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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council & CLT

FROM: Lina DeChellis, Manager Economic Development

DATE: April 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Sale of 460 River Road

This memorandum is to inform Council that the sale of 460 River Road to Marc Gauvin will not proceed.

On May 16, 2023, Council passed the following motion.

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND accepts the offer from Marc Gauvin, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated to purchase the city owned lands located at 460 River Road; and further.

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to prepare all the necessary documentation and By-laws relative to the transfer; and further.

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all the necessary documents relative to the transfer; and further.

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to transfer the proceeds of the sale into the Economic Development Reserve Fund.

A by-law to rescind By-law Number 2023-79 being a bylaw to authorize acceptance of the offer from Marc Gauvin will be placed on the April 23 Council agenda.

Economic Development staff will reach out to anyone that has shown interest in the parcel in the past and we will market the parcel using social media and real estate publications.

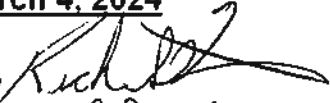
Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item a)

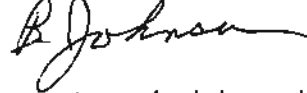
Date: March 4, 2024

CR59-2024

Moved by



Seconded by



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 Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).

Carried

Defeated

Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		

Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item b)

Date: March 4, 2024

CR60-2024

Moved by *Gary Adduono*
Seconded by *[Signature]*

WHEREAS access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Terrace Bay;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

Page 7 of 73 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the Township of Terrace Bay supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ ^{Terrace Bay} recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification;

AND FURTHER, that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ ^{Terrace Bay} supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Lise Vaugeois, Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay - Superior North, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		

Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 20 Feb 2024

Item a)

Date: February 20, 2024

CR37-2024

Moved by 
Seconded by 

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

AND WHEREAS the Township of Terrace of Terrace Bay supports the City of Greater Sudbury's request 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Terrace Bay also 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, Lise Vaugeois, MPP for Thunder Bay Superior North, 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.

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Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



 Mayor

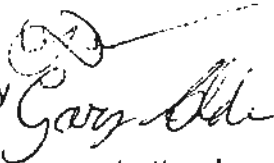
Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 18 Mar 2024

Item a)

Date: March 18, 2024

CR78-2024

Moved by
Seconded by



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 Township of Terrace Bay call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

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

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor



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Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 20 Feb 2024

Item d)

Date: February 20, 2024

CR39-2024

Moved by: 
Seconded by 

WHEREAS the Council of Prince Edward County (PEC) passed the following resolution at their January 16, 2024 regular meeting:

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).

AND WHEREAS the Township of Terrace Bay supports the resolution and initiative of Prince Edward County;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution of support 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;

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

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

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Recorded Vote:

	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



 Mayor

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

March 25, 2024

Resolution Number ~~2024-~~ 001

Moved By: [Signature]

Seconded By: [Signature]

WHEREAS the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Fire Department is comprised of a Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and has two fire stations, which are both staffed with three Captains and a complement of volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Fire Department volunteer firefighters typically do not reach the 200-hour threshold within a calendar year to qualify for an increase to the tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada should support all volunteer firefighters whether or not they accumulate 200-hours of volunteer services within a calendar year; and

WHEREAS the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Fire Department and Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal believe that all volunteer firefighters that have actively contributed to their communities through firefighting and search and rescue services should be recognized and included within the Bill C-310 to increase the amount of the tax credits permitted; and

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters and search and rescue services that have accumulated between 0 to 199 hours of volunteer services should be considered with Bill C-310 for an increase to the amount of tax credit from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsection 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 \$1,000 to \$3,000 for any member that has completed between 0 to 199 hours of volunteer services in a calendar year.

Carried Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: [Signature]

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		

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TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

March 25, 2024

Resolution Number ~~2024-~~ 0601
 Moved By: [Signature]
 Seconded By: [Signature]

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipal Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal supports Bonfield Township Resolution No. 15 calling upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsection 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 Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: _____

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____		
NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		



TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

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BY EMAIL ONLY

March 15, 2024

Bob Bailey
MPP, Sarnia-Lambton
c/o bob.baileyco@pc.ola.org

Re: Securing access to natural gas for our community and Ontario

I am writing today to express support for the quick action being taken by the government to overturn the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) rate rebasing decision from December 21, 2023. The impact of this decision will be felt by millions of Ontarians, including those in my community.


Ontario is growing, and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial. Energy infrastructure is vital to manufacturing, agriculture, and consumer goods industries in Ontario. The impacts of this decision, which conveys a strong bias against natural gas, will stifle economic growth, and put housing and energy affordability at risk – these are issues that matter the most to Ontarians and our municipality.

We are supportive of a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition. Leveraging pipeline infrastructure to deliver lower carbon fuels (such as renewable natural gas and hydrogen), alongside low carbon hybrid heating technologies (such as heat pumps) and carbon capture and sequestration will help Ontario achieve its climate goals – and we want to be part of this solution.

We recognize that there is simply not enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification. Your comments indicated that natural gas will continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of this province. We need to work together to evolve Ontario's energy system – one that leverages pipes and wires.

We support the response of the Government of Ontario to introduce a legislative vehicle to reverse the OEB's rate rebasing decision. We applaud the work your government has done to date, including the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel and the Natural Gas Expansion Program and appreciate your advocacy and support for securing Ontario's access to affordable energy.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Todd Case', is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor – Todd Case

CC: Colin Best, President of AMO
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
Ontario municipalities
registrar@oeb.ca
municipalaffairs@enbridge.com

RESOLUTION

DATE: MARCH 4, 2024

MOVED BY: T. CASE

SECONDED BY: W. MORRIS

RE: SECURING ACCESS TO NATURAL GAS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND ONTARIO

WHEREAS Access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability;

AND WHEREAS The Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Warwick;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial and is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk.

NOW THEREBE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Corporation of the Township of Warwick supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;


AND THAT the Corporation of the Township of Warwick recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification.

