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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tara Stephens, City Clerk

DATE: May 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Training Sessions – Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official

On April 9, 2024, the Welland City Council passed a resolution to enroll all interested council members in the "Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official 1.0 and 2.0" training sessions provided by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Virtual training sessions have been scheduled for the following dates:

- Navigating Conflict Relationships 1.0 – May 22 and 23, 2024 from 6 – 8:30 p.m.
- Navigating Conflict Relationships 2.0 – June 19 and 20, 2024 from 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Below is the list of participants for the training sessions:

- Mayor Frank Champion
- Councillor Claudette Richard
- Councillor Mary Ann Grimaldi
- Councillor Sharmila Setaram
- Councillor Adam Moote
- Councillor Leo Van Vliet
- Councillor David McLeod
- Councillor Jamie Lee

This training program provides elected municipal officials with a valuable opportunity to refine their abilities in cultivating cooperative relationships and navigating complex interpersonal dynamics inherent in their roles. While municipal leaders often enter office with a dedication to guiding their communities towards improvement, effectively managing the interpersonal aspects of municipal governance entails building diverse

relationships with constituents, colleagues, staff, governmental bodies, and community organizations.

While conflicts may arise inevitably, fostering collaborative and conflict-free relationships is essential for fulfilling their duties as decision-makers effectively. Through a comprehensive two-part virtual workshop, participants will delve into the intricacies of conflict resolution, identify common challenges, and acquire practical strategies, tools, and real-life examples to adeptly handle, strategize, and navigate interpersonal relationships.

Furthermore, the training offers a structured, step-by-step approach known as the "Resolution Pathway," which synthesizes insights from both the foundational and advanced workshops. This pathway guides participants towards achieving collaborative agreements that address the interests of all parties involved, ensuring mutually beneficial outcomes.

Providing training to council members is essential for effective governance and leadership standards in municipalities. Access to relevant sessions empowers members to address complexities, nurture relationships, and make informed decisions, benefiting their communities.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Sherri-Marie Millar, P.Eng.
Director of Infrastructure Services/City Engineer

DATE: Friday, Friday May3, 2024

SUBJECT: Council Resolution 22-57

On February 22, 2022, Council referred Report ENG-2022-08: Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) No. A120412 Amendment Application – 65 Canal Bank Street, back to staff without direction.

As described in the staff report, the ECA amendment application proposed the removal of 53 hectares of industrial lands from the 19 hectare landfill within the property. At the time, given the proximity of the site to the City's drinking water source and known contamination within the property coupled with a lack of supporting technical data and clear intent to use the site, staff recommended that the City of Welland oppose the proposed amendment. Council did not oppose the amendment application by way of referring the administrative report back to staff.

On March 23, 2022, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) did approve and amend ECA No. A120412 reflecting the proposed landfill boundary changes. To date there have been several development proposals for the 53 hectares of land removed from the landfill site including the Linamar Light Metals Welland Inc. (Linamar) Giga Casting Facility build.



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April 25, 2024

Sent via email to klepik@cobourg.ca

Kristina Lepik

Deputy Clerk/Manger, Legislative Services

The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Re: Resolution - Proposed Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the OHA

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated March 8, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the March 25, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-044). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-044, being a resolution from the Town of Coburg regarding a proposed amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Matthew Rae, MPP Perth-Wellington
All Ontario municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

All Ontario Municipalities

Sent via email

Town of Cobourg
55 King Street West,
Cobourg, ON, K9A 2M2
clerk@cobourg.ca
Town of Cobourg

March 8, 2024

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

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

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

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

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



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services



April 25, 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 – Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services

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 resolution of the County of Northumberland regarding the use of long term care funding to support community care services:

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

"Whereas Council reviewed the resolution 'Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services' from Northumberland County;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand support this resolution; and

Further that Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to local MPP David Piccini, the Minister of Long Term Care, the Minister of Finance, AMO, and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED

A copy of the above noted resolution from the County of Northumberland is attached for your reference.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yolanda Melburn', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
905-349-2822 ext. 32
ymelburn@ahwp.ca

Encl.

Cc: (via email)

Hon. Stan Cho, Minister of Long-term Care
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

April 25, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier's Office
Room 281
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
doug.fordco@pc.ola.org



Come for a visit. Stay for a lifestyle.

