Package on Mar. 15/24
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	January 9, 2024	Erecting stop signs on Daimler Pkwy at Magnolia Lane both directions for the safety of all.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Report will be submitted in March 2024.	
99-99	Community Services	January 9, 2024	Prepare a report in regards to creating and allowing family caping along the west side of the former Welland Canal.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
02-160	Clerks Division	January 9, 2024	Investigate installing private mailboxes at the Civic Square for member of Council to access their mailboxes after business hours.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
23-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	January 9, 2024	Report that would address parking at Chippawa Park from the pavilion on First Avenue north to Laughlin Avenue on the park property which is currently grass/open space similar to Burgar Park.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
24-19/17-19	Community Services	September 17, 2019 and February 27, 2024	Staff to consult with public, agencies and other stakeholders regarding tree preservation. AND On February 27/24 report to include but is not limited to – the specifics and terms of the contract, the bidders, scoring and the awarding of the contract, any damages, future replanting, costs and funding and to include a recommendation to Council.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City Council & CLT

**FROM:** Lina DeChellis, Manager Economic Development

**DATE:** March 15, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Physician Recruitment Incentive – Dr. Jakob Richardson

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This memorandum is to inform Council that Dr. Jakob Richardson has recently joined Intrepid Health Group at 905 Niagara Street and is now accepting new patients. If you know of anyone looking for a Family Physician, they can become a patient of Dr. Richardson by calling 905-361-1449.

On June 27, 2023, Council approved a budget of \$1,000,000.00 for a Physician Recruitment Incentive Program.

On December 12, 2023, Council passed By-law Number 2023-173 to delegate authority to staff to enter into any future Family Physician Incentive Agreements for the remaining \$800,000 allotted under the Incentive Program.

Since the approval of the Physician Recruitment Incentive Program Dr. Shublaq, Dr. Zayed and now Dr. Richardson are practicing in Welland.

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Welland City Council

**FROM:** Muhammad Ali Khan, Manager of Traffic/Parking/Bylaws

**DATE:** Friday, March 15, 2024

**SUBJECT:** 5 Tonnes Signage on Quaker Road

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This memo is in response to Council Resolution 2024-12 from January 09, 2024 regarding installation of 5Tonnes sign on Quaker Road between Niagara Street and Towpath Drive. Staff would like to inform Council that under the City's Traffic and Parking Bylaw, section of Quaker Road between Niagara Street and Towpath is restricted to Heavy Trucks all year round. In addition, there is also a 5Tonnes/axle seasonal load restrictions on this section of Quaker Road.

Staff have reviewed the existing signage and found that 5Tonnes/ axle seasonal (March 01-April 30) load restriction sign was missing. This sign is now installed. Furthermore, NRPS is responsible for enforcement of Heavy Truck restrictions in the City.

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March 7, 2024

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

**RE: Notice of Motion – Councillor Stedall – Housing Funding**

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on March 6, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

**Motion No 24-167 – Notice of Motion – Housing Funding**

Moved by Councillor Stedall

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

Whereas the City of Quinte West is in need of \$28M in funding to complete the West End Trunk Sewer Main replacement in 2024, which is critical in the ongoing development of new homes in Quinte West;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West requires \$58.6M in funding to upgrade the Trenton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade building to accommodate new homes to be built;

And Whereas the City cannot afford to increase Water, Sewer or Tax rates to fund all of this infrastructure;

And Whereas increased Debt to build the projects will just increase costs to Water, Sewer and Tax rates, or increased costs to developers;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West is currently experiencing a housing crisis from all citizens but specifically with regards to over 250 requiring housing, from Military members of CFB Trenton;

And Whereas City Council approved a Housing Action Plan with a projected 831 new residential units to be completed based on anticipated Housing Accelerator Fund funding over 3 years;

And Whereas the Federal government denied the City of Quinte West the Housing Accelerator Fund;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West is not currently eligible for funding under the Provincial Building Faster Fund as its population is below the threshold;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West may make application to the provincial Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund which has only \$200M available in funding of which the province would only fund up to 73% to a maximum of \$35M for one project;

And Whereas additional funding has not been allocated from the Federal Government to enhance the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Funding;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to re-evaluate their lack of funding for municipalities with a population less than 50,000 in rural Ontario and to make available funding for infrastructure programs to help build infrastructure to help build much-needed new homes;

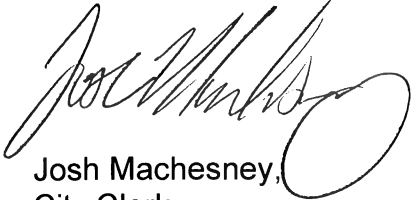
And Further That the Province of Ontario be asked to invest more than the currently allocated \$200M into their Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund;

And Further That this motion be circulated to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Federal Minister for Housing, Ryan Williams MP, Premier Doug Ford, the Provincial Ministers of MOI, MMAH, and Todd Smith MPP, and all municipalities, for their support. **Carried**

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

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST



Josh Machesney,  
City Clerk

cc: Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities  
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Todd Smith, MPP, Bay of Quinte  
All Municipalities



**SUBJECT :** Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request

The Municipality of Markstay-Warren at its meeting on February 20, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution #2024-35**

**Moved by:** Francine Bérubé  
**Seconded by:** Maurice Turcot

**BACKGROUND**

The Municipality of Markstay Warren is responsible for 6 cemeteries. This is a similar situation in many municipalities in Ontario, and that trend will continue. Several municipalities in the Province have passed resolutions asking for annual funding, staff training as well as appropriate and affordable software development for all municipalities to use to administer these cemeteries.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff have reviewed this issue and recommend that the Council of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren pass the proposed resolution.

**Resolution**

**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;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that Council of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren 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 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.

