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Friday, October 3, 2025

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Dave Steven – Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries

DATE: October 3, 2025

SUBJECT: St. George Wetland Project Update and Next Steps

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the St. George Wetland Project. In March 2025, Council approved staff to enter into an agreement with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) for the development of this St. George Wetland (Appendix 1 – Resolution No. 2025-54).

The NPCA has provided a draft agreement, currently under review by City staff and legal, and the agreement is expected to be finalized shortly. Additionally, the NPCA has received funding confirmation from the Niagara Community Foundation in the amount of \$50,000 and up to \$15,000 from Ducks Unlimited Canada. Staff and the NPCA are still awaiting confirmation on the federal Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund (NSCSF) grant application, with results anticipated in fall 2025. Lastly, the NPCA is also applying for funding through the newly announced Wetland Conservation Partnership Program grant to assist with the project costs.

Additional technical requirements such as outlet design, pond dewatering, and fish salvage, have extended the project timeline. This fall, the NPCA will advance detailed landscape design work and obtain quotes for the pond decommissioning, to be reviewed by City staff for final approval. With these additional requirements and pending funding decisions, construction has been deferred to spring/summer 2026.

Staff will continue working closely with the NPCA to finalize design and secure external funding so we can advance this project as outlined above in 2026.

Attachment:

Appendix 1 – Resolution No. 2025-54



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-54

REFERENCE NO. 25 - 19

March 24, 2025

Dear Sir or Madam:

Welland City Council passed the following motion

on

March 18, 2025

"THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes staff to enter into an agreement with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) for the St. George Park Wetland Project."

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D. Steven, Manager of Parks, Forestry & Cemeteries
c.c. - J. Ruddell, Director of Community Services

From


City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Lina DeChellis, Director of Economic Development & Strategic Initiatives

DATE: October 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Physician Recruitment Incentive – Dr. Kayli Culig

I am pleased to provide an update on the City's physician recruitment incentive program. A new physician, Dr. Kayli Culig has recently assumed a practice at Welland McMaster Family Health Team (WMFHT).

This transition ensures that the patients will continue to have access to a family physician, supporting the community's need for consistent primary care. Staff will provide further updates as recruitment efforts progress.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

Cc: CLT

FROM: Lisa Allen, Manager, Economic Development

DATE: October 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Made in Welland Annual Magazine

The *Made in Welland* magazine is the City's flagship economic development publication. Produced annually, it showcases Welland's growth, investment opportunities, business success stories, and quality-of-life assets. The magazine is designed to support investment attraction, business retention, and community pride, and it is distributed both digitally and in print to investors, developers, residents, and regional partners.

This year's special edition focuses on women in industry across Niagara, reflecting the City's and Council's commitment to inclusion, equity, and recognition of diverse contributions to economic growth.

Highlights of the 2025 Edition

- **Women in Industry:** The magazine shines a spotlight on women leaders, entrepreneurs, tradespeople, and professionals across Niagara, illustrating their impact on local growth and innovation. These stories demonstrate how women are advancing industries such as manufacturing, healthcare, education, and community development.
- **Community-Wide Contributions:** By recognizing the achievements of women from a broad range of sectors, the edition reinforces that Niagara's prosperity is built through collaboration and inclusivity.
- **Strategic Messaging:** The publication continues to align with Council's strategic priorities of economic growth, livability, environmental stewardship, and health and well-being.

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- **Distribution and Use:** The magazine is leveraged at tradeshow, conferences, and investment missions, and is actively used by Council, staff, and partners to promote Welland as a dynamic and welcoming place to invest and grow.

The *Made in Welland* magazine remains a cornerstone of the City's investment-attraction strategy, offering a professional, high-impact tool that shows Welland's strengths to a wide audience. This year's edition demonstrates leadership in celebrating women in industry and their vital role in the growth of Niagara's economy. We welcome you to view the 2025 edition via the following link: <https://madeinwelland.ca/resources/publications/>



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September 24, 2025

Email: premier@ontario.ca
The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Support for Niagara GTA Corridor

Please be advised that, at its meeting of September 23, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Grimsby regarding the Niagara GTA Corridor.

The Town of Grimsby resolution is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: Regional Municipality of Niagara
Local Area Municipalities
Local MPPs, Jeff Burch, Wayne Gates, Sam Oosterhoff, Jennifer Stevens
Local Area MPs, Dean Allison, Tony Baldinelli, Chris Bittle, Fred Davies
Hon. Kinga Surma, Provincial Minister of Infrastructure
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Councillor Jeff Beattie's Office – Ward 10, Hamilton,
City of Hamilton
City of Kitchener
City of Waterloo
City of Guelph
City of Cambridge
City of Brantford



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September 15, 2025

SENT VIA E-MAIL

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Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

RE: Resolution – Support for Niagara-GTA Corridor

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 8, 2025, passed the following resolution:

C-25-177

Moved: Councillor Baradziej

Seconded: Councillor DiFlavio

Whereas the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) is the primary east-west transportation corridor through Niagara; and

Whereas the Town of Grimsby is the gateway to Niagara with limited roadways travelling parallel, creating regional vulnerabilities and a bottleneck affect when incidents or delays occur on the QEW; and

Whereas transportation disruptions on the QEW result in congestion and gridlock across town(s) and the region; limits mobility for residents, businesses, and emergency services; and have direct economic and social costs on our community in Niagara; and

Whereas the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis (CANCEA) estimated the economic and social cost of congestion in Ontario in 2024 was \$56.4 billion; and

Whereas a new corridor in the Niagara Region has the potential to increase access to businesses along the new corridor and increase efficiency of the movement of people, goods, products and services to market. All of which make Niagara more attractive to job-creating business investment, and new residents looking to live and work in Niagara; and

Whereas a strategic corridor linking the rapidly growing Waterloo Region, Hamilton, and Niagara Region has the potential to strengthen economic ties between municipalities, creating an inter-regional economic powerhouse and transportation connection serving over two million people, while reducing the bottleneck affect on the QEW in Niagara, Hamilton and the GTA; and

Re: Resolution – Support for Niagara-GTA Corridor

Whereas a new transportation corridor between Niagara and the GTA is critical for long-term regional connectivity, sustainable population growth, balanced infrastructure development, and economic development.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Grimsby and Council express support for the inclusion of a new Niagara-GTA corridor as part of the ongoing Region of Niagara's Transportation Master Plan.