**Re: Northumberland Inter-Municipal Task Force on Housing and Homelessness motion re:
Funding Social Services**

At its meeting of April 25, 2024, Council considered the update brought forward by Councillor Rob Pope re: Northumberland Inter-Municipal Task Force on Housing and Homelessness motion re: Funding Social Service and passed the following motion:

Motion No. THC-240425-21

Moved by Councillor Rob Pope
Seconded by Councillor Daniel Giddings

Whereas Ontario is experiencing a housing crisis, with housing costs far exceeding affordable levels by any standard including in Northumberland County;

And Whereas the prevalence of homelessness is quickly increasing beyond the capacity of local governments to create new emergency, transitional, or affordable housing;

And Whereas homelessness is a condition that can largely be prevented with adequate resources, but that nonetheless puts an increasing number of residents at risk of considerable harm or death;

And Whereas insufficient housing and social services fail not only to provide for those experiencing homelessness, but also cause significant economic costs to lower and upper tier municipalities as well as to the province in the form of higher policing, first responder, healthcare, and economic development costs, among others;

And Whereas insufficient housing and social services fail not only to provide for those experiencing homelessness, but also cause significant social costs in communities that experience social estrangement, insecurity, and fear associated with increased crime and visible drug use, all of which causes considerable social and political unrest;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario dictates the requirement for social services including emergency shelters, but limits their operation through insufficient funding, thereby causing said economic and social costs at the upper and lower tiers of municipal governance;

And Whereas the municipalities of Northumberland County recognize our moral and legal obligation to provide adequate shelter and public safety for all residents, but are limited in our capacity to unilaterally do so by constrained finances;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Trent Hills, along with other Northumberland County municipalities, call upon the Province of Ontario to significantly increase funding for housing, shelters, and other necessary social services to ensure adequate levels of service to meet the needs of our residents;

And that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and to all Ontario municipalities.

Carried.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Douglas Irwin', written over a horizontal line.

J. Douglas Irwin
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk



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April 25, 2024

Sent via email to: hboardman@amaranth.ca

Holly Boardman

Deputy Clerk

Township of Amaranth

Re: Resolution - Operational Budget Funding

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated March 12, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the March 25, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-047). At the meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-047, being a resolution from the Township of Amaranth regarding Operational Budget Funding, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Matthew Rae, MPP Perth-Wellington
Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)



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March 12, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent by email to: Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org

Re: Operational Budget Funding

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

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: G Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk
C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

August 18, 2023

Hon. Paul Calandra (Minister of Long-Term Care)
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance)
Hon. David Piccini (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for
Northumberland - Peterborough South)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Northumberland County Resolution – ‘Use of Long Term Care Funding to
Support Community Care Services’**

At a meeting held on August 16, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-08-16-556 adopting the below recommendation from the July 31, 2023 Community Health Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Lucas Cleveland
Seconded by: Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** the Community Health Committee, having considered correspondence from the City of Pickering regarding 'Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services', recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Long-Term Care), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2023-08-16-556

Carried



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

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

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Mather".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Community Health Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: July 31, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2023-07-31- SIG

Moved by: L. Cleveland


Seconded by: M. Martin

Council Meeting Date: August 16, 2023

"**That** the Community Health Committee, having considered correspondence from the City of Pickering regarding 'Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services', recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Long-Term Care), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried


Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred

Committee Chair's Signature

Sent by Email

May 29, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Subject: Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services
Corr. 24-23
File: A-1400

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on May 23, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 24-23 from Chris Bantock, Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford, dated April 17, 2023, regarding Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care, Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth-Wellington, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care
 The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge
 Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth-Wellington
 Chris Bantock, Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford
 The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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April 17, 2023

Via email: ltcminister@ontario.ca

Ministry of Long-Term Care
6th Floor, 400 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M5G 1S5

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services

At their April 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution requesting the provincial government to support community driven home care services through the redirect of ministry beds in abeyance funding:

THAT staff be requested to send a letter to the provincial government to endorse the redirect of current ministry beds in abeyance funding towards the support of community care services.

We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Chris Bantock

Chris Bantock
Deputy Clerk

cc: Premier Doug Ford
Matthew Rae, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS
Regular Council Meeting

Resolution Number 2024-04-074

Title: Basic Income Guarantee

Date: Monday, April 8, 2024

Moved by J Miller

Seconded by P McKenna

WHEREAS, per Statistics Canada data, in 2020 the median after-tax household income in Smiths Falls was \$56,400, the lowest of any lower or single-tier municipality in Lanark County (Beckwith the highest, at \$107,000), and compared to \$77,000 for Lanark County as a whole;

WHEREAS, per the 2021 Census of Canada 1490 out of 9085 residents of Smiths Falls (16.4% of the total) lived in low income, based on the Low Income After Tax (LIM-AT) measure;

WHEREAS, of the 1490 Smiths Falls citizens living in low income in 2021, 120 of them were children five years old or younger, 215 of them were children between the ages of six and 17, and 365 of them were seniors aged 65 or over;

WHEREAS, the level of income is one of the most important social determinants of health, and relates to many other determinants including education and literacy, healthy behaviours, one's social environment, and employment and work conditions;