Carey Roy a/s Kim Morris

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Date: February 20, 2024 Resolution COU-2024-063

Moved By: Councillor Byron Faretis

Seconded By: Councillor Jeff Wheeldon

Whereas, the Municipality of Brighton faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community;

And Whereas Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel;

And Whereas, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework;

And Whereas, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Municipality of Brighton Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

Be It Further Resolved that the Municipality of Brighton Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament for Northumberland-Peterborough South; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the County of Northumberland; and all six neighbouring Northumberland lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried  OR Defeated

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Mayor

Recorded Vote		<i>For Clerks Use Only</i>			
<b>Recorded vote called by:</b> _____					
	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>COI</b>
Mayor Brian Ostrander					
Deputy Mayor Ron Anderson					
Councillor Byron Faretis					
Councillor Anne Butwell					
Councillor Emily Rowley					
Councillor Jeff Wheeldon					
Councillor Bobbi Wright					
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**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby  
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March 7, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

555 Courthouse Road  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

Attention: County of Northumberland

**RE: Support for Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to  
Clarify the Definition of Employer**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on March 4, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from The Corporation of the County of Northumberland dated February 22, 2024, regarding support for amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of Employer with the following motion:

**Moved:** Councillor Howe

**Seconded:** Councillor Davoli

Resolved that Council endorse Northumberland County's resolution regarding support for amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of Employer.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V Steele". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "V" and "S".

Victoria Steele  
Town Clerk

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills  
Development  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
All Ontario Municipalities



# Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

February 22, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Northumberland County Resolution –  
'Support for Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify  
the Definition of Employer'**

At a meeting held on February 21, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2024-02-21-109 adopting the below recommendation from the February 6, 2024 Corporate Support Committee meeting.

**Moved by:** Councillor Lucas Cleveland  
**Seconded by:** Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and Township of Larder Lake regarding 'Support for Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of Employer', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and attached motion from the City of Greater Sudbury; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honorable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development), and the Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Council Resolution # 2024-02-21-109**

**Carried**

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



**The Corporation of the  
County of Northumberland**  
555 Courthouse Road  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Mather".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County



# Council Resolution


Moved By L. Cleveland Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2024-02-21- 109  
 Seconded By O. Hrusky  
 Council Date: February 21, 2024

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the four Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held February 6 and 7), 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
		- Social Services Committee, Item 7.a, 'Correspondence, '310 Division Street, Cobourg' – Held by Councillor Cleveland	

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

Recorded Vote Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor's Name

Carried  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Warden's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
 Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Warden's Signature

## Corporate Support Committee Resolution

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**Committee Meeting Date:** February 6, 2024

**Agenda Item:** 7.b

**Resolution Number:** 2024-02-06-077

**Moved by:** S. Dibb

**Seconded by:** B. Ostrander

**Council Meeting Date:** February 21, 2024

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"That the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and Township of Larder Lake regarding 'Support for Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of Employer', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and attached motion from the City of Greater Sudbury; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honorable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development), and the Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried** \_\_\_\_\_



Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated** \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred** \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair's Signature



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

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the City of Greater Sudbury re. Amendment to the Occupational Health & Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'.

***Motion 14***

*Moved by Councillor Bob Woolvett*

*Seconded by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues*

*That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the City of Greater Sudbury re. Amendment to the Occupational Health & Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'.*

***Carried.***

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

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak  
Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Bob Bailey, MPP – Sarnia-Lambton  
Association of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ontario's Big City Mayors  
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario  
Council of Ontario Construction Associations  
Ontario Chamber of Commerce  
All Ontario Municipalities

December 12, 2023

**\*Sent Via Email\***

Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"

The following resolution was passed by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023:

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[www.grandsudbury.ca](http://www.grandsudbury.ca)

*CC2023-303: WHEREAS in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (the "City") entered into a contract with a contractor experienced in road construction projects to complete a project on Elgin Street in the City's downtown core;*

*AND WHEREAS the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the "Act");*

*AND WHEREAS an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;*

*AND WHEREAS the City was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;*

*AND WHEREAS after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found the City to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;*

*AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in dismissal of the City's appeal;*

*AND WHEREAS the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume plenary oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor; AND WHEREAS the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;*

*AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, France Gelinas, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.*

Yours truly,



Brigitte Sobush  
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

- c. Members of City Council  
Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE**

**69 FOURTH AVENUE, P. O. BOX 40, LARDER LAKE, ON P0K 1L0**

**PH: 705-643-2158 FAX: 705-643-2311**

**LARDERLAKE.CA**

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**\*Sent Via Email\***

**Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"**

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the following resolution of support was adopted:

**Resolution: 4**

Moved by: Councillor Kelly

Seconded by: Mayor Quinn

BE IT RESOLVED, that Larder Lake Council hereby supports the City of Greater Sudbury regarding an amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "Employer" And

FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

Crystal Labbe

CAO/ Clerk Treasurer

**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 #: 4  
 Resolution #: 4  
 Date: January 9, 2024

*[Signature]* Mayor Quinn

BE IT RESOLVED, that Larder Lake Council hereby supports the City of Greater Sudbury regarding an amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "Employer" And

FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, the Association of Municipalities OF Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Reginal Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

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

Chair:

*[Signature]*

<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*</b>

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



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March 7, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

332 Picton Main Street,  
Picton, ON, K0K 2T0

Attention: Catalina Blumenberg, Clerk

Dear: Clerk Blumenberg

**RE: Support for a Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on March 4, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward dated February 16, 2024, regarding support for a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates with the following motion:

**Moved:** Councillor Korstanje

**Seconded:** Councillor Freake

Resolved that Council endorse the County of Prince Edward's resolution regarding support for a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates.

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



Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "V Steele".

Victoria Steele  
Town Clerk

CC: Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
The Ontario Municipal Social Services Association  
All Ontario Municipalities

**WHEREAS** designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

**WHEREAS** leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of Prince Edward County joins the Town of Orangeville to calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;
- b) Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;
- c) Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

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

February 16, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024 the following resolution regarding support for a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-81**

**DATE: February 13, 2024**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch**

**WHEREAS** poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

**WHEREAS** the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

**WHEREAS** people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

**WHEREAS** Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

**WHEREAS** Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 per cent as of July 2023 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall below their value in 2018 (\$1,376 when adjusted for inflation) and significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month)

**WHEREAS** OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

**WHEREAS** the poverty risk profile for Prince Edward County created by Vital Signs states that 10.1% - 13.5% of County residents are living on low income;



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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All Ontario Municipalities

Sent via email

Town of Cobourg  
55 King Street West,  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 2M2  
[clerk@cobourg.ca](mailto:clerk@cobourg.ca)  
Town of Cobourg

March 8, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the Architectural Conservancy Ontario regarding Proposed Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act with respect to the removal of listed (non-designated) properties from municipal heritage registers

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on February 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the municipal heritage committee in the Town of Cobourg have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; contact owners of such properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving 213 listed properties in the Town of Cobourg is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the limited municipal resources available.