2. THAT Natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of rural Ontario.

3. THAT the Corporation of the Township of Warwick supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy.

4. THAT this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Member of Provincial Parliament for Sarnia-Lambton, all regional municipalities and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com.

- Carried.



MAYOR – TODD CASE

March 28, 2024

premier@ontario.ca
Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
823 Albion Road
Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A3

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

At their regular meeting of March 27, 2024, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

WHEREAS residents of the Town of Pelham and other Ontario municipalities are struggling with rising energy costs;

AND WHEREAS natural gas is no longer the only desirable way to heat homes because of innovations in electric heat pumps which can provide all heating needs even in cold climates, and result in competitive energy bills relative to gas heating;

AND WHEREAS natural gas is a fossil fuel that contributes to Ontario's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and should be phased out over time when possible and practical, while heat pumps currently result in the lower GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

AND WHEREAS on December 21, 2023, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) released a decision that eliminated a subsidy for the installation of gas pipelines in new construction developments as of January 1, 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS on February 22, 2024, the provincial government introduced Bill 165 which, if passed, will effectively overturn the OEB decision;

AND WHEREAS the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans;

AND WHEREAS the construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the Town's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Pelham supports the decarbonization of heating and cooling systems in existing and future building stock within the community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorses and supports the OEB decision to end the gas pipeline subsidy, opposes the provisions of Bill 165 that would effectively reverse the OEB decision, and calls on the Honourable T. Smith, Minister of Energy, and the Government of Ontario, to rescind or amend Bill 165 accordingly;

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; MPP, Sam Oosterhoff, the President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Colin Best; and Local Area Municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Clerk, William Tigert 905-892-2607 ext 316.

Yours very truly,



William Tigert, Town Clerk

/jl

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March 28, 2024

Via Email

Re: Support for the Province to Expand the Life Span of Fire Apparatus

The City of Owen Sound's Corporate Services Committee, at its meeting held on February 8, 2024, considered correspondence from the County of Prince Edward respecting support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements. As a result, Resolution No. 2024-46 CR-240208-008 was carried:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the February 8th Corporate Services Committee agenda, the Corporate Services Committee recommends that City Council request that the Mayor send a letter in support of the Prince Edward County resolution to the 444 municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), Premier Doug Ford, Rick Byers, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, and Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing."

Owen Sound City Council at its meeting held on February 26, 2024, considered the [minutes](#) of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on February 8, 2024, and passed Resolution No. R-240226-014:

"THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on February 8, 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

A safe, reliable, and diverse fleet of fire apparatus is required to serve the operational needs of all our communities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Ian C. Boddy
Mayor

cc: 444 Municipalities in Ontario
Owen Sound City Council
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC)
Premier Doug Ford
Rick Byers, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP
The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training &
Skills Development
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party



March 28, 2024

David Piccini, MPP
Northumberland-Peterborough South
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street,
Port Hope, ON L1A 1C5

Dear Sir:

RE: Support of Resolution – Highway Traffic Act Amendments, Automated Speed Enforcement Systems

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand at their Regular Council Meeting on September 5th, 2023, passed the following resolution supporting the resolutions of the Municipality of St. Charles and City of Cambridge regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments:

Moved by Councillor Greg Booth, seconded by Councillor Mary Catherine O'Neill;

"Whereas Council reviewed the correspondence "Highway Traffic Act Amendments, Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Systems" from the Municipality of St. Charles, and the Resolution from the City of Cambridge;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand support amendments to the Highway Traffic Act that would allow municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities, and as determined by municipalities, and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones; and

Further that Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to local MPP David Piccini, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED

A copy of the above noted resolution from both the Municipality of St. Charles and the City of Cambridge is attached for your reference.

Yours truly,



Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
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ymelburn@ahtwp.ca

Encl.

Cc: (via email)
Clerk, City of Cambridge
Clerk, Municipality of St. Charles
Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

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Clerk's Division
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May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

AND WHEREAS speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

AND WHEREAS barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

AND WHEREAS our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

AND WHEREAS our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

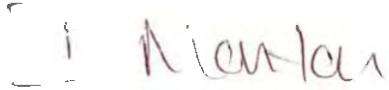
AND WHEREAS s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



March 27, 2024

Tammy J. Godden, Clerk (Clerk@stcharlesontario.ca)
The Municipality of St. Charles
2 King Street East, P.O. Box 70
St. Charles, ON P0M 2W0

Dear Ms. Godden:

RE: Support of Resolution – Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alwick/Haldimand at their Regular Council Meeting on September 5th, 2023, passed the following resolution supporting the Municipality of St. Charles Resolution and the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions:

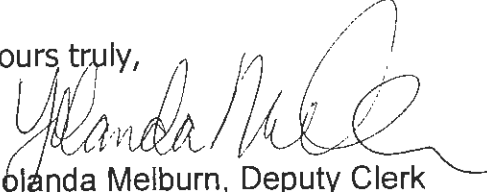
Moved by Councillor Greg Booth, seconded by Councillor Mike Ainsworth;

"Be it resolved that Council support the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding retention of surplus proceeds from tax sales; and

Further that Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the County of Northumberland and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED

Yours truly,


Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alwick/Haldimand
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Encl.

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.3.
Resolution Number 2023-151
Title: Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #9 and 15) and from the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #19)
Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

WHEREAS prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001, allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the current Public Tax Sale process is a burdensome process to a municipality that invests a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the Corporation of the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Ministry of Finance (MOF); the Ontario Municipal Tax & Revenue Association (OMTRA); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



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March 27, 2024

Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice & Attorney General
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Sent by Email

RE: Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview at its meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following resolution in support of the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas The Canadian Federal Government has drafted Bill C-63, The Online Harms Act, currently in front of Parliament and has had its first reading; and,

Whereas Bill C-63 requires that online tech companies and social media platforms remove child pornography and other dangerous content within 24 hours once the operator identifies the content, while also mandating the following duties:

- Duty to protect children;
- Duty to act responsibly;
- Duty to remove egregious content; and,

Whereas The Canadian Federal Government proposes to establish a "Digital Safety Commission" and nominate an "independent" Ombudsperson to proactively circumvent potential harms on behalf of Canadians; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to adhere to existing Criminal Laws; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to be held accountable to keep platforms safe from predators targeting children and other vulnerable Canadians and to protect them from bullying, hate, extremism, violence, discrimination, self harm, exploitation and sexual extortion that can lead to the most dire of consequences; and,

Whereas Clearview Township, as all Canadians, endeavours to foster safe homes, communities, schools and public spaces;

Be It Resolved That the Mayor and Council of Clearview Township endorse the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a "digital safety commission" and nomination of an "independent" Ombudsperson; and,

That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Terry Dowdall, MP; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada. Motion Carried.