WHEREAS, low income is strongly correlated with a wide range of negative health outcomes, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and poor mental health, and with shorter life expectancies compared to higher income persons;

WHEREAS, the minimum wage in Ontario and the maximum amounts of financial support available through Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are deeply insufficient to meet the basic needs of full-time minimum wage workers, or of individuals or families drawing OW or ODSP support;

WHEREAS, ongoing, widespread, and rapid changes in labour markets, including due to outsourcing, artificial intelligence, automation, and advance of the "gig" economy, are causing more and more people to be exposed to labour changes beyond their control, adding to their vulnerability to low income;

WHEREAS, basic income is a means by which individuals, families, and whole communities can be less vulnerable to negative changes in health, relationship or family status, and labour markets, and better able to navigate transitions and challenging circumstances;

WHEREAS, basic Income is money distributed to eligible people, regularly, reliably, and without work requirement, and which, absent other income, should meet basic human needs;

WHEREAS, basic income exists in Canada in the form of longstanding programs like the Canada Child Benefit and the Guaranteed Income Supplement for seniors, programs with demonstrated positive impacts on basic income recipients, economies, and our greater society;

WHEREAS, there is need to establish basic income security for working-age adults in Canada who, at present and in general, lack sufficient social protection against low income;

WHEREAS, there is a growing body of evidence that basic income is not a disincentive on the pursuit or retention of employment and that, further, basic income is more likely to support such pursuit or retention given its stabilizing effect in the lives of people;

WHEREAS, the gross cost of a basic income program is reduced to a net cost once various funding options are exercised and the fiscal benefits of basic income are realized (e.g., basic income as a local economic stimulus);

WHEREAS, Canada, one of the wealthiest nations in the world, has the fiscal capacity to support a

basic income guarantee for working-age adults;

WHEREAS, the call for basic income in Canada has been and is being made by public health authorities, including the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit per its November 2023 report on food insecurity within the health region;

WHEREAS, the call for basic income in Canada has been and is being made by many other interests, including a growing number of municipalities in Ontario and beyond, and by a range of provincial and federal parliamentarians;

WHEREAS, a 2022 national public opinion poll suggests that six in 10 adults in Canada support the concept of basic income;

AND WHEREAS, the Town of Smiths Falls wishes to add its municipal voice to the call for a basic income guarantee for working-age adults in Canada.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Town of Smiths Falls supports the concept of a basic income guarantee for working-age adults to help combat low income and economic vulnerability within our community;
- 2) That the Town of Smiths Falls calls upon the federal and the provincial and territorial governments to collaborate on the design, introduction, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a national basic income guarantee program for working-age adults;
- 3) That the Council of the Town of Smiths Falls directs the Mayor to write (a) a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, copy to relevant federal ministers and to Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston MP Scott Reid; and (b) a letter to Ontario Premier Doug Ford; copy to relevant provincial ministers and to Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston MPP John Jordan, calling on these orders of government to collaborate on the design, introduction, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a national basic income guarantee program for working-age adults;
- 4) That the Council of the Town of Smiths Falls directs the Mayor to write a letter to each of the Mayor's counterparts in the lower-tier municipalities in Lanark County, encouraging each municipality to also pass a resolution similar to that adopted by the Town of Smiths Falls;
- 5) That a copy of this resolution be shared with all other municipalities in Ontario, and with the presidents of the Eastern Ontario Mayors Caucus, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried



Mayor



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

RECORDED VOTE

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 8/2024.

ISSUE: 9.3 Basic Income Guarantee

BYLAW/RESOLUTION NO. _____

MEMBER	YEA	NAY
J Brennan		✓
D Quinn		✓
J Miller	✓	
P McKenna	✓	
S Robinson		✓
C McGuire	✓	
S Pankow	✓	
TOTAL	4	3

Carried ✓

Defeated _____

K. Lavello
Clerk

- requested by J. Brennan



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April 25, 2024

Sent via email to: r.tyczinski@cityssm.on.ca

Rachel Tyczinski,
City Clerk
City of Sault Ste. Marie

Re: Resolution - Intimate Partner Violence- Coercive Control

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated April 11, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the April 22, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-066). At the meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-066, being a resolution from the City of Sault Ste. Marie declaring its support for Bill C-332 as well as calling on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-332 and enact the necessary amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada to include coercive control of an intimate partner, be endorsed.