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobourg authorize the Mayor to promptly send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to all 443 municipalities in Ontario seeking support of the ACO correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

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Friday, March 8, 2024

Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
ATTN: Board of Directors

SENT VIA EMAIL: [roma@roma.on.ca](mailto:roma@roma.on.ca)

Ontario Good Roads Association  
ATTN: Board of Directors

SENT VIA EMAIL: [info@goodroads.ca](mailto:info@goodroads.ca)

RE: Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences

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Dear ROMA & OGRA Board of Directors,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, February 26, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Kelly  
Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Goderich call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

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FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Ben Lobb and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as amended.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or [afisher@goderich.ca](mailto:afisher@goderich.ca).

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
/ar

cc. Premier Doug Ford [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
Hon. Paul Calandra [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)  
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org)  
Mandi Pearson, Clerk/Operations Clerk [mpearson@petrolia.ca](mailto:mpearson@petrolia.ca)  
Ontario Municipalities



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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

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Town of Cobourg

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[doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

March 11, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the County of Renfrew regarding the affordability of water and wastewater systems in rural and small urban municipalities

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on February 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council support the correspondence from the County of Renfrew regarding the affordability of water and wastewater systems in rural and small urban municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT Council 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

FURTHER THAT Council 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

FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to forward a copy of this resolution 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); Philip Lawrence, MP, Northumberland-Peterborough South; David Piccini, MPP,





# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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Northumberland-Peterborough South; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all  
Municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. 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);  
Philip Lawrence, MP, Northumberland-Peterborough South;  
David Piccini, MPP, Northumberland-Peterborough South;  
AMO;  
ROMA;  
FCM; and  
all Ontario Municipalities



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

The Honorable Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

[Minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.mah@ontario.ca)

DEVLIVERED VIA EMAIL

February 26, 2024

**RE: Comprehensive Review of Social and Economic Prosperity**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting of February 26, 2024, the Township of Limerick Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Hanover regarding a Social and Economic Prosperity Review.

**Motion023-2024**

Moved by Councillor Jan MacKillican

Seconded by Councillor Grace Hamm

That Council direct staff to issue a letter of support for the Comprehensive Review of Social and Economic Prosperity.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [clerk@township.limerick.on.ca](mailto:clerk@township.limerick.on.ca).

Best Regards,

Victoria Tisdale  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Township of Limerick

cc. Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ric Bresee – MPP, Hastings-Lennox and Addington  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities

Victoria Tisdale, Clerk Treasurer  
[clerk@township.limerick.on.ca](mailto:clerk@township.limerick.on.ca)  
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Nicole Ilcio, Deputy Clerk Treasurer  
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February 1, 2024

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

Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Hanover adopted the following resolution at their meeting of January 15, 2024 regarding the above noted matter;

**Moved by COUNCILLOR KOEBEL      Seconded by COUNCILLOR HOCKING**

**Whereas** current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

**Whereas** nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

**Whereas** municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

**Whereas** unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

**Whereas** municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

**Whereas** inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

**Whereas** property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

**Whereas** the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

**Whereas** municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

**And further that a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.**

**CARRIED**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,



Tanya Patterson  
Deputy Clerk

/tp

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities





The Honorable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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*DELIVERED VIA EMAIL*

February 26, 2024

**RE: National Fire Fighting Strategy**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting of February 26, 2024, the Township of Limerick Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Calvin regarding a review of the National Fire Fighting Strategy.

**Motion024-2024**

**Moved by Councillor Jan MacKillican**

**Seconded by Councillor Glenn Locke**

That Council direct staff to issue a letter of support for the National Fire Fighting Strategy.

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [clerk@township.limerick.on.ca](mailto:clerk@township.limerick.on.ca).

Best Regards,

Victoria Tisdale  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Township of Limerick

cc.

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# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin Council Resolution

**Date:** January 30, 2024

**Resolution Number:** 2024-31

**Moved By:** Councillor Moreton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Manson

**Background:** Before Calvin township became a township, it was burned by numerous forest fires. This was before the time of fire towers, water bombers, and municipal fire departments. A 1881 report from Lawrence Tallan, Provincial Land surveyor, states: *"The township of Calvin has been traversed by repeated and severe fires – so well have the flames done their work that with the exception of an insignificant portion, scarcely a vestige of the original timber remains."*

History has a way of repeating itself, and now rural municipalities and remote areas need more than ever to be prepared to respond to forest fires. Invasive pests like the emerald ash borer and the spruce bud worm are killing large numbers of trees, leaving copious amounts of dry kindling in our forests just waiting for a careless human or a lightning strike. Our forests are choked with deadfall and forest fires are becoming increasingly difficult to control. Add to this the effects of rising temperatures and drier seasons, or climate change, and we could be facing increasingly disastrous forest fires. This is not the time to be caught short with limited forest fire-fighting resources.

Jordan Omstead of the Canadian Press recently wrote: "But as Canada's water bombers age – and wildfire seasons are expected to intensify – some wildland

firefighters and emergency preparedness experts say the country needs to prop up its fleet of firefighting aircraft, even though several provinces are playing down concerns about capacity.” He quotes Eric Davidson, president of the Ontario Professional Association of Wildland Firefighters, “We’re really starting to see the effect of the aging fleet.”

The article further states the John Gradek, lecturer at McGill University estimates that almost half of the larger water bombers used to fight Canadian forest fires are nearing the end of their service life.

However, a Canadian company making a large skimmer-style water bomber is backed up with orders from European countries until the end of the decade.