Sincerely,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC

Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Simcoe Grey MP Terry Dowdall
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution # 11

Date: Monday, March 25, 2024

Moved by: Carma Williams

Seconded by: Michael Madden

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

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; and

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

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

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; and

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

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; and

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

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

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.

Carried

Deferred

Defeated



Mayor / Deputy Mayor



Council Resolution Form

Date: 21 Mar 2024 No: Resolution No.63-24
 Moved By: Councillor Tripp Disposition: CARRIED.
Seconded by Councillor Popkie
 Item No: 12.3

Description: Funding for the 2024 Municipal Equipment Operator Course

RESOLUTION:

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Township of Greater Madawaska supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
.....n/a.....		
	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
R. Weir	_____	_____

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MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: n/a..... Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote

AND THAT, the Township of Greater Madawaska calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccini, MPP John Yakabuski, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote Requested by:

.....n/a.....

	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
R. Weir	_____	_____



MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

.....n/a.....

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote



Council Resolution Form

Date: 21 Mar 2024 No: Resolution No.62-24
 Moved By: Councillor Tripp Disposition: CARRIED.
Seconded by Councillor Popkie
 Item No: 12.2

Description: Occupational Health and Safety Act Definition of "Employer"

RESOLUTION:

That Council support Resolution CC2023-303 passed by the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023 regarding the Amendment of the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer", including that the definition of "employer" excludes owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

And furthermore that a copy of this resolution and a copy of the City of Greater Sudbury's resolution be circulated 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, John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
.....n/a.....		
	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
R. Weir	_____	_____

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MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:
n/a.....
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
 abstained from discussion and did not vote

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:

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;

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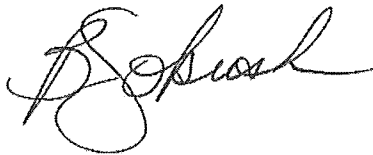
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AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct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

From: TVT Corporate Assistant <corporateassistant@tayvalleytwp.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 9:28 AM
To: TVT Deputy Clerk <DeputyClerk@tayvalleytwp.ca>
Cc: TVT Corporate Assistant <corporateassistant@tayvalleytwp.ca>
Subject: Council Direction - Resolution in Support of the Expansion of the Life Span of Fire Apparatus

Council Meeting – March 26th, 2024

Resolution in Support of the Expansion of the Life Span of Fire Apparatus.

RESOLUTION #C-2024-03-20

MOVED BY: Korrine Jordan

SECONDED BY: Andrew Kendrick

“WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township support Prince Edward County’s resolution regarding Expansion of the Life Span of Fire Apparatus;

AND WHEREAS, By-Law No. 2012-042, being a By-Law to Establish and Regulate the Fire Department (Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue) established service level standards for the Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue;

AND WHEREAS, apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law No. 2012-042, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operations 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, 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Reeve send 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 (FMC), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC)."

ADOPTED

Brad Swayne
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March 28, 2024

Larry Brock, MP Brant
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Will Bouma, MPP
96 Nelson Street
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Brantford, ON N3T 2X1

Sent via email: will.bouma@pc.ola.org

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held March 26, 2024 adopted the following:

12.6.13 Home Heating Sustainability

WHEREAS home heating energy costs is a major and onerous burden for Seniors and those with limited or fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS the cost of natural gas to heat homes continues to climb due to many factors such as inaccurate meter readings, inflation, delivery and customer charges, carbon tax, among others, causing financial strain for many citizens; and

WHEREAS 3.8 million households in Ontario currently use natural gas for home heating, representing about 70 per cent of Ontario households; and

WHEREAS the carbon tax charged on heating bills is highly dependent on the amount of natural gas used and accounts for 20-25% of the utility bill; and

WHEREAS Canadians have no choice but to heat their homes throughout the winter; and

WHEREAS no citizen should have to choose between putting food on the table or heating their homes; and

WHEREAS the carbon tax is increasing as of April 1, 2024 to \$0.15 per cubic meter for natural gas, and the carbon tax rebate for homeowners is also increasing; and

WHEREAS Ontario homeowners can now expect to receive \$1,120 annually for the rebate on average and the rebate will be renamed to the Canada Carbon Rebate; and

WHEREAS starting on January 1, 2024, both SaskEnergy and SaskPower removed the federal carbon tax from home heating, resulting in savings for approximately 98 per cent of Saskatchewan families by exempting them from carbon tax on home heating oil; and

WHEREAS the Canadian government has implemented new measures to help Atlantic Canadians lower their energy bills by making the average heat pump free to help low- to median-income Canadians switch to cleaner fuel and incentivizing the switch to heat pumps with \$250 upfront payments; and


WHEREAS the Canadian and Ontario governments have discontinued grant and rebate programs for Ontarians to retrofit their homes to be energy efficient such as Ontario's green home-retrofit rebate program, the ecoENERGY home retrofit program, and the Canada Greener Homes Grant, making it difficult for homeowners to reduce their reliance on natural gas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Federal Government exclude home heating from the federal carbon tax to reduce the burden on citizens, as has been done in Saskatchewan; and
- B. THAT the Federal and Provincial Governments reinstate home energy retrofit rebate and grant programs to help Brantford residents retrofit their homes to be more energy efficient and provide barrier-free options for switching to less carbon-intensive fuel sources to lower their utility bills and avoid the carbon tax; and
- C. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to The Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, The Provincial Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, The City of Brantford Member of Parliament, The Honourable Larry Brock, The City of Brantford Member of Provincial Parliament, The Honourable Will Bouma, and to each municipality in Ontario; and
- D. THAT the Mayor of the City of Brantford request that this resolution be added as an agenda item for consideration by the Ontario Big City's Mayor Caucus.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,


