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MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Dave Steven – Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries; and
Craig Danys – Working Foreperson of Horticulture and Cemeteries

DATE: July 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Floral Display Bed Program – New Community Engagement Opportunity

This memorandum provides an update to Council on the launch and promotion of the City of Welland's enhanced Floral Display Bed Program. This program offers the community an opportunity to recognize important milestone anniversaries, notable events, and local businesses that make notable positive contributions to our city.

For more than 50 years, the City's Parks staff have created vibrant, seasonal floral displays that not only beautify public spaces, but also serve as a tribute to community contributions. Through this program, floral display beds are used to commemorate milestone anniversaries and achievements that reflect civic pride and community spirit.

This initiative supports several key organizational goals:

- Civic Recognition – Highlights the lasting contributions of local charitable organizations, service clubs, or businesses.
- Public Awareness – Draws attention to the history and community impact of local groups.
- Beautification and Community Pride – Aligns the City's beautification efforts with meaningful local stories and achievements.
- Engagement and Celebration – Provides a platform for community engagement through visual storytelling in public spaces.

Promotional rollout:

This program will be publicly promoted for applications starting July 30, 2025 through the City's website, social media platforms, and direct outreach to local community organizations and service clubs.

Application details:

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis, with a deadline of December 31 of the previous year of the requested recognition year.

Example: An organization celebrating a milestone in 2026 must apply by December 31, 2025.

Early submissions are encouraged and may be made any time in advance, provided the anniversary year is clearly stated.

Evaluations process:

Applications will be evaluated in accordance with the [City of Welland Floral Display Beds policy](#). The following criteria will be considered:

- Whether the request is from a non-profit charitable organization, established local business celebrating a milestone, or an important event of historical, national, provincial or local significance.
- The order of priority for types of events (National, provincial, or local). The significance of the anniversary, with preference given to major milestones (e.g. 100th, 75th, 50th, 25th, etc.)

How to Apply:

Program guidelines and the online application forms are available at:
www.welland.ca/Services/FloralDisplayRequest.asp



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

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July 4, 2025

RE: Ontario's Bill 5 and its Impact on the Local Food System and the Environment

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on June 25, 2025, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS a significant amount of farmland is already lost each year to development pressures; and

WHEREAS food systems depend on healthy ecosystems, which are already under significant threat in Ontario due to a host of human-caused threats to wildlife and habitat; and

WHEREAS Ontario Bill 5 significantly undermines ecological protections and local decision making, both of which are essential to local food systems and food security; and

WHEREAS the existing Provincial Planning Statement emphasizes the need for agricultural impact and environmental assessments; supports broad community consultation; and encourages municipalities to explore alternative areas before developing prime agricultural land; and

WHEREAS development of housing and important resources are possible without sacrificing the long-term health of our food systems, environment, and democratic norms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Cobourg opposes Bill 5 in its current form, and calls upon the Government of Ontario to



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strive to uphold the long-term health of our food systems, environment, and democracy in any future version of this bill; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be circulated to Premier Doug Ford and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. All Ontario Municipalities



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July 8, 2025

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Sent by email to: Chief of Staff, Catherine Monast,
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Re: Motion regarding illegal land use

At its regular meeting of Council held on June 18, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council wished to send a letter of support to The Town of Caledon on the motion regarding illegal land use that was sent to Premier Ford on June 4, 2025.

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



Annette Groves
Mayor

Her Worship, Mayor Annette Groves
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June 4, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford,
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Dear Premier Ford,

Illegal land use, including unauthorized development, unapproved land alterations, and other non-compliant activities, poses significant threats to the Town's agricultural viability, water quality, and ecosystem health, in addition to decreasing adjacent land values and undermining public trust in land-use governance enforcement.

There have been approximately 1,300 properties investigated in Caledon for illegal land use since 2015, with the majority of instances being for the operation of illegal transportation depots.

Illegal transportation depots and parking lots undermine the success of Caledon's largest industry and employment sector. The prevalence of illegal transportation depots and parking lots, and their disregard for architectural and landscape standards, reduce the appeal for investment in prestige employment lands.

Penalties prescribed by the Planning Act are insufficient to deter violations, as they do not adequately reflect the economic gains derived from illegal land use activities and even maximum fines are difficult to obtain. The existing provisions in the Municipal Act specifically disallow municipalities from licensing transportation depots and truck parking.

In June 2023, the Town of Caledon wrote to your office requesting increased authority for municipalities to manage illegal land use including the ability to physically bar entry to properties and increase maximum penalty amounts for individuals and corporations. The Town has also made similar requests to the Honourable Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, the Ministry of the

Attorney General, the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

At the June 3, 2025 General Committee Meeting, Council expressed support for a motion to strengthen municipal authority to effectively manage illegal land use by:

1. Amending the Planning Act to allow for a municipality to:

- a. require a person to pay an administrative penalty if the municipality is satisfied that the person has contravened section 41, section 46, subsection 49 (4) or section 52 or who contravenes a by-law passed under section 34 or 38 or an order made under section 47; whereas municipalities cannot currently administer administrative penalty systems under the Act, unlike the Municipal Act and Building Code Act,
- b. issue orders to discontinue a contravening activity or perform work to correct a contravention under a by-law passed under section 34 of the Act, whereas the Act does not currently allow it.
- c. enable a matter or thing to be done at a person's expense in default of it being done in accordance with an order made under a by-law passed under section 34 of the Act; further, that the costs of such action taken by a municipality may be recovered by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes, whereas municipalities cannot currently perform remedial work under the Act, unlike the Municipal Act,
- d. register charges, fines, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions and court imposed fines in the proper land registry office, so any person acquiring any interest in the land subsequent to the registration of the order is deemed to have been served with the same order; whereas the Act does not currently allow it,
- e. increase the maximum penalty amounts to \$50,000 for an individual and \$100,000 for a corporation on a first conviction and \$25,000 for each day the contravention continues after a conviction for an individual and \$50,000 for a corporation, additionally, amending the Act to allow municipalities to establish minimum fines under Zoning and Site Plan Control by-laws and continuing offence penalties on a first conviction.