Ontario has its own fleet of aircraft. They have 20 fixed-wing aircraft which includes 9 CL215 and CL415 water bombers that are 24 years old on average. The remaining 11 aircraft are an average of 54 years old. Melissa Candelaria, a spokesperson for Minister Graydon Smith says the MNR can handle Ontario fires with these aircraft, but Jennifer Kamau, communications manager for the Canada Interagency Forest Fire Centre, CIFFC, noted that other provinces contract out firebombers and last year there was a strain in Canada to get the resources to areas in need because there were so many fires across the country at the same time and very few aircraft available.

Peter Zimonjic of the CBC quoted the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) President Ken McMullen, “It’s not often that the fire chiefs sound the alarm. We are very concerned about this impending crisis that the summer of 2024 and beyond is going to bring our sector.”

In 2023 we all smelled the smoke and saw the sky turn brown. Buildings can be replaced, but lives cannot. And once an area is burned it takes more than a lifetime for it to return to its original state.

**WHEREAS** Forest fires are a very real threat to rural municipalities.

**AND WHEREAS** smoke from forest fires put people's health at risk. This is especially true of children and the elderly. The David Suzuki Foundation reports that wildfires kill many thousands of people per year and most of the deaths are from smoke inhalation.

**AND WHEREAS** forest fires are a very real danger to the climate and according to The Guardian, in 2023 they emitted three times as much carbon as the entire carbon footprint of Canada.

**AND WHEREAS** according to the John Crace interview in The Guardian with William Kurz, a retired scientist with Natural Resources Canada, around two billion tonnes of carbon have been released into the atmosphere from forest fires in 2023.

**AND WHEREAS** carbon emissions from forest fires are not counted against Canada's Paris agreement commitments, according to Kurz, but they far exceeded all of the emissions tied to Canada's economy (670 mega tonnes, or 0.67 billion tonnes, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada).

**AND WHEREAS** that standing healthy forest serves as a carbon sink, drawing in carbon, but once destroyed by fire, even though second growth takes its place, it is much less effective for many decades.

**AND WHEREAS** the federal government owns no water bombers and assists the provinces through the CIFFC, Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, a spokesperson with CIFFC says that last year there were too many requests and not enough inventory to meet the needs of the country.

**AND WHEREAS** as reported by De Havilland Canada who manufacture the Canadian made water bomber, they have contracts with European countries for the next 22 of its new DHC-515 planes, which will take until 2029 or 2030 to complete and there will be very little production available to replace the aging water bombers in Ontario and the rest of Canada.



**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the council of the Corporation of Calvin Township urges and encourages the Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy of firefighting. Furthermore, we urge the federal government to consider the measures necessary for acquiring a national fleet of Canadian-made waterbombers, with home bases strategically located to best serve and respond to the needs of rural communities, and a national fire administration to better coordinate and manage efforts across the country. We also encourage the introduction of a program similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) which was ended in 2013.

And we encourage Minister Graydon Smith to step up the on-the-ground firefighting capability and water bomber acquisitions in Ontario.

**AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, The Honourable Vic Fideli, Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

**AND THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and adoption.

**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"/>



March 6, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
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**Delivered by email**  
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024  
Member Motion 8.2.7 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing  
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend  
Gymnasium Use**

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 Town of Aurora recognizes the importance of fostering community engagement and providing recreational opportunities; and**

**Whereas schools are funded by local taxpayers; and**

**Whereas school gymnasiums serve as valuable amenities that can enhance recreational activities for residents; and**

**Whereas existing school board policies/procedures do not prioritize municipal residency within their allocation of the use of space; and**

**Whereas the school board charges a premium rate to use the schools on weekends causing a barrier for the Town or local organizations to afford;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That this Council requests the Province and the Minister of Education to assist in making school board facilities available to local municipalities on a priority, at a cost recovery rate; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That Council requests the School Boards within the jurisdiction of the Town of Aurora to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town for the shared use of school gymnasiums on evenings and weekends; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this request be sent to the relevant School Boards, expressing the Town's interest in establishing a collaborative agreement for evening and weekend gymnasium access; and**

- 4. Be It Further Resolved That the Town staff is directed to collaborate with the School Boards in drafting the terms and conditions of the MOU, ensuring clarity and fairness in the shared use of these facilities; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That upon reaching an agreement, the MOU shall be presented to Council for review and approval; and**
- 6. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 7. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration of support.**

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: York Region District School Board  
York Catholic District School Board  
Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party  
Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party  
All Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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)**

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

### 8.2.7 Member Motion - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use

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7. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration of support.

**Carried**



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February 23, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation

Sent by email to: [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca); [Minister.mto@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.mto@ontario.ca)

**Re: Resolution on Highway 413**

At its regular meeting of Council held on February 21, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution:

**Resolution #: 3**

**Moved by:** G Little

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

Whereas the Township of Amaranth recognizes the importance for efficient and effective transportation networks in the Province and;

Whereas, the Province has committed to getting 1.5 millions home built within the next 10 years or less.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth request that the Province of Ontario pause advancement on proposed highway 413 and redirect the approximate \$8 billion cost for highway 413 to support municipal infrastructure costs and housing construction initiatives and;

Further be it resolved that at least 50% of those funds be allocated for small urban and rural Ontario with populations less than 50,000. **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

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expertise, diversity equity and inclusion, changing mindsets, advocacy and funding.

The strategy was developed and shaped by the diverse voices of residents in Niagara, including those who are disproportionately affected by poverty. A Poverty Reduction Steering Committee, community groups, residents and community champions, including Indigenous communities, shared their time, commitment and stories through meaningful community conversations.

In October 2021, staff received Council approval to develop a [Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy](#) and a new approach for [Niagara Prosperity Initiative](#) investments. The development of a Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy meets the recommendations put forward in the [Connecting the Pieces: An Evaluation of the Niagara Prosperity Initiative report by Brock University](#) and the [Niagara Community Safety and Well-Being Plan](#) and is an action item of [Council's Strategic Priority](#) to become an Equitable Region.

Learn about the [Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy](#), including its background and interim reports on community engagement.

To learn more about how you can get involved or lend your skills, email [endpoverty@niagararegion.ca](mailto:endpoverty@niagararegion.ca).

