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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Rob Axiak, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: September 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Workshop #3, September 24th (In-Camera) – Human Resource Planning

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to invite and encourage your participation in the upcoming Workshop #3 (September 24th in-camera) on Human Resource Planning, hosted by the Corporate Leadership Team (CLT). This session will be an invaluable opportunity for us to discuss the challenges and opportunities related to human resources in the context of the City's growth and strategic priorities as we head into the budget process. In accordance with Section 239(3.1) of the *Municipal Act of Ontario*, this upcoming workshop will be in-camera, as it involves member training and education without the requirement for any decision-making.

As you are aware, the effective management of our human resources is critical to the success of our organization. With increasing service demands, evolving staff needs, and limited resources, we must ensure we are well positioned to manage current and future staffing requirements in a sustainable and strategic manner. This workshop will give us the space to collaboratively assess our staffing needs, identify potential gaps, and explore innovative approaches for long term human resource planning.

Your insights as Council members are crucial to this process. By attending, you will be able to:

- Understand the constraints, challenges, and opportunities facing staff as we balance budget limitations with the demand for enhanced services.
- Provide input on Human Resource planning in alignment with Council's strategic goals.
- Participate in shaping a forward-looking HR plan that will ensure the city can continue delivering high-quality services to residents.

The input provided during this session will be integral in guiding staff to prepare future reports and recommendations for Council consideration. General themes and ideas will emerge for this session, which will then help position the upcoming budget process.

Given the importance of this matter in advance of the upcoming budget process, I encourage full participation from all Council members. This is an opportunity to work together with staff to ensure that our staffing plan meets the long-term needs of the city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Rob Axiak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rob Axiak
CAO

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

FROM: Marc MacDonald, chief communications & engagement officer

DATE: Friday, September 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Budget communications

City staff have developed a comprehensive communication and engagement strategy for the 2025 budget process. The plan focuses on community input and collaboration, with the goal of receiving input on the budget based on the needs and priorities of residents, businesses, and interested parties. Key tactics include surveys, podcasts, and social media campaigns to encourage broad participation.

The engagement strategy will be implemented from September to November, beginning with a media release and web updates. A series of podcasts and social media posts will educate the public on the budget process, including user fees, capital planning, and the nine-year forecast. Regular updates will be shared through biweekly e-bulletins and social media, ensuring the public remains informed throughout the process.

To facilitate community input, a survey will be launched for direct feedback. The use of online tools, such as the Engage Welland platform, will provide easy access to information, ensuring transparency. Posters with a QR code to the survey will be placed at City facilities to reach a broad audience. Metrics like survey participation and social media engagement will be tracked to assess the effectiveness of these efforts.

By fostering open communication and offering multiple channels for feedback, staff aim to create a budget that reflects the community's priorities and supports long-term growth. We are confident that this approach will enhance trust and collaboration between the City and its residents.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tara Stephens, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

DATE: September 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Response to Notice of Motion from the Pending Referral/Deferral Summary – Suitable Replacements for Paper

On May 21, 2019, council approved a motion recognizing its responsibility to both the community and the environment by committing to become paper-free by the end of 2019. Since the approval of this motion, the clerks division conducted extensive research into various systems, ultimately selecting the eScribe system as the most suitable option.

eScribe is a comprehensive cloud-based meeting management solution that supports the preparation, approval, and publication of agendas and minutes in a streamlined and digital format. The platform allows council members and staff to access and review materials through an online portal, reducing reliance on printed materials.

Beginning in 2022, council agendas have been prepared and published using eScribe. The eScribe app has been used as the official platform for publishing council agendas, allowing council members and staff to review all relevant materials online in a centralized location.

To align with Council's commitment to becoming paper-free, staff encourage members of council to transition to the use of the eScribe app for reviewing agendas. This will not only reduce the environmental and financial costs associated with printing, but also promote greater efficiency in accessing and managing agenda materials.

Staff are available to provide further training and support to any members who may need assistance in fully transitioning to the eScribe platform.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

Cc: CLT

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

DATE: September 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Quarterly Economic Development Brief

We are excited to announce the release of the first issue of the Economic Development Quarterly Brief on September 13, 2024. This new report will provide updates on recent investments within the city, highlight key community initiatives, and feature a business spotlight section to showcase local successes and emerging opportunities.

The Quarterly Brief will be published four times a year, keeping you and the public informed of the latest developments and trends in our community. Upcoming reports will be released and published on the Made in Welland platform as follows:

- September 2024
- December 2024
- March 2025
- June 2025

We look forward to sharing this first issue and continuing our work to support Welland's economic growth.

Quick Facts

Average home price: (September 2024): \$567,700

Total Population: 55,750 (6.6% increase 2016 vs. 2021)

Total Building Permits Issued: 868 (2023)

Community Initiatives and Updates

Rev Up Your Engines: Welland Economic Development Teams Up with Automotive Parts Manufacturing Association (APMA) for a High-Octane Info Session

In March 2024, the Welland Economic Development teamed up with the Automotive Parts Manufacturing Association (APMA) for an informational session on Project Arrow 2.0 and to discuss the opportunities within the electric vehicle sector. This event was attended by over 50 industry leaders to learn more about the Canadian electric vehicle sector.

City of Welland and Niagara Catholic District School Board Join Forces: Sparking Excitement for Skilled Trades Careers!

On February 1 and May 15, 2024, the City of Welland and the Niagara Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) hosted two Skilled Trades nights aimed at highlighting the apprenticeship pathway and underscoring the importance of skilled trades to students in grades 6 through 11. The 2024 events drew over 600 students and parents.

City of Welland Rolls Out New Commercial Filming Platform: Where Your Vision Takes Center Stage

Welland is positioning itself as a film industry hub, aiming to attract more production companies by showcasing provincial incentives and offering a centralized point of contact through a new commercial filming landing page. To boost the city's visibility for commercial filming, efforts include updating location photography in collaboration with Ontario Creates.

Physician Recruitment: Building Healthier Communities, One Doctor at a Time!

The City of Welland has approved a \$1 million budget for a physician recruitment incentive program aimed at bringing new family doctors to the community. So far, the program has successfully attracted eight (8) new family physicians to Welland, with more expected to join.

New Business



Lemayzzz Meats Carves Out Success with Second Location: More Cuts, More Flavor!

483 East Main St

Lemayzzz Meats has launched its second location in Welland following the success of its original store in Port Colborne, which has been operating since 2016. The new 4,500 square foot butcher shop employs approximately 30 people and feature an expanded deli menu, a barbecue area, and The Artful Cookie, an online cookie business.



City of Welland Welcomes Fonthill Lumber's Grand Opening: Constructing New Opportunities for the Community!

7 Woodlawn Rd

Fonthill Lumber, founded in 1951, has expanded from its original site on Highway 20 in Fonthill to a new, significantly larger facility on Woodlawn Road in Welland. The new 96,000 square foot complex, which includes a manufacturing plant for trusses, a retail outlet, and a sawmill, celebrated its grand opening in June 2024.



Riddell Scores Big with New Welland Location: Gear Up with Top-Notch Sports Equipment!

150 Downs Drive

Riddell opened its new location in June 2024 in the River Road and Downs Drive Industrial Park. Renowned for designing and manufacturing football equipment, particularly helmets and protective gear, Riddell is a leading brand in the sports industry. The company provides equipment for players of all levels, from youth leagues to professional teams, and is celebrated for its innovations in helmet technology.



Upper Canada Railway Service rolls into Welland

361 Enterprise Drive

A brand new 20,000 square foot facility has been completed and is open for business in the Enterprise industrial subdivision. Employing 30 people with plans to expand already in the works, Upper Canada Rail Service is quickly becoming a staple in the Welland community.

UCRS is a worldwide first quality manufacturer and supplier of a wide range of assembly components and spare parts for locomotives, freight cars and passenger coaches.



Class 'A' Industrial Excellence: River Road and Downs Drive Complex Welcomes New High-Caliber Construction!

150 Downs Drive

A brand new 36,000 square foot "Class A" industrial building in Welland's newest industrial park is complete. With over 75% of the facility leased, the tenant mix includes a wide range of industries including: Riddle, Derma blend, Cheer Niagara and EllisDon.



Welland Welcomes a Taste of Edmonton: Food Plus More is Ready to Spice Up the U.S. Market!

381 Enterprise Drive

A newly established 27,000 sft. meat processing plant in Welland, rooted in Edmonton, is aiming to expand its customer base across southern Ontario by exporting donair meat products to the United States. The Welland facility, located in the Enterprise Industrial Park, imports approximately 60,000 pounds of frozen beef each month.



Giga Casting Brilliance: Linamar Powers Up Welland with 200 New Jobs at Canal Bank Street!

59 Canal Bank St.

The City of Welland proudly welcomes Linamar's cutting-edge giga casting factory, dedicated to producing key structural components for electric vehicles. This state-of-the-art facility revitalizes an industrial site once occupied by Union Carbide and Page Hersey/Energex, bringing approximately 200 new jobs to the community.



Bridgewater Brewery: Pouring Community Spirit into Every Pint in the Heart of Welland!

60 Niagara St

Bridgewater Brewery has become a vibrant new addition to Welland, offering a unique blend of local flavor and community spirit. Located in the heart of the city, this craft brewery is more than just a place to grab a drink—it's a destination that brings people together.



Tempus Restaurant: Savor Culinary Delights with a Scenic View on Welland's Recreational Canal!

25 West Main St

Tempus Restaurant, situated along the picturesque Recreational Canal in Welland, offers an exceptional dining experience with a breathtaking waterfront view. This modern venue serves a menu rich in fresh, seasonal ingredients and inventive dishes, all in a stylish, contemporary setting. Guests can enjoy their meals on a patio overlooking the canal or relax with a signature cocktail indoors.



Halibut House: Fresh Seafood Favorites Now Hooked in Welland!

3 Rice Road

Halibut House is thrilled to open its new location in Welland, offering its renowned seafood dishes in a fresh, modern setting. Known for its high-quality, sustainably sourced fish and chips, the restaurant also features a diverse menu of seafood specialties. With a commitment to exceptional food and warm service, Halibut House has become a go-to spot for seafood enthusiasts in Welland.



KFC Welland: Crispy Classics and New Flavors Await!

3 Rice Road

KFC is excited to open its new location in Welland, offering its iconic crispy chicken and classic flavors to the local community. The modern restaurant provides a great atmosphere for enjoying KFC's famous fried chicken, along with a variety of other menu favorites. Whether you're craving a quick meal or a family dinner, the Welland location is ready to serve up deliciousness in your neighborhood.



Village View: Experience Authentic Pakistani Delights on Niagara Street!

553 Niagara St

Discover the vibrant tastes of Pakistan at Village View Restaurant on Niagara Street in Welland. This culinary gem offers a feast of traditional dishes, including freshly baked naan straight from the tandoor, rich and spicy karahi, aromatic biryani, and flavorful tandoori and charcoal BBQ specialties. With a warm and inviting atmosphere, Village View is the perfect spot for family meals or casual dining.



Sugar Brig: Full Beauty Care with Pedicures, Manicures, Skin Care, Massage, and Hair Removal on West Main Street!

154 West Main St

Sugar Brig, located on West Main Street in Welland, is your go-to destination for comprehensive beauty care. The salon offers a wide range of services, including expert hair removal, pedicures, manicures, skin care treatments, and relaxing massages. With a commitment to personalized service and a serene atmosphere, Sugar Brig ensures a complete pampering experience to help you look and feel your best.



Welland Taekwondo: Elevate Your Skills with Expert Martial Arts Training in Welland!

147 Division Street

Welland Taekwondo, located in the heart of Welland, offers a dynamic environment for martial arts enthusiasts of all ages. The school provides expert instruction in Taekwondo, focusing on building physical fitness, discipline, and self-defence skills. With classes designed for beginners through advanced practitioners, Welland Taekwondo is committed to fostering personal growth and excellence in martial arts.



Breeze Nutrition Bar: Energize Your Wellness Journey with Teas, Shakes, and Protein Coffees!

69 East Main St

Breeze Nutrition Bar, located in Welland, combines a passion for sports, fitness, health, and nutrition to create a welcoming community hub. The bar offers a diverse selection of energy teas, healthy shakes, and protein coffees, all designed to support your wellness journey. With a commitment to connecting with the community and a promise of exciting things to come.

Business Spotlight

Quality Belt Maintenance: Over 50 Years of Unmatched Service and Expertise in Welland and Beyond!

566 Ridge Road

Quality Belt Maintenance (QBM) has been a leader in the industrial rubber products industry for over 50 years, delivering top-notch service and products to an international market. Founded in 1974 by Edgar Thyret, QBM has grown from a single operation into a Canadian company with a global reach, with locations across Canada and the USA.