2. Amending the Municipal Act to allow for a municipality to:

- a. provide a system of licenses under a business licensing by-law for the local parking and storage operations of transportation businesses, including transportation depots and parking lots, whereas municipalities cannot currently regulate the minimum standards appropriate for the community through Ontario Regulation 583/06 (Licensing Powers),
- b. close a business operating without a license or engaged in egregious illegal land uses that significantly harm nearby residents, the environment, and public safety; whereas municipalities cannot currently close or prevent illegal land use or operations from continuing,
- c. physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations,

d. register charges, fines, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions and court imposed fines in the proper land registry office, so any person acquiring any interest in the land subsequent to the registration of the order is deemed to have been served with the same order; whereas the Act does not currently allow it

A copy of the notice of motion has been enclosed for your reference. For more information regarding this matter, please contact my Chief of Staff, Catherine Monast, directly by email at catherine.monast@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mayor Annette Groves

Town of Caledon

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July 9, 2025

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To All Concerned Organizations

Re: 14.1 Addiction, Mental Health, and Homelessness – City of Thorold Council Resolution

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on July 8, 2025, considered the aforementioned topic and passed the following resolution with a request for a response from the concerned organizations:

The Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

WHEREAS municipalities are increasingly impacted by the mental health, addictions, and homelessness crisis, placing significant strain on local services and frontline responders; and

WHEREAS the provincial and federal governments hold the jurisdiction and legislative authority to implement systemic reforms and allocate appropriate funding to address mental health and addictions at scale.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

1. That Thorold City Council **REQUESTS** the following from the Regional Municipality of Niagara:
 - The establishment of a new committee to better address the declared state of emergency on mental health and addiction, and that this committee seeks applications from individuals with lived experience.
 - A request of the Provincial Government of Ontario for a review of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to better address mental health, addiction and homelessness emergencies.

2. That Thorold City Council **REQUESTS** the following from the Provincial Government of Ontario:
 - Increased healthcare funding, including for inpatient addiction treatment.
 - Amendment of the *Mental Health Act* to include addictions.
3. That Thorold City Council **REQUESTS** the following from the Federal Government of Canada:
 - Amendment of the *Criminal Code* to identify private security guards as first responders and provide them with the same *Criminal Code* protection as other first responders outlined in section 270.02.
4. That Thorold City Council **DIRECTS** that this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the following, with a request for a response:
 - All Niagara area MPPs
 - All Niagara area MPs
 - All Niagara area municipalities, including the Regional Municipality of Niagara
 - Niagara Region Public Health
 - Provincial Director of the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre
 - Provincial Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
 - Provincial Minister of Health
 - Federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
 - Federal Minister of Health
 - Senate of Canada

Thank you,



Nicholas Debono
City Clerk
City of Thorold





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Dear Honourable Doug Ford and Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy:

Re: City of Port Colborne Supports the City of Pickering regarding Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

Please be advised that, at its meeting of July 8, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the City of Pickering regarding Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

The City of Pickering resolution is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Raymond Sung Joon Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
Niagara Region MPPs, Jeff Burch, Wayne Gates, Sam Oosterhoff, Jennifer Stevens
Christine Clark Lafleur, Executive Director, Port Cares
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
The Association of Municipalities (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Sent by Email

June 6, 2025

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Subject: Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on May 26, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS individuals and families receiving income support through Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are facing increasing challenges in meeting basic needs due to rising costs of living;

And Whereas Statistics Canada notes that people with disabilities have a higher poverty rate and a lower rate of employment than the overall population;

And Whereas the annual income support for Ontario Works is currently \$8,796.00 and \$16,416.00 for Ontario Disability Support Program. These supports have not increased sufficiently to keep up with inflation and the cost of living. Such costs are anticipated to continue increasing;

And Whereas the low income measure for a single person in Greater Toronto Area is estimated to be approximately \$27,343 annually, and the deep income poverty threshold is determined to be \$20,508;

And Whereas Food Banks, including our local Food Banks, provide a necessary service with increasing demands in our communities;

And Whereas the Pickering Food Bank served 1,722 adults, and 1,054 children in February 2025;

And Whereas food banks are already reducing their distribution capacity; and it is anticipated that due to developing economic circumstances, such as the current tariff war, there will be increased unemployment, increased food prices, and a heightened demand for food distribution, while donations continue to decline;

And Whereas these economic trends will continue to erode the purchasing power of OW and ODSP recipients, increasing reliance on food banks and placing additional pressure on municipalities and community organizations;

Now therefore it be resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering directs through the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. That staff send a letter to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, to strongly urge that the Ontario Provincial Government significantly raise the payments of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program and the increases be reflected in the upcoming Provincial Budget and that the increased amount aligns with inflationary costs and thereby decrease the pressure on food banks and the reliance on municipalities and taxpayers to supplement the gap in financial need; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Regional Municipality of Durham, all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

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

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