Sincerely,
T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada
John Nater, MP Perth-Wellington
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities



April 11, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Sir:

Re: Intimate Partner Violence and Coercive Control

Please be advised that at its April 8, 2024 City Council meeting, Sault Ste. Marie City Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the jury that heard the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam inquest (The Renfrew County Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas recommendation #85 of the inquest is to include "coercive control", as defined in the *Divorce Act*, as a criminal offence or as a type of assault under section 265 of the *Criminal Code*; and

Whereas according to experts, a perpetrator has privileged access to information about the target by virtue of the closeness of an intimate relationship and, as such, is able to identify unique vulnerabilities that can be exploited for coercive control; and

Whereas Coordinating Community Responses to Domestic Violence cites scholars and advocates in the field have consistently described intimate partner violence as both an expression of, and an attempt to maintain, power and control over intimate partners; and

Whereas in 2019, according to the Government of Canada, of the 107,810 people aged 15 and over who experienced intimate partner violence 79% were women. 55% of women who experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence feared a partner at some point. Being afraid of a partner can indicate intimate partner violence that is more coercive, more severe, and more likely to reflect a pattern of abusive behaviours; and

Whereas between 2014 and 2019 in Canada, there were 497 victims of intimate partner homicide, and 80% (400 victims) were women; and

Whereas while Indigenous women account for about 5% of all women in Canada, they accounted for 21% of women killed by an intimate partner between 2014 and 2019 (83 victims). In 2021, the rate of gender-related homicide of Indigenous women and girls was more than triple that of gender-related homicides of women and girls overall (1.72 versus 0.54 per 100,000 women and girls); and

Whereas the Government of Canada names coercive control as one of the acts included in intimate partner violence, but does not include coercive control as an offence contained within the *Criminal Code* of Canada* and

Whereas Bill C332, a private member's bill to amend the Criminal Code to create an offence of exercising coercive control of an intimate partner by engaging in a pattern of conduct that consists of any combination, or any repeated instances, of any of the following acts: using, attempting to use or threatening to use violence against certain persons, coercing or attempting to coerce the intimate partner to engage in sexual activity or engaging in other conduct that could reasonably be expected to cause the intimate partner to believe that their safety, or the safety of a person known to them, is threatened**

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Sault Ste. Marie City Council express its support for Bill C-332 as well as call on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-332 and enact the necessary amendments to the *Criminal Code* of Canada to include coercive control of an intimate partner; and

Further it be resolved that a copy of this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services, the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health, the Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, the Honourable Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice, City of Sault Ste Marie MP Terry Sheehan, MP Laurel Collins, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

- * <https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/gender-based-violence/intimate-partner-violence.html>
- ** <https://www.parl.ca/documentviewer/en/44-1/bill/C-332/second-reading>
- <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2023001/article/00003-eng.htm>

Sincerely



Rachel Tyczinski
City Clerk

April 26, 2024

RE: Niagara Region Waste Management Strategic Plan

Dear Local Area Councillors,

This letter is to inform you that Niagara Region has commenced work on its Waste Management Strategic Plan (the Plan).

The Terms of Reference for the Plan was endorsed by Council in 2020 and will set the framework for the next 25 years, ensuring the waste management system continues meeting its needs in the short and long term. The Plan will aim to reflect the importance of cost-effective and accessible waste management services and will prioritize recycling materials back into the economy to maximize landfill space.

The project timeline is divided into three phases comprised of a series of research and public engagement activities. We are currently in Phase One of the Plan development, with initial public engagement starting May 6, 2024, through surveys and virtual open houses. This first phase involves consulting interested parties, assessing our current system, and developing the vision, goals and guiding principles. Phase Two will begin in mid to late 2024, where we will gather input and feedback from interested parties about program delivery and the list of recommendations. The final phase of the project (Phase Three) will begin in early to mid-2025 with engagement on the draft strategy, concluding in mid-2025 with strategic direction for implementing the preferred plan.

Engagement Opportunities and Key Dates for Phase One

In addition to the survey, open May 6 - 31, the following open houses are scheduled and will be led by our consultants GHD:

- Public open house #1: Thursday, May 9, 7 - 8 p.m.
- Public open house #2: Wednesday, May 15, 7 - 8 p.m.
- Sector specific open house #1 (business focused): Thursday, May 9, 11 a.m. - noon
- Sector specific open house #2 (school board and non-governmental organizations): Friday, May 10, 11 a.m. - noon

Please visit niagararegion.ca/future-of-waste for more information on the Plan, to register for one of the open houses, and to take the survey.

If you have any questions, please contact us at wmstratplan@niagararegion.ca or phone Project Manager Jennifer Mazurek at 905-980-6000 ext. 3236.

Sincerely,



Catherine Habermehl (she/her)
Director, Waste Management Services
Public Works, Niagara Region
Phone: 905.980.6000, ext. 3204
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Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hattiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The Regional Municipality of Niagara stands with all Indigenous peoples, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.