“Given the complex nature of poverty and the need for community-wide response, Regional Council recognizes that ending poverty will take more than five years, but this strategy is a major step towards achieving our goal and only the beginning of our work. Through advocacy and investment, we are committed to working with the community and staff to help implement the actions required to end poverty for a prosperous and equitable region for all Niagara residents.”

**Jim Bradley, Chair, Niagara Regional Council**

“The development of this strategy took a lot of work and I thank everyone involved as it has provided us with the focus areas and action items to begin



creating change for our community. With a set of action items identified for each area of focus, moving this strategy forward will involve many interested and affected parties. By working together, Niagara Region staff and members of the Poverty Reduction Steering Committee will be inviting interested and affected parties to identify their role in helping us to end poverty.”

**Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner of Community Services, Niagara Region**

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March 8, 2024

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**Re: Support Bill C-310 and Enact Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act**

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Further to correspondence received from the Municipality Wawa calling on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax, the Council of the Town of Hanover passed the following resolution;

**Moved by COUNCILLOR KOEBEL | Seconded by COUNCILLOR SAKAL**

That the Council of the Town of Hanover support the recommendation of the Municipality of Wawa calling upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully,



Tanya Patterson  
Deputy Clerk

cc: Honourable Alex Ruff, MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Resolution # RC23265	Meeting Order: 10
Moved by: <i>Cathy Fannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>J. Mal</i>

**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** in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

**WHEREAS** volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- 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;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

**FURTHERMORE THAT** a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario 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	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato	

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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Re: 9.1 Township of Puslinch Council Resolution 2024-003 regarding Cemetery Administration Management

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, at its meeting held on March 7, 2024, considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution 2024-82: Moved by: Councillor Sharer, Seconded by: Councillor Pateman**

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the Resolutions of Puslinch Council, Tay Township and Clearview Township regarding Cemetery Administration Management, that staff be directed to send a support resolution accordingly.

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

Sincerely,

Cindy Filmore  
Deputy Clerk

cc: Ontario Municipalities



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February 22, 2024

RE 6.2 Clearview Township Support Resolution Cemetery Administration Management & 6.3 Tay Township Support Resolution Cemetery Administration Management Support

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on January 10, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-003:** Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.2 and 6.3 listed for January 10, 2023 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas Puslinch Council supports the Resolutions from Tay Township and Clearview Township regarding Cemetery Administration Management, that staff be directed to send a support resolution accordingly.

**CARRIED**



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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: Ontario Municipalities



CLEARVIEW  
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December 12, 2023

File: C00.2023

Hon. Todd McCarthy  
Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery  
777 Bay Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto ON M5B 2H7

Sent by Email

RE: Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

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Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on December 11, 2023, passed a resolution regarding Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support as follows:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, 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;

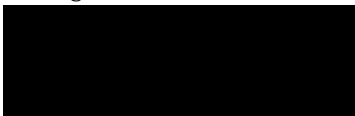
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- 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; Page 6 of 7
- 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 Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

For reference, please find attached the Staff Report LS-032-2023 that provides background for the above resolution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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

cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar  
MPP Simcoe Grey, Brian Saunderson  
Ontario Municipalities



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**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Sasha Helmkey, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

**Date:** December 11, 2023

**Subject:** Report # LS-032-2023 – Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

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## Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receives Report LS-032-2023 (Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support) dated December 11, 2023; 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;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview 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 Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario municipalities.

## **Background**

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.

Over the last decade there appears to be a trend where cemeteries in Ontario are being transferred, whether through abandonment or a mutually agreed upon transfer, to the care and control of municipalities. This is often seen when there is a breakdown in existing cemetery boards and/or when churches cease operations. For many existing private cemetery boards their board members and volunteers are aging and are unable to assist with the operations and maintenance of the cemetery any longer. Finding new members proves to be difficult for these boards to continue. In addition to aging board members, there are other issues that are contributing to the increase in cemetery transfers:

- high maintenance costs
- inaccuracy of records
- lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery

- increased regulatory processes that require ongoing training for selling of interment rights, and the financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.

### Township Owned Cemeteries

The Township of Clearview currently owns and operates nine (9) cemeteries within its geographic boundaries. Out of these nine cemeteries, four (4) are considered active meaning that there are still interment rights to be sold, or burials to take place. Below is a chart outlining these cemeteries and their status:

Cemetery Name	Address	Status
Batteau Hill Cemetery	2670 County Road 124, Duntroon	Inactive
Bethel Union Cemetery	2249 Creemore Avenue, New Lowell	Inactive
Dunedin Union Cemetery	9 Turkeyroost Lane, Dunedin	Active
Duntroon Pioneer Cemetery	2870 County Road 124, Duntroon	Inactive
Lavender Cemetery	827103 Mulmur/Nottawasaga Townline, Creemore	Active
Old Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery	6130 Highway 26, Sunnidale Corners	Inactive
Second Line Nottawasaga Cemetery	2279 County Road 42, Stayner	Active
Stayner Union Cemetery	7661 Highway 26, Stayner	Active
Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery	12358 County Road 10, Sunnidale Corners	Inactive

For the Dunedin and Stayner Union Cemetery, the Township looks after the maintenance and burials through a third-party contractor. The maintenance and burials for the Lavender Cemetery are conducted through the Board. For the Second Line Nottawasaga Cemetery all the interment rights have been sold, but there remains one burial to be completed. The cost to maintain an active cemetery is expensive. Although burial costs and the installation of markers, etc. are cost recovery through the purchaser, grounds maintenance is not.

Inactive cemeteries still require consistent grounds maintenance, which includes any monument restoration for health and safety, and record searches for the public register.

## Comments and Analysis

When analyzing the number of cemeteries that Clearview Township currently owns and operates, maintenance and administration is a large undertaking. To add any additional cemeteries by way of transfer or abandonment will only compound the issues the Township is already facing. In the past year, the Township has been approached by two separate entities regarding possible cemetery transfers. When a board or cemetery transfers ownership to the municipality, the issues are transferred with it. Municipalities are not immune to the same concerns. It becomes a strain on municipal resources, financially, administratively, and operationally.