Specializing in conveyor belt products and services, QBM supports belt-intensive industries like cement plants, power plants, steel mills, shipping, mining, pulp & paper, quarries, and sand and aggregate plants. What sets QBM apart is their unwavering commitment to quality and reliable service, available 24/7 from all their locations.

QBM takes pride in its unique approach to customer service. Unlike many competitors who prioritize sales over service, QBM remains dedicated to providing exceptional, knowledgeable service as the core of their business. With resources strategically staged across nine branches, they mobilize quickly to meet customer needs.

What makes QBM truly unique is their commitment to continuous improvement. They modify, upgrade, and maintain conveyor systems to ensure enhanced reliability for their clients. Their extensive experience, combined with ongoing internal and external training, keeps QBM at the forefront of the industry. QBM remains a key player in Welland's industrial landscape, offering unparalleled service and expertise to the global market.



QBM Welland location - Photo courtesy of QBM

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tara Stephens, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

DATE: September 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Current Status - Pending Motion Referral/Deferral Summary

Since February, the Pending Motion Referral/Deferral Summary has been shared monthly in the Council Information Packages. At that time, the summary included 99 items, of which 51 had already been completed. Since then, staff have made further progress, completing 14 items.

During this period, 20 new items were added due to council's request for further action or information. Of these new items, 7 have been completed. Currently, 47 items remain on the summary.

Staff review this list weekly to monitor progress and ensure tasks are addressed. It is important to recognize the increasing pressures staff face due to the growing number of projects and operational demands.

In the coming months, staff will continue to review and prioritize the completion of remaining historical items and will explore new systems and processes to support timely and effective progress, all while remaining aligned with council's direction.

Below are key factors for council to consider related to the completion of items included in the summary.

Capacity and Resource Constraints – Staff capacity is stretched due to the high volume of ongoing projects and operational demands. As a result, our ability to prioritize and complete all outstanding resolutions within the expected timeframes has been impacted.

Staff Time and Historical Considerations - It is important to acknowledge the significant amount of staff time required to address many of the historical resolutions,

particularly those that involve complex issues resulting from past council and staff actions. While staff are committed to addressing these items, the historical context details add challenges that must be factored into our planning.

Strategic Alignment and Service Levels - Staff request that council consider aligning future resolutions with our strategic plan objectives and current service levels. This approach will ensure that staffs efforts remain focused and sustainable, avoiding the overextension of resources that could compromise the quality of our work and service delivery to the community.

In the future, a summary will be presented to council to facilitate further discussion and direction to assist staff in prioritizing historical items that may be challenging for staff to complete or may not align with the strategic plan.

MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Welland Council Members

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

DATE: September 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Dain City Infrastructure Improvements – Stage 1

Members of Council may recall that the Dain City Inflow & Infiltration Investigation and Remediation Action Plan (GMBLuePlan, June 2021) recommended new storm sewers and replacement of both existing storm and sanitary sewers through three separate phases (stages) within Dain City. In addition to the recommended sewer works, staff identified water replacement and road reconstruction needs in the area, outlining a fulsome plan for future works.

To help fund the proposed infrastructure improvements, Council directed staff to submit an application to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) under report ENG-2021-18 and for a second time under ENG-2023-19. Unfortunately, neither application was successful. Notwithstanding the same, Council did preapprove 2022 funding for Stage 1 of the infrastructure improvements (ENG-2021-23) for a total \$2,751,305 as follows:

Capital Account	Approved Capital Budget
10-320-22356 (Roads)	\$546,040
10-327-22356 (Storm)	\$1,099,280
10-330-22356 (Wastewater)	\$606,265
10-910-22356 (Water)	\$499,720
Total	\$2,751,305

To progress the project forward, staff propose to utilize the previously approved funding to:

- i. Issue a request for proposal (RFP) for consultant engineering services to complete the following:
 - a. Preliminary design of new sanitary and storm sewers, new watermain and full road reconstruction within all three stages;
 - b. Creation of a multi-phase, multi-year implementation plan outlining projects with achievable individual project scopes and costs; and

- c. Detailed design and tender preparation for the first proposed project within the multi-year phasing implementation plan.
- ii. Construct the first proposed project within the multi-year phasing implementation plan.

A plan illustrating the anticipated project area has been attached for reference. The project area will be further defined as the preliminary design progresses.

Staff will return to Council with recommendations for the award of the consultant engineering services in Q4 this year.

ATTACHEMENT 1: PROPOSED PROJECT AREA



MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

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

DATE: September 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Physician Recruitment Incentive – Dr. Rajinder Maan & Dr. Ekene Azuamah

I'm pleased to inform Council that Dr. Rajinder Maan and Dr. Ekene Azuamah have chosen Welland for their family practice. Dr. Maan will be practicing at Medcare Clinics located at 589 South Pelham Road, Unit 125 and Dr. Azuamah will be practicing at Ace Family Practice & Walk in Clinic located at 95 Lincoln Street, Unit 17. Dr. Maan and Dr. Azuamah are accepting new patients. If you know of anyone looking for a Family Physician, they can become a patient by calling 905-788-3000 for Dr. Maan and registering here <https://form.jotform.com/242498215087261> for Dr. Azuamah.

City staff have been working closely with the Region's Physician Recruitment Specialist and have been successful in attracting 9 new family physicians since the approval of the Physician Recruitment Incentive.

To date Dr. Shublaq, Dr. Zayed, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Calcagno, Dr. Patel, Dr. Khan, Dr. Sule, Dr. Maan and Dr. Azuamah are practicing in the City of Welland.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

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

DATE: September 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Emergency Fuel System Electrical Replacements

Please be advised that City staff are initiating emergency fuel system electrical replacements for an estimated cost of \$89,945.14 (plus HST) in accordance with the procurement policy related to emergency purchases. As recommended by our Finance Division, the works will be funded by the Capital Surplus reserve fund (540000-50-625-01402).

For background, staff received \$200k of funding in 2016 to replace the fuel tanks/pumps at the Service Centre however when the project went out to bid in 2019, an additional \$250K was required. Additional efforts were made at the time to save money on the supply and installation. Consequently, the decision was made not to replace panels, electrical equipment, and underground cabling.

Unfortunately, this decision has become a problem with the system going down more frequently and the repairs becoming harder to complete given that the current equipment is obsolete, and parts can't be sourced.

With the Service Centre being the primary fueling location for the City's fleet and Fire vehicles, it is imperative that the fuel system is operational and dependable.

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is developing a Conservation Area Strategy to inform future policies and management plans, and strategically guide the delivery and enhancement of programs and services offered at conservation areas.

Members of the Niagara Peninsula watershed community are invited to participate in the development of the Conservation Area Strategy. Involvement opportunities can be found on the Strategy's [Get Involved portal](https://getinvolved.npca.ca/ca-strategy) (<https://getinvolved.npca.ca/ca-strategy>).

About the Strategy

The purpose of the Conservation Area Strategy is to outline broad objectives for conservation areas and related programs and services as outlined in the *Conservation Authorities Act* and Ontario Regulation 686/21: *Mandatory Programs and Services*. The Conservation Area Strategy is a requirement of Ontario Regulation 686/21 under the *Conservation Authorities Act* to be completed by December 31, 2024.

Guided by the NPCA's *2021-2031 Strategic Plan*, a discussion paper has been prepared to identify overarching goals, objectives, and components of the forthcoming Strategy.

Public Information Centre

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide members of the watershed community the opportunity to learn more about the Conservation Area Strategy and provide feedback on contents of the discussion paper.

The PIC will be a hybrid format, held at the following date and location:

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: 3350 Merrittville Hwy., Thorold, ON L2V 4Y6
Unit 16, Carolinian Hall

Strategy Process Development

Additional details on timelines and opportunities to provide feedback can be found on the [Get Involved portal](https://getinvolved.npca.ca/ca-strategy) (<https://getinvolved.npca.ca/ca-strategy>), including:

1. A 10-minute survey, closing Friday, September 27, 2024,
2. A question-and-answer tool to submit comments and questions, closing November 12, 2024, and
3. A 3-week commenting period, to be opened upon publishing the Draft Strategy in October 2024.

Contact

For more information about the Conservation Area Strategy, please contact:

Kerry Royer
Specialist, Conservation Area Land Planning
905-788-3135 ext. 234 | kroyer@npca.ca



Dear Premier Ford :

RE: REQUEST FOR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE ACROSS ONTARIO

At it's regular meeting held on September 3 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed the following resolution.

<< Resolution: 2024/232 Moved By: Councillor R. St-Louis
Seconded By: Councillor G. Pharand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT at the meeting of September 3, 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing received and supports the resolutions from the following municipalities requesting the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage across Ontario:

- Twp. Lake of Bays, Council passed Resolution #TC-206-2024 at its regular meeting held on August 13, 2024
- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Council passed Resolution #2024-253 at its regular meeting held on August 6, 2024
- Town of Bracebridge, Council passed Motion #24-GC-149 at its regular meeting held on August 26, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing urges the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of West Nipissing as well as across all of Ontario and to fund health care appropriately to ensure that every Ontarian has access to physician care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, Honourable Minister of Health for Ontario; Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, Ontario Medical Association (OMA), Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), John Vanthof (MPP), Marc Serré (MP), and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED >>

In accordance with Council's direction, the resolution is being forwarded for your reference.

Respectfully,

Janice Dupuis
Deputy Clerk
Municipality of West Nipissing



Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2024/232
Title: Authorize support resolution re: Physician Shortage
Date: September 3, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Roch St. Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Georges Pharand

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CARRIED



Council - Committee of the Whole

Résolution # 2024/232
Titre: Autoriser la résolution de soutien concernant la pénurie de médecins
Date: le 3 septembre 2024

Proposé par: Councillor Roch St. Louis
Appuyé par: Councillor Georges Pharand

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE lors de la réunion du 3 septembre 2024, le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ovest reçoive et appuie les résolutions des municipalités suivantes demandant au gouvernement provincial de reconnaître la pénurie de médecins dans tout l'Ontario :

- Canton de Lake of Bays, le Conseil a adopté la résolution #TC-206-2024 lors de sa réunion ordinaire du 13 août 2024.
- Ville de Bradford West Gwillimbury, le Conseil a adopté la résolution #2024-253 lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 6 août 2024
- Ville de Bracebridge, le Conseil a adopté la motion #24-GC-149..... lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 26 août 2024

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ovest presse le gouvernement provincial de reconnaître la pénurie de médecins dans la municipalité de Nipissing Ovest et dans tout l'Ontario et de financer les soins de santé de façon appropriée pour s'assurer que tous les Ontariens ont accès aux soins d'un médecin.

IL EST EN OUTRE RÉSOLU QU'une copie de cette résolution soit transmise à l'honorable premier ministre de l'Ontario, à l'honorable ministre de la Santé de l'Ontario, au médecin-chef de la santé pour l'Ontario, à l'Association médicale de l'Ontario (OMA), à l'Association des municipalités de l'Ontario (AMO), à John Vanthof (député provincial), à Marc Serré (député fédéral) et à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

ADOPTÉ

August 13, 2024

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
Dear Mr. Best:

**RE: Request for the Provincial Government to Recognize the Physician Shortage
in the Township of Lake of Bays**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, at its last regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2024, passed the following resolution,

“Resolution TC-206-2024

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada,

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Lake of Bays and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried.”

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

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Copy to:

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All Area Municipalities

August 12, 2024

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queens Park
Room 281
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-253
Moved by: Councillor Scott
Seconded by: Councillor Verkaik

That Council receive the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign for information; and

That Council support the motion as written:

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and

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WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones; and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Deputy Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
(905) 775-5366 Ext 1104
treynolds@townofbwg.com

CC:
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
All Ontario Municipalities

August 26, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage

At its meeting of August 26, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-149, regarding the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage, as follows:

“WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments;

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada;

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bracebridge and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.”

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,



Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

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August 28, 2024

The Honorable Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Suite 400, 37 Sandford Dr.
Stouffville, ON L4A 3Z2

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Paul Calandra

RE: Jurisdiction of Ontario's Ombudsman

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on August 13th, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-08-29

MOVED BY: Wayne Baker
SECONDED BY: Angela Pierman

"WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township support the request from the City of Peterborough that a Bill be introduced to amend the Ombudsman Act;

THAT, the Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be requested to introduce a Bill to amend the Ombudsman Act to require the Ontario Ombudsman to provide to each municipality, if requested by the municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation, matter or case respecting the municipality that is referred to in each of the Ombudsman's Annual Reports to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each such investigation, matter or case including:

- i) a copy of each complaint, as applicable, redacted only to the extent of individuals' personal information contained therein;
- ii) the identities of the municipality's employees, officers and members of Council with whom the Ombudsman was consulting in respect of the investigation, matter or case; and
- iii) particulars of the outcome of the investigation, matter or case including the Ombudsman's findings, conclusions and recommendations, if any.