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April 25, 2024

Sent via email to: Intergovernmental.relations@guelph.ca

Chief Administrative Officer,
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Guelph City Hall,
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Guelph ON N1H 3A1

Re: Resolution - Support of OEB to End Subsidization of Fossil Gas

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated April 4, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the April 22, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-064). At the meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

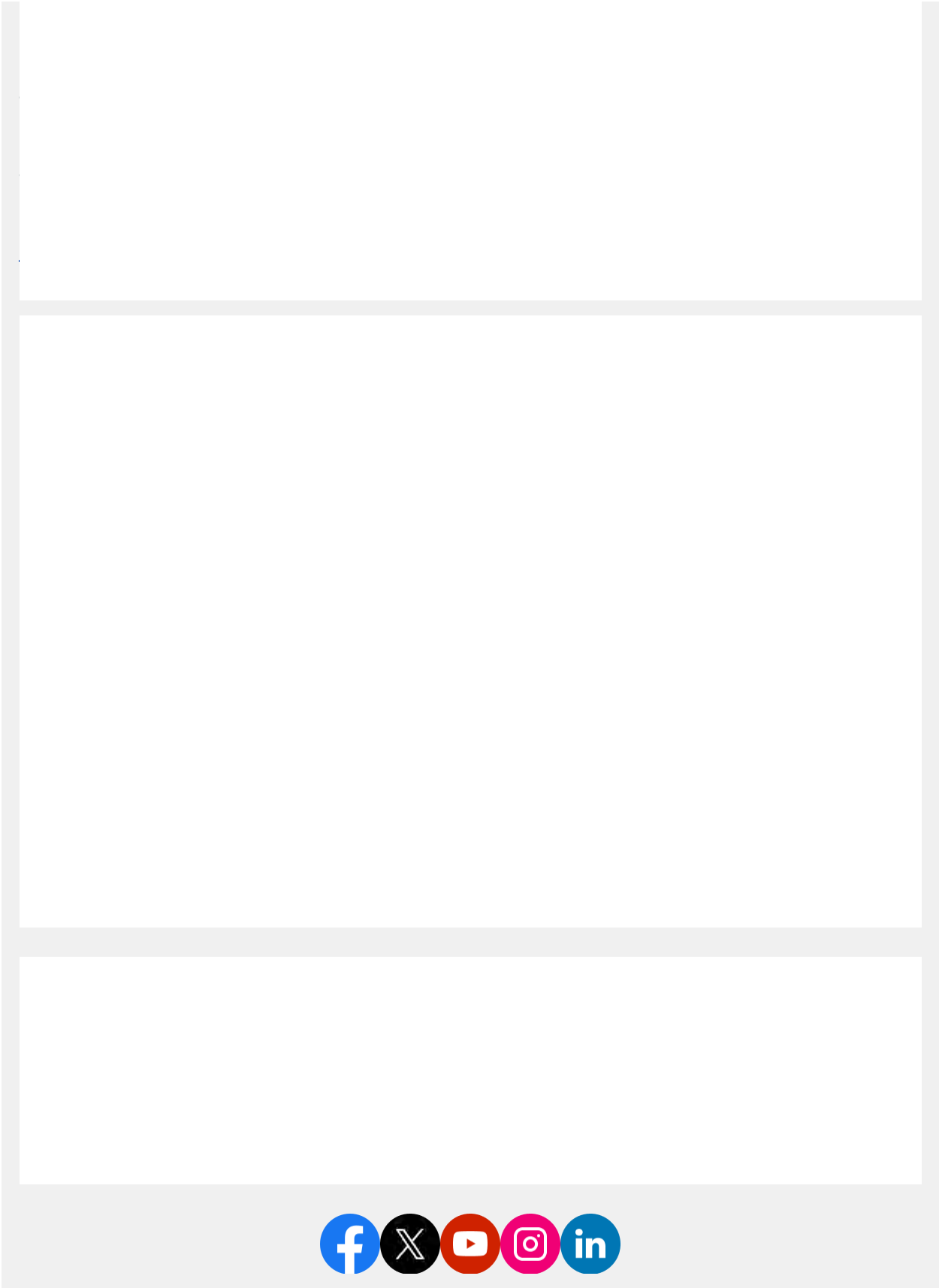
THAT CA-2024-064, being a resolution from the City of Guelph declaring support of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decision to End the Subsidization of Fossil Gas, be endorsed.