### Administrative Impact

From an administrative perspective the management of four active cemeteries is both time consuming and complex. No interment is the same, and providing good customer service takes time especially for those making arrangements while also dealing with grief. Administrative tasks include but are not limited to: interment right sales and mapping, burial contracts and scheduling, monument placement, historical record searches, plot and monument staking, fees and charges review, family transfers of interment rights and annual reporting to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO).

- **Incomplete records**

Often the records accepted by the Township from a dissolved cemetery board or church are incomplete and disorganized. This is no fault of the previous board members, as they are also often operating with limited resources. However, it does make it difficult to manage the cemetery post-transfer when records are sparse. Understanding which plots are occupied and by who is critical to the sound management of a cemetery. Unfortunately, this is not made possible in all cases because of incomplete records. In addition, records received during a transfer usually are maintained under different records management standards and are often organized and named inconsistently. Adaptation to Township records keeping practices takes time.

- **Lack of human resources**

Cemetery management is a highly regulated professional field, with the responsibility of which is often placed on public sector employees who may have limited knowledge of cemeteries in general. With reduced resources within municipalities especially rural ones, the management of cemeteries often becomes a secondary responsibility to another position. There is also a lack of affordable training available for municipal employees who are required to abide by regulations set out by the FBCSA and the BAO.

- Increased regulatory processes

Annual reporting requirements of the BAO can be extensive and complex. This includes monitoring the number of interments, the transfers to the Care and Maintenance Fund (C&M), and how the C&M fund can be used. There are also regulations pertaining to maintaining a public register, how sales are to be conducted and strict guidelines on Cemetery By-law approvals, and expansions including the erection of columbaria structures.

- Inconsistent cemetery regulations

Cemeteries can have many different regulations related to plot size, number of burials allowed in a given plot, monument size, what types of flowers/shrubs are allowed to be installed near a headstone etc. The transfer of different cemeteries having inconsistent regulations can make it difficult to adapt management practices in order to maintain original cemetery operational standards.

### **Operational Impact**

Similarly, from an operational perspective the grounds maintenance of cemeteries, whether active or inactive, is both time consuming and complex. A key issue when analyzing the maintenance component of cemetery management is the lack of financial resources to support the operation. Cemetery maintenance includes, but is not limited to: grass cutting (whipper snipping around monuments), tree and shrub maintenance, monument and corner stone maintenance, water pipe and washroom monitoring, and general upkeep of cemetery grounds (removal of debris, etc.).

- High maintenance costs

As with many services, there are rising costs to contend with. Municipalities have adopted different models to address the maintenance of such, with third party contractors being commonly used or it becomes the responsibility of an internal department such as Parks & Recreation. Regardless the model, the costs have increased significantly over the last decade with equipment purchases/upgrades, insurance requirements for third-party contractors, and the time it takes to cut the grass and whipper snip around monuments. To put it into perspective, the Stayner Union Cemetery with the expansion is 25 acres with monuments to manoeuvre around during ground care. Other considerations for maintenance includes monument restoration and ensuring that they are not deteriorated to the point where they are unsafe. This is important for older cemeteries where restoration hasn't been provided in the past and there are many deteriorating monuments.

- Cost of cemetery management software

Cemetery Management Software can help municipalities manage cemetery records, including plot sale contracts, interment rights certificates, and regulatory reporting.

However, these software solutions are often expensive and require a large amount of staff time to implement especially with incomplete data and records. These software solutions range in price from \$5,000 to \$100,000 with annual maintenance costs. This investment in software can be a large budget request and one that would need to be supported from taxation with the limited funds in cemetery general accounts.

- **Inadequate Care and Maintenance funds**

When the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA) was enacted, it stipulated that a care and maintenance fund for a cemetery shall be established. A cemetery operator is required to make contributions to the fund from the sale of in-ground graves, crypts, tombs, niches, scattering rights and monument installation. The contribution is prescribed under the FBCSA and differs dependant on the interment type. The idea is that the fund (income earned from the fund - interest) pays for maintenance costs after a cemetery has stopped making sales. In reality, this concept does not produce enough funds to maintain a cemetery. Looking at the Stayner Union Cemetery as an example, for the very basics (grass cutting and whipper snipping) the interest from the care and maintenance fund does not provide enough monies to maintain the cemetery for the 7 months it's required. In addition, the care and maintenance fund is also to be utilized for the stabilization, maintenance and security of markers. Cemeteries are not self funding, and maintenance of such is becoming a larger budget concern.

### **Support Request**

Cemetery transfers and abandonments have been an ongoing concern for Clearview Township for many years. When you look at the large geography of the Township there are many cemeteries within the boundaries that have the potential to be transferred. To gauge the concern of other municipalities on this issue, staff addressed it at a Simcoe County Clerks group discussion. Many neighbouring municipalities expressed that they were dealing with the same issues and have also been approached by different external entities on possible transfers.

As result of the discussion, it was agreed that to assist with the real concerns with transfers and abandonments of cemeteries, it's vital that the Province provide assistance to adequately support this infrastructure. Support can be provided in many different forms, with staff making the following recommendations for the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the BAO:

- 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;
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- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost.

There is not one solution to solve all the issues, but at the very least it's important to identify the concerns and have open and real discussions at the provincial level on what support can be provided.

### **Clearview's Strategic Plan**

The above initiative supports the following strategic pillars:

- Governance

### **Financial Implications**

It is difficult to identify an exact dollar amount that can be attributed to a cemetery transfer/abandonment to the municipality. Every transfer is different and depends on a multitude of factors beginning with the cemetery status (active/inactive), acreage, care and maintenance fund (if any), maintenance of records, etc. What is being recommended by staff by way of support from the province is not meant to erase the costs entirely, but rather, to alleviate the financial burden in some capacity.

### **Report Appendices**

Not applicable.

### **Approvals**

<b>Submitted by:</b>	Sasha HelmKay, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
<b>Reviewed by:</b>	Krista Pascoe, Deputy Clerk
<b>Financial Implications Reviewed by:</b>	Kelly McDonald, Treasurer
<b>Approved by:</b>	John Ferguson, CAO



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December 21, 2023

Hon. Todd McCarthy  
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery  
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

sent via email [Todd.McCarthy@pc.ola.org](mailto:Todd.McCarthy@pc.ola.org)

Dear Hon. Todd McCarthy,

Re: Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request – Tay Township

Tay Township Council passed the following resolution during the December 20, 2023 Council Meeting regarding the Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request:

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;

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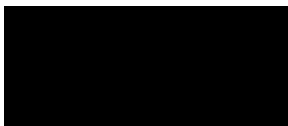
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Tay requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- 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;
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- 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 Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Jill Dunlop and all Ontario municipalities.