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Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Honourable Steven Guilbeault
Provincial Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Honourable Andrea Khanjin
All Ontario Municipalities



March 28, 2024

Julie Kirkelos, Clerk
Town of Lincoln
4800 South Service Road
Beamsville, ON L0R 1B1

Sent via Email: jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

Dear Julie:

Sent via E-mail

Re: Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that at its meeting of March 19, 2024, the Council of the City of Niagara Falls passed the following motion:

Ordered on the motion of Councillor Mike Strange, seconded by Councillor Ruth-Ann Nieuwesteeg, THAT Council support the resolution from the Town of Lincoln regarding urgent need for increased funding for museums and libraries.

Carried Unanimously

I trust that this information will be of assistance.

Sincerely,

As per:

Bill Matson
City Clerk

cc:

Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Wayne Gates, MPP for Niagara Falls
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

WHEREAS the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

WHEREAS libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

WHEREAS Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

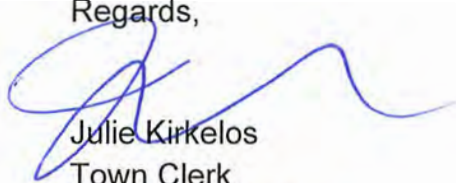
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

CARRIED

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

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

April 3, 2024

Re: Resolution to Support - Bill C-310 and Enact Amendments to the Income Tax Act in order to Increase the Amount of Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighters and Search and Rescue Respondents

To whom I may concern,

Please be advised that Council for the Township of Georgian Bluffs considered the above-noted matter and passed resolution RES2024-054 at the March 20, 2024, meeting of Council:

Moved By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That item 9.3.1 Township of Georgian Bay - Resolution to Support Bill C-310 and Enact Amendments to the Income Tax Act in order to Increase the Amount of Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighters and Search and Rescue Respondents be received for information; and

That staff be directed to forward a letter in support.

Carried

Thank you,

Rayburn Murray
Deputy Clerk
Township of Georgian Bluffs
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The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item 11.(e)

Date: March 4, 2024

C-2024-089

Moved by Councillor Steven Predko
Seconded by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Peter Koetsier, Mayor

April 3, 2024

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
Town of Lincoln
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Beamsville, ON L0R 1B1

Sent via email: jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

**Re: Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Museums and Libraries
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Ms. Kirkelos,

At its meeting held on March 18, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

That Council endorse Sub-Item 2, Resolution from the Town of Lincoln regarding Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Libraries and Museums

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



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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Encl. Resolution from the Town of Lincoln regarding Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Libraries and Museums



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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

WHEREAS the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

WHEREAS libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

WHEREAS Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

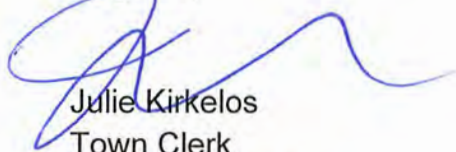
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

CARRIED

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

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

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JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities

Thursday, April 4, 2024

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

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario
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The Honourable Todd Smith

Minister of Energy
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RE: Guelph City Council Resolution to Support the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to End the Subsidization of Fossil Gas

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Smith,

Guelph City Council at its meeting held on March 26, 2024 passed the following resolution in support of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decision to revise the revenue horizon for calculating the upfront cost for new natural gas connections, and to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy:

WHEREAS, residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief;

WHEREAS, natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in the cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills over the long term compared to gas heating;

WHEREAS, natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

WHEREAS, the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government;

WHEREAS, the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans;

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WHEREAS, the construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the City's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Guelph City Council acknowledged the climate crisis (May 2019), passed a resolution to support the phase-out of gas-fired energy plants by 2030 (December 2020); and passed a resolution of support to the United Nations Race to Zero commitment (December 2021);

WHEREAS, transforming our existing and new buildings by supporting actions that improve the energy efficiency and GHG profile within the City is a stated goal of our Community Energy Initiative (CEI), our Official Plan and our Strategic Plan;

WHEREAS, the City of Guelph is actively working to support the decarbonization of heating and cooling systems in existing and future building stock within the community, as demonstrated by the Guelph Green Homes Energy Retrofit Program, which will provide 0% interest loans to Guelph homeowners to enable them to transition away from fossil-fuel powered heating and cooling equipment to low carbon air or ground source heat pump systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the City of Guelph expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the fossil gas infrastructure subsidy and requests that the Ontario Government withdraw Bill 165 and allow the OEB decision to stand; and

(b) That this resolution be circulated to the President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Colin Best; Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP Mike Schreiner, and all Ontario Municipalities requesting support for the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Intergovernmental Services on behalf of Guelph City Council

Chief Administrative Office

Intergovernmental.relations@guelph.ca

City Hall, 1 Carden Street, Guelph ON N1H 3A1

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TTY: 519-826-9771

CC: The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
Mike Schreiner, MPP;
Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
All Ontario Municipalities

April 04, 2024

**City of Hamilton
Haldimand County
Regional Municipality of Niagara
Local Area Municipalities**

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

**Resolution No. FA-19-24 pertaining to Report No. FA-09-24
RE: New Conservation Authorities Act Legislative and Regulatory Requirements –
NPCA Housekeeping Policy Amendments and Transition Plan**

At the Board of Directors meeting held on March 22, 2024, the Board passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. FA-19-24

WHEREAS the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Policy Document: Policies for Planning and Development in the Watersheds of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority was approved by the Board of Directors on November 4, 2022, through Resolution No. FA-105-2022, with additional approval of deferred policies on November 18, 2022, through Governance Committee Recommendation No. GC-37-2022;

WHEREAS on February 16, 2024, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry issued a notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario of the government's decision to proclaim legislative and regulatory amendments under the *Conservation Authorities Act* that will come into force on April 1, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Report No. FA-09-24 RE: New *Conservation Authorities Act* Legislative and Regulatory Requirements – NPCA Housekeeping Policy Amendments and Transition Plan BE APPROVED;

THAT staff BE AUTHORIZED to implement the transition plan identified in Appendix 2 and to report to the Board periodically on these matters;

THAT a copy of the Board of Directors decision and Report FA-09-24 RE: New *Conservation Authorities Act* Legislative and Regulatory Requirements – NPCA Housekeeping Policy Amendments and Transition plan be **CIRCULATED** to the Office

of the Clerk for NPCA's watershed upper, single, and lower-tier municipalities for their information, and **POSTED** on the NPCA's website.