Sincerely,
T. Dafoe
Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Todd A. Smith, Minister of Energy
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023 Progress Report

PDS 12-2024

Regional Council, at its meeting held on April 25, 2024, passed the following recommendation of its Planning and Economic Development Committee:

That Report PDS 12-2024, dated April 10, 2024, respecting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023 Progress Report, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

A copy of PDS 12-2024 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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CLK-C 2024-044

cc: C. Ogunniyi, Manager, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Indigenous Relations
M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth, Strategy and Economic Development
N. Oakes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Growth, Strategy and Economic Development

Subject: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023 Progress Report

Report To: Planning and Economic Development Committee

Report date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Recommendations

1. That Report PDS 12-2024 **BE RECEIVED** for information; and
2. That this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities for information.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to provide an annual update on the progress of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023-2027, based on the commitment in report CAO 12-2022 when the Plan was approved by Regional Council.
- This plan is essential to reaching the Equitable Region Council Strategic Priority to provide opportunities for a safe and inclusive Niagara to ensure the Region is inclusive, welcoming, and free of discrimination.
- As of December 2023, the Plan has a 25 per cent completion rate. Of the 44 action items, seven are completed, 15 are progressing, and 22 are upcoming.

Financial Considerations

Costs for the deliverables that occurred in 2023 were accommodated in the Council approved budget. The planned activities described in this report are within the Council approved 2024 budget.

Analysis

Background

The Niagara Region Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion team developed the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023-2027 in collaboration with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee, Regional staff, and community members. The plan was approved by Regional Council in September 2022 with the commitment to provide annual progress reports. The plan aims for a Niagara region that is welcoming and inclusive, where diversity and equity is reflected and valued. The mission of the plan is that the people of Niagara advance equity; building welcoming, inclusive communities and workplaces, while eliminating barriers and forms of discrimination. There are six

focus areas identified through staff and community consultation. We are currently working on a public facing dashboard that will include up to date information about the progress of the plan.

Focus Area A: Inclusive Workplace Culture, Leadership, and Accountability

Enabling an organization where leaders are accountable and provide an environment where staff and community members feel heard and respected.

- First year of new category of Corporate Employee Recognition Program and Team (CERT) Awards recognized 20 employees who demonstrated contributions to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion of all people.
- Facilitated first Niagara Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community of Practice meeting with 62 community members participating and 96 indicating interest in the group. Meetings will be held quarterly in 2024.
- Completed the Niagara Seat at the Table project which worked with women and gender diverse potential municipal candidates and elected officials to address systemic barriers to running for and holding office.
- Currently developing a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Handbook that will help Regional staff integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion principles into their daily work. Chapters under development include Being a People Leader, Inclusive Communication, and Inclusive Workplace Culture.

Focus Area B: Increased Understanding and Humility Through Learning

Providing knowledge, skills, and learning opportunities for staff, Councillors, volunteers, and community members to increase their ability to understand and use Diversity Equity, and Inclusion principles and demonstrate cultural humility.

- In 2023, 1,272 non-People Leaders and 61 People Leaders in Long Term Care completed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fundamentals e-modules and 44 new leaders completed the Inclusive Leaders course through the Leader's Edge program.
- Learning curriculum for staff, Councillors, and volunteers has been developed, with the rollout of the first set of trainings to go to all staff and Councillors in 2024.

Focus Area C: Diverse Workforce Reflective of Niagara's Community

Using evidence informed best practices to recruit, hire, retain, and promote a more diverse workforce.

- Supported Human Resources with the development of the new People Plan, the development of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion related interview questions document and an Employee Equity Statement.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion related questions were added to the new staff survey, with 65 per cent of new staff recognizing their recruitment panel had diverse representation in 2022, and 67 per cent in 2023.
- An employee engagement survey will be administered in 2024 to gather up to date information about staff demographics and satisfaction, including updated feedback on the progress of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Focus Area D: Programs and Services Meet the Needs of Everyone

Providing evidence-informed best practices and resources to incorporate DEI principles into Niagara Region programs and services.

- Action items in this Focus Area have not yet started, as they mainly rely on the completion of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Handbook.
- Collaborating with the Accessibility team in 2024 on community engagement to inform items in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan, such as improving the procedure for providing accommodations for programs and services.

Focus Area E: Addressing Discrimination

Reviewing and revising policies and processes, in partnership with diverse communities, to address and reduce discrimination experienced in Niagara.

- Consultation has begun on how to incorporate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion impacts as part of reports to Council and Corporate Leadership Team, with the completion of this action expected in 2024.
- Collaboration is planned with the Niagara Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community of Practice to support Town Hall dialogues with diverse communities on discrimination issues that will lead to the creation of at least one Community Action Table to address issues raised.