Sent on behalf of Tay Township Council.

Yours truly,



Katelyn Johns, MPPA  
Municipal Clerk

Cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities/MPP, and all Ontario municipalities.



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March 12, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent by email to: [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

**Re: Operational Budget Funding**

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 6, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution.

**Resolution #: 4**

**Moved by:** G Little

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

Whereas all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes, and;

Whereas all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial funding for their Police operating budget, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province, approximately 40% less than the average Dufferin rural municipal tax rate.

**Be it Resolved That** the Township of Amaranth call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

**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

C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities

**From:** Clerk <[clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com](mailto:clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 11:34 AM  
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**Cc:** Clerk (clerk@welland.ca)

Good morning.

Council has passed a resolution, shown below, in support of the Municipality of St. Charles relating to a fully funded Municipal Equipment Operator Course.

Resolution: 2024-89

Moved by: Dan O'Halloran

Seconded by: Terry Currie

Be It Resolved that Council supports Resolution 2024=043 from Municipality of St. Charles calling 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. Carried

Best regards,

*Cheryl Marshall,*

**Clerk/Treasurer**

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# Dear Welland City Council

After lengthy discussions with Niagara Region Co-Chair of Public Health and Social Services, Joyce Morocco, and Niagara Region's Commissioner for Social Services, Adrienne Jugley,

"I have asked for a delegation to Niagara Regional Council to ask that Council consider the following amendments to the state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction:

- Take out "addiction" from the state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction
- Declare addiction a crisis
- Declare an opioid state of emergency
- Declare homelessness as a humanitarian crisis to the Ontario government

I also am requesting that Niagara Regional Council under their declaration of emergency, submit the following formal requests to the Ontario government...specifically, the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General:

- A formal request from Niagara Region to the Ontario government for emergency funds to Niagara Region public health to tackle the opioid emergency through a preventative education campaign on the dangers of opioids and poison drug supplies in the Niagara Region. (Supported by the City of Welland, Town of Grimsby and Town of Wainfleet).
- A formal request under the mental health state of emergency from the Niagara Region to the Ontario government to fund the expansion of mental health crisis services in the Region. (Supported by Town of Grimsby and Town of Wainfleet)
- A formal request under the mental health and addiction provincial public health emergencies requesting a full complement of mental health and addiction services for all Niagara-area hospitals.

Included in these formal requests and declarations (with a request for response) should be Ontario Premier, Doug Ford, Ontario Minister of the Solicitor General, Michael Kerzner, Ontario Minister of Health and Deputy Premier, Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Michael Ford, Ontario Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Michael Tibollo, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra and Associate Minister of Women's and Social and Economic Opportunity, Charmaine Williams, Niagara Health and Hamilton Health (for West Lincoln Memorial Hospital).

In addition, I would like for the Niagara Regional Council to consider direct Niagara Regional Chair, Jim Bradley to send a letter to the Ontario government advocating for more trauma informed care services for our Region.

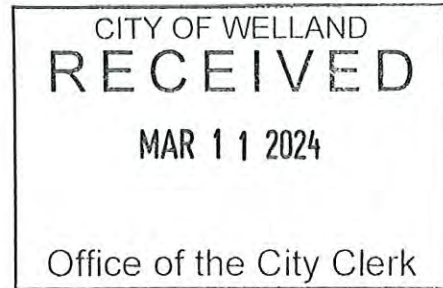
-Finally, I have asked for a delegation to the March 27th, 2024 meeting of Pelham Town Council requesting that Council support asking the provincial government for a comprehensive review of



the Ontario emergency management and civil protection act. (This has been supported by the Town of Lincoln and Niagara Region and West Lincoln Town Council is also currently considering the comprehensive review item).

Roman (Steven) Soos.

March 11 / 2024



Dear Welland city council

**Indigenous Mental Health Mobile Crisis  
Unit Proposal**

To the  
Ontario  
Government

To: Stephanie Prosen,  
Director, Strategic Initiatives and Social Policy  
Ministry of Indigenous Affairs (IAO)  
160 Bloor Street East, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E6  
T: 416-902-6370

Steven Roman Soos, B.A.,  
Advocate for Mental health, homelessness and addiction- Niagara Region  
(Since 2019)  
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Background: Soos advocates for Indigenous  
mobile crisis unit - Niagara-on-the-Lake Local  
(notllocal.com)

LETTER: Indigenous housing problems getting  
national recognition - PelhamToday.ca

What/Where: An Indigenous Mental health mobile crisis  
unit pilot project for the Niagara Region

Why: In response to alarming rates of suicide, drug  
overdose and homelessness amongst Niagara's Indigenous  
population.

-To deliver more culturally appropriate (mental health +  
addiction and homelessness) services to Indigenous  
peoples living in the Niagara Region

Examples of culturally appropriate services:

Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support  
Program (sac-isc.gc.ca)

Substance use treatment centres for First Nations and Inuit  
(sac-isc.gc.ca)

\*According to Statistics Canada- The Indigenous suicide rate is also 3X higher than the Non-Indigenous suicide rate.  
<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/>

\*About 22% of Niagara's Homeless population are Indigenous.

Is it an 'Emergency' or 'Crisis'? - Thorold News (thoroldtoday.ca)

Who can deliver this Niagara-Region wide service?

Potential partners:

-Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre and Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres. (Lead role)

-Niagara Regional Native Centre (Lead role)

-Aboriginal Health Centre- Niagara location (Lead role)

-Niagara Native Chapter of Women (Supportive role)

-Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board (NPAAMB) (Supportive role)

-Metis Nation Ontario

-Niagara Health System and Canadian Mental Health Association Niagara branch (Supportive role)

-Niagara Region and Niagara-area municipalities (Supportive role)

-Indigenous Services Canada (Supportive role)

When: Projected cost: **1.5 million dollars** for implementation and to deliver the service over the span of **2-3 years.**

\*Currently, the Canadian economy is losing 50 billion/year which is 2.8% of Canada's GDP. For substance use- 49.1 billion dollar loss to the Canadian economy.