A copy of Report No. FA-09-24 and associated Appendices are enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,



Melanie Davis
Manager, Office of the CAO & Board
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

cc: Chandra Sharma, CAO / Secretary - Treasurer
Leilani Lee-Yates, Director, Planning & Development

Report To: Board of Directors

Subject: New Conservation Authorities Act Legislative and Regulatory Requirements – NPCA Housekeeping Policy Amendments and Transition Plan

Report No: FA-09-24

Date: March 22, 2024

Recommendation:

WHEREAS the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Policy Document: Policies for Planning and Development in the Watersheds of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority was approved by the Board of Directors on November 4, 2022, through Resolution No. FA-105-2022, with additional approval of deferred policies on November 18, 2022, through Governance Committee Recommendation No. GC-37-2022;

WHEREAS on February 16, 2024, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry issued a notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario of the government's decision to proclaim legislative and regulatory amendments under the *Conservation Authorities Act* that will all come into force on April 1, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Report No. FA-09-24 RE: New Conservation Authorities Act Legislative and Regulatory Requirements – NPCA Housekeeping Policy Amendments and Transition Plan **BE APPROVED**;

THAT staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to revise NPCA Policy Document: Policies for Planning and Development in the Watersheds of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority to include housekeeping amendments described in Appendix 1 for implementation on the provincially set date of April 1, 2024;

THAT staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to implement the transition plan identified in Appendix 2 and to report to the Board periodically on these matters;

THAT a copy of the Board of Directors decision and Report FA-09-24 RE: New Conservation Authorities Act Legislative and Regulatory Requirements – NPCA Housekeeping Policy Amendments and Transition Plan be **CIRCULATED** to the Office of the Clerk for NPCA’s watershed upper, single and lower-tier municipalities for their information, and **POSTED** on the NPCA’s website.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the new provisions under the *Conservation Authorities Act* and new regulations coming into effect on April 1, 2024, to provide a summary of key changes, and to seek approval of staff recommendations for housekeeping amendments to the NPCA Policy Document and a transition plan for conforming to the legislative and regulatory changes.

Background:

In recent years, the *Conservation Authorities Act*, has been amended through several pieces of legislation starting in 2017 with the *Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act*, and more recently in late 2022 through the *More Homes Built Faster Act* (Bill 23). These amendments have been implemented at various times per legislative proclamations. In late 2022, a regulatory proposal for “Proposed updates to the regulation of development for the protection of people and property from natural hazards in Ontario” was posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for consultation.

Conservation authorities across the province, including the NPCA, have provided comments to the Provincial Government on the proposed changes either directly or through Conservation Ontario. During the consultation on Bill 23, the NPCA sent comments directly through the ERO and was invited to make a delegation to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Culture and Infrastructure Policy.

On February 16, 2024, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) provided notice that the proclamation of provisions of the *Conservation Authorities Act* related to work permits and compliance and enforcement, as well as the approval of Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 688/21: Rules of Conduct in Conservation Areas, O. Reg. 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits, and amendments to O. Reg. 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services made under the act (O. Reg. 42/24), will all come into effect on April 1, 2024.

E-laws has been updated to include the proclamation date within the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the new regulations:

- Conservation Authorities Act: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90c27>
- O. Reg. 688/21: Rules of Conduct in Conservation Areas: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/210688>

- O. Reg. 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r24041#BK0>
- O. Reg. 42/24: Mandatory Programs and Services: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r24042>

Effective April 1, 2024, O. Reg. 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits sets out details on prohibited activities and areas where a conservation authority permit is required, exemptions from a permit for certain low-risk activities, the process for applying for a conservation authority permit, and service requirements for conservation authorities in reviewing permit applications. The new regulation will apply to all conservation authorities and the existing 36 conservation authority-specific regulations (“Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses”) will be revoked.

Amendments to O. Reg. 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services, also in effect April 1, 2024, prescribes requirements for conservation authorities to prepare an annual report that outlines statistics on permits, including reporting on their level of compliance with the requirements set out in O. Reg. 41/24

Since 2018, the NPCA Planning and Development division has been developing policies, procedural guidance, customer service standards and regulatory mapping updates to improve customer service delivery and respond to the on-going changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

In 2020, the process to update the NPCA Policy Document began and in 2022, the Board of Directors approved an updated Policy Document and Procedural Manual to provide much-needed clarity and direction to staff and applicants for planning and permit applications under the current legislation while establishing a solid foundation for future updates that would be required. This focus on continuous improvement has positioned NPCA to effectively transition to preparing new and updated policies and procedures to ensure the Planning and Development programs and services conform to the pending legislative and regulatory changes.

Discussion:

The new legislative structure includes requirements for the administration of work permits, enforcement of offences and public use of conservation authority properties in both the *Conservation Authorities Act* and regulations. The following summary highlights key changes resulting from the passing of the new regulation and the enactment of amended sections under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Defining Regulated Activities and Areas

- The term, “development” has been replaced by “development activity” but the definition remains the same.
- The definition of a “watercourse” has been amended to require that a watercourse be a defined channel, having a bed and banks or sides (formerly defined as an identifiable depression in the ground).
- The definition of “pollution” is removed, which is an amendment related to the new criteria or ‘tests’ of a permit.
- The regulated area adjacent to a wetland is changed to 30m for all wetlands and there are no size thresholds. The former legislation included 120m for provincially significant wetlands and wetlands greater than two hectares in size, and 30m for wetlands less than two hectares in size.
- The hazard allowances, which are regulated areas adjacent to apparent and non-apparent river or stream valleys (including floodplains) has been standardized for all conservation authorities. The existing exception for hazard allowance to non-apparent valleys has remained unchanged for the NPCA.
- The description of regulated areas adjacent or close to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System continues to include the 100-year flood level, plus the appropriate allowance for wave uprush and also specifies, “other water-related hazards, including ship-generated waves, ice piling and ice jamming.”
- A standard 30m allowance from a dynamic beach associated with waterfront lands has been added.
- A standard additional 15m allowance inland from the further extent of the regulated areas from the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System has been included.