Focus Area F: Inclusive Communication

Providing clear, inclusive, representative communication for staff and community members to showcase significant dates, provide key information, and recognize leaders that advance Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

- Promoted awareness of significant dates through the development of monthly summaries; posts for 51 spotlight dates that highlight important cultural, religious, and diverse events. In 2022, 33 posts about spotlight dates had a total of 2,341 views, while in 2023, 46 posts about spotlight dates had a total of 5,298 views. In 2022, the monthly summaries had an average of 187 views, while in 2023, the monthly summaries had an average of 234 views.
- Organized four flag ceremonies honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit, Pride Month, Orange Shirt Day, and 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence.
- The 2024 Calendar of Significant Dates and 2024 Calendar of Spotlight Dates can be downloaded from the Niagara Region Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webpage.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion team will continue to work with community partners to support community events and host awareness events to recognize diversity in Niagara.

Alternatives Reviewed

No alternatives were reviewed.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023-2027 supports Regional Council's Strategic Priorities through providing guidance for the strategic lens of Diversity, equity, inclusion, and Indigenous reconciliation. The Action Plan is one of the actions contributing to the priority of an Equitable Region through providing opportunities for a safe and inclusive Niagara by listening and responding to our community needs and planning for future growth, and ensuring the Region is inclusive, welcoming, and free of discrimination.

Other Pertinent Reports

- [CAO 14-2019](#) - Actions & Resources to Join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities
- [CAO 12-2022](#) – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023-2027

Prepared by:

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Manager, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion,
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Growth Strategy and Economic
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Recommended by:

Michelle Sergi, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner
Growth Strategy and Economic
Development

Submitted by:

Ron Tripp, P.Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared in consultation with Yusuf Al-Harazi, DEI Advisor, Amrit Bhogal, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Intern, and reviewed by Janine Tessmer, Communications Consultant, and Susan White, Program Financial Specialist.



The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

April 30, 2024

**Re: Resolution to Support - Request to the Province of Ontario for New
Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework**

To whom I may concern,

Please be advised that Council for the Township of Georgian Bluffs considered the above-noted matter and passed resolution RES2024-071 at the April 10, 2024, meeting of Council:

RES2024-071

Moved By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle

**That staff forward a letter in support of the resolution from the Town
of Bracebridge.**

Carried

The resolution from the Town of Bracebridge is attached below.

Thank you,

Rayburn Murray
Deputy Clerk
Township of Georgian Bluffs
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March 14, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – Resolution of Support Regarding Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

At its meeting of March 13, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-053, regarding Resolution of Support Regarding Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework, as follows:

“WHEREAS the 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;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge calls on 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;

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corporate services and finance fax: (705) 645-1262
public works fax: (705) 645-7525
planning & development fax: (705) 645-4209

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); the Muskoka and Area Indigenous Leadership Table (MAILT); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. McDonald'.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



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April 29, 2024

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The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Mr. Cassimatis, and Mr. Byers,

At the February 6, 2024, Town of South Bruce Peninsula Council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

R-40-2024

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

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

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

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

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

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

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

And that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, the Town of South Bruce Peninsula's Member of Provincial Parliament Rick Byers, and all Ontario municipalities.

I trust you find this satisfactory; however, should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Brianna Collins, P.Eng.
Director of Public Works

cc: All Ontario municipalities



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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Khanjin, and Mr. Byers,

At the April 2, 2024, Town of South Bruce Peninsula Council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

R-111-2024

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

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

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

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario municipalities;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and to all Ontario municipalities.

I trust you find this satisfactory; however, should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Collins'.

Brianna Collins, P.Eng.
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May 1, 2024

The Honourable Neil Lumsden
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Local Area Libraries

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Re: Public Libraries and Older Adults

Please be advised that at its meeting of April 30, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet passed the following motion:

"WHEREAS Niagara Region and, specifically Wainfleet, has a significant aging cohort, particularly vulnerable to isolation in the digital world; and

WHEREAS the role of local libraries is definitely that of a community hub, offering numerous educational and socializing opportunities for all ages; and

WHEREAS the provincial funding model has remained unchanged for over 25 years and restricts "library growth and potential"; and

WHEREAS while we are respectful of Seniors Community Grants, today's economic realities suggest libraries are in need of a funding increase;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Correspondence item C165 respecting Public Libraries and Older Adults be received and supported; and

THAT the Township of Wainfleet hereby calls upon the Province of Ontario to review its funding formula for Public Libraries."

Should you have any questions, please contact me at achrastina@wainfleet.ca or 905-899-3463 ext. 224.