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-These costs are reflected in the criminal justice system,



MHStrategy CaseForInvestment ENG 0 1.pdf  
([mentalhealthcommission.ca](http://mentalhealthcommission.ca))

Lost Productivity Due to Substance Use Cost the Canadian Economy \$22.4 billion: New Report | Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (ccsa.ca)

Precedent/Model to consider for comparison from City of Toronto: Mobile Healing Unit – Anishnawbe Health Toronto (aht.ca)

Indigenous mobile health unit combines traditional and modern medicine for treatment | CTV News

Key supporters, contacts/voices for the Unit:

-Steven Soos, Advocate for mental health, homelessness and addiction since 2019 in the Niagara Region/  
Metis-person.

-Wayne Olson, Pelham Town Councillor for Ward 1-  
[wolson@pelham.ca](mailto:wolson@pelham.ca)

-Carmen DeRose, Thorold- [carmen.derose@thorold.ca](mailto:carmen.derose@thorold.ca)

-Michelle Seaborn, Niagara Regional Councillor for Grimsby- [michelle.seaborn@niagararegion.ca](mailto:michelle.seaborn@niagararegion.ca)

-Dylan Ritchie, Kizaay, Fort Erie Friendship Centre-  
Kizaay Anishinaabe Niin Program - OFIFC

[kizhaay@fenfc.org](mailto:kizhaay@fenfc.org)

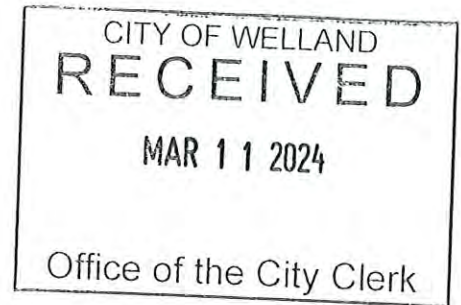
-Marquel Augustine, Apatswin, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre-

Apatsiwin Employment Unit | Friendship Centre (fenfc.org)

[apatsiwin@fenfc.org](mailto:apatsiwin@fenfc.org)

Miigwetch/Marsee,

Steven Roman Soos



For your  
information  
from Steven  
Soos

March 11 / 2024

# Dear Welland Council

Through the Indigenous Lens:

Emergency-crisis mental health, housing affordability, addiction stats and resources:

**Background/Stats:** ~~Local~~ local Indigenous Stats / Programs / Services on mental health, Addiction + Housing

<https://brocku.ca/brock-news/2023/06/brock-students-working-to-improve-indigenous-housing-challenges/>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/first-nations-mental-health-addictions-1.6959555>

[https://www.suicideinfo.ca/local\\_resource/trauma-and-suicide-in-indigenous-people/](https://www.suicideinfo.ca/local_resource/trauma-and-suicide-in-indigenous-people/)

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/albertas-first-nations-want-indigenous-informed-addiction-recovery>

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1576090254932/1576090371511>

Indigenous models, services, programs and resources (Niagara Region):

<https://www.fenfc.org/programs>

<https://nrnc.ca/nrnc-programs/>

<https://ncnw.ca/programs/>

<https://aboriginalhealthcentre.com/niagara/>

<https://www.niagarahealth.on.ca/site/indigenous-care-services>

<https://www.niagaracollege.ca/hwas/resources/indigenous/>

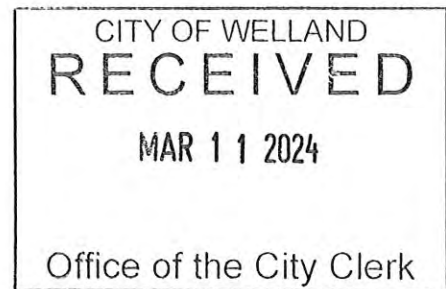
<https://brocku.ca/aboriginal-student-services/>

<https://www.niagararegionmetisCouncil.org/>

<https://www.metisnation.org/community-councils/council-contacts/>

<https://onnh.ca/>

For your information from  
Steven Soos .



March 11, 2024



March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
14th Floor  
400 University Ave  
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

Ministry of Legislative Affairs  
Main Legislative Building  
Room 223  
111 Wellesley St. W  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A8

**ATTENTION: Hon. Doug Ford, Hon. David Piccini, & Hon. Paul Calandra**

Dear Premier Ford, Hon. David Piccini, & Hon. Paul Calandra:

**RE: Resolution – Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

*Moved by Councillor Kelso*

*Seconded by Councillor Closs*

**THAT**, the Council of the Township of Lanark Highlands supports the resolution from the Village of Merrickville Wolford regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus;

**AND THAT**, this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;



**AND FURTHER THAT**, this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC).

**Resolved**

Sincerely,

*Amanda Noël*

Amanda Noël,  
Clerk/Acting CAO

Encls.

c.c. All Ontario Municipalities  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC)  
Association of Municipalities





## Village of Merrickville Wolford

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February 16, 2024

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

### **Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its regular meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, passed the following motion endorsing the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

**Resolution #:** R-21-12-02-24  
**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Barr  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Ireland

**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford endorse the resolution received from Prince Edward County regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements 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.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca](mailto:clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca).

Your truly,

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman  
Clerk

January 22, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 16, 2024 the following motion regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46**

**DATE: January 16, 2024**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Nieman**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst**

**WHEREAS** By-Law 3256-2013, being a By-Law to Establish, Maintain, and Operate a Fire Department established service level standards for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Fire Department;

**AND WHEREAS** apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve 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** Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

**AND WHEREAS** on November 16, 2023, Council, received report FD-06-2023 regarding asset Management - Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

**AND WHEREAS** no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet 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 though they can still meet the safety regulations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

**THAT** the Mayor draft a letter to FUS 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;

**THAT** this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing 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 Nieman, Councillor Branderhorst, Marcia Wallace, CAO and Fire Chief Chad Brown