Regulation Mapping

- Maps depicting regulated areas must be made available to the public on an authority’s website, and any other means the authority considers advisable.
- At least once annually the authority must review mapping to determine if updates are required and make any updates available to the public.
- Where significant mapping updates are to be made, an authority shall provide notice to the public, municipalities, and stakeholders at least 30 days prior to any authority meeting to consider the changes.
- Regulation continues to state that in the case of a conflict regarding the boundaries of the regulated areas, the description of those areas in O. Reg. 41/24 prevails over the depiction of the areas in the maps.

Exemptions for Low-Risk Activities

- A number of development activities considered low-risk are exempt from requiring a permit.
- The exempted development activities are mainly minor in nature and would fall under the NPCA “minor” or “routine” permit category. There are size threshold and location criteria that also must be met.
- Generally, the exempted activities include:
 - Seasonal or floating dock
 - fencing
 - agricultural in-field erosion control structures
 - non-habitable accessory structures
 - non-habitable garage reconstruction
 - unenclosed detached decks or patio
 - installation/maintenance of tile drains
 - installation/maintenance of an offline pond for watering livestock
 - the maintenance or repair of municipal drains (previously permits were required for municipal drain works within wetlands).
Conservation Ontario is seeking clarification from the Province on revisions to the DART protocol.
 - maintenance/repair of private driveway/laneway or public road/driveway

Permit Application Requirements

- An authority and applicant can engage in pre-submission consultation. If an applicant requests a pre-submission consultation, the authority is required to engage in the consultation.
- More detailed list of permit application requirements, including fee submission and landowner authorization.
- The applicant must be notified in writing within 21 days of receiving an application if application is deemed complete.
- Once an application is deemed complete, no new studies/plans can be requested unless agreed to by the applicant; however, the authority may ask the applicant for clarification or further details regarding any matter related to the application.
- An applicant may request an administrative review by an authority if they do not receive a notice of complete application within 21 days or if the applicant disagrees with the authority’s determination of a complete application or the request for additional information/studies/plans is unreasonable.
 - Administrative reviews must be completed within 30 days of request.
 - There is no appeal mechanism if the applicant disagrees with the outcome of the review.

- Requests for permit fee reconsideration must be responded to within 30 days and can be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) for non-decision or continued objection to fee amount.

Permits

- Existing permit approval ‘tests’ related to “pollution” and “conservation of land” are removed.
- New tests added for consideration of “unstable soil or bedrock”, “health or safety of persons”, and “damage or destruction of property”. The control of flooding, erosion, and dynamic beaches remains.
- Permit conditions are limited to those which assist in preventing or mitigating hazards or effects on health and safety or property damage, or which support permit administration.
- Maximum period of validity for permits increases from 24 to 60 months.
- If the authority fails to give the applicant notice of a decision on a complete application within 90 days, the applicant can appeal directly to the OLT. Former guidance through Conservation Ontario has been to provide notice of a decision within 30 days for minor permits and 90 days for major permits.
- New powers for the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to issue permits and/or direct an authority not to issue a permit.
- Applicants may request a Minister’s review where the authority refuses a permit or imposes conditions on a permit to which an applicant objects. The Minister’s decision is final.
- An applicant may appeal an authority’s decision to refuse a permit or issue a permit subject to conditions following a hearing of the Board to the OLT.
- Provision allows for the exemption of development from obtaining a permit within a municipality prescribed by regulation where the development has been authorized under the *Planning Act*. However, a regulation under this section **has not** been made at this time.

Enforcement and Offences

- Appointment of Officers moved from individual regulations (to be revoked) to Part VII of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.
- Minor changes to provisions for power of entry to private property.
- New powers for Officers to issue Stop Orders where:
 - Officer forms reasonable grounds to believe that a person is engaging in activity or about to engage in activity that contravenes the Act, regulations or permit conditions;
 - Activity has caused or is causing significant damage that would affect natural hazards, health and safety of persons or damage property; or
 - Order will prevent/reduce damage.

- Maximum penalties for offences increased – up to \$50,000 and up to three months imprisonment for individuals and \$1 million for corporations, plus additional daily fines and/or court-imposed amounts.

Reporting and Policies

- Authorities shall develop policy and procedure documents for permit applications and reviews.
- Authorities shall prepare and publish an annual report that outlines statistics on permits and its level of compliance with the requirements of O. Reg. 41/24.

Conservation Areas

- Enactment of O. Reg. 688/21: Rules of Conduct in Conservation Areas replaces individual conservation authority regulations.
- Outlines prohibited activities and activities requiring a permit on lands owned by conservation authorities.
- Enforcement provisions remain unchanged.

Transition Plan to Achieve Conformity with Legislation

Given the short amount of transition time (six weeks) to the date (April 1, 2024) the amended legislation and regulations come into force, conservation authorities are working closely with Conservation Ontario to ensure conformity to the Legislation is achieved in a timely and coordinated manner. NPCA has been proactively working on some of these items over the past few years. While NPCA is expected to comply with the proclaimed pieces of legislation as of April 1, 2024, best efforts will be made to prepare and update policies and procedures in a timely yet thorough manner.

It is recommended that the NPCA take a phased approach to implementing the changes, beginning with key housekeeping amendments to the NPCA Policy Document and administrative updates to forms and templates, followed by more comprehensive work requiring further time and resources.