AND THAT, staff forward Council's resolutions resulting from Council's approval of these recommendations to Minister Calandra, MPP John Jordan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all Ontario municipalities."

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: MPP John Jordan, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
all Ontario Municipalities

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
August 13th, 2024

Report #PD-2024-10
Noelle Reeve, Planner

PROVINCE REMOVES WETLANDS PROTECTION FOR EASTERN ONTARIO

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended:

“THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township urge the Provincial Government to reopen the wetlands regulation consultation for the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) to:

- allow Tay Valley’s wetlands to receive the same protections as wetlands in the other 29 Conservation Districts in Ontario;
- ensure Tay Valley’s \$1.3 Billion Tax Assessment is protected from degradation.

AND THAT, this resolution and a copy of Report #PD-2024-10 – Province Removes Wetlands Protection for Eastern Ontario, be provided to the Minister of Natural Resources, to area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and to all Ontario Municipalities.”

BACKGROUND

On April 1, 2024, the province enacted *Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits*. This regulation replaced 36 individual conservation authority regulations with a single provincial regulation. The O. Reg was intended to bring consistency to the conservation authority regulations. It also reduced the area around provincially significant wetlands where a permit is required from 120 to 30m.

In early June 2024, the Rideau Valley, South Nation and Raisin River conservation authorities began public consultations on regulating all wetlands, to be in conformity with the regulations of the other 29 conservation authorities in the province. On June 25, 2024 the press secretary for the Minister of Natural Resources (MNR) stated, “The province has instructed Rideau Valley, Raisin River, and South Nation Conservation Authorities to permanently stop their implementation plans regarding their wetland policy and mapping updates”.

DISCUSSION

We live in what is often referred to as the Anthropocene (a unit of geologic time, used to describe the most recent period in Earth's history when human activity started to have a significant impact on the planet's climate and ecosystems). As a result of the impact of human activity on the environment, the economy is more closely tied to the health of natural systems, such as wetlands, than at any time in the past.

For example, Tay Valley Township's tax assessment for 2024 is \$1.3 billion (which is grossly undercounted as the provincial government has not increased this assessment for almost a decade, since 2016). Close to three-quarters of this tax base is generated by the economic value of waterfront properties. Anything that degrades the ecological value of the lakes and streams on these properties, or the biodiversity in Tay Valley Township degrades Tay Valley's tax base.

Leaving wetlands unprotected will degrade the value of these properties and, therefore, the Township's economy. Wetlands filter nutrients out of water. Wetlands lessen the effects of climate disruption including rising temperatures by sequestering (storing) carbon. Wetlands also reduce the effects of extreme rain events and flooding by retaining water in the special soils of these low-lying areas. Wetlands reduce the impacts of drought by slowly releasing the stored water to groundwater systems.

This year, for the first time ever, a lake in Tay Valley Township was confirmed by the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks to have a blue-green algae outbreak. Blue-green algae is caused by increased nutrients washing into lakes during rainstorms and by increased water temperatures.

The province's information page on blue-green algae [Blue-green algae | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/blue-green-algae) describes initiatives it is taking to reduce blue-green algae blooms in southern Ontario including "Investing \$30 million through the [Wetlands Conservation Partner Program](#) to support conservation organizations to enhance and restore wetlands".

While for southern Ontario, the province recognizes the values of wetlands to: "reduce nutrient run off; improve water quality; improve and increase habitats; and increase biodiversity", in eastern Ontario the province is prohibiting protection of wetlands that the 29 other conservation authorities provide.

Three-quarters of wetlands have been lost in southern Ontario since European settlement. This difference in treatment of wetlands in eastern Ontario feels like the province only cares about wetlands after they are destroyed when they require millions more dollars to recreate (at a lower level of ecological integrity). Protection of the services wetlands provide is cheaper and better for the fish, waterfowl and mammals that rely on them.

The province also has recognized the value of wetlands as green infrastructure. Ontario's Regulation 588/17, which mandates the inclusion of natural assets in asset management planning, marks a significant change in infrastructure governance. It positions Ontario as the first and only Canadian province to enforce natural assets as a required component of asset management planning at the municipal level.

By identifying and harnessing the value of natural assets and their associated services, municipalities can enhance the resilience and effectiveness of their infrastructure systems. Green infrastructure, including wetlands, provides a variety of services, including storm water management, recreation, and climate resilience which result in economic benefits, as they provide multiple services at a lower cost than grey infrastructure, which is typically built for a singular purpose.

The province has also identified planning at the watershed scale as a goal in the Provincial Policy Statement. Sustainable watershed planning depends on conserving wetlands.

OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

Option #1 (Recommended) – Council supports the motion to urge the Provincial Government to reopen the wetlands regulation consultation for the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) to:

- allow Tay Valley's wetlands to receive the same protections as wetlands in the other 29 Conservation Districts in Ontario;
- ensure Tay Valley's \$1.3 Billion Tax Assessment is protected from degradation.

And to share the motion and this report with the Minister of Natural Resources, area MPPs, ROMA, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Option #2 – Council supports some of the motion and suggests changes.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None, at this time. However, the loss of wetlands will contribute to increased infrastructure costs in the future from flood impacts.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Healthy Environment – The motion encourages protection of wetlands which supports ecosystem health and protects biodiversity.

Sustainable Finances – The motion encourages protection of wetlands which supports the province's requirements to include green infrastructure in asset management.

Thriving Culture, Economy and Tourism - The motion encourages protection of wetlands which supports the water quality of the Township's lakes and streams which provide economic value via the Township's tax base and tourism.

CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS

The motion can assist Tay Valley's ability to mitigate climate disruption by maintaining the ability of wetlands to sequester carbon, mitigate floods and droughts, and maintain the tremendous biodiversity represented in Tay Valley Township by the overlap of ecozones represented by The Land Between and the Frontenac Arch Biosphere.

CONCLUSIONS

Tay Valley Township supports the mapping of wetlands in eastern Ontario and public consultation on draft mapping. Mapping of wetlands and protective regulations (30m setback as is required by most municipalities from a waterbody or stream) are key for preventing the further loss of the crucial natural heritage feature that wetlands represent. The conservation of wetlands has been shown elsewhere to provide greater economic and resource value to a property or an area than the physical development of that property.

The water filtration, flood and drought mitigation, carbon sequestration and biodiversity values of wetlands are far more costly to try to recreate than to protect, as southern Ontario and other jurisdictions have proven.

ATTACHMENTS

- i) Wetlands Soak Up Climate Change (Climate Network Lanark)
- ii) Natural Credit Estimating the Value of Natural Capital in the Credit River Watershed (Credit Valley Conservation and The Pembina Institute)
- iii) Eastern Ontario Climate Change Projections (Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources/Climate Risk Institute)

Prepared and Submitted By:



**Noelle Reeve,
Planner**

Approved for Submission By:



**Amanda Mabo,
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk**

WETLANDS Soak Up Climate Change

Lanark County,
as home to
one of the last
large collections
of wetlands in
Southern Ontario,
has a special
responsibility to
preserve and
protect them.

**Wetlands provide
essential services for
nature and people.**

They store carbon, protect us from floods, provide water for consumption, and support an abundance of life – of birds, wildlife and flora. But they are under threat and are being lost faster than any other ecosystem, mainly for development and farming.

**Percentage of Township as
Wetland in 2002**



Twenty-five percent of Canada's remaining wetlands (6% of wetlands world-wide) are found in Ontario. – OMNR 2009



**CLIMATE
NETWORK
LANARK**

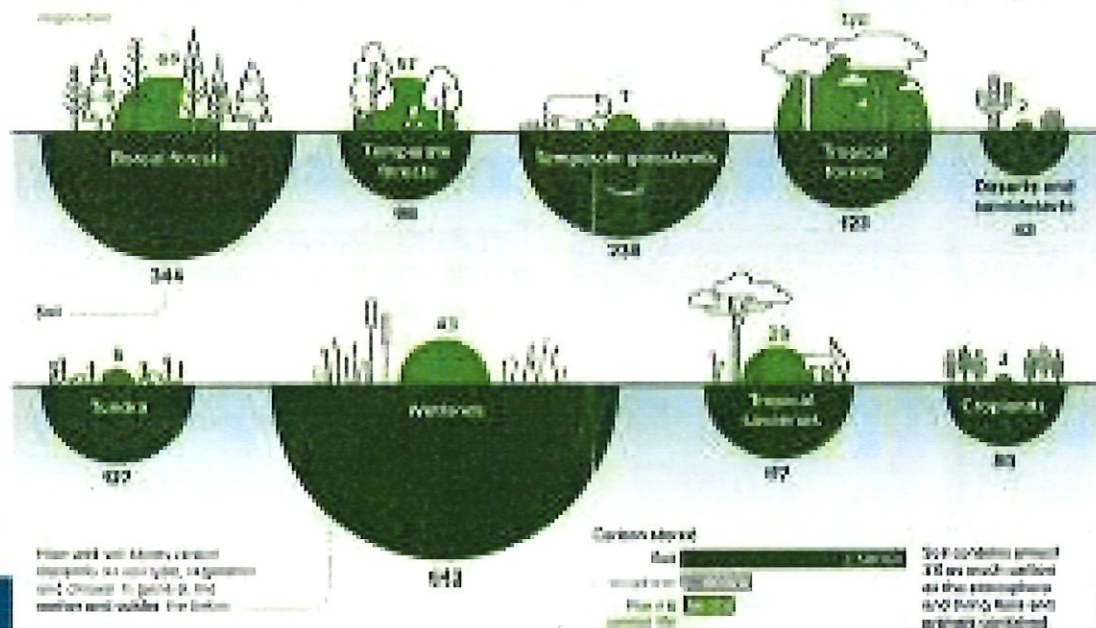
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"Wetlands are some of the most effective of nature's climate control mechanisms. Wetland plants ... collect huge amounts of carbon dioxide. Lanark residents must be vigilant and preserve wetlands rather than drain them, ... Wetland drainage must stop, with compensation for landowners, if required."

– Dr. Paul Neddy, Lanark County Green Party
drpaulneddy.com/conservation/lanark-county

How Wetlands Store Carbon

Carbon Storage Forms of Carbon per Hectare*



Call to Action:

Save Lanark County Wetlands

- Ask your provincial and municipal candidates about how they will protect our WETLANDS.
- Identify and explore WETLANDS in your area.
- Talk to neighbours and friends about the importance of WETLANDS.
- Join CLIMATE NETWORK LANARK.



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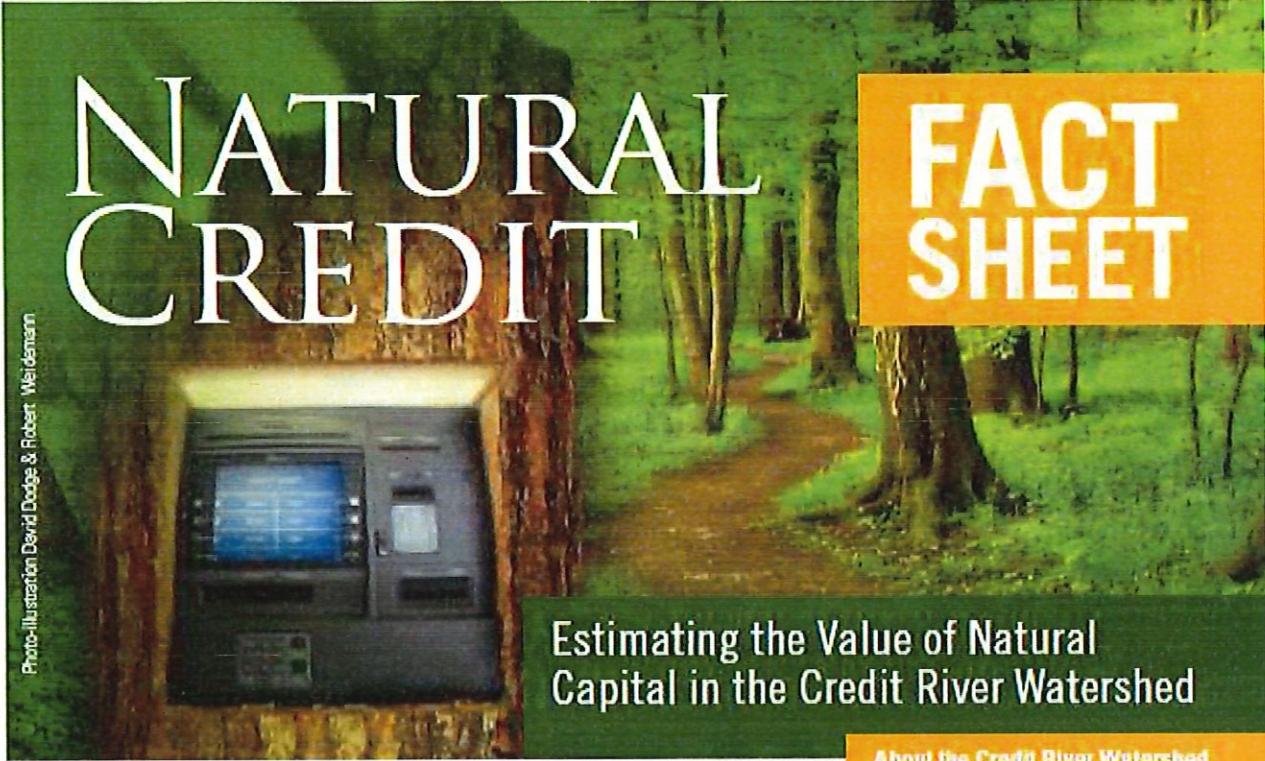
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"Calling it Climate Change is rather limiting. I would rather call it everything change."

— Margaret Atwood

Attachment ii) Natural Credit Estimating the Value of Natural Capital in the Credit River Watershed (Credit Valley Conservation and The Pembina Institute)



NATURAL CREDIT

FACT SHEET

Photo-illustration David Dodge & Robert Weidemann

Estimating the Value of Natural Capital in the Credit River Watershed

The Credit River Watershed provides at least \$371 million per year in ecological services to the residents of the watershed

Without nature, humans could not survive. Nature provides the raw materials for every product we consume. More importantly, it constantly supplies services that sustain life, such as fresh drinking water, food and clean air. Nature directly affects human well-being through its ability to meet a wide variety of human needs, whether from tangible ecological services or from more abstract, psychological connections to nature.

Unfortunately, current accounting systems rarely, if ever, account for nature. In fact, we often assume nature provides unlimited resources, such as fisheries, forests and clean drinking water. We act as if the bank of nature has unlimited assets, and we keep making withdrawals as if there is no tomorrow.

By accounting for natural capital we can start to align our economic ambitions with our ethical environmental responsibility—to provide future generations with at least the same benefits from nature we enjoy. This is the foundation of sustainability.

The Pembina Institute worked with Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) to assess the value of natural capital in the Credit River Watershed. This work is an important component of the information CVC needs to effectively manage ecological resources in the watershed. Given its proximity to the major urban centres of Toronto and Mississauga, the Credit River Watershed faces threats to its natural heritage from resource use and land-use change.

About the Credit River Watershed

The Credit River flows from its origins in Orangeville to Lake Ontario at Port Credit in the City of Mississauga. The watershed covers an area of almost 1,000 square kilometres and has a population of 757,600. The Credit River Watershed is also an important sub-component of the Great Lakes Basin. Its most notable natural capital resources include wetlands, upland forests and water.

Natural Capital

Natural capital consists of the assets of natural ecosystems whose very presence yields a flow of ecological services. This concept was derived from the same notion that we use to treat other forms of capital in our society (financial and human).

Ecological Services

Ecological services are the benefits that society enjoys from the presence of functioning natural ecosystems. Ecological services provide, for free, many of the functions that we currently substitute with man-made processes, such as waste treatment, carbon sequestration and air purification.

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Natural capital saves watershed taxpayers \$100 million in water supply costs every year

Natural capital builds on the notion that Mother Nature does for free what we would otherwise have to pay millions of dollars to do through technology and infrastructure. When we allow growth, pollution or other impacts to compromise these valuable services, that lost value is ultimately borne by taxpayers. Those costs are not accounted for in the way we do business today. This study helps demonstrate that it is possible to come up with real numbers that can inform discussions about land use and development. For example, this study estimated that if we were to compromise our groundwater supply it would cost more than \$100 million per year to pump water from Lake Ontario. And that is just to maintain current water use.

Wetlands provide natural waste treatment, climate regulation and water supply services for free—remove the wetlands and you lose the services.

Value of Natural Capital in the Credit River Watershed

LAND COVER	UPLAND FOREST	RIPIARIAN FOREST	WETLAND	WATER	URBAN FOREST	MEADOWS	AGRICULTURE	TOTAL
Ecological Services	Atmospheric Regulation Climate Regulation Disturbance Avoidance Water Regulation Water Supply Pollination Habitat Recreation	Atmospheric Regulation Climate Regulation Water Supply Waste Treatment Pollination Biological Control Habitat Biodiversity Recreation Culture	Climate Regulation Water Regulation Water Supply Soil Formation Nutrient Cycling Waste Treatment	Water Regulation Water Supply Soil Formation Waste Treatment Habitat Biodiversity Recreation	Atmospheric Regulation Climate Regulation Water Regulation Water Supply Recreation Culture	Climate Regulation Pollination Habitat Recreation	Climate Regulation Pollination Habitat	
Estimated value (\$ per capita per year)	94	67	247	19	25	10	28	490
Estimated annual value (\$ millions)	70.9	51.0	186.8	14.5	18.7	7.8	21.4	371.1



Scenario Analysis

How changes in land cover affect the flow of nature's services

The natural capital of the Credit River Watershed is extremely valuable. But we would have to do a serious study of incremental changes in the value of natural capital to create a precise decision-making tool. To demonstrate the value of natural capital, we created two simple scenarios to test how natural capital might change in value.

To assess how natural capital would be affected by changes in land-use we compared the existing natural capital to the expected natural capital under two land-use scenarios: urban development and reforestation and naturalization.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT: In a recent study conducted by CVC some future urban development scenarios were defined. The scenario explored here includes increasing the urban land cover from 15% to 25% of the watershed, while using current best management practices.

REFORESTATION AND NATURALIZATION: In 2007, CVC articulated a 10-year capital plan, in which it set aggressive reforestation and naturalization goals. CVC expects to plant 2.5 million seedlings (reforestation), and 317,000 trees and shrubs (naturalization) by 2017 as part of a climate change strategy.

Uninformed Decision-Making

We arrived at a value for the existing natural capital by comparing the existence of a particular ecological service to its absence. This approach has been used in a number of instances in Canada. The approach taken in this study is important for demonstrating that our natural environment has significant value, but its usefulness for decision-making is limited. Policy decisions are usually made on what economists call the "margin," which refers to incremental changes rather than the absence or presence of an ecological entity.

Our findings demonstrate that Canada needs to establish a national framework to conduct this type of work. Without this information decision-makers are often left to consider only the information before them. In many cases this would be economic information related to industrial benefits and not ecological benefits.



The Credit River flows from its origins in Orangeville to its mouth at Port Credit on Lake Ontario.



Photo: CVC

Urban forests provide water regulation and supply, waste treatment, and other services worth \$19 million every year in the Credit River Watershed.

Scenarios: Changes in Natural Capital Values

Change in Natural Capital Value (\$ millions per year)	LAND COVER	UPLAND FOREST	RIPARIAN FOREST	WETLAND	WATER	URBAN FOREST	MEADOWS	AGRICULTURE	TOTAL
Urban Development		-6.5	-3.9	-14.8	N/A*	N/A*	-0.8	-4.9	-30.8
Reforestation Naturalization		7.6	5.5	N/A*	N/A*	1.3	-0.7	-0.4	13.2

Urban development comes at a significant cost because valuable services provided by nature are lost.

* Not applicable because of the limitations of the scenario

Investments in reforestation and naturalization can increase the value of the natural capital in the Credit River Watershed, thereby providing significant benefits to residents.



Photo: Credit Valley Conservation

Investments in Forests Pay Dividends

As urban development proceeds there is a real cost to natural capital. The risk is that higher value land cover types, such as wetlands, which have an annual economic value of \$187 million, could be jeopardized. However, restoring natural landscapes can be shown to provide clear benefits to society. Based on the analysis done in this report, if CVC invests the \$8 million over 10 years to plant trees and shrubs on abandoned and degraded lands, the return to society is over \$13 million per year. An approach like the one used in this study can help measure the costs of urban development and the economic benefits of conservation initiatives such as reforestation and naturalization. Further, this type of work can turn the balance sheets around on how businesses and governments approach nature.

Bank of Nature Earns High Interest

The natural capital of the Credit River Watershed delivers a sustainable flow of services to society on the order of at least \$371 million per year.

- Wetland services were found to be the most valuable in the watershed, returning an annual flow of benefits worth a minimum of \$187 million per year.
- The current mix of forests in the watershed composed of upland forests, riparian forests and urban forests return a minimum of \$71 million per year, \$51 million per year and \$19 million per year, respectively.
- Water benefits in the Credit River Watershed are at least \$15 million per year.

There are a number of potential development patterns that could emerge in the Credit River Watershed. The results of our analysis indicate that if the residents of the watershed want to enhance the value of natural capital in the watershed then a focus on reforestation and naturalization can return some very big gains over the next 10 years. We estimate that a reforestation and naturalization plan will return more than \$13 million per year to the residents of the watershed. Conversely, if urban development progresses along current trajectories from 15% urbanization today to 25% urbanization, we can expect losses to natural capital of about \$31 million per year.

Conservative Estimates

The natural capital values reported in this study should be considered a lower bound for three main reasons:

1. **Only values to watershed residents were considered.** It is possible that some people outside the watershed value the Credit's natural capital.
2. **Existing data allowed for estimation of only a small selection of the ecological services.**
3. **In cases where data limitations forced us to make assumptions, the most reasonable conservative assumption was applied.**

Want More Information

For more information on the analysis conducted by the authors please download the full technical report *Natural Credit: Estimating the Value of Natural Capital in the Credit River Watershed* from: www.greeneconomics.ca, www.pembina.org or www.creditvalley.ca

Also, please feel free to contact the authors:

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Jeff Wilson, Ecological Goods and Services
Project Coordinator, Credit Valley Conservation
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Attachment iii) Eastern Ontario Climate Change Projections (Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources/Climate Risk Institute)

Summary	
Climate Variable	Projected Change – 2050s
Annual Air Temperature	+ 2.7°C
Winter Air Temperature	+ 3.1°C
Summer Air Temperature	+ 2.5°C
Annual Precipitation	+ 5.8 to 5.9%
Winter Precipitation	+ 11 to 11.6%
Summer Precipitation	+ 1.6 to 2.7%

Summer 2017 Flooding MVCA photo



Photo 55 Downstream View of Bennett Dam



August 28, 2024

The Honorable Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
Unit 2.04/2.05 230 Manitoba St.
Bracebridge, ON P1L 2E1

Sent by Email

Dear: Graydon Smith

RE: Province Removes Wetlands Protection for Eastern Ontario

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on August 13th, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-08-11

MOVED BY: Wayne Baker

SECONDED BY: Angela Pierman

“THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township urge the Provincial Government to reopen the wetlands regulation consultation for the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) to:

allow Tay Valley’s wetlands to receive the same protections as wetlands in the other 29 Conservation Districts in Ontario; and
ensure Tay Valley’s \$1.3 Billion Tax Assessment is protected from degradation.

THAT, landowners be compensated by the Province when wetlands are designated on their property,

AND THAT, this resolution and a copy of Report #PD-2024-10 – Province Removes Wetlands Protection for Eastern Ontario, be provided to the Minister of Natural Resources, to area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and to all Ontario Municipalities.”

ADOPTED



A detailed report is included.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron Watt".

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith,
John Jordan, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston,
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA),
and to all Ontario Municipalities

/Enclosure

April 5, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Motion – Exotic Animals

At its meeting of April 2, 2024, the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake resolved the following:

*“Moved by: Mayor Stacy Wight
Seconded by: Councillor Rick Owen*

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of exotic wild animals in captivity;

AND WHEREAS exotic wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the Province;

AND WHEREAS the keeping of exotic wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife;

AND WHEREAS owners of exotic wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with exotic wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of exotic wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of exotic wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the exotic wild animal population;

AND FINALLY THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario's Solicitor General, Ontario's Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, AMO, AMCTO, MLEAO, Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

CARRIED"

As so directed, a copy of Council's resolution has been supplied above for your reference.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Spilman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amberly Spilman
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Josh Machesney, City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

September 5, 2024

Via Email: All Municipalities

RE: AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on September 4, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-389 – AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Moved by Councillor Stedall

Seconded by Councillor Sharpe

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration;

And Whereas AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

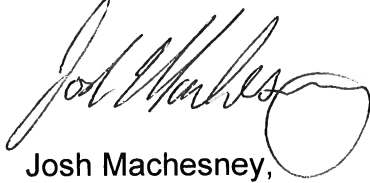
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Quinte West calls for the Province to update The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

And that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, and AMCTO.
Carried

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

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

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Josh Machesney,
City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

September 6, 2024

To: Renee Ainsworth, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

RE: Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee Resolution

At its Regular meeting on September 4, 2024, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C439-2024

Moved by: Moore

Seconded by: Fisher

That Council hereby supports the resolution of the Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee regarding provincial and federal notification of municipally significant processes by the provincial and federal governments; and,

That the letter be circulated to all Ontario municipalities and AMO.

Carried.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Sarah Elliott, Committee Coordinator/Administrative Assistant

Honourable MP Doug Shipley
Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca

Sent via electronic mail

Honourable MPP Doug Downey
Doug.Downey@pc.ola.org

September 5, 2024

Dear Honourable MP Doug Shipley and Honourable MPP Doug Downey

At its Regular meeting on September 4, 2024, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C439-2024 endorsing the Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee's (GEVC) resolution below:

Resolution

Moved by: Coughlin

Seconded by: Alexander

That the Committee recommend to Council that a letter be drafted requesting that local Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament, be requested to provide regular communications to their represented municipalities specifically relating to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding the Study on Regional Governance, as well as other provincial and federal processes, consultations, etc., that may affect their municipality.

Carried

The GEVC's resolution followed a discussion noting concerns that the Township was not notified of the public hearings held by the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding the Study on Regional Governance. The County of Simcoe is included in the governance review, and these public hearings would have provided an opportunity for the Township to express its opinion on a matter that significantly impacts Springwater.

Please have your offices confirm a commitment to regular communications, including advance notifications of public hearings, meetings, and processes involving Springwater and, more broadly, Simcoe County.

I can be reached via email at jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca or by phone at 705-728-4784.

Regards,



Jennifer Coughlin
Mayor, Township of Springwater

cc. All Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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September 5, 2024

Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-11

Moved By: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan received correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association dated June 19, 2024 regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;
NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan does hereby receive and support the correspondence dated June 19, 2024 from the Ontario Forest Industries Association and urges the Ontario government support all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario Forest sector faces."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



June 19, 2024

The Hon. Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1W3

The Hon. Nolan Quinn
Associate Minister of Forestry
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1W3

Submitted via email.

Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

Minister Graydon Smith and Associate Minister Nolan Quinn,

Congratulations on your recent appointments within Premier Doug Ford's Cabinet. The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) looks forward to our productive and continued work together.

Over the last six months, three of Ontario's six pulp and paper mills have permanently closed or idled. Adding to the issue was the closure of a critical softwood pulp market in Quebec. As you know, these facilities served as important consumers of solid-wood byproducts from Ontario sawmills.

The OFIA appreciates the many opportunities we have had to speak with you and senior leadership within Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Premier's Office. This includes in-person meetings with members of OFIA's Board Executive Committee on January 19th, March 19th, and May 28th, 2024. During these meetings, the OFIA presented short and long-term actions Ontario could take to address the regional chip and pulpwood market crisis endorsed by the OFIA membership (incl.).

The industry eagerly anticipates government action on this matter, as operating conditions for many have continued to worsen over the past six months. Combined with weak markets for some finished products, many companies struggle to continue their operations. We are now facing an unprecedented challenge in the sector, which could have negative and long-lasting implications for northern and rural communities across Ontario.

Without immediate action in response to OFIA recommendations and, critically, the vetting of potential solutions through the industry to ensure programs truly meet the sector's needs, we fear Ontario could face further curtailments, job losses, and lost economic opportunity.

The OFIA is ready to work with the Ontario government to set the forest products sector on a long-term and stable path towards economic development and prosperity. This includes our

vision of a *Forest Energy Directive* to develop bioheat, district heating, liquid fuels, renewable gases, biocarbon, and electricity generation projects, supporting Ontario's massive forecasted growth in non-emitting energy demands.

We urge you and your colleagues to continue supporting all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario forest sector faces and look forward to future discussions with you.

Sincerely,



Ian Dunn, R.P.F.
President & CEO
Ontario Forest Industries Association
Cell: 647-297-3827

Incl. March 19th, 2024 Slide Deck – Summary of Input from the Membership – OFIA Meeting with the Hon. Graydon Smith

May 28th, 2024 Slide Deck – Ontario Forest Energy Directive

CC The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs
The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Mines
The Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification
The Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy Intensive Industries
The Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Education
The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MPP John Yakabuski, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy
MPP Kevin Holland, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines
Deputy Minister Drew Vanderduim, Ministry of Natural Resources
OFIA Membership



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September 5, 2024

Re: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-10
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years.

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the County of Renfrew and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



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September 5, 2024

Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP Small Rural Municipalities

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-09

Moved By: Councillor Banks

Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be It Resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan does hereby endorse the letter from the Municipality of Tweed and request the Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities and;

Furthermore, that a copy of the resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities In Ontario."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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Phone: (807) 825-3315 Fax: (807) 825-9576

July 10, 2024

Municipality of Tweed
255 Metcalf St
Tweed, Ontario
K0K 3J0

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 2, 2024, the following resolution was passed.

Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP small rural municipalities

Resolution: 207-2024

Moved by: Councillor Gary Adduono

Seconded by: Councillor Rick St. Louis

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; AND

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources; AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone; *AND

WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations; AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174; AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall; AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, MPP for Thunder bay-Superior North, Lise Vaugeois and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and at Municipalities of Ontario.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administration Officer/Clerk



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September 5, 2024

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-Ion Batteries

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-08
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supports the letter received from the Township of Otanabee-South Monaghan regarding calling upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to MP Cheryl Gallant and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,


Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

Via Email: david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

Hon. David Piccini M.P.P.
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street
Port Hope, ON
L1A 1C5

Dear Minister Piccini:

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-Ion Batteries

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, regarding the Importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.

At the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting the Fire Chief of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan made a presentation to Council on the dangers presented by lithium-ion batteries. The Fire Chief was reporting back from attending the Charged For Life Symposium presented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

During the presentation, the Fire Chief stressed that the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger. These after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations.

Unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community. Charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results.

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Visit our website at www.osmtownship.ca or follow us on Twitter @OSMTownship

As Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities. We support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries.

We also call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very critical issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Fire Chief if you require any additional information.

**Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Taylor". The signature is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Joe" and last name "Taylor" clearly legible.

Joe Taylor, Mayor

**Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities**

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■ INDUSTRY EXPERTS WEIGH IN ON PROVINCE'S NEW PROVINCIAL PLANNING STATEMENT

POLICY GROWING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION?

Matt Durnan

The **Province of Ontario** is set to introduce some fundamental changes to growth management in the province, replacing the *Growth Plan 2019*, with the new *Provincial Planning Statement, 2024*. The new growth planning policy document continues the current provincial government's focus on building more housing, but some industry experts feel that this focus on increasing quantity is merely "nibbling around the edges", and in some cases, is policy headed in the wrong direction entirely.

On August 20, the government of Ontario released the new *Provincial Planning Statement, 2024* (PPS 2024), a policy document that will replace the in-force Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and the

Growth Plan 2019, on October 20, 2024, integrating them into a single growth management document that will apply to the entire province.

This new policy regime brings with it some significant changes to growth planning in Ontario, while carrying over and modifying some of the policies from the previous PPS.

One of the more significant changes contained in the new *Provincial Planning Statement* is the removal of the requirement for municipal comprehensive reviews for settlement area boundary expansions. In short, rather than only being permitted to consider urban boundary expansions periodically, municipalities will be able to consider settlement boundary expansion at any time, and the tests to be applied

in considering these expansions will be less stringent than they are currently.

Under *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater*

Golden Horseshoe, first introduced in 2006, and the Ford government's updated version *Growth Plan 2019*,

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Rendering of a view of Canadian Tire Corporation's proposal for a two-tower mixed-use development for 304-314 Main St. E. and 17 West Ave. S. in Hamilton. The Hamilton Design Review Panel will review the proposal for the project at its meeting Thursday, September 12. See Hamilton Design Review Panel Agenda pages 9-10.

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UPCOMING DATES

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- 11 Barrie General Committee,
7:00 p.m.
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2:30 p.m.
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- Hamilton Council, 9:30 a.m.
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- Scugog Planning &
Community Affairs
Committee, 6:30 p.m.
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Administration Committee,
10:00 a.m.

■ POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS SHOULD PREPARE STUDENTS
FOR DEMAND IN GREEN ECONOMY SKILLS, REPORT SAYS

PREPARING THE WORKFORCE FOR GREENER PASTURES



Lana Hall

As the ongoing threat of climate change drives a demand for green economy skills in the workplace, post-secondary institutions and employers must work together closely to ensure those skills are being taught in colleges and universities—or in the workplace itself, according to a new report.

The report ‘Hiring Green: An Analysis of the Demand for Green Skills in Canada,’ was produced collaboratively by the **Conference Board of Canada** and the **Future Skills Centre**, and used data from **Vicinity Jobs**, a Canadian labour market data and analytics company to determine what kinds of “green skills” featured prominently in job postings. Among its findings are that wastewater processing and renewable energy are the top areas of green expertise sought by Canadian employers, and that the largest number of job

postings requiring green skills are found in the professional services sector, in roles such as administration, civil engineering and corporate sales. The study also found that Ontario has the highest number of job postings requiring green skills.

While it may not be accurate to say the demand for green skills is widespread—only 1.15 per cent of Canadian job postings reviewed by the Conference Board in 2023 required them—the report found that green skills are in high demand within certain industries, required, for example, in up to 16 per cent of advertised jobs in key sectors like mining and utilities. The report also found that while colleges, universities and other training programs are increasingly focused on developing these skills, gaps remain in education about third-party green

standards certifications, such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

What these findings mean, says CFC senior research associate **Adam Vanzella Yang**, who co-authored the report, is that post-secondary institutions need to continue working closely with employers to address skill gaps in the labour market, especially as they pertain to green skills.

“Many post-secondary institutions have structures like program advisory boards, career services, work-integrated learning opportunities,” Vanzella Yang told *NRU*. “These are potential avenues for collaboration between industry and employers.”

Vanzella Yang says colleges and universities could be integrating education about

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third-party green standards into their programs as well. “These pop up relatively frequently in job descriptions, but they don’t really show up in curricula ... so there could be some more specific tailoring of the curricula to meet these skill needs.”

Many of these skills will be extensions of skills already relied on in the workplace, says **Smart Prosperity Institute** (SPI) senior director of research **Geoff McCarney**. SPI has also done research on in-demand skills for the green economy, most recently with the production of its 2023 report, ‘Ready for Green Jobs.’

“It doesn’t mean that every job changes and becomes completely ‘This is a green job’. It’s just, different skills are going to be undertaken at a range of different jobs,” says

Right: Map showing the number of job postings requiring green skills by province, with darker shaded provinces indicating a higher demand for green skills. In Canada, Ontario leads the way. While it may not be accurate to say the demand for green skills is widespread—only 1.15 per cent of Canadian job postings in 2023 required them—a recent report from the Conference Board of Canada found that green skills are in high demand in certain industries, and that this demand is likely to grow as Canada looks to meet its net-zero emissions targets.

SOURCE: CONFERENCE BOARD OF CANADA

Below: Chart showing the sectors most commonly seeking “green skills” in Canada, as determined in a new report from the Conference Board of Canada and the Future Skills Centre. The report, which used data analyzing job postings across Canada, found that wastewater processing and renewable energy are the top areas of green expertise sought by Canadian employers.

SOURCE: CONFERENCE BOARD OF CANADA

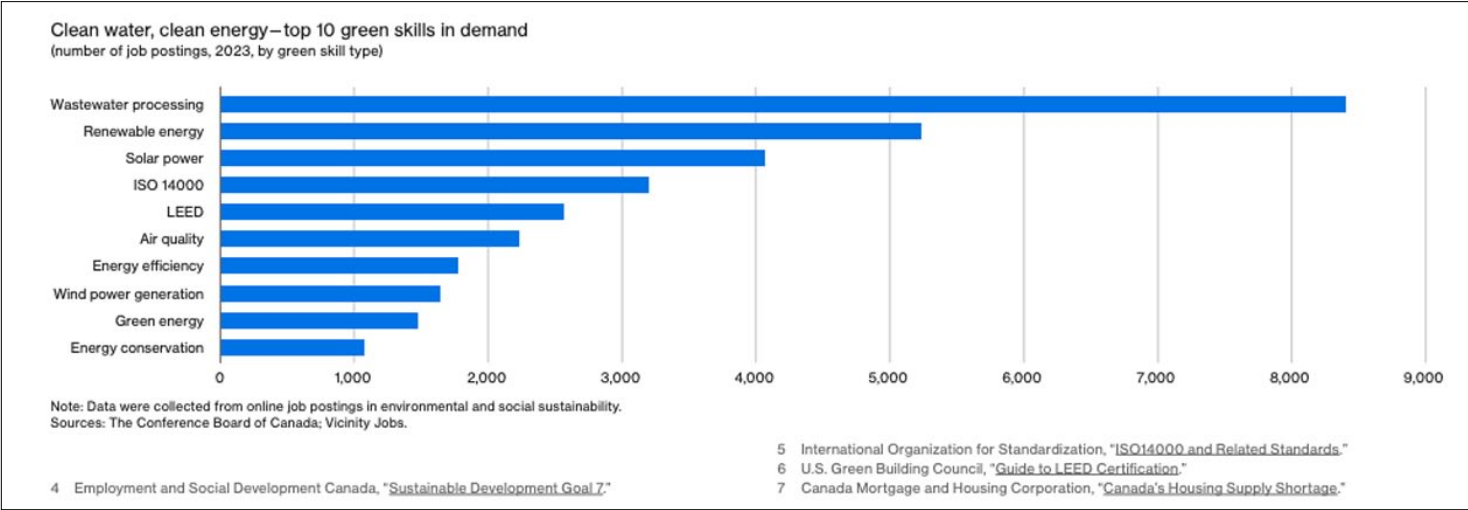
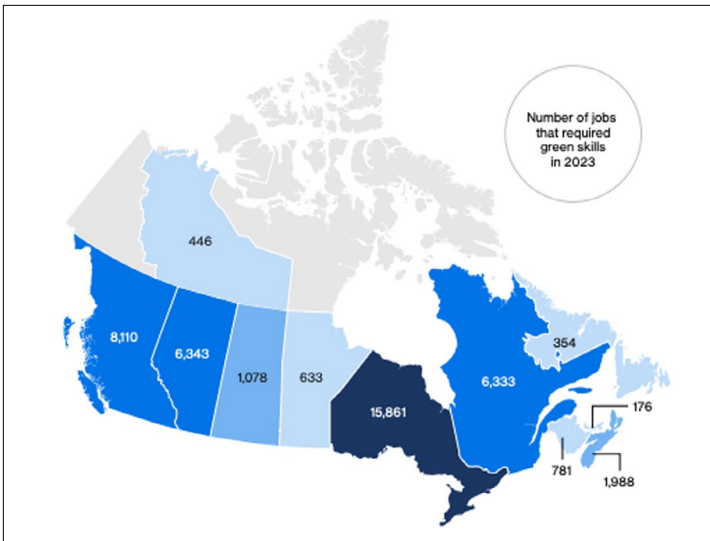
McCarney. “A good example I like to use is that my wife and I had heat pumps installed at our house. But the technicians who came to our house to install that pump were the same technicians who were there six months earlier fixing my gas boiler ... So it’s not just ‘green jobs’ and ‘not green jobs’, it’s skill sets that workers in different aspects of the economy will be picking up and working with.”

McCarney, who says SPI’s research found higher demands for green skills in the construction, clean energy,

manufacturing and forestry sectors, explains that both technical and non-technical skills will be required as the nature of Canada’s economy changes with an increased emphasis on reducing emissions.

“A lot of green tasks that will be in demand are non-technical skills. So things like critical thinking, coordination, complex problem solving, and decision making, which can be the kind of thing we try to emphasize in post-secondary education,” he says. “But there’s also technical

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IN BRIEF

[Township of King seeking input on growth management and employment land strategies](#)

As part of its official plan review, the **Township of King** is recalibrating its growth management and employment lands strategies. The Township's "Our King" official plan review will develop a long-term comprehensive vision of King's future as a whole as well as a detailed policy framework that will guide growth in King until 2051.

The Township is holding an in-person open house on its growth management and employment land strategies this coming Monday,

September 16 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. At the open house, attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about King's growth context and local trends, its population, housing and employment forecasts up to 2051, and its employment and community land needs until then.

The open house will take place in council chambers at the King Township Municipal Centre (2585 King Road), with a staff presentation scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

For more information about King Township's official plan review or the upcoming open house, please visit the King website [here](#).

[Town of Innisfil ward boundary and council composition review](#)

The **Town of Innisfil** is reviewing its ward boundaries and council composition to assess whether or not existing boundaries provide fair representation to residents as part of its municipal elections engagement plan. The Town will be holding an in-person public open house on the review on Thursday, September 19. Members of the public are invited to attend one of two sessions at the Innisfil Idea Lab & Library Lakeshore Branch to learn more about and provide feedback on the review. The

sessions are scheduled for 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm. Registration is not required, but is encouraged.

To learn more about the Town of Innisfil ward boundary and council composition review, to access six discussion papers on it and a recording of a recent virtual public open house in April, or to register for one of the September 19 in-person public open house sessions, please visit the Town website [here](#). 🌱

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skills that are really things that local colleges and technical training colleges are designed to deliver."

Some programs providing the latter, he said, have already been developed. Last year, for example, **St. Clair College** in Windsor launched Ontario's first electric vehicle (EV) technician diploma program, in collaboration with multinational auto

manufacturing company **Stellantis**. The **Canadian Tooling & Machining Association** has been working with employers to provide learning placements at reduced wages in precision metalworking roles.

But whether technical or non-technical in nature, the demand for green skills is likely to grow across most sectors as Canada moves towards its

net-zero emissions targets, says Vanzella Yang. Schools, he says, should be ready for this.

"There could be some more specific tailoring of the curricula to meet these skill needs," he says. "Post-secondary institutions should be ready to meet a growing demand for green skills and work closely with employers."

To read the full report 'Hiring Green: An Analysis of the Demand for Green Skills in Canada', please visit the Conference Board of Canada's website [here](#). 🌱

CALLING A CRISIS A CRISIS



Lana Hall

The Town of the Blue Mountains has long been viewed as a largely affluent community, a getaway for high-earning city dwellers and a hotspot for winter sports, farm-to-table dining, and the site of Ontario's only year-round resort and spa. But at a recent committee of the whole meeting, the **Town of the Blue Mountains** council voted to declare a housing crisis, after hearing from a local housing working group that the town has a deficit of affordable, attainable, and rental housing, putting many of the town's service workers and young professionals in precarious living situations.

"I think it's indisputable that we're facing a housing crisis, that we have not, to this point, made the kind of progress we need," said **Blue Mountains Ratepayers' Association** (BMRA) president **Jim Torrance** at a committee of the whole meeting on August

26. Torrance, along with two other members of the BMRA and representatives from the **Institute of Southern Georgian Bay**, the **Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce** and the local development industry, is part of a local housing strategy working group.

At the August 26 committee of the whole meeting, Torrance presented a housing needs assessment study, prepared for the Town of the Blue Mountains by **Parcel** and **SGL** as part of the Town's official plan review in 2023. The study found that the Town's housing mix is dramatically unbalanced, with single-detached homes making up 80 per cent of the housing stock and only 13 per cent of residents living in rental units, compared with 31 per cent across the province. It also found that despite a large proportion of high-income households in the town, 50 per cent of local households make less than \$100,000 a year.

Based on these factors, the housing needs assessment study determined that the Town should prioritize the development of more affordable housing, purpose-built rental housing, seniors' housing and long-term care spaces, workplace housing, and 'smaller' housing, which the study describes as homes with fewer than three bedrooms.

Torrance explained that the town requires 215 affordable dwelling units to meet its current housing needs, with an additional 1,500 affordable units needed by 2046. These calculations are based on the definition of an affordable rental unit as one that rents for no more than \$1,160 per month and the sale price of an affordable home at no more than \$483,900. Currently, the

town has no housing options available at either of these price points. In addition, the town currently has no purpose-built rental buildings.

The lack of housing options leaves service workers—upon which the tourist-oriented economy of the Town of the Blue Mountains depends—in a position where they struggle to live and work in the same community, said Torrance. "When you consider the number of service industry employees that we have, you can see that the fact that we have such a low percentage of [rentals] as the primary form of abode for people is a significant issue."

But Torrance told the committee that although this housing gap is particularly

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acute for food service and hospitality workers, it impacts young professionals of all kinds who may be making decisions about where to put down roots, including medical professionals, teachers, and civil servants.

“It’s not just employees in the service industry. We’ve heard of employees at Town Hall who have moved outside of the area—in fact outside of the province, because the cost of housing was something that they were not able to manage,

working here and living here.” Torrance noted that he’d even spoken to young physicians who felt it was cost-prohibitive to live in the town while starting up a new practice and paying off student debt. “Housing has more impacts on our community than people maybe give thought to.”

In passing the declaration, Town of the Blue Mountains chief administration officer (CAO) **Shawn Everitt** explained to the committee that by

formally declaring a housing crisis, the Town might be able to unlock other sources of funding and could potentially fast-track priority development projects, particularly those that incorporate affordable or attainable units. It could also assist with the allocation of municipal water and sewage services for those developments.

“I can think of at least five projects right now [where it] would be extremely useful for staff to be able to say to council: ‘These ones will actually expand or increase the number of units that we can provide for allocation,’” Everitt said at the August 26 meeting.

“I’m sure it would be hugely beneficial to council to be

able to [say] ‘That is why we’re moving this project forward in a quick, efficient manner, because we’re actually responding to the crisis, to one of our biggest issues in our community.’” 🌱

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municipalities were required to review and revise their official plans 10 years after they came into effect, and again, every five years thereafter to ensure conformity and consistency with provincial planning policies.

This municipal comprehensive review (MCR) process included elements like land use planning strategies such as identifying the current housing mix and what type of housing was needed, identifying growth centres, setting housing and employment density targets and identifying settlement boundary expansion areas and determining whether or not they were necessary.

Under the provincial *Growth Plans*, settlement boundary expansions could only happen through the MCR process, and municipalities were only able to expand the amount of land identified for settlement to meet their population and growth forecasts. Ultimately, the province had authority to grant or deny municipal settlement boundary expansion requests. Now that power lies with the municipalities themselves.

“We think this [new PPS 2024] is a death sentence for the province’s best farmland and many endangered species, but it also ends any real hope of fixing the housing shortage,”

Environmental Defence counsel and program manager, land use **Phil Pothen** told *NRU*.

“That’s not because it doesn’t go far enough. It’s because it goes in the wrong direction. Ontario has known for years that shifting construction away from sprawl and focusing on denser, more labour-efficient housing types in existing neighbourhoods is the only way to deliver more homes fast enough to end the housing shortage, but they’ve done the opposite.”

Rather than requiring that greenfield land be used more efficiently when it comes to housing development, Pothen says the province has opted to wipe out the idea of settlement area boundaries, as they can be extended at any time without a unified municipal comprehensive review process. “It’s now [settlement area boundary expansion] essentially the same kind of process as an official plan amendment, which effectively means that some boundaries don’t exist,” Pothen said.

“There used to at least be some pressure on municipal governments to accommodate half of their new housing as infill. Now that’s completely optional. [In the PPS 2024], the Minister [of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Paul Calandra**]

has said ‘it’s totally up to you’. He’s given municipalities licence to do what NIMBYs want and not put housing in existing neighbourhoods and force it onto more expensive greenfield sprawl.”

The *Growth Plan 2019* contains specific intensification targets which require municipalities to plan for a certain amount of growth within defined built boundaries. While the 2024 PPS supports intensification, it does so in somewhat of an “over to you” format, downloading the responsibility for growth to municipal planning authorities to establish and maintain minimum targets for intensification and redevelopment within built up areas, based on local conditions.

The only municipalities that will be “encouraged” to meet a provincial target for intensification will be those identified in the new concept introduced in the new PPS 2024 of “large and fast-growing municipalities”. There are 29 of these municipalities listed—including Mississauga, Toronto,

Brampton, Oakville, Hamilton, Burlington, Ajax and Oshawa among others—as having the greatest need for housing. These large and fast-growing municipalities are encouraged to plan for a target of 50 residents and jobs per hectare in designated growth areas.

While the new PPS 2024 may remove some shackles from municipalities when it comes to having to adhere to provincial targets, and brings more planning authority and decision-making to the municipal level, **RESCON (Residential Construction Council of Ontario)** president **Richard Lyall** believes this new plan doesn’t move the needle much when it comes to actually getting housing—and the right kind of housing—built.

“The fact is, we’re not dealing with the elephant in the room yet, which is getting into the taxes, fees and levies on new housing. Development charges have gone up in a number of municipalities in Ontario in the last 20 years by 2,000 per cent,” Lyall told *NRU*.

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“The down payment [on a house] today is really just the increase in a couple of taxes in the last 15 years that didn’t exist before. The thing that I find fundamentally disturbing is that we’ve knocked the first-time homebuyer out of the market. It’s nice to have this Provincial Planning Statement and all that stuff, but we can’t build stuff that people can’t buy, and that’s the problem that we have right now.”

While the Province has announced that the new PPS will come into effect on October 20, there are still some question marks as to how the roll out of the new policy will take place and whether there will be some measure of a transition period required.

“The Province has been saying October 20, but there is still open public consultation on a transition regulation. It had always been the case that the *Growth Plan* would have some sort of transition and I think that made sense because the test was conformity. In this case, now that the *Growth Plan* has gone away, there’s a question. The PPS used to come into force right way, now there’s a question about whether transition is required,” **Aird & Berlis** partner **Laura Dean** told *NRU*.

“So there is a question about

what will happen on that day [October 20], and I don’t know exactly what will happen.”

Dean says that while numerous pieces from the previous Provincial Policy Statement and *Growth Plan* are being carried over to the new PPS 2024, the planning landscape today is far different than it was in 2020, and there are some significant changes being made to land use planning in Ontario that many municipalities will have to navigate.

“The really big change I see is the elimination of municipalities without planning responsibilities. Based on the regulations for municipalities, there are now upper-tier municipalities that don’t have planning responsibility. There was a big role for upper-tier municipalities when the *Growth Plan* was in place, because there was a lot of growth forecasting, growth projections, so that they could meet these targets and have mandatory targets for density and employment,” said Dean.

“Now we don’t have the upper tiers involved in planning decisions as much. The new PPS [2024] directs coordination between municipalities and upper tiers and lower tiers, even when the

upper tiers don’t have planning responsibility. I think there are some questions for those lower-tier municipalities as far as how they’re going to manage the new landscape—the elimination of the regional role in planning decisions. I find it very interesting.”

The *Growth Plan*’s concept of strategic growth areas has been integrated into the new PPS 2024, and municipalities will be encouraged to identify strategic growth areas in their official plans. These areas include major transit station areas (MTSAs), which are also carried over from the *Growth Plan*. Municipal planning authorities must delineate MTSAs on higher-order transit corridors within up to an 800-metre radius of a major transit station.

However, while the new Provincial Planning Statement is far more permissive around where municipalities can build, some industry experts believe there should be a much stronger focus on what we build.

“We’ve got a lag in the data right now. They [the Ontario government] don’t really know what’s being produced right now. They don’t know if it’s bachelors, single-family homes, or whatever else. We know what’s being sold, but what’s actually being produced?” Lyall said.

“We’ve got these broader targets like 3.5 million homes [the federal government’s estimated need for new housing by 2030 to restore affordability],

but where’s the actual plan? You need to develop a plan and first of all, see if you can actually get there, and then look at what we actually need. What kinds of units? How many should be singles? Everything has changed fundamentally. What we produce today is quite different from what we produced 20 years ago and 40 years ago. We’ve got targets but we have no plan to get there yet.”

To view the full Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, please visit the Province of Ontario website [here](#). 🌱

HAMILTON DESIGN REVIEW

PANEL AGENDA

The Hamilton Design Review Panel will consider the following items at its meeting Thursday, September 12 in a virtual session to be hosted on Webex at 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

25 Rymal Road West—Hamilton Design Review Panel will undertake review of **St. Michael Place's** zoning by-law amendment application for 25 Rymal Road West in Hamilton. St. Michael is proposing to

develop a 12-storey mixed-use building containing 88 dwelling units in the residential portion. A commercial unit is proposed on the north elevation of the site fronting Rymal Road West. A total of 120 parking spaces would be accommodated within one level of underground parking, at-grade parking, and podium parking within the second storey of the building. These spaces will accommodate unitized parking, barrier-free parking, visitor parking, and

commercial parking.

Presentations will be made

Below left: Map showing the location (red rectangle) and surrounding context of the site at 25 Rymal Road West in Hamilton where St. Michael Place is proposing to develop a 12-storey mixed-use building. The Hamilton Design Review Panel will review the proposal for the project at its meeting Thursday, September 12.

PLANNING CONSULTANT: MHBC
SOURCE: CITY OF HAMILTON

Below: Rendering of St. Michael Place's proposal for a 12-storey mixed-use development for 25 Rymal Road West in Hamilton, including parking areas and surrounding area context. The Hamilton Design Review Panel will review the proposal for the project at its meeting Thursday, September 12.

PLANNING CONSULTANT: MHBC
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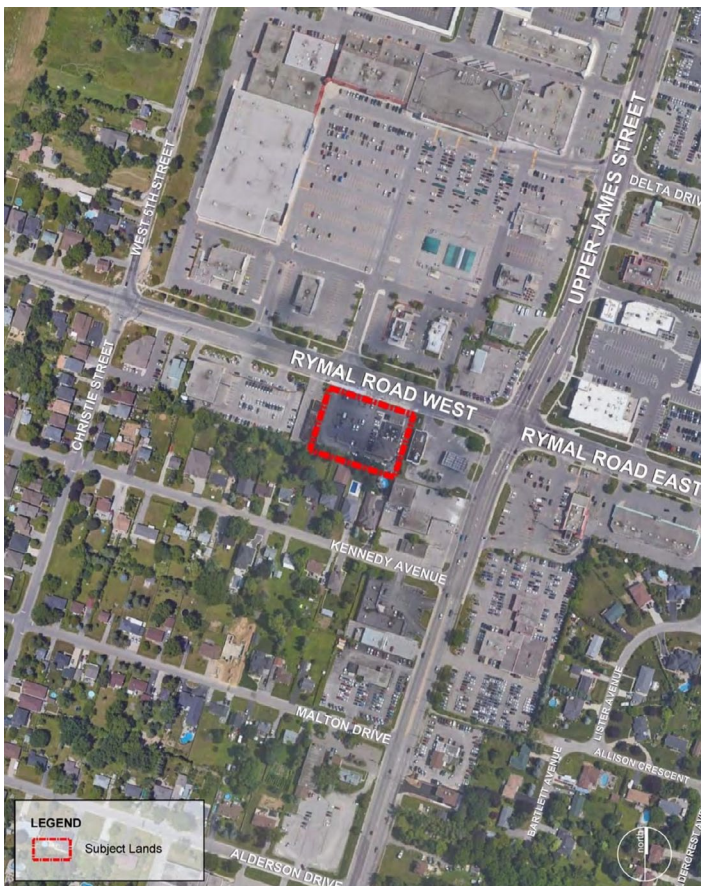
by **MHBC Planning** senior urban designer **Jonathan Hann**, and by **Reinders + Law** vice president of architecture **Kyle Reinders**. MHBC planner **Robyn McIntyre** will also be in attendance on behalf of MHBC partner **Andrea Sinclair**.

2:45 p.m.

304-314 Main Street East & 17 West Ave. S.—Hamilton Design Review Panel will undertake review of **Canadian Tire Corporation's** zoning by-law amendment application for 304-314 Main Street East and 17 West Ave. S.

Canadian Tire Corporation is proposing to develop

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two 25-storey towers with a shared eight-storey podium to be connected over an existing alleyway. The mixed-use development would accommodate residential and office uses. The project is envisioned as providing a landmark gateway to Hamilton's downtown core.

The ground floor abutting Main Street would accommodate live/work units that could support dwellings, maker spaces, and potentially some retail uses to help

structured parking.

Hard and soft landscape elements would be provided along the streetscape in the form of new street trees and a passive activity space that

Map showing the location (shaded red) and surrounding context of the site at 304-314 Main St. E. and 17 West Ave. S. in Hamilton where Canadian Tire Corporation is proposing to develop a two-tower mixed-use development. The Hamilton Design Review Panel will review the proposal for the project at its meeting Thursday, September 12.

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Kathleen Freeman (applicant) and ERA Architects senior associate Dan Eylon (heritage planner) .

3:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned. 🌸



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The development would accommodate a total of 576 dwelling units ranging from one to three bedrooms, in addition to indoor and outdoor amenities. A total of 170 vehicular spaces and 464 bicycle spaces would be accommodated within below ground and above ground

would move into the site for public/private access

Presentations will be made by **Arcadis** associate manager of architecture **Marco VanderMaas** (architect), Arcadis manager of landscape architecture **Tim O'Brien** (landscape architect), Arcadis principal **Mike Crough** (planner), and from **Canadian Tire REIT** associate vice president of development

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Approval recommended for Oshawa apartment building

At its September 9 meeting, **Oshawa** Economic & Development Services Committee considered a [final report](#) recommending approval of a rezoning application by **784464 Ontario Ltd.** for 1226 King Street East. The applicant proposes to develop a four-storey 18-unit apartment building.

Oshawa high-rise development proposed

At its September 9 meeting, **Oshawa** Economic & Development Services Committee considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **2702758 Ontario Ltd.** for 88 King Street West. The applicant proposes to develop a 22-storey mixed-use building containing ground floor commercial space and 285 residential units above. The application will undergo further review and no recommendation is being made at this time.

Oshawa mid-rise development proposed

At its September 9 meeting,

Oshawa Economic & Development Services Committee considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **1000645992 Ontario Ltd.** for 121, 125 & 131 Bloor Street East. The applicant proposes to develop an 11-storey mixed-use building containing 91 m² of ground floor commercial space and 167 residential units above. The application will undergo further review and no recommendation is being made at this time.



HALTON

Burlington exploring policies to increase housing options

At its September 9 meeting, **Burlington** Committee of the Whole considered a [staff report](#) recommending a preferred approach to increase housing options in established neighbourhoods. The preferred approach proposes to:

1. Permit four units as-of-right through the *Additional Residential Unit* policies contained within the Burlington Official Plan, 2020;
2. Review the policies of the *Residential Neighbourhood Area* designations, including the *Neighbourhood*

Character Area policies of the Burlington Official Plan, 2020; and to

3. Study and identify areas along the peripheries of neighbourhoods to evaluate opportunities for increased housing options.



PEEL

OPAs proposed for Brampton MTSAs

At its September 9 meeting, **Brampton** Planning & Development Committee considered an [information report](#) regarding proposed City-initiated official plan amendments (OPAs) for its Primary Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs). The proposed OPAs would amend the following secondary plans to introduce a policy framework for 12 of Brampton's Primary MTSAs:

- Queen Street Corridor Secondary Plan
- Bram West Secondary Plan
- Bram East Secondary Plan
- Mount Pleasant Secondary Plan
- Hurontario-Main Corridor Secondary Plan

The final proposed OPAs are targeted for city council adoption in November 2024. Whereas it was originally

intended that the OPAs would specify height and density permissions for these secondary plan areas, Brampton staff now intend to determine height and density permissions for the affected areas through the re-zoning process.

Bram East apartment buildings proposed

At its September 9 meeting, **Brampton** Planning & Development Committee considered an [information report](#) and received a [staff presentation](#) regarding a rezoning application by **Blackthorn Development Corp – 1000158200 Ontario Inc.** for 9379 Clarkway Drive. The applicant proposes to develop three mixed-use buildings of eight, nine and 10 storeys in height, containing a total of 346 residential units.

Dixie-Queen towers proposed

At its September 9 meeting, **Brampton** Planning & Development Committee considered an [information report](#) and received a [staff presentation](#) regarding a rezoning application by **Bramalea RR GP Ltd. c/o Lev Developments Inc.** for 30 Peel Centre Drive. The applicant proposes to redevelop the lands, located immediately north of Bramalea City Centre,

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with two residential towers of 50 and 55 storeys, as well as a 20-storey retirement residence, connected by a five-storey podium. The development would accommodate approximately 500 square metres of ground floor retail space, 300 retirement units, and 1,238 residential units.

Bovaird-McLaughlin apartment building proposed

At its September 9 meeting, **Brampton** Planning & Development Committee considered an [information report](#) and received a [staff presentation](#) regarding official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **2424203 Ontario Ltd.** for lands north of Bovaird Road and west of McLaughlin Road. The applicant proposes to develop a 10-storey residential building containing 105 apartment units.

Seven-tower development proposed at Queen East-Gore Road

At its September 9 meeting, **Brampton** Planning & Development Committee considered an [information report](#) and [staff presentation](#) regarding official plan and

zoning by-law amendment applications by **TACC Holborn (Block 140) Inc.** for lands comprising the northeast quadrant of Queen Street East and The Gore Road. The applicant proposes to develop the 3.05-hectare site with seven towers ranging in height from 23 to 43 storeys. The development would contain a total of 2,461 residential units, 3,250 square metres of retail space, and over 4,500 square metres of office space.



Aurora townhouses proposed

At its September 10 meeting, **Aurora** Public Planning Committee considered a [public planning report](#) regarding official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **Esmail Zamani** for 14086 Yonge Street. The applicant proposes to develop 20 condominium townhouses grouped into four blocks, to be accessed via a private laneway.

Approval recommended for Kleinburg subdivision

At its September 10 meeting,

Vaughan Committee of the Whole considered a [final report](#) recommending approval of rezoning and draft plan of subdivision applications by **1045501 Ontario Ltd.** and **East Kleinburg Developments Inc.** for 11191 Highway 27. The applicant proposes to develop the lands with 242 single-detached and 30 townhouse dwellings, a low-rise mixed-use block, a public park, and a public elementary school block.

Refusal recommended for Woodbridge apartment building

At its September 10 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the Whole considered a [final report](#) recommending refusal of official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **Wigwoss Investments Inc.** and **2561658 Ontario Inc.** for 10, 20 & 24 Wigwoss Drive. The applicant proposes to develop a 12-storey apartment building containing 106 dwelling units. The applications have been appealed by the owner to the **Ontario Land Tribunal**, and staff oppose the proposed development on the basis that it lacks compatibility with the existing and planned surrounding context.

Vaughan proposes repealing OPA and by-law pre-application consultation

At its September 10 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the Whole considered a [public meeting](#) report regarding the

proposed repeal of Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 93 and By-law 104-2023, which amended the City's pre-application consultation process. OPA 93 has been appealed to the **Ontario Land Tribunal** and is therefore not in force. As a result of Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*, OPA 93 and By-law 104-2023 are no longer necessary and are now proposed to be repealed.

Vaughan Zoning By-law Amendments proposed for PMTSAs

At its September 10 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the Whole considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding City-initiated amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 001-2021 and to Zoning By-law 1-88 to delineate the boundaries of Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSAs) in Vaughan. Amendments to these zoning by-laws is required to conform with Official Plan Amendment 101, which was approved by **York Region** and delineates the boundaries of PMTSAs, and to remove vehicular parking rate requirements for lands within a PMTSA to conform with Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*.

Additional units proposed for Woodbridge development

At its September 10 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the

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The applicant proposes to develop eight townhouse blocks accommodating 50 four-storey townhouses.

apartment units and 275 square metres of commercial space. 🌸

Woodbridge mid-rise development proposed

At its September 10 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the Whole considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **South Haven Investments Inc.** for 97 Woodbridge Avenue. The applicant proposes to develop an eight-storey mixed-use building containing 111

Subdivision proposed north of Islington Ave and Hwy 407

At its September 10 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the Whole considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **7386 Islington Development Inc.** for 7386 Islington Avenue.

Whole considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding a rezoning application by **Gatehollow Estates Inc.** for 9681 & 9691 Islington Avenue. The applicant proposes to increase the permitted dwelling unit count in the existing approved development on the lands from 182 to 252 units.

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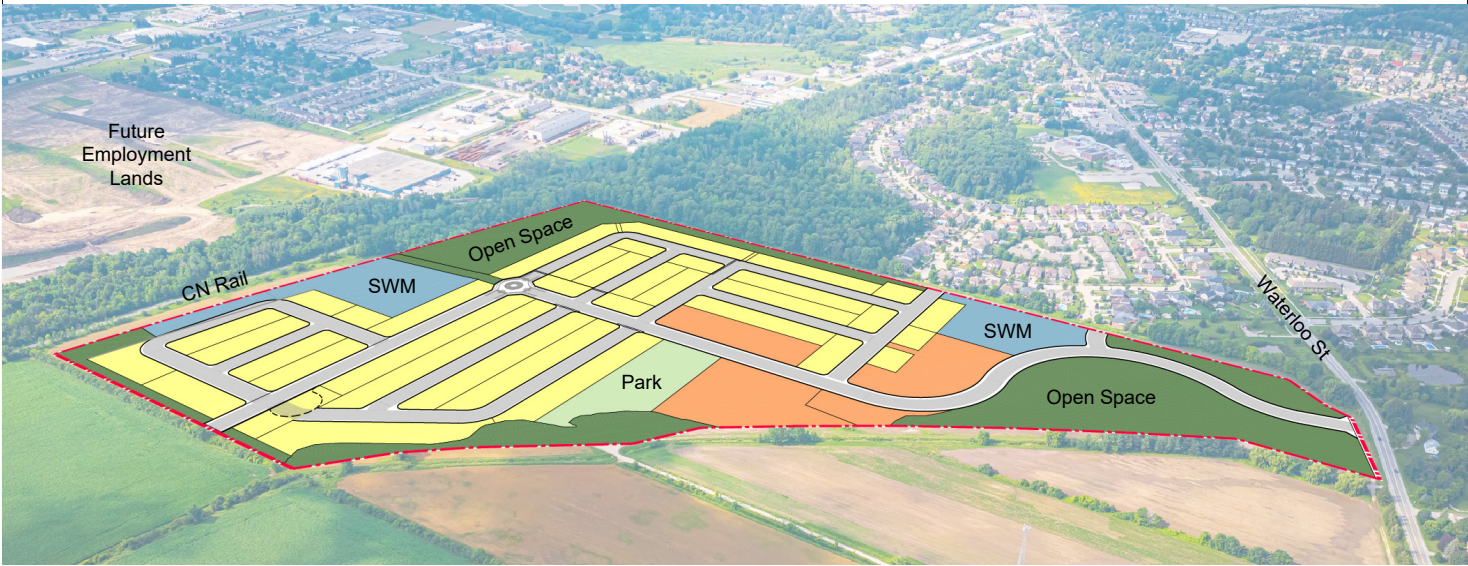
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HERITAGE HEIGHTS SECONDARY PLAN APPROVED

In an August 21 decision, OLT Member **Steven Dixon** allowed appeals, in part, by various parties against the **City of Brampton's** Heritage Heights Secondary Plan (HHSP).

The HHSP was adopted by Brampton city council in April 2022, and applies to a geographic area of approximately 1,700 hectares in size, bounded by Mayfield Road to the north, the Credit River Valley to the south, Winston Churchill Boulevard to the west, and Mississauga Road to the east.

As originally adopted by Brampton city council, the HHSP envisioned a compact mixed-use community that would accommodate up to 124,000 residents and 43,000

jobs. Notably, the original HHSP featured a north-south corridor known as the “Grand Boulevard” in an area where the **Ontario Ministry of Transportation** has now identified a preferred route for the GTA West Highway Corridor and the **Ministry of Energy and Electrification** has identified a proposed transmission corridor.

The HHSP was appealed by 30 parties. Private mediation took place among the parties between November 2023 and June 2024. As a result of these efforts, the HHSP has been revised, most significantly to protect the land identified for the provincial transportation and transmission corridors.

The principles of the revised HHSP remain consistent with the original iteration, and the Plan now projects a population of up to 134,000 residents and

54,000 jobs.

Planner **Gregory Bender** (**WSP Canada**) provided evidence on behalf of the City of Brampton, in support of the HHSP, as amended. Based on Bender's uncontested planning evidence, the Tribunal allowed the appeals, in part, ordering the amended HHSP into force with the exception of two geographically-deferred areas where related appeals will be addressed at a later date.

Due to the extensive number of parties involved in this matter, parties and their counsel have not been listed here, but can be found in the hyperlinked case file noted.

[See *OLT Case No. [OLT-22-003840](#)*.] 

PEOPLE

The **Royal Architectural Institute of Canada** (RAIC) has named 30 recipients of the King Charles III Coronation Medal. The Canadian medal was created to commemorate the May 6, 2023 coronation of His Majesty **King Charles III** to recognize individuals who have made a difference in their communities. Three GTHA/Ontario-based winners were named to receive the honour: **University of Waterloo** faculty of architecture professor **Eric Haldenby**, Ottawa-based architect **Gerrie Doyle**, and Ottawa-based **Hobin Architecture** founding partner **Barry Hobin**.

The medals will be presented to recipients on World Architecture Day (October 7) at a ceremony at the RAIC Congress on Architecture occurring in St. Andrews, New Brunswick on October 7 and 8.

We will note RAIC's 14 Toronto-based recipients of the medal in the People section of this Friday's *Novae Res Urbis* Toronto.

To learn more about RAIC's recipients of the King Charles III Coronation Medal, please visit the RAIC website [here](#).

Land Availabilities 2024

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Greenbelt/Future Development Land

97.63 acres

\$35,000,000



High-Rise Mixed Use Development

0.66 acres

\$12,900,000



Agricultural

103.60 acres

\$4,988,888



Mid-Rise Development

0.67 acres

\$5,490,000



Design-Build Industrial Land

16.80 acres

\$1,695,000/acre



Approved 6-Storey Residential

1.47 acres

\$3,600,000



Residential Development

12.52 acres

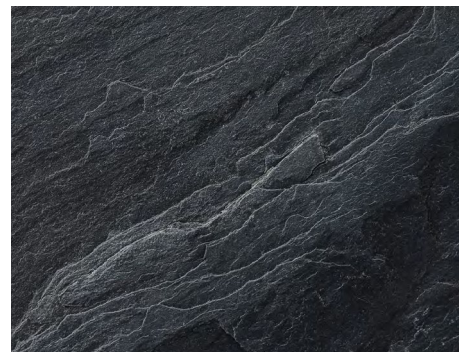
\$12,000,000



Residential Development

9.41 acres

\$12,150,000



Agricultural

96.84 acres

\$5,500,000

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The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is developing a Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy to guide the delivery and enhancement of programs and services that protect people and property from natural hazards and conserve natural resources.

Members of the Niagara Peninsula watershed community are invited to participate in the development of the Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy. Opportunities can be found on the Strategy's [Get Involved portal](https://getinvolved.npca.ca/watershed-strategy) (<https://getinvolved.npca.ca/watershed-strategy>).

About the Strategy

The purpose of the Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy is to assist NPCA with evolving or enhancing the delivery of programs and services, identifying efficiencies and opportunities to strengthen effectiveness of mandatory Category 1 programs. The Strategy is a requirement of Ontario Regulation 686/21 under the *Conservation Authorities Act* to be completed by December 31, 2024.

Guided by the NPCA's *2021-2031 Strategic Plan*, a discussion paper has been prepared to identify guiding principles, objectives, and components of the forthcoming Strategy.

Public Information Centre

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide members of the watershed community the opportunity to learn more about the Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy and provide feedback on contents of the discussion paper.

The PIC will be a hybrid format, held at the following date and location:

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Location: 3350 Merrittville Hwy., Thorold, ON L2V 4Y6
Unit 16, Carolinian Hall

Strategy Process Development

Additional details on timelines and opportunities to provide feedback can be found on the [Get Involved portal](https://getinvolved.npca.ca/watershed-strategy) (<https://getinvolved.npca.ca/watershed-strategy>), including:

1. A 10-minute survey, closing Friday, September 27, 2024,
2. A question-and-answer tool to submit comments and questions, closing November 12, 2024, and
3. A 3-week commenting period, to be opened upon publishing the Draft Strategy in October 2024.

Contact

For more information about the Watershed Strategy, please contact:

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September 10, 2024

Resolution No. 273/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR Francine Plante

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR Annie Keft

WHEREAS the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

WHEREAS free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; And;

WHEREAS the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; And

WHEREAS, the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of McGarry hereby request that the province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Timiskaming Public Health Unit, and Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP.

Defeated _____ / **Carried** Bonita Culhane
Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote

Requested by _____

YES

NO

Mayor Bonita Culhane
Councillor Louanne Caza
Councillor Elaine Fic
Councillor Annie Keft
Councillor Francine Plante

September 10, 2024

Via email: advocacy@amcto.com

AMCTO
Attn: Advocacy Team
2680 Skymark Avenue, Suite 610
Mississauga, Ontario L4W 5L6

RE: Municipal Elections Act Update

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled Council meeting on September 10, 2024 and the following resolution was passed.

“Resolution TC-227-2024

WHEREAS election rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990* also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the *MEA* containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce.

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous

improvement are needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration.

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca) the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Township of Lake of Bays MPP (graydon.smith@pc.ola.org) and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com).

Carried"

We look forward to hearing of the continued advocacy of this matter and further updates on when the Ministry will move ahead with amending the Municipal Elections Act

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
CS/lv

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