Regards,



Amber Chrastina
Deputy Clerk

Attachment: Correspondence item C165

Subject: RE: Council Correspondence

From: Lorrie Atkinson <LATkinson@wainfleetlibrary.ca>

Sent: April 11, 2024 2:13 PM

To: Amber Chrastina <AChrastina@wainfleet.ca>

Subject: Council Correspondence

Hi Amber,

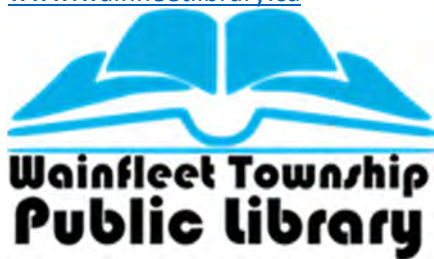
We discussed this at our April 10, 2024 Library Board Meeting , would you please include for correspondence at the next Council meeting.

https://www.wellandtribune.ca/opinion/contributors/public-libraries-foster-feelings-of-social-connectedness-for-older-adults/article_4bded397-c389-5f70-b55f-3e97f2cfe854.html

Thanks,
Lorrie

Regards,
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OPINION

Public libraries foster feelings of social connectedness for older adults

Older adults hold an intimate relationship with their public library branch — a relationship that typically spans the course of their lives.


By Nicole Dalmer

Apr 9, 2024

Article was updated Apr 9, 2024



Public libraries foster feelings of social connectedness, not only due to the range of materials, programs and services, but because they also serve as places for discovering and accessing resources, enabling lifelong learning and fostering community relationships, Nicole Dalmer writes.

John Rennison The Hamilton Spectator file photo

Carla Hayden, the 14th Librarian of Congress, proclaimed “there is a hunger in this digital age ... to participate in programs, to just be in a place, a community space.”

Public libraries play a crucial role in building our understandings of community and connecting us to community. My own work looks at the role of public libraries as very crucial, but sometimes overlooked, spaces of social connection in later life.

In stepping back and thinking more broadly about the public library and its capacity for supporting social connections in later life, I’ve been thinking about local public library branches as important third places — drawing on Ray Oldenburg’s popular book “The Great Good Place.” Third places, such as parks, gyms, coffee shops, museums and libraries are places distinct from the home (a first place) or work environments (a second place), where social connections and community building can be fostered. In other words, third places are spots where we exchange ideas, have a good time and build relationships.

As part of my research, I interviewed 51 older adults living in Ontario who frequented their local public library, asking them questions to better understand the many roles the public library has played, and continues to play, in their everyday lives.

My research was in response to the International Federation on Ageing's statement that "the No. 1 emerging issue facing older adults in Canada is keeping older people socially connected and active." Between 19 and 24 per cent of older people in Canada experience some level of isolation. Social isolation occupies an increasingly important place in conversations surrounding aging in Canada, in part due to the COVID-19 pandemic that exacerbated feelings of social isolation and in part due to social isolation's negative impact on older adults' physical and mental health, including reduced quality of life, premature mortality, depression, as well as increased risk for falls, cardiovascular disease and dementia.

Socially isolated older adults often have poorer health outcomes and more complex support needs and therefore require access to a complement of community-based supports — such as public libraries — to thrive.

As I learned from the 51 older adults who shared their experiences of engaging with their public library, it became clear that participants hold an intimate relationship with their public library branch — a relationship that typically spans the course of their lives. The library was often referred to as an "old friend" or a "trusted friend."

Public library branches foster feelings of social connectedness, not only due to the range of materials, programs, services and spaces that can be used without expectation of payment or any pre-existing level of knowledge. Public libraries also serve as trusted third places for discovering and accessing resources, enabling lifelong learning and fostering community relationships.

As voiced by so many individuals who took part in my study, public library offerings connect older library patrons with other people and other ideas, events and other services. Libraries were also spaces with free access to washrooms, places to keep cool in the summer and warm in the winter, and important places where older adults knew they could stop along their daily walking route.

Participants felt connected to library staff. This was especially so for those older adults living in rural areas, where staff knew them by name and could offer reading recommendations based on what the patrons had checked out in the past.

Interestingly, older adults shared they felt connected to their community while in their library, even if they didn't actually interact with other people. Merely being in the presence of others (whether staff or other patrons) was sufficient to feel socially included and connected.

Public libraries also nurture social connection through intergenerational connections. Intergenerational library programs (movie nights, music classes, book clubs, knitting clubs and the like) are places where different generations can meet, interact and build relationships — bridging generational perspectives and experiences.

So when we're thinking about how to support social inclusion among older adults, it's important to consider those third places, such as public library branches, that can be crucial sites that foster, inspire and encourage feelings and experiences of social connection and social inclusion.

Nicole Dalmer is an assistant professor with the Department of Health, Aging and Society at McMaster University, an associate director of the Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging and a volunteer with the Hamilton Council on Aging. For more information or to donate to the Hamilton Council on Aging, visit coahamilton.ca.

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Dear Sirs:

Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

At their regular meeting of May 1, 2024, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the motion from the Town of Lincoln and City of St. Catharines regarding support of the Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the request for increased funding for libraries and museums;

AND THAT Council further request support for increased funding for heritage organizations;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, and the 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

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