Be it further resolved that this motion be circulated to all Niagara municipalities, MPs and MPPs, the Provincial Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation, the Premier of Ontario, Councillor Jeff Beattie's Office – Ward 10, Hamilton, the City of Hamilton, the City of Kitchener, the City of Waterloo, the City of Guelph, the City of Cambridge, the City of Brantford, and the Regional Municipality of Niagara, expressing our community's support for continued planning and investment in a Niagara-GTA corridor as a transportation priority.

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

Regards,



Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC:

Regional Municipality of Niagara
Local Area Municipalities
Local Area MPs
Local Area MPPs
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Councillor Jeff Beattie, City of Hamilton
City of Hamilton
City of Kitchener
City of Waterloo
City of Guelph
City of Cambridge
City of Brantford

September 26, 2025

Ministry of Energy and Mines
77 Grenville Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Re: Support Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion

This is to confirm that at the September 15, 2025, Corporate Services Committee Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

Supports the Ministry's consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion (NGEP Phase 3) and endorses access to natural gas as an option to other energy solutions to advance the Township of West Lincoln's housing, employment lands, and economic development objectives.

Directs staff to submit comments to ERO 0250923 reflecting Township of West Lincoln's priorities, including: priority application types, alignment with Official Plan/Secondary Plans, sites and corridors where gas access would enable development (housing/employment lands), any Phase 1 and 2 learnings (if applicable) and practical barriers (e.g., timing, permitting, costs, land access).

Forwards this resolution to MPP Sam Oosterhoff, the Minister of Energy and Mines, the Ontario Energy Board, AMO, and neighbouring municipalities.

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,



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cc. Sam Oosterhoff, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Niagara Region Municipalities
Ontario Board of Energy

September 30, 2025

CL 14-2025, September 25, 2025

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Motion Respecting State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2025, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Niagara Region issued three separate declarations of emergency in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction on February 23, 2023, recognizing that the scope and scale of the crisis surpasses the Region's capacity to respond effectively; and

WHEREAS following the submission of the three declarations of emergency, the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) has engaged with the Region's Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC); and

WHEREAS these issues have continued to intensify and add further strain to the social support system in Niagara over the past two years; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are continuing to experience similar challenges; and

WHEREAS a coordinated, province-wide approach and associated funding support is required to address the growing emergency of mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction, the scale of which falls well beyond the scope of what a municipality can address.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Region **ADVOCATES** that the Province support a coordinated approach between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to address ongoing challenges related to mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction;
2. That Niagara Region **FORMALLY ADVOCATES** for Provincial funding to address identified gaps in programs and services contributing to the state of emergency including affordable housing, supportive housing, addictions treatment, and mental health supports for vulnerable populations; and

3. That this motion **BE SENT** to the Provincial and Federal Governments, FCM, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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Distribution List

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September 25, 2025

Via Email doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Council Resolution Opposing the Elimination of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras

Please be advised that Town of Midland Council passed the following Resolution at their September 24th, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor MacDonald
Seconded By: Councillor Ball

Resolution Number: RES-2025-247

WHEREAS a 2025 CAA survey of 1,500 Ontario drivers found 73 per cent actually support the use of speed cameras and 76 per cent say they deter speeding. A recent SickKids study also found they cut speeding around Toronto schools nearly in half;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) who said "Employing ASE tools has been proven to reduce speeding, change driver behaviour, and make our roads safer for everyone — drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and especially children and other vulnerable road users";

AND WHEREAS the Town of Midland entered into legal and good faith implementation of Provincially approved automated speed enforcement cameras to reduce speeds in our school and community safety zones and has committed to the continued installation of traffic calming infrastructure in our community whose funding source is fines from offenders rather than law abiding taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the Premier has announced his intention to introduce legislation to ban automated speed enforcement;

BE IT resolved that Midland Council send this resolution expressing our opposition to any attempts to usurp this community safety initiative in our community and that copies be circulated to the MMAH, the MTO, AMO and Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours Truly,

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar
Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk

cc. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, minister.mah@ontario.ca
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org
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SENT VIA EMAIL

September 26, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on August 25, 2025, passed the following resolution regarding postage:

"WHEREAS Postage costs have seen significant increases, including 25% in 2025 alone;

WHEREAS paper billing has a further environmental cost in both materials (trees) and transportation;

WHEREAS paper billing is increasingly being displaced by environmentally friendly and cost-efficient e-billing;

WHEREAS the Municipal Act indicates the right to a paper bill, and cost-recovery fees for paper billing for tax, and utility bills are unclear;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council request the Province of Ontario to amend the Municipal Act to permit municipalities the ability to grandfather-out paper billing as the default option, and to permit municipalities to establish fees for paper billing for new accounts that opt for this method of delivery;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing, all other municipalities within Ontario for their consideration and possible endorsement."

Yours truly,



A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Sloane Sweazey, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Kitchener
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