Appendix 1 describes the nature of the proposed housekeeping amendments to the NPCA Policy Document that staff will endeavour to have completed and posted to the NPCA website by April 1, 2024. These amendments include updating legislation and regulation references, revising definitions, revising descriptions of regulated areas, updating references to the 'tests' of a permit and including the permit exemptions.

Appendix 2 includes a transition plan that identifies the administrative updates, such as re-delegation of authority for permits, re-appointment of Officers, and

updates to permit application forms and templates that will be in place by April 1, 2024, and the long-term workplan with general timelines that are required to bring the NPCA policies and procedures in conformity with the amended legislation and regulations.

Planning and Development staff will report to the Board of Directors periodically to provide status updates on the implementation of the transition plan.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report. Resources required to implement the legislative and regulatory changes under the *Conservation Authorities Act* are funded through the approved budget.

Links to Policy/Strategic Plan

The mandated regulatory role of conservation authorities aligns with the NPCA’s 10-year Strategic Plan goals to protect people and properties from natural hazards and climate impact, and maintain a high standard of client services, tools and procedures for planning review and permits.

Related Reports and Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Housekeeping Amendments to the NPCA Policy Document: Policies for Planning and Development in the Watersheds of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

Appendix 2 – NPCA Planning and Development Transition Plan to Conform to Legislative and Regulatory Changes Under the *Conservation Authorities Act*

Authored by:

Original signed by: _____
Leilani Lee-Yates, MCIP, RPP
Director, Planning and Development

Submitted by:

Original signed by: _____
Chandra Sharma, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer

Appendix 1

Housekeeping Amendments to the NPCA Policy Document: Policies for Planning and Development in the Watersheds of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

It is recommended that the following housekeeping amendments be made to the NPCA Policy Document to provide the necessary clarity and guidance for the implementation of legislative and regulatory amendments under the *Conservation Authorities Act* that come into force on April 1, 2024.

Section of NPCA Policy Document	Description of Housekeeping Amendments
<p><u>Part A: Watershed Context</u> <u>Chapter 1: Introduction</u></p> <p>This section provides an introduction, watershed context, direction from the 10-year Strategic Plan, a summary of roles and responsibilities of the NPCA and the Legislative Framework affecting NPCA's plan review and permitting functions.</p>	<p>Updates to this section will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing references of the former O. Reg. 155/06 to O. Reg. 41/24. • Update references to numbering of sections within the <i>Conservation Authorities Act</i> that have changed. • Revise references to the permit approval 'tests' • Further clarify NPCA roles and responsibilities to align with the legislative changes.
<p><u>Part B: Environmental Planning</u> <u>Chapter 2: Environmental Planning Areas of Interest</u></p> <p>This section contains policies related to NPCA's role and responsibilities related to the review of applications under the <i>Planning Act</i> and other legislation.</p>	<p>Updates to this section will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal to references to natural heritage and stormwater management plan review services and related municipal MOUs, which is no longer allowed under changes to O. Reg. 686/21. • Changing references of the former O. Reg. 155/06 to O. Reg. 41/24. • Update policies related to permit exemptions for maintenance and repair of municipal drains. • Update references to numbering of sections within the <i>Conservation Authorities Act</i> that have changed. • Further clarify NPCA roles and responsibilities to align with the legislative changes. <p>Future amendments to this section will be required after the release of the pending Provincial Planning Statement, and the</p>

Section of NPCA Policy Document	Description of Housekeeping Amendments
<p><u>Part B, Chapter 2 continued</u></p>	<p>updated Drainage Act and Conservation Authorities Act Protocol. The <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> is currently under review, and future amendments to this section may be required to align with changes to the Act.</p>
<p><u>Part C: Policies for the Administration of Ontario Regulation 155/06</u></p> <p>This section provides detailed policies for the specific areas regulated by the NPCA.</p>	<p>Updates to this section will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing references of the former O. Reg. 155/06 to O. Reg. 41/24. • Update references to numbering of sections within the <i>Conservation Authorities Act</i> that have changed. • Change specific section references within the new O. Reg. 41/24. • Revise policies related to the former permit ‘tests’ to reflect the deletions and additions in the <i>Conservation Authorities Act</i> and O. Reg. 41/24. • Update policies for development activities that do not require a permit as identified in O. Reg. 41/24. • Replace “development” with “development activity”. • Revise definition of “watercourse”. • Update descriptions of regulated areas adjacent or near the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System and areas adjacent to wetlands in accordance with the changes in O. Reg. 41/24. • Update the Hazardous Lands policies to include “unstable soil” and “bedrock”. <p>Future amendments to this section may be required upon the completion of the updates to the Lake Ontario and Lake Erie Shoreline Management Plans that may result in recommended changes to policies based on revised technical information.</p>
<p><u>Definitions</u></p>	<p>The definitions section will be updated to revise any changes to definitions resulting</p>

Section of NPCA Policy Document	Description of Housekeeping Amendments
Includes definitions of terms used in the document.	from the amendments to the <i>Conservation Authorities Act</i> and O. Reg. 41/24/
<u>Appendix A</u> : Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Delegation of Natural Hazards to Conservation Authorities MOU	This appendix will be deleted, because O. Reg. 686/21 mandates the role and responsibilities of conservation authorities to provide programs and services for the purpose of commenting on prescribed Acts related to the natural hazard risks and ensuring decisions under the <i>Planning Act</i> are consistent with the natural hazard policies in policy statements and provincial plans.
<u>Appendix B</u> : Conservation Authorities Act, Regulation 686/21, Mandatory Programs and Services	O. Reg. 686/21 has been amended since the date of the NPCA Policy Document was approved. As such the most recent version of the regulation will be included in this Appendix.
<u>Appendix C</u> : Conservation Authorities Act, Ontario Regulation 155/06	This Appendix will be changed to replace O. Reg. 155/06 with a copy of O. Reg. 41/24
<u>Appendix D</u> : Municipal Plan Review MOUs	The MOUs with City of Hamilton and Haldimand County will be removed, because NPCA no longer provides natural heritage and stormwater management plan review services to the municipalities.
<u>Appendix E</u> : NPCA By-law 01-2021, Being a By-law to Amend the NPCA Administrative By-law governing the calling of meetings and procedures to be followed at meetings	Conservation Ontario is updating their Hearing Guidelines to reflect amendments to the <i>Conservation Authorities Act</i> related to hearing requests and notifications. Future amendments to the NPCA Administrative By-law will be required at which time this Appendix will be updated to include the new By-law.

Appendix 2

NPCA Planning and Development Transition Plan to Conform to Legislative and Regulatory Changes Under the Conservation Authorities Act

The following transition plan identifies a phased approach to bring the NPCA policies and procedures in conformity with the legislative and regulatory changes under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Planning and Development staff will report to the Board of Directors periodically to provide status updates on the implementation of the transition plan. In the meantime, NPCA Planning and Development staff will ensure that the authority continues to carry out its duties, functions and responsibilities to administer and enforce the provisions of Part VI and VII of the *Conservation Authorities Act* and any regulations made under those Parts.

Review of Permit Applications

Applications for permission to develop in a regulated area or interfere with a wetland or watercourse **received prior to April 1, 2024**, will be subject to the provisions of the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation (O. Reg. 155/06) in effect at the time the application was received. If the subject application for the proposed works is not within an area or an activity regulated under the new regulation (O. Reg. 41/24), then the applicant will be advised in writing that a permit is not required for the proposed works. All applications **received on or after April 1, 2024**, will be subject to the provisions of O. Reg. 41/24.

Review of Planning Applications

For planning applications **submitted prior to April 1, 2024**, the NPCA will continue to review the application in accordance with O. Reg. 155/06 that was in effect at the time the application was received and in accordance with O. Reg. 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services. NPCA staff will note in their comments that O. Reg. 41/23 comes into effect on April 1, 2024, however, the application continues to be reviewed in accordance with O. Reg. 155/06. Those planning applications **submitted after April 1, 2024**, will be reviewed in accordance with O. Reg. 41/24 and O. Reg. 686/21.

Violation Notices and Legal Actions

Violation Notices issued **prior to April 1, 2024**, will be addressed and remedied by CA Provincial Offences Officers in accordance with the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation (O. Reg. 155/06).

Violation Notices issued **prior to April 1, 2024**, for works in an area or activity no longer regulated under the new O. Reg. 41/24, upon satisfactory resolution of the matter, the proponent will be issued a letter advising that the works occurring in violation of O. Reg. 155/06 have remedied/ rectified and the violation notice is revoked.

Violation notices issued and prosecutions commenced on or after April 1, 2024, will confirm with Parts VI and VII of the Act and O. Reg. 41/24.

NPCA Planning and Development Transition Plan

Actions	Timeline
Delegation of authority for permit signatories to CAO, Director of Planning and Development, Senior Manager of Environmental Planning and Policy, and Manager of Planning and Permits	March 22, 2024 Board Approval (Report No. FA-12-24)
Delegation of authority for permit administrative reviews to CAO and Director of Planning and Development	March 22, 2024 Board Approval (Report No. FA-12-24)
Re-appointment of Officers under the <i>Conservation Authorities Act</i>	March 22, 2024 Board Approval (Report No. FA-13-24)
Communication to watershed municipalities	March 2024 May 2024 – training session with Niagara Area Planners
Prepare a Permit Pre-Submission Consultation Checklist	April 1, 2024
Revise Permit Application Form	April 1, 2024
Revise Permit Template	April 1, 2024
NPCA Policy Document Housekeeping Amendments	March 22, 2024 Board Approval (Report No. FA-09-24) April 1, 2024 Completion
Update NPCA Planning and Permits website to include revised permit application documents, updated NPCA Policy Document and related Board Reports	April 1, 2024
Update NPCA Section 28 Compliance and Enforcement Procedural Manual	May 2024
Update Compliance and Enforcement Standard Operating Procedures	May 2024
Update NPCA Client Service Standards for Plan and Permit Review	Summer 2024
Conservation Ontario is preparing an updated guidance document on service delivery standards	
Prepare administrative review policies and procedure	Summer 2024
Conservation Ontario is preparing a new guidance document for administrative reviews	

Actions	Timeline
<p>Update the hearing procedures within the NPCA Administrative By-law</p> <p>Conservation Ontario is updating their Hearing Guidelines</p>	<p>To be determined based on timing of Conservation Ontario updating their Hearing Guidelines and any additional broader updates to the by-law</p>
<p>Update NPCA Planning and Permitting Procedural Manual</p> <p>Board Resolution No. FA-105-22 authorizes staff to maintain and update the procedural manual as needed to reflect evolving best practices and technical guidance documents issued from Provincial Ministries</p>	<p>Review of the procedural manual has begun. Updates will be made on an on-going basis as staff receive further guidance from Conservation Ontario and the Province releases updated technical guidelines. Updated versions and notices will be posted to the NPCA Planning and Permitting website and shared with watershed municipalities.</p>
<p>Regulation mapping updates</p>	<p>Regular updates to the regulation mapping to reflect planning and permit approvals are on-going. Updates to wetlands and watercourses have begun and are anticipated to be completed in 2025. Staff will provide a status update on the mapping workplan by end of 2024.</p>
<p>Workplan for comprehensive review of NPCA Policy Document</p>	<p>Present workplan to Board for approval by end of 2024</p>
<p>Presentations and communications to broader stakeholders and communities</p> <p>Staff are reaching out to various stakeholders and communities through the NPCA Public Advisory Committee</p>	<p>On-going outreach and engagement throughout 2024</p>

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Item c)

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Moved by

Seconded by



RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay supports the request of the Township of Amaranth in calling upon the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Defeated

Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor

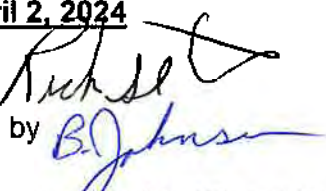
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Item a)

Date: April 2, 2024

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Seconded by



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

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

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

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

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

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

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		

Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor