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April 30, 2024

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Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: Motion to Call on Province for Funding of Housing, Shelters,
and other Social Services**

At its meeting of March 12, 2024, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand considered correspondence received from the Northumberland Inter-Municipal Task Force on Housing and Homelessness, regarding calling on the Province for an increase in funding for housing, shelters and other social services and passed the following resolution:

RES:240312-014

Moved by Councillor Mary Catherine O'Neill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Joan Stover;

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand enacts as follows:

That the correspondence from the Housing and Homelessness Task Force be received; and

That the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand support the motion as amended to delete and replace "municipalities of Northumberland County" with "Township of Alnwick/Haldimand"; and

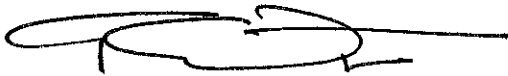
That the resolution be circulated to all member municipalities of Northumberland County as well.

CARRIED.

Please find attached the correspondence from the Northumberland Inter-Municipal Task Force on Housing and Homelessness, as amended by the above noted resolution.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Emily Cartlidge', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Emily Cartlidge, AOMC, Dipl. MA, MLIS
Municipal Clerk

Cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. David Piccini, MPP, Northumberland – Peterborough South
All Ontario Municipalities

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand recognize our moral and legal obligation (according to the mandates of our respective tiers) to provide adequate shelter and public safety for all residents, but are limited in our capacity to unilaterally do so by constrained finances; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested a social and economic prosperity review, in recognition of these and other challenges faced by municipal governments as a result of insufficient funding;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand call upon the Province of Ontario to significantly increase funding for housing, shelters, and other necessary social services to ensure adequate levels of service to meet the needs of our residents; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to AMO; to all Ontario municipalities; to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing; and to the Honourable David Piccini, MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South.'

MULTI-MUNICIPAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP
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May 1, 2024

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

The Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group (MMEWG) continues to actively follow the procurement processes the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is undertaking to procure additional capacity to meet projected future energy needs. Details released regarding the Long-Term 2 Request for Proposals (LT2 RFP) plus subsequent LT RFPs has raised many concerns.

The IESO RFPs call for 5 TWh of new energy generation, and proposes that this be mostly derived from 2000 MW of new energy generation produced by mostly wind and solar by 2030. It further proposes that a portion of this generation could be derived by repowering on the current footprint of existing wind turbines that will reach their end of contract life between 2026 and 2034.

Since existence, the now Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group, formerly known as the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group, has continued to advocate for stronger safety measures and best practices related to wind turbine installations across the province. To date, many of the concerns raised have not been addressed with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks confirmed in a recent IESO engagement session that no changes to the existing setbacks are planned.

Severe health effects to many residents living within the vicinity of project sites have been identified and continue to jeopardized the health and well-being of many residents. The current setbacks from other activities are not sufficient to protect against the full range of noise emissions from wind turbines. The MMEWG will be making a presentation on this topic to the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit in the March in an effort to bring these concerns to the forefront in advance of the repowering of current projects.

Public safety continues to remain a paramount concern of the MMEWG. Setbacks for tower collapse remain insufficient. The current blade length plus 10 metres requirement not a strong enough protective measure for existing projects let alone repowered turbines on existing footprints. Setbacks for ice throw are also insufficient, as the blade

length plus 10 metre setback is less than the ice throw distance witnessed in Ontario. Ontario has witnessed turbine fire and flaming debris on the ground at 200 metres, while setback was 50 metres. A Ministry review failed to recommend industry standard protective barriers for fire suppression in spite of examples of fires in similar turbines.

In 2013, 115 municipalities declared themselves “Unwilling Hosts” for wind turbine projects. With the expected surge in proposals given the ambitious procurement efforts being undertaken by the IESO, and little change in the regulations, the MMEWG strongly recommends that municipalities reaffirm their unwillingness to host projects until the appropriate ministries address the concerns and make stronger rules and regulations to ensure that, as municipal leaders, provide measures necessary for the health, safety and well-being of citizens within our jurisdiction, as mandated by the *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended*. Over the past month, the municipalities of Arran-Elderslie, Chatsworth and East Zorra-Tavistock have taken this step.

For consideration, a DRAFT declaration has been attached. Should your municipality declare its intention, please let us and we will continue to keep you apprised of any advancements in the industry and regulations.

Warm Regards,



p.p.
Tom Allwood,
Chair, Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group
Councillor, Municipality of Grey Highlands

DRAFT

Independent Electrical System Operator
By email: engagement@ieso.ca

Re: **Municipality/Township of _____** – Wind Turbine Projects

Please be advised at **the Municipality/Township of _____** Council meeting held on _____, the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS the Independent Electrical System Operator (the IESO) has proposed to move forward with three RFPs where new wind turbine projects can receive a contract from the IESO; and

WHEREAS people living near existing wind turbines report considerable impact on their lives due to noise and other emissions from the wind turbines; and

WHEREAS there are gaps in the enforcement of key terms of the Renewable Energy Approvals governing existing projects relative to noise standards and resolution of complaints; and

WHEREAS municipal approval is required to locate one of these projects in the **Municipality/Township of _____**; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council does not support the establishment of any new wind turbine projects within the municipality; and

THAT the IESO be directed to advise potential applicants of this resolution.

Sincerely,

Clerk, Municipality/Township of _____

c:

The Hon. Todd Smith - Minister of Energy - MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca

David Donovan, Chief of Staff, david.donovan@ontario.ca

Association of Municipalities of Ontario - policy@amo.on.ca

Local MPP

Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group – jhamilton@arran-elderslie.ca



May 3, 2024

Honourable David Piccini, MPP
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
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Dear Sir:

RE: Resolution of Support – Expand Life Span of Fire Apparatus

At its Regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand passed the following resolution:

RES:20240213-18

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

"Whereas the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand considered the Resolution from the County of Prince Edward regarding support to request the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks, due to insurance requirements;

Be it resolved that Council hereby provides its support; and

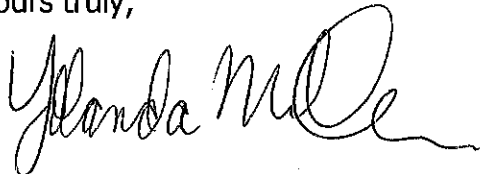
Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to: MPP David Piccini - Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED.

Please find attached the resolution from the County of Prince Edward as supporting documentation.

We respectfully submit the resolution and supporting documentation for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yolanda Melburn', with a stylized, flowing script.

Yolanda Melburn
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

Cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing
All Ontario Municipalities

January 22, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 16, 2024 the following motion regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46

DATE: January 16, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor Nieman

SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst

WHEREAS By-Law 3256-2013, being a By-Law to Establish, Maintain, and Operate a Fire Department established service level standards for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

AND WHEREAS fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS on November 16, 2023, Council, received report FD-06-2023 regarding asset Management - Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

THAT the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

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

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Nieman, Councillor Branderhorst, Marcia Wallace, CAO and Fire Chief Chad Brown



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May 1, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Email: PaulmCalandra@pc.ola.org

Dear Mr. Calandra,

Re: Operational Budget Funding

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday May 1st, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-05-01-10
Moved By: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the request of the Township of Amareth calling upon the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amount to all Ontario municipalities.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Tammy Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
John Yakabuski, Local Member of Provincial Parliament
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March 12, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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

Re: Operational Budget Funding

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

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: G Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk

C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution # 1

Date: Monday, April 29, 2024

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives staff report PW 2024-08, Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulations for 'Ineligible' Sources; and

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry passes the motion to request that the province amends the blue box regulation for ineligible sources as follows:

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of North Glengarry hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

AND FURTHER that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, and the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, to MPP of Glengarry, Prescott, Russel, MPP Stéphane Sarrazin, and all Ontario Municipalities

Carried

Deferred

Defeated

Mayor / Deputy Mayor

Jena Doonan — Commissioner
by virtue of my office as
Deputy Clerk
Township of North Glengarry

VERIFIED TRUE COPY OF ORIGINAL
WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ALTERED IN ANY MANNER

Jena Doonan May 6 2024

DATE: May 6, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, April 29th, 2024, Municipality of North Glengarry Council Meeting:

Resolution: No. 7

Moved By: Councillor Jeff Manley

Seconded By: Councillor Michael Madden

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

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

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

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of North Glengarry hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And further that Council hereby requests the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

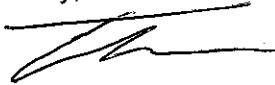
And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, and the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, to MPP of Glengarry, Prescott, Russel, MPP Stéphane Sarrazin, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Timothy Wright', written over a horizontal line.

Timothy Wright
Director of Public Works

May 06, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Andrea Fisher, Clerk
The Town of Goderich
57 West Street
Goderich, Ontario
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Dear Clerk Fisher,

RE: Township of Manitouwadge Resolution – Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Manitouwadge passed and endorsed the attached resolution concerning the Town of Goderich's resolution regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,



Joleen Keough
Clerk/Deputy CAO
The Township of Manitouwadge

CC: Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Paul Calandra
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce
Hon. Sylvia Jones
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANITOUWADGE

May 01, 2024

Session No. 2024- 122

Moved by:

TK

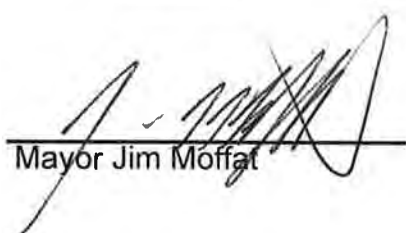
Seconded by:

Bhays

RESOLVED THAT: The Town of Goderich's resolution regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates be received and endorsed.

Recorded Vote	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Kathy Hudson		
Councillor Coady Keough		
Councillor Braden Kotyk		
Councillor Tonilynn Ruff		
Mayor Jim Moffat		

CARRIED ✓ DEFEATED


Mayor Jim Moffat



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April 23, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Andrea Fisher, Clerk
The Town of Goderich
57 West Street
Goderich, Ontario
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Dear: Clerk Fisher,

**RE: Town of Goderich Resolution – Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario
Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on April 15, 2024, passed, and endorsed the following resolution:

Moved: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded: Councillor DiFlavio

Resolved that the Town of Goderich's resolution regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates be received and endorsed.

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

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC: Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Paul Calandra
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce
Hon. Sylvia Jones
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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Ontario Municipalities

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Catalina Blumenberg
Clerk
Prince Edward County
332 Picton Main Street
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SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@pecounty.on.ca

RE: Town of Goderich Resolution – Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates

Dear C. Blumenberg,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

WHEREAS the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

WHEREAS Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

WHEREAS Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 percent as of July 2023 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall below their value in 2018 (\$1,376 when adjusted for inflation) and significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month);

WHEREAS OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

WHEREAS designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health-related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Goderich requests the Provincial Government to urgently:

1. At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;
2. Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;
3. Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Huron County Social and Property Services, the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
/ar

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May 1, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Dear Mr. Ford,

**Re: Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Supporting the Town of
Bracebridge "Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-
Municipal Fiscal Framework"**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday May 1st, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-05-01-08

Moved By: Councillor Banks

Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the Town of Bracebridge letter dated March 14th 2024, regarding the request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers; Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMTCO); and all Ontario Municipalities."

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

Cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
John Yakabuski, Local Member of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
(AMTCO)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

March 14, 2024

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

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

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

AND WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

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

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

AND WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

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

AND WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge calls on the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking, with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

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planning & development fax: (705) 645-4209

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

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

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori McDonald', written in a cursive style.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOKH AND RAGLAN**

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May 1, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Mr. Ford,

Re: Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Supporting the Town of Aurora's Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use"

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday May 1st, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-05-01-09

Moved By: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the Town of Aurora's Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Thompson".

**Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk**

**Cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
John Yakabuski. Local Member of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities**

March 6, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024
Member Motion 8.2.7 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend
Gymnasium Use**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aurora recognizes the importance of fostering community engagement and providing recreational opportunities; and

Whereas schools are funded by local taxpayers; and

Whereas school gymnasiums serve as valuable amenities that can enhance recreational activities for residents; and

Whereas existing school board policies/procedures do not prioritize municipal residency within their allocation of the use of space; and

Whereas the school board charges a premium rate to use the schools on weekends causing a barrier for the Town or local organizations to afford;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That this Council requests the Province and the Minister of Education to assist in making school board facilities available to local municipalities on a priority, at a cost recovery rate; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That Council requests the School Boards within the jurisdiction of the Town of Aurora to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town for the shared use of school gymnasiums on evenings and weekends; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this request be sent to the relevant School Boards, expressing the Town's interest in establishing a collaborative agreement for evening and weekend gymnasium access; and**

4. **Be It Further Resolved That the Town staff is directed to collaborate with the School Boards in drafting the terms and conditions of the MOU, ensuring clarity and fairness in the shared use of these facilities; and**
5. **Be It Further Resolved That upon reaching an agreement, the MOU shall be presented to Council for review and approval; and**
6. **Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**
7. **Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration of support.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: York Region District School Board
York Catholic District School Board
Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
All Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario municipalities



8. Standing Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the Standing Committee Reports, items 8.1 and 8.2, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.1.7, 8.1.8, 8.2.1, 8.2.4, 8.2.6, and 8.2.8, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

Carried (6 to 0)

8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2024

8.2.7 Member Motion - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use

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7. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration of support.

Carried

May 6, 2024

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Town of Orangeville, regarding an element of the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23).

As you are aware, this omnibus Bill introduced several changes to various pieces of legislation, including the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act, The Conservation Authorities Act, and the Ontario Heritage Act. It is within the context of the latter that I am reaching out to you today.

Specifically, I wish to draw your attention to subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act, which stipulates that any non-designated heritage property that is listed on the municipal register as of December 31st, 2024, shall be removed from the register on or before January 1st, 2025, unless the Council of the municipality gives notice of intention to designate the property under section 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Heritage Committee for the Town of Orangeville, comprised of dedicated volunteers, alongside our staff members, have diligently worked to review the current non-designated register, which contains a staggering 454 properties. However, despite their best efforts, they are unable to complete this monumental task by the looming deadline due to resource constraints and competing interest, most notably the urgent need to review and support new housing development proposals.

Therefore, on behalf of Council for the Town of Orangeville, I am requesting an amendment to subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act, extending the deadline from January 1st, 2025 to January 1st, 2030. This extension will provide the necessary time and resource allocation to thoroughly assess each property's heritage value, engage with property owners, and take the appropriate steps to designate those deemed significant under the provisions of section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

In light of the urgency of this matter, I kindly ask for your support in facilitating this amendment. I have been authorized to by my Council to send this letter and its attached resolution, which received unanimous support at our Council meeting on Monday, April 29th, 2024.

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

Sincerely,



Lisa Post
Mayor

cc. Hon. Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Hon. Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin/Caledon, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
John Ecker, Chair of the Ontario Heritage Trust
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario MPPs
Municipal Councils across the Province
Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO)

Corporate Services

May 1, 2024

Re: Ontario Heritage Act Amendment

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on April 29, 2024, approved the following resolution:

Whereas the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23)* received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. As part of this omnibus Bill, several changes were implemented to various pieces of legislation, including but not limited to, *The Planning Act, The Development Charges Act, The Conservation Authorities Act, and The Ontario Heritage Act*;

And whereas subsection 27 (16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2024 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under Section 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on or before January 1, 2025;

And whereas, the Heritage Orangeville committee comprises of a handful of dedicated volunteers who are not able to review the current non-designated register containing 454 properties on or before the deadline of December 31, 2024;

And whereas, Heritage Orangeville committee along with staff members would need to review the municipal heritage register, research the heritage value and interest of listed non-designated properties, contact owners of such properties, determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and take all required steps to designate such properties;

And whereas the above noted work involving 454 listed properties in the Town of Orangeville is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

- 1. The Council of the Town of Orangeville request that Subsection 27 (16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and**
- 2. That the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust; and**
- 3. That the Town Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Provincial MPPs, Municipal Councils across the province, and the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO).**

Carried Unanimously.

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell
Town Clerk

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

May 6, 2024

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
P.O. Box 1332,
New Lenox, IL 60451

EMAIL: Eamonn.HL@glslcities.org

Dear Eamonn Horan-Lunney, Senior Director Canada Policy

**RE: Transforming the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin into a Thriving Blue-Green Economic Corridor While Safeguarding Our Freshwater Resources
May 2024 Resolution**

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on April 30, 2024, approved the following resolution:

“WHEREAS the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin forms the largest freshwater ecosystem in the world, providing drinking water to more than 40 million people and serving as the foundation of our communities’ economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS basin communities collectively comprise the world's third largest economy, generating \$6 trillion in economic output annually; and

WHEREAS heavy industry and manufacturing has predominated in parts of the basin, often degrading our water quality and perpetuating environmental challenges in disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS basin-wide ecosystem restoration efforts are yielding significant economic dividends for local communities; and

WHEREAS the U.S. federal government's \$4.17-billion investment in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative since 2010 and the Canadian federal government's recent commitment of \$420 million are two important contributors to this virtuous circle between environmental protection and sustainable economic development; and

WHEREAS some experts anticipate climate-related migration to basin communities to grow as conditions worsen in arid and coastal environments in Canada and the United States, with freshwater access being a major advantage; and

WHEREAS Canadian and U.S. residents are increasingly keen to live, work, invest and play in vibrant communities with ample access to environmentally-friendly lifestyles, jobs, development and recreation; and

WHEREAS the blue economy is growing exponentially, with the basin's freshwater catalyzing increased economic opportunities for innovative businesses, waterfront revitalization and the cruise and shipping industries; and

WHEREAS the green economy is growing quickly, with sustainable industries on track to see revenues exceed \$5 trillion by 2025, with consumers across all ages and demographics increasingly demanding green products and services; and

WHEREAS federal, state and provincial governments in Canada and the United States are beginning to take bold action to drive blue-green economic transformation; and

WHEREAS in Canada, the federal government is developing a Blue Economy Strategy to encourage economic innovation and investment in shoreline communities, as well as make progress on decarbonization goals; and

WHEREAS Ontario recently outlined a comprehensive approach to harness the potential of the marine sector for economic, environmental and social benefits in the province, complementing the Québec government's maritime strategy; and

WHEREAS in the United States, the federal government is investing billions of dollars to enhance coastal resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and nurture the creation of new green and blue industries; and

WHEREAS Illinois and Michigan are two Great Lakes states that are establishing themselves as leaders in the clean-energy revolution, having signed into state law ambitious plans to expand clean and renewable energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create jobs in the climate sector; and

WHEREAS building a thriving freshwater economy requires attracting green and blue industries to foster job creation and climate and water innovation; harnessing clean, accessible waterfronts as drivers of economic revitalization and equitable communities; implementing clean and renewable energy sources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build livable communities; and expanding sustainable, integrated, water-borne commerce, mobility and tourism; and

WHEREAS the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative was founded in 2003 as a coalition of local elected leaders working collaboratively to promote the economic, environmental and social health of basin communities, making the Cities Initiative the ideal organization to facilitate sustainable, resilient and inclusive economic development while safeguarding our freshwater resources.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- *The Cities Initiative will launch the Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation at its Annual Conference in Montréal, QC, May 15-17, 2024, to promote sustainable, resilient and inclusive economic development basin-wide and appropriate freshwater stewardship for the benefit of current and future generations*
- *The Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation will develop the Action Plan for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Economic Transformation, 2025-2035, a roadmap for basin communities to capitalize on this historic moment to become a globally-renowned, blue-green economic corridor, which will be released at the Cities Initiative's next Annual Conference in Milwaukee, WI, in May 2025*
- *The Action Plan for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Economic Transformation, 2025-2035 will map paths for municipal action to support the following:*
 - o *Industrial Transformation: attracting green and blue industries to foster job creation and climate and water innovation while protecting the basin's unparalleled freshwater ecosystem.*
 - o *Energy Transformation: implementing clean and renewable energy sources to respond to the expected growth in clean energy consumption for businesses, industries and residents.*
 - o *Transportation Transformation: expanding sustainable, integrated and water-borne commerce, mobility and tourism.*
 - o *Waterfront Transformation: developing shorelines intentionally by weaving together multiple uses, including residential and recreation, to create accessible and thriving economic centers.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake pledge to work closely with the Cities Initiative and its members to guide the Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation and advance its mission."

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Sincerely,



Grant Bivol
Town Clerk

c.c. MPP Wayne Gates - wgates-co@ndp.on.ca
MP Tony Baldinelli - Tony.Baldinelli@parl.gc.ca
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April 3, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Extension of Bill 23 Timelines regarding Heritage Registry Lists

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following motion regarding the Extension of Bill 23 Timelines regarding Heritage Registry Lists:

Resolution No: RC-2024-33
Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Lynn Timmers

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

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

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving 247 listed properties in the Town of Lincoln is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024, with the limited municipal resources available.

WHEREAS the Heritage Advisory Committee on March 14, 2024 provided support to extend the January 1, 2025 deadline for five years to January 1, 2030 to continue efforts required to designate properties.

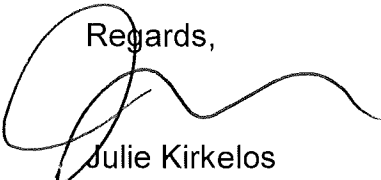
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Lincoln authorize the Mayor to promptly send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the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

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

CARRIED

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

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
All Ontario Municipalities

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Burlington Piloting AI
Technology to Speed Up
Development Review

4 MAKING THE MOST OF MIDTOWN

Oakville Setting Planning
Policies for Key Urban
Growth Area

■ WATERLOO SEEKING TO CONVERT LARGE VACANT EMPLOYMENT SITE FOR RESIDENTIAL USES

GETTING AN EDGE ON HOUSING

Matt Durnan

The City of Waterloo is taking steps to transform a large piece of vacant employment land into a residential community that could accommodate as many as 700 residential units, including new affordable and attainable housing units.

At its April 29 meeting, Waterloo city council unanimously approved direction

from staff to pursue a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) request in order to convert a 10-hectare piece of employment lands in east Waterloo at 2025 University Avenue East to mixed-use residential in order to move forward with the development of a residential community.

The property at 2025 University Avenue East was part of a larger piece of land that

was formerly farm fields, which the City of Waterloo purchased in the late 1990s. Much of that original purchase has since been developed into the RIM (Research In Motion -- now Blackberry Limited) park, which accommodates a number of outdoor and indoor sports facilities such as soccer fields and baseball diamonds.

The remaining 10 hectares

of land from that purchase has been left untouched for over two decades, with a significant shift in plans for the site happening in the last few years.

"In the early 2000s, this site was designated for employment. The original intent was business employment—which is office use," City of Waterloo executive officer to the CAO Michelle Lee told NRU.

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Aerial image showing the vacant 10-hectare site at 2025 University Avenue East in Waterloo (dashed red line) currently designated as "Employment" under Waterloo's official plan. The city is seeking a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) to convert the lands to "Mixed-use Residential" in order to permit the development of a residential community that would bring as many as 700 new homes to the area. Surrounding the site are a low-density residential neighbourhood (highlighted yellow), an indoor athletics facility and sports fields (Research in Motion Park) designated "Major Institutional" (purple), a mixed-use medium density residential area (orange), and open space (highlighted green).

SOURCE: CITY OF WATERLOO



UPCOMING DATES

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- 8 Barrie General Committee,
7:00 p.m.
- Brampton Committee of
Council, 4:30 p.m.
- Caledon General Committee,
2:30 p.m.
- Georgina Council, 9:00 a.m.
- Hamilton Council, 9:30 a.m.
- Innisfil Council, 7:00 p.m.
- Mississauga General
Committee, 9:30 a.m.
- Richmond Hill Council, 9:30
a.m.
- 9 Peel Regional Council, 9:30
a.m.
- York Region Committee of
the Whole, 9:00 a.m.
- 13 Ajax General Government
Committee, 1:00 p.m.
- Brock Committee of the
Whole, 10:00 a.m.
- Burlington Committee of the
Whole, 9:30 a.m.
- Clarington Planning &
Development Committee,
6:30 p.m.
- King Council, 6:00 p.m.
- Milton Council, 7:00 p.m.
- Scugog Planning &
Community Affairs
Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- Whitby Committee of the
Whole, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Aurora Public Planning
Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Caledon Planning &
Development Committee,
2:30 p.m.



BURLINGTON PILOTING AI TECHNOLOGY TO SPEED UP DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL PROCESS

LEVELLING UP



Lana Hall

The City of Burlington is experimenting with the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology to help streamline its development approval processes, an initiative which could reduce the unpredictability of approval timelines for developers looking to build locally.

Last month, the City's planning and development department announced the launch of two AI-based pilot projects. The first uses an AI-based tool to assess zoning by-laws related to proposed industrial-commercial buildings. It then digitally evaluates the plans—submitted by an applicant—to ensure they meet City-mandated criteria based on those by-laws, such as required setbacks, heights, floor area ratios, landscape areas and parking ratios. Potentially, the tool could be used to assess all building types.

The second pilot will use an AI-based tool to assess applicant-submitted architectural

drawings against the rules of the Ontario Building Code. Drawings for single-family homes, four-to-six-storey apartment buildings, and mid-rise commercial buildings can be uploaded to the City's development application portal and, where the AI-based tool will evaluate the submissions against the relevant building code requirements. These include requirements for exposed building face and separation, the flooring dimensions, stairway design, and minimum floor areas.

In both pilots, a detailed compliance report will be generated for the user, providing the applicant with immediate feedback around which aspects of the proposed design pass the requirements, and which proposed features require additional consideration or fail to meet requirements altogether.

According to City of Burlington staff, this methodology will save both applicants and City staff time by reducing the

number of manual exchanges between parties, allowing for faster feedback on development applications, and ultimately, enabling faster approvals and turn-around time on issuing building permits.

"Efficient and streamlined permit processes are crucial for accommodating and managing growth in a coordinated manner," said City of Burlington mayor **Marianne Meed Ward** in a statement. "They also offer an enhanced user experience. With the integration of digital platforms, applicants will find the process easier to navigate and more intuitive, with features like real-time tracking and instant feedback."

As municipalities throughout Ontario scramble to work towards meeting the **Province of Ontario's** target of building 1.5 million homes by 2031, implementing technology as part of the municipal development approval pipeline could remove

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“Something we’ve been raising for a decade now, is the modernization and the digitization of the approvals process,” says **Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON)** president **Richard Lyall**. “... The really important thing is the predictability of it. If you’re a proponent of a [development] project, you want to de-risk it as much as possible, and the way you do that is by identifying, ‘This is what we want to

However, while he concedes Burlington's use of the AI-

Last year, the City of Burlington also launched an online self-serve tool designed to let applicants check the status of their pre-building approval application in real time as it

proceeds through each step in the review process. That tool, in addition to these new AI pilot programs, are part of the City's Digital Business Strategy, a larger plan to invest in data visualization to show progress on and report against its 2031 housing targets. 

MAKING THE MOST OF MIDTOWN



Matt Durnan

The **Town of Oakville** is in the process of amending its official plan to update the Midtown planning policies that will guide development until 2051 of an area characterized by predominantly industrial uses and under-utilized land, transforming it into a high-density transit-oriented complete community.

At its April 22 meeting, Oakville planning and development committee received a staff report on the town-initiated official plan amendment for the Midtown Oakville urban growth centre, outlining updates to land use policies for the area. Midtown Oakville has been identified by the Province's *Growth Plan* as one of 25 urban growth

centres in the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

"A new Midtown Oakville official plan amendment will set the policy framework for council decisions on how growth and development will be planned, phased and implemented in Midtown Oakville over the medium and

long-term," Town of Oakville commissioner of community development **Neil Garbe** told *NRU*.

The **Province of Ontario** has directed that **Halton Region** must be planned for a minimum population of 1.1 million residents and 500,000 jobs by 2051. The region's

current population is around 627,000.

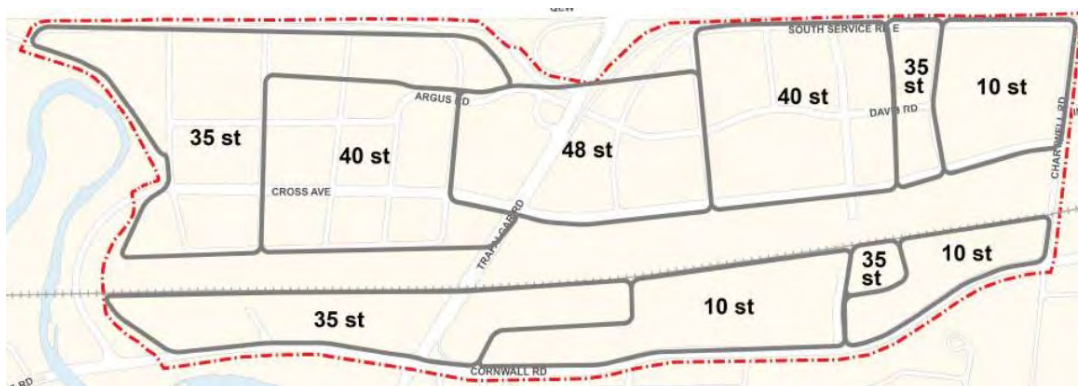
In order to meet these growth targets, areas identified as urban growth centres like Midtown Oakville will have a significant role to play in accommodating those new

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Above: Aerial image showing the Oakville Midtown area (outlined in red). The Town of Oakville is in the process of amending its official plan to update the planning policies for the area. Currently, Midtown Oakville is characterized largely by industrial uses and underutilized lands. The proposed official plan amendment would permit more uses in order to bring significant housing to the area, focused around the Oakville GO station, which is located near Trafalgar Road and Cornwall Road.

SOURCE: TOWN OF OAKVILLE



Below: Map of Midtown Oakville showing the proposed maximum building heights for the area included in a town-initiated official plan amendment that would update the planning policies for the 103-hectare area. The tallest buildings would be concentrated near the Oakville GO station (near Trafalgar and Cornwall Road), with lower building heights and densities to be permitted towards the east side of Midtown near Chartwell Road.

SOURCE: TOWN OF OAKVILLE

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residents and jobs. The area must be planned accordingly, as the Town has identified Midtown as having a critical role to play in advancing Oakville's housing pledge for 33,000 new housing units by 2032.

Midtown Oakville is a roughly 103-hectare area that is bordered by the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) to the north and Chartwell Road to the east. Trafalgar Road bisects the area running north and south, with Cornwall Road as the southern border of the area.

"There is some new development [in the area], but Midtown is mostly underutilized and industrial, like highway-adjacent industrial lands," **Jacobs Consulting** vice president of planning **Tim Dickinson** told **NRU**. Jacobs is the consulting

firm that was retained by the Town of Oakville to help staff develop the the Town's planning vision for Midtown Oakville.

"Obviously [Midtown] is anchored by the Oakville GO station [located near the corner of Cornwall Road and Trafalgar] but there is a lot of area around it that is underutilized. The whole intent is to build a new transit-oriented complete community, so it's intended to evolve as a new place."

With Midtown Oakville being home to the GO train station, the Town has identified it as a Protected Major Transit Station Area (PMTSA) and as a primary node and strategic growth area within Oakville and the Region of Halton.

"With walkable access to frequent higher-order transit—including the Lakeshore

West GO line—[Midtown] is planned to accommodate the highest amount of growth and intensification in Oakville," Garbe said.

"It is a place for optimized land uses, a compact urban built form, increased densities, the most complex mix of land uses, to support a complete community and access to transit and active transportation."

As a mainly industrial area, with many large chunks of underutilized land scattered across its 103-hectare domain, Midtown Oakville is characterized mostly by low-rise industrial buildings, with very few taller buildings to speak of, but that is set to change quite dramatically with the intensification policies being proposed in the OPA.

The Midtown Oakville official plan amendment includes permissions to develop new buildings at maximum building heights of 40 to 48 storeys in the areas nearest to the Oakville GO station, while permitting the development

buildings of up to 35 storeys to the south of the QEW, and west of Trafalgar Road.

"Provincial, regional and local level planning policies all define Midtown as a place intended to serve as a hub for mixed-use intensification; a complete transit-oriented community where investment in higher-order transit is connected to where intensification is planned,"

Urban Strategies partner **Leigh McGrath** told **NRU**.

"This intention for Midtown is not new, but existing policies in Oakville are evolving to reflect recent changes to the *Planning Act* and *Growth Plan* over the past few years."

While the planning policies being proposed for Midtown may seem like quite obvious choices for the area at first glance—placing height and density near higher-order

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Map of Midtown Oakville illustrating the active transportation network proposed in a town-initiated official plan amendment. Along with adding significant housing density to the area, the official plan amendment prioritizes transit and active transportation in the area with the inclusion of new multi-modal mid-block connections and cycling infrastructure. The blue lines indicate future bicycle lanes, the light green lines indicate future multi-use trails, while the blue dashed line indicates future cycling infrastructure. Yellow dashed lines indicate mid-block connections, while the dotted black lines indicate future underpasses and solid black lines indicate a future bridge over the QEW.

Source: Town of Oakville

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transit—planning the area comes with its own special set of challenges, given the configuration and fabric of the existing infrastructure there.

“I think the unique challenges are just some of the physical constraints in Midtown given the highway [QEW] and the rail lines, but I think one of the opportunities is that it’s not directly adjacent to some of the existing adjacent communities,” said Dickinson.

“There’s a bit of separation with some of the other communities. In general, the idea is to generate something that has a more fine-grained network of walkable streets and pathways and park spaces, I think that’s the general principle.”

Plans to overhaul Oakville’s Midtown have been a long time coming, with the area being planned as an urban growth centre by Town of Oakville

since 1999, and the Province identifying it as one of 25 urban growth centres in the Greater Golden Horseshoe in 2006.

Despite the two-decade history of the planning vision for the area as an urban growth centre, not all Oakville residents have not greeted the proposed official plan amendment with open arms. On the contrary, many have expressed concerns around the plan through correspondence with the Town or at public meetings.

“There’s obviously always concern about the level of change that these kinds of plans bring. I think the main thing we’ve heard is concern over the level of intensification,” said Dickinson.

“There is also excitement. Some people think it’s a good thing, and others are concerned. The residents [who are concerned] are the adjacent residents, neighbouring communities—not anybody really that’s living in Midtown today.”

Transportation policies included in the proposed OPA prioritize year-round walking, cycling and transit infrastructure and creating a street network and improved transit to support a range of mobility options throughout Midtown. The official plan amendment includes active transportation routes, in addition to multi-modal mid-block connections that promote active transportation and ease of travel for pedestrians.

“There is strong development interest in Midtown Oakville, given that it’s close to inter- and intra-regional rail and highway,” Garbe said.

“Finalizing the Midtown Oakville OPA is critical to ensuring that council has a strong framework for planned development.”

Final recommendations for the proposed official plan amendment are expected by June of this year, with implementation of the official plan amendment including the adoption of urban design guidelines, phasing and implementation plans, and a funding and financing strategy (which will include the capital plan and financing options for the build out of Midtown) expected to occur over the remainder of 2024 after to OPA has been adopted. 🌱



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SHIFTING GEARS



Lana Hall

A new, multi-disciplinary research institute launched at the **University of Waterloo** will leverage the school's expertise in engineering and entrepreneurship to develop solutions for some of the Region's most pressing urban challenges, including housing affordability, the need for more sustainable infrastructure and ongoing requirements for the modernization of urban planning.

Early last month, the university announced the launch of its new **Future Cities Institute (FCI)**, developed in partnership with **The Caivan Group**, which donated \$10 million to establish the Institute. The FCI builds on the school's Future Cities Initiative, and will function as a more permanent and comprehensive interdisciplinary research hub housed within Waterloo's Faculty of Environment.

By collaborating with other faculties, as well as government and industry partners, FCI students and researchers will focus on projects in four main areas of research: housing, modelling, mobility, and sustainable infrastructure, determining how they intersect with sustainability, economics, society,

health, and technology. These research activities will lead to the creation of data-supported toolkits and practical guides for industry and government that can be applied to urban policy decisions.

"Future Cities will explore the trends, innovations, and technological disruptions to help us craft policies and practices that better anticipate change," said FCI director and professor within Waterloo's School of Planning **Leia Minaker** in a statement.

"To do that, academics and planners need to work directly with the people and companies who are on the ground day-to-day building cities, developing new technology, and making consequential decisions."

In a follow-up interview with *NRU*, Minaker said she believes those decisions need to be informed by stronger data and evidence, so that decision-makers understand the resulting tradeoffs.

"I think everyone needs to have their voice at the table so that the people who are trying to assess: 'What are the outcomes of this policy or that policy? r this kind of development or this kind of approvals process?', in terms of economic

output, in terms of human health, in terms of carbon sequestration, in terms of greenhouse gas emissions. We need to understand those things from all angles."

Waterloo's applied science and engineering expertise make it an ideal base for pioneering technology-based and entrepreneurial solutions to some of these urban challenges, something that's critical for city-building in the 21st century.

"As we embark on the next ten years of exponential change in society, there is absolutely no way any field of work, profession or study can disconnect itself from technological advances," says Caivan co-founder and CEO **Frank Cairo**, whose firm helped shape some of the new institute's research priorities and programming.

Cairo told *NRU* that many of the challenges developers face are challenges planners and engineers grapple with as well, and that collaborating on solutions has the potential to make these solutions more accessible to other groups that might benefit from them.

"There's many parallels to our approach to solving some very complex multi-faceted business problems [and] the

problems that planners and engineers are faced with on a daily basis from a municipal land use perspective... questions about where to invest infrastructure dollars, questions about optimizing taxation, challenges with respect to built form and housing typology and zoning, and quite honestly, public participation in general," says Cairo.

"There are so many opportunities to harness sophistication and advances in a variety of fields to make all of those things more efficient, better, and targeted at the right outcome."

The institute's focus on research and testing in real-world environments will allow students and researchers to apply their work hands-on.

"The idea is to take real problems and bring multi-and inter-disciplinary teams together to actually work on that problem, and in the process, develop new tools," says Cairo, using the hypothetical example of a local Main Street that might be struggling to attract more businesses and foot traffic post-COVID-19.

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"[The FCI] might look at a number of tools and techniques that might stimulate the right policy directions. Is relaxed zoning the right approach? Is it tax incentives? Is it infrastructure stimulus? What exactly is the mix of things that would benefit this Main Street and how best do we facilitate that?"

As the issues plaguing Canadian cities—including social, economic, political and spatial challenges—increase in complexity, opportunities for multiple sectors to collaborate become even more critical says

York University's CITY Institute director **Luisa Sotomayor**.

"We're talking about urban issues that are local, but at the same time are grounded in regional dynamics, are grounded in changing environments, but also have a national and global context," she told *NRU*.

"They can't be addressed from one sector or from one perspective."

Post-secondary institutions, says Sotomayor, are a naturally independent setting to convene stakeholders on complex issues like these, which can benefit

from access to students and researchers who may have specific expertise.

"I think there's still space for innovation and different partnerships. [The FCI] ... is very much oriented to build on Waterloo's expertise in engineering, on bringing the technical aspect to it and connecting to the industry. So I think that type of collaboration is unique and has a different perspective than what say, the CITY Institute at York [University] or the School of Cities at the **University of Toronto** are doing."

For Cairo, work undertaken at the FCI won't be just about developing tools, it will be about encouraging new ways in

systems thinking, something he believes is critical for addressing 'the big picture': an increasing lack of prosperity for Canadians living in cities.

"There does need to be a radical shift in the way we do things to create better outcomes. Tools are just a part of that; there's also a philosophical shift needed to better understand what are the moving parts and pieces we need to toggle to get better outcomes in built form and in land use," he says.

"...Without a standard of living that meets week-to-week needs for individuals and for families, it's hard to talk about anything else." 🌱

AN EDGE ON HOUSING

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"That was around the time that office uses were in very high demand, we had BlackBerry developing, and we had a shortage of office space."

The planning vision for the lands evolved over time, with the City looking at the potential for office space and light industrial uses on the 10 hectares of vacant land, but those plans ground to a halt when the COVID-19 pandemic caused a significant shift in how and where office space was

being planned.

"Office use has changed, particularly since COVID, and what we're seeing is that companies that are looking for office space are looking to come more into our core, which is great. It enlivens streets and things like that. This piece of property is right at the edge of our city," Waterloo Mayor **Dorothy McCabe** told *NRU*.

"The other thing is that in Waterloo and **Waterloo Region**, we've put in this LRT (Light Rail

Transit), so it's moving office space more into our core area and connecting to the core of Kitchener. Our development has really come 'inward' since we've had the LRT, and development along the LRT line has been incredible in the last few years."

Early concept plans for the property focus on missing middle housing forms, including the development of four-to-six-storey buildings such as stacked townhouses and mid-rise apartments. The concept plan suggests that the University Avenue East property could support as many as 480 stacked townhouse units and 250 apartment units, for a total of 730 new residential units. Staff are still contemplating the

possibility of including some employment or commercial uses on the site as well.

The exact number of dwelling units and the proportion of affordable/attainable units, as well as market/non-market housing and rental/ownership tenure will be determined in the future, once the lands have been converted to support residential uses.

This is not Waterloo's first foray into rethinking its employment lands. In December 2023, Waterloo city council approved an official plan and zoning by-law amendment to re-designate a large former industrial site that once was

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home to a carpet factory from “Employment” to “Mixed-Use Community” in order to permit the development of a 12-tower mixed-use community. (See: “Please Keep on the Grass”, *Novae Res Urbis GTHA*, December 13, 2023).

This time around, the City is looking to go through the Province’s new ‘enhanced MZO’ process in hopes of expediting the process of converting the employment lands for residential uses.

On April 10, 2024, the **Province of Ontario** introduced Bill 185: *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*, which proposes a new framework for Ministerial Zoning Orders. In short, the bill proposes to repeal provisions in the *Planning Act* that permitted the Minister of **Municipal Affairs and Housing** to issue orders granting zoning permissions at the request of a municipality, a tool known as a Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator (CIHA) order. The enhanced MZO process would replace the CIHA tool.

The new enhanced MZO framework would set out a process and criteria to be used by the Minister in considering requests for MZOs, criteria that include the condition

that a proposed enhanced MZO rezoning has municipal support, or that it delivers on a key provincial priority such as delivering housing, developing transit-oriented communities, developing new long-term care homes, and more.

“Our hope is that the Province is able to act fairly expeditiously, particularly given the timelines that Mayor McCabe has outlined. And the hope is that we can get right down into having zoning approval through the MZO process,” City of Waterloo manager of community planning **Adam Lauder** told NRU.

“Without that MZO process, we would need to go through the Region [of Waterloo] and get their approval, and then drop into zoning after that, so it would take a longer period of time [than the enhanced MZO process]. We’re recognizing that there is a housing crisis and there is a need for affordable housing, and that we want to move quicker rather than slower.”

The introduction of the ION LRT transit system to the Region in 2019 has been a huge benefit to the City in terms allowing it to better plan development around transit, and is a significant factor in

Waterloo being able to pursue employment land conversions like the one being contemplated for 2025 University Avenue East.

“We recognize that we do want to hang on to employment lands. It’s really important that we have a mix of uses in the city. One of the things we’ve proposed to mitigate the impact [of employment land conversions] is making sure that we’re making best use of the mixed-use sites that we have in and around transit,” Lee said.

“We’re going to be bringing forward some stronger official plan wording around minimum amounts of employment space within those mixed-use sites, because sometimes what happens, even though something might be designated mixed-use in the official plan, what actually happens on the ground is all residential. We want to make sure those sites actually move forward as mixed-use with office on the ground floor, or even light industrial uses that are compatible with residential. This is a tandem approach where it’s not taking lands out of employment, but rather shifting them elsewhere.”

The decision to pursue an MZO in order to make the lands available for housing has the potential to make a substantial impact in Waterloo’s housing targets, while also being a significant contributor to the city’s affordable housing goals.

Waterloo has pledged to add 16,000 new housing units to the local residential ecosystem by 2031, and the 2025 University

Avenue East site has the potential to cover more than half of Waterloo’s 2024 housing target of 1,333 new units.

“The 700 units [planned for the site] I think is a fairly conservative estimate of what can be built on this site, because we wanted to start conservatively, and if we can accommodate more units, then all the better,” Lee said.

“In terms of affordable housing, our affordable housing strategy sets out a goal of 30 per cent of all new units being affordable, and that’s based on need and what we expect the community is going to need. We think this development could take a really big chunk out of that target as well. It’s been increasingly challenging to build affordable units in the city because of escalating costs, so I think this will enable not-for-profits to bring forward quite a lot of affordable housing.”

Mayor McCabe is hopeful that the city will receive a decision on an enhanced MZO request later this year, in anticipation of putting out tenders for proponents to develop the site by the end of 2024, before moving on to the site plan process and getting shovels in the ground in 2025.

“This feels like it could be one of our biggest decisions as a council. The size and scope of this is unprecedented in Waterloo and Waterloo Region,” McCabe said.

“We’re really excited about the potential. This is a huge opportunity for us.” 🌱

HAMILTON DESIGN REVIEW

PANEL AGENDA

The Hamilton Design Review Panel will consider the following matters at its meeting Thursday, May 9 in a virtual session to be hosted on Webex at 1:00 p.m.

1:00 P.M.

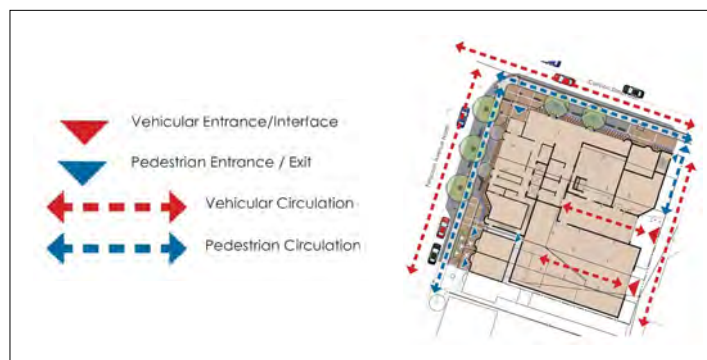
188 Cannon Street East and 134-136 Ferguson Avenue— Hamilton Design Review Panel will undertake review of **Hamilton 188 GP Inc. (Vantage Developments)**'s site plan control application for 188 Cannon Street and 134-136 Ferguson Avenue in Hamilton. Minor variances may apply.

Vantage Developments is proposing to develop a 32-storey mixed-use building including a five-storey podium on the site. The Cannon Street component of the site is currently vacant. The Ferguson Avenue component of the site contains street townhouses that are on the **City of Hamilton** heritage registry. The project team proposes to repurpose the townhouses for 188 square metres of retail uses at grade, demolishing the rear portion of the townhouses to facilitate the redevelopment.

The development would accommodate 384 dwelling units. The unit mix would consist of 200 one-bedroom units, 164 two-bedroom

units, and 23 three-bedroom units. At grade, the podium would contain the residential

entrance lobby fronting onto Ferguson Avenue, and 201 square metres of amenity space.



Above grade, the podium would accommodate the residential parking garage, for which loading areas would be accessed through an adjacent public alleyway to the east. The sixth floor of the building will accommodate indoor and outdoor amenity space. A total of 134 vehicle parking spaces are proposed for the development, in addition to 192 long-term bicycle parking spaces. The development will

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Above: Rendering of Vantage Developments' proposed 32-storey mixed-use development for 188 Cannon Street East and 134-136 Ferguson Avenue North in Hamilton. The Hamilton Design Review Panel will review the site plan control application for the project at its meeting Thursday, May 9.

ARCHITECT: ARCADIS
SOURCE: CITY OF HAMILTON

Below: Proposed circulation plan for Vantage Developments' proposed 32-storey mixed-use building at 188 Cannon Street East and 134-136 Ferguson Avenue North in Hamilton. The Hamilton Design Review Panel will review the site plan control application for the project at its meeting Thursday, May 9.

PLANNER: A.J. CLARKE AND ASSOCIATES LTD.
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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: ADESSO DESIGN INC.
SOURCE: CITY OF HAMILTON

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accommodate a total of 3,745 square metres of amenity areas, including balconies.

Presentations will be made by **A.J. Clarke and Associates Ltd.** principal and planning manager **Franz Kloibhofer** and **Arcadis** global director of buildings **Mansoor Kazerouni**. Project team members from **adesso design inc.** will be in attendance.

2:15 P.M.

676 King Street West and 4 Breadalbane Street—Hamilton Design Review Panel will undertake review of **King Dundurn Inc.**'s site plan control application for 676 King Street West and 4 Breadalbane Street in Hamilton. Minor variances may apply.

King Dundurn is proposing to develop an eight-storey residential building containing 72 dwelling units, in a mix of one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom units. A total of 26 parking spaces would be provided, 23 spaces to be located within one level of underground parking below grade, and three spaces to be located at grade, to be accessed from the laneway. The

underground parking structure would be accessed from Breadalbane Street.

Presentations will be made by **Landwise** senior planner **Katelyn Gillis** and by **Lintack Architects Inc.** principal **Rick**

Lintack and interior designer **Julie Ritchie**.

3:30 P.M.

386 Wilcox Street (Steelport Masterplan)—Hamilton Design Review Panel will undertake review of **Slate HWD Inc.**'s draft plan of subdivision for 386 Wilcox Street in Hamilton. This session of the panel could take 1.5 to 2 hours, given the scope of the proposal.

The former Stelco site on Wilcox Street contains

around 211 hectares of developable land, which could accommodate 1,000,000 square metres or more of gross floor area for employment uses (industrial space with accessory and cultural uses). Slate's draft plan of subdivision would create blocks for employment uses and open space uses, and would establish a public road network, including extending existing municipal roads Gage Street and Depew Street north into the site.

Presentations will be made by **PUBLIC WORK** senior project leader **Lauren Abrahams**, **Slate Asset Management** senior vice president of development **Steven Dejonckheere**, and **MHBC** partner **Gerry Tchisler**.



Above: Rendering of King Dundurn Inc.'s proposed eight-storey residential building for 676 King Street West and 4 Breadalbane Street in Hamilton. The Hamilton Design Review Panel will review the site plan control application for the project at its meeting Thursday, May 9.

ARCHITECT: LINTACK ARCHITECTS INC.
SOURCE: CITY OF HAMILTON

Below: Site plan for King Dundurn Inc.'s proposed eight-storey residential building for 676 King Street West and 4 Breadalbane Street in Hamilton. The Hamilton Design Review Panel will review the site plan control application for the project at its meeting Thursday, May 9.

PLANNER: LANDWISE
ARCHITECT: LINTACK ARCHITECTS INC.
SOURCE: CITY OF HAMILTON

COMMITTEE AGENDAS



DURHAM

Approval recommended for Seaton food manufacturing complex

At its May 6 meeting, **Pickering** Planning & Development Committee considered a final report recommending approval of rezoning and draft plan of subdivision applications by **Caplink Ltd.** for 575, 625 & 685 Highway 7. The purpose of the applications is to facilitate the development of the second phase of Caplink's food manufacturing facility. The second phase will involve the

construction of six buildings accommodating a total gross floor area of approximately 135,000 square metres for manufacturing, warehousing, and office uses.

Approval recommended for Whitby tower

At its May 6 meeting, **Whitby** Committee of the Whole considered a [final report](#) recommending approval of a rezoning application by **1000091294 Ontario Ltd.** and **Fortress Management and Financial Corp** for 700 Rossland Road East and 3115 & 3125 Garden Street. The applicant proposes to develop an eight-storey mixed-use building containing 1,085

square metres of retail space and 224 residential units, as well as a separate four-storey building containing 26 residential units.

Durham Transit Oriented Development Strategy recommended

At its May 7 meeting, **Durham Region** Planning & Economic Development Committee considered a [report](#) recommending that regional council endorse the 2024 Durham Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Strategy. The strategy identifies 36 TOD 'places' in Durham Region categorized according to eight distinct "TOD Place" types: GO train areas; large retail centres;

mixed-use hubs; historic centres; rapid transit corridors; institutional nodes; new TOD areas; and rural regional centres. The TOD Strategy is intended to provide specific direction for implementation of the Durham Regional Official Plan and Durham lower-tier municipal official plans by outlining a comprehensive set of guidelines for reviewing development proposals and/or plans within TOD Places.



HALTON

Council direction sought for proposed Oakville housing amendments

At its May 6 meeting, **Oakville** Planning & Development Council considered a [public meeting report](#) seeking direction from council with respect to draft Town-initiated official plan and zoning by-law amendments to permit as-of-right four residential units per property throughout the

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Proposal by 1000091294 Ontario Ltd. and Fortress Management and Financial Corp for 700 Rossland Rd. E. and 3115 & 3125 Garden St., Whitby. Whitby Committee of the Whole considered a report recommending approval of the proposed mixed-use development at its meeting May 6.

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Town, as well as a four-storey as-of-right height permission within the Sheridan College Housing Area. The proposed amendments were crafted to strengthen the Town's application for funding from the federal Housing Accelerator Fund. Staff are seeking council direction as to whether or not to proceed with the proposed amendments.



PEEL

Clarkway-Countryside subdivision proposed

At its May 6 meeting, **Brampton** Planning & Development Committee considered a [public meeting presentation](#) regarding official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **CSCW 2084 Venture Inc.**, **CL5R Inc.**, **CSCW 740 Inc.** and **CS0006 Venture Inc.** for 10742, 10778 & 10786 Clarkway Drive and 0 Countryside Drive (no municipal address). The applicants propose to develop the lands with 273 residential units including single-detached and townhouse units, as well as a partial elementary school block, a 14.58-acre land dedication to the natural

heritage system, and a 10.33-acre dedication of land for new roads and widenings of existing roads.

Bramalea townhouses proposed

At its May 6 meeting, **Brampton** Planning & Development Committee considered a [public meeting presentation](#) regarding official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **2391057 Ontario Inc.** for 0 Father Tobin Road and 10819 & 10833 Bramalea Road. The applicant proposes to develop 131 three-storey stacked back-to-back townhouses grouped into five buildings.

Approval recommended for Main-Steeles tower

At its May 6 meeting, **Brampton** Planning & Development Committee considered a [final report](#) recommending approval of a rezoning application by **Litwillow Holdings Ltd.** for 2 Bartley Bull Parkway. The applicant proposes to develop a 29-storey mixed-use building containing 575 square metres of at-grade retail space and 330 residential units above.



YORK

Approval recommended for Yongehurst towers

At its May 1 meeting, **Richmond Hill** Committee of the Whole considered a [final report](#) recommending approval of **Elm 9700 Yonge LP's** official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications and draft plan of subdivision for 9700 Yonge Street. The applicant proposes to develop two rental apartment buildings with heights of 19 and 28 storeys. The development would accommodate 1,134 square metres of commercial space and 598 residential units.

Whitchurch-Stouffville preparing zoning amendment for additional residential units

At its May 1 public meeting, **Whitchurch-Stouffville** considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding a Town-initiated zoning by-law amendment application to implement as-of-right zoning permissions for three dwelling units in Neighbourhoods, as required by Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*. Town staff will make a recommendation on a final zoning by-law amendment at a future date, after public and agency comments have been considered.

Developer requests Section 47 zoning order for Markham development

At its May 7 meeting, **Markham** Development Services Committee considered a [request](#) by (**Markham 11120 Hwy 48 Ltd.**) **Treasure Hill** for a zoning order, issued under Section 47 of the *Planning Act*, for its property at 11120 & 11274 Highway 48. Treasure Hill proposes to develop the Highway 48 lands with over 2,000 residential units in a variety of built forms, sizes, and affordability levels, to be serviced by new water, sanitary and road infrastructure. Treasure Hill would convey a 16.33-hectare city-wide community sports park as part of the proposal. Treasure Hill had initially explored the potential use of a Community Infrastructure & Housing Accelerator (CIHA) application to expedite the development. However, Bill 185, the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*, would remove the CIHA tool and replace it with a new modified Section 47 zoning order process.

Vaughan Official Plan Review update provided

At its May 7 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the Whole considered a [staff report](#) providing an update on the status of the Vaughan Official Plan Review, including Provincial legislative changes that have delayed the project,

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and an updated project timeline. An official plan amendment to implement the outcomes of the official plan review is now targeted for council adoption in Q4 2024.

Approval recommended for Maple subdivision

At its May 7 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the Whole considered a [final report](#) recommending approval of rezoning and draft plan of subdivision applications by **2281539 Ontario Inc.** for 10 Bevan Road. The applicant proposes to develop the lands with 21 single-detached dwellings, an open space block bisected by a public pathway, and a new cul-de-sac road.

Woodbridge GO Station Land Use Study update

At its May 7 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the Whole considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding the Woodbridge GO Station Land Use Study and associated amendments to the Kipling Avenue Corridor Secondary Plan. The report provides a summary of key recommendations contained in the draft Woodbridge GO Station Land Use Study which, if approved, would establish

a framework to guide the development of a potential future GO Station within the study area. **Metrolinx** does not currently operate GO train service, however it has previously considered a Caledon-Vaughan commuter rail line. Metrolinx is currently undertaking analysis of a potential Caledon-Vaughan line through the regional transportation plan update network sensitivity analysis to assess its performance against the latest 2051 land use scenarios.

Vaughan Block 27 Block Plan proposed

At its May 7 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the Whole considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding a proposal by **Block 27 Landowners Group Inc.** to establish a Block Plan for the Block 27 area, bounded by Jane Street, Keele Street, Kirby Road and Teston Road. Block 27 is approximately 400 hectares in size, and contains approximately 288 hectares of net developable area. A secondary plan for Block 27 was approved by **York Region** in May 2019, to establish a land use planning and urban design policy framework to guide the future development of the lands. The Block Plan serves as

a comprehensive blueprint for future individual draft plans of subdivision and related development applications, and must be created as a condition of the implementation of the approved secondary plan.

Amendments to approved Teston-Pine Valley subdivision proposed

At its May 7 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the Whole considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding a rezoning application by **1212765 Ontario Ltd. c/o Fieldgate Developments** for 4330 Teston Road. Fieldgate proposes to develop a 221-unit residential subdivision consisting of single-detached and townhouse dwellings. A Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) was previously granted for the site to facilitate the proposed development, and Fieldgate now seeks to amend site-specific zoning exceptions established through the MZO.

Amendments to approved Teston-Weston subdivision proposed

At its May 7 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the Whole considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding a rezoning application by **1212765 Ontario Ltd. c/o Fieldgate Developments** for 10970 Weston Road. Fieldgate proposes to develop a 449-unit residential subdivision consisting of single-detached and townhouse dwellings. A Minister's Zoning Order

(MZO) was previously granted for the site to facilitate the proposed development, and Fieldgate now seeks to amend site-specific zoning exceptions established through the MZO.

Rutherford-Hwy 400 multi-tower development proposed

At its May 7 meeting, **Vaughan** Committee of the Whole considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding applications by **3300 Rutherford Developments Inc.** for official plan and zoning by-law amendments for 3300 Rutherford Road. The applicant proposes a high-rise mixed-use development comprising multiple buildings ranging in height from six to 29 storeys, containing a total of 7,162 square metres of retail space, 806 square metres of community space, and 2,009 residential units. Also proposed is an on-site parkland dedication, and a new public street. 🌸

IN BRIEF

Barrie hosting public meeting on proposed community improvement plan

The **City of Barrie** is creating a Housing Community Improvement Plan that is intended to replace the City's existing Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and incentives. The new Housing CIP seeks to encourage investment in new housing units in Barrie by offering financial incentives and other programs designed to facilitate the development of new housing supply, particularly affordable housing, across the city.

Members of the public are invited to attend a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. to provide feedback on the proposed new Housing CIP programs. To learn more about the draft Housing CIP and to view any of the associated documents, please visit the City of Barrie website [here](#). The meeting will be livestreamed on the City's YouTube channel.

Caledon hosting three information sessions on planning applications under mayoral direction

The **Town of Caledon** is hosting three in-person community information sessions to give members of the public more details about 12 parcels of land that Mayor Annette Groves

is proposing to rezone using her strong mayor powers. The meetings are designed to provide detailed information on the sites and proposed zoning by-law amendments, to address inquiries from members of the public, and to offer clarity on the process.

The meetings are scheduled to occur on the following dates at the following venues:

- On Wednesday, May 15 from 7 – 9 p.m. at Southfields Community Centre (225 Dougall Avenue)
- On Thursday, May 23 from 7 – 9 p.m. at Albion Bolton Community Centre (150 Queen Street South)
- On Monday, June 10 from 7 – 9 p.m. at Caledon East Community Centre (6215 Old Church Road)

For more information about the proposed zoning by-law amendments and to view public documents associated with the 12 applications, please visit the Town of Caledon website [here](#).

Owen Sound and Georgian Bluffs partner on pilot to jointly manage building services

The **City of Owen Sound** and the **Township of Georgian Bluffs** have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to guide the delivery of a pilot project that will see them jointly managing building services in

the municipalities. Recently, Georgian Bluffs has faced staffing challenges in its building services department. The temporary service agreement between the municipalities would see Owen Sound's dependable and skilled building services team providing support to Georgian Bluffs' staff two days per week for the duration of the pilot. During the shared services pilot Georgian Bluffs will pay the City of Owen Sound to support its own building department with City staff two days a week. For more information on the shared services pilot, please visit the City of Owen Sound website [here](#).

Niagara Region seeking public input on waste management plan

Niagara Region is developing a Waste Management Strategic Plan to provide a framework and direction for how the region manages its waste for the next 25 years. The strategic plan will evaluate a range of services and programs affecting waste management in the region and will assess current service levels, possible introduction of new programs, disposal capacity, and alternative technologies available.

The Region will be holding a number of virtual open houses through which members of the public, stakeholders in the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors, and non-

governmental organizations and school board sectors can provide input on the strategic plan, in addition to participating in online surveys designed for different community members.

Members of the public can attend one of two virtual open houses on the plan, as follows:

- On Thursday, May 9 from 7 to 8 p.m. (register on the Niagara Region website [here](#))
- On Wednesday, May 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. (register on the Niagara Region website [here](#))

Members of the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors can attend a virtual open house on the plan on Thursday, May 9 from 11 a.m. to noon (register on the Niagara Region website [here](#))

Members of non-governmental organizations and school board sectors can attend a virtual open house on the plan on Friday, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (register on the Niagara Region website [here](#))

For more information on the Niagara Region waste management strategic plan or to access any of the sector-specific online surveys on the plan, please visit the Region's website [here](#) by Friday, May 31. 🌸

OLT NEWS

PICKERING TOWN CENTRE VARIANCES AUTHORIZED

In a May 2 decision, OLT Member **Gregory Ingram** allowed an appeal by **PTC Ownership LP** against the **City of Pickering** Committee of Adjustment's refusal of its minor variance application for 1355 Kingston Road, widely known as Pickering Town Centre shopping mall.

In 2023, zoning by-law amendment and draft plan of subdivision applications were approved to permit a high-density mixed-use development on lands surrounding the

retained shopping mall.

PTC Ownership subsequently submitted a variance application to reduce the minimum residential parking ratio from 0.65 spaces per dwelling unit to 0.5 spaces. The Committee heard and refused the application in January 2024.

Planner **Sabrina Sgotto** (**Weston Consulting**) provided evidence on behalf of PTC Ownership, in support of the variance. Sgotto referred to a transportation justification letter indicating that the standing requirement for 0.65 parking spaces per residential

unit overstates the true parking demand for the development. She opined that the variance to reduce the ratio to 0.5 spaces per residential unit satisfies the *Planning Act* tests given the site's proximity to GO train service and local bus transit, as well as its intended transition to a more walkable community.

The City did not seek party status in the appeal. Based on Sgotto's uncontested planning evidence, the Tribunal allowed the appeal, and granted the variance.

Solicitor **Joe Hoffman** (**Goodmans**) represented PTC Ownership LP. [See *OLT Case*

No. [OLT-24-000150](#).]

VARIANCES AUTHORIZED FOR MISSISSAUGA TEMPORARY AUTO DEALERSHIP

In an April 29 decision, OLT Member **Ashley Mason** allowed an appeal by **1299148 Ontario Inc.** against the **City of Mississauga** Committee of Adjustment's refusal of its minor variance application for 7114 Hurontario Street.

1299148 Ontario applied for four variances to enable the temporary use of the

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Hurontario Street site for a motor vehicle sales, leasing and/or rental facility, for a period of five years. After deferring a decision on the variance application twice, the Committee finally refused the variances in November 2023, on the advice of the City's planning staff.

At the hearing, planner **Graig Uens (Batory Urban Planning & Project Management)** provided evidence on behalf of 1299148 Ontario, in support of the variances. He advised that a site plan control application was recently submitted for the property, seeking to permit an eight-storey hotel, and that the current requested variances are intended to permit the interim

use of the property while the hotel application is being processed by the City.

Uens opined that the requested variances satisfy the four *Planning Act* tests. Speaking to the concerns of City of Mississauga planning staff that the Mississauga official plan discourages the proposed use along this stretch of Hurontario Street, Uens noted that there is an identical use existing immediately across Hurontario Street to the east.

The City did not elect to seek party status in the appeal, and Uens' planning evidence was uncontested. The Tribunal accepted Uens' evidence and allowed the appeal, authorizing the variances.

Given the time that has

elapsed since the original variance application submission, the Tribunal imposed a condition that the approval shall expire in two years from the date of issuance of its decision.

Solicitor **Meaghan McDermid (Davies Howe)** represented 1299148 Ontario Inc. [See *OLT Case No. OLT-24-000057*.] 🌱

Errata

In the Committee Agendas section in the May 1 issue of GTHA edition, the height of an existing apartment building in Mississauga at 1785 Bloor Street was indicated as 13 storeys. In fact, its height is 10 storeys. NRU regrets the error.

The April 17 GTHA edition story "Cutting to the Chase" indicated erroneously that development application fee refunds imposed

by Bill 109 would be given for official plan amendment applications on which council has not made a decision within the statutory timelines prescribed in the bill. In fact, Bill 109 imposes neither a timeline for making a decision nor a fee refund structure on standalone official plan amendment applications submitted to council. Refunds have only applied to joint official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment applications, site plan control applications and standalone zoning by-law amendment applications. NRU regrets the error.

PEOPLE

The **Municipality of Central Elgin** has appointed **Carey Herd** as its new chief administrative officer (CAO), effective May 13, 2024. Previously, Herd served as CAO of the **Town of Caledon**. Herd replaces outgoing Central Elgin CAO **Robin Greenall**.

The **City of Hamilton** has shifted a number of staff members into acting positions following the departure of former Hamilton general manager of planning and economic development **Jason Thorne** in March. Hamilton director of planning

and chief planner **Steve Robichaud** has stepped into the position of acting general manager of planning and economic development. **Anita Fabac** has taken on the role of acting director of planning and chief planner. Hamilton manager of zoning

and committee of adjustment **Shannon McKie** has assumed the role of acting director of development planning. Hamilton supervisor of zoning **Emily Coe** has become acting manager of zoning and committee of adjustment. Hamilton zoning

examiner **Matt Stavroff** has taken on the role of acting supervisor of zoning. Finally, Hamilton senior planner **Alana Fulford** has stepped into the role of acting senior project manager, where she will oversee the zoning by-law reform team.



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May 8, 2024

Cathy Bradley
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Dear Ms. Bradley,

Re: Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

At their meeting held on May 6, 2024, Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Graff

Seconded by Councillor Stewart

That the correspondence from Hastings County calling on the Provincial and Federal Governments to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities be received; and further

That Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon supports the establishment of an intergovernmental working group which would include a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma facing small rural municipalities; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Housing Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, the Acting President and CEO of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Premier, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MPP Ric Bresee, AMO, ROMA, EOWC and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Thank you for bringing this important matter to the attention of Council.

Sincerely,

Sydney Dodson
Deputy-Clerk

/sd

cc: Prime Minister, Minister of Housing Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, Acting President and CEO of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Premier, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MPP Ric Bresee, AMO, ROMA, EOWC, all municipalities in Ontario



May 8, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, M.P.,
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister:

RE: Resolution of Support – Provincial National Fire Fighting Strategy

At its Regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand passed the following resolution:

RES:20240213-19

Moved by Councillor Mary Catherine O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Mike Ainsworth;

"Whereas the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand considered the Resolution from the Municipality of Calvin regarding a request for a Provincial National Fire Fighting Strategy;

Be it resolved that Council hereby provides its support; and

Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to: the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of National Defence, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED.

Please find attached the resolution from the Municipality of Calvin as supporting documentation.

We respectfully submit the resolution and supporting documentation for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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

Yolanda Melburn
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

Cc: Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario
Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Council Resolution

Date: January 30, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024-31

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

Background: Before Calvin township became a township, it was burned by numerous forest fires. This was before the time of fire towers, water bombers, and municipal fire departments. A 1881 report from Lawrence Tallan, Provincial Land surveyor, states: *"The township of Calvin has been traversed by repeated and severe fires – so well have the flames done their work that with the exception of an insignificant portion, scarcely a vestige of the original timber remains."*

History has a way of repeating itself, and now rural municipalities and remote areas need more than ever to be prepared to respond to forest fires. Invasive pests like the emerald ash borer and the spruce bud worm are killing large numbers of trees, leaving copious amounts of dry kindling in our forests just waiting for a careless human or a lightning strike. Our forests are choked with deadfall and forest fires are becoming increasingly difficult to control. Add to this the effects of rising temperatures and drier seasons, or climate change, and we could be facing increasingly disastrous forest fires. This is not the time to be caught short with limited forest fire-fighting resources.

Jordan Omstead of the Canadian Press recently wrote: "But as Canada's water bombers age – and wildfire seasons are expected to intensify – some wildland

firefighters and emergency preparedness experts say the country needs to prop up its fleet of firefighting aircraft, even though several provinces are playing down concerns about capacity.” He quotes Eric Davidson, president of the Ontario Professional Association of Wildland Firefighters, “We’re really starting to see the effect of the aging fleet.”

The article further states the John Gradek, lecturer at McGill University estimates that almost half of the larger water bombers used to fight Canadian forest fires are nearing the end of their service life.

However, a Canadian company making a large skimmer-style water bomber is backed up with orders from European countries until the end of the decade.

Ontario has its own fleet of aircraft. They have 20 fixed-wing aircraft which includes 9 CL215 and CL415 water bombers that are 24 years old on average. The remaining 11 aircraft are an average of 54 years old. Melissa Candelaria, a spokesperson for Minister Graydon Smith says the MNR can handle Ontario fires with these aircraft, but Jennifer Kamau, communications manager for the Canada Interagency Forest Fire Centre, CIFFC, noted that other provinces contract out firebombers and last year there was a strain in Canada to get the resources to areas in need because there were so many fires across the country at the same time and very few aircraft available.

Peter Zimonjic of the CBC quoted the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) President Ken McMullen, “It's not often that the fire chiefs sound the alarm. We are very concerned about this impending crisis that the summer of 2024 and beyond is going to bring our sector.”

In 2023 we all smelled the smoke and saw the sky turn brown. Buildings can be replaced, but lives cannot. And once an area is burned it takes more than a lifetime for it to return to its original state.

WHEREAS Forest fires are a very real threat to rural municipalities.

AND WHEREAS smoke from forest fires put people's health at risk. This is especially true of children and the elderly. The David Suzuki Foundation reports that wildfires kill many thousands of people per year and most of the deaths are from smoke inhalation.

AND WHEREAS forest fires are a very real danger to the climate and according to The Guardian, in 2023 they emitted three times as much carbon as the entire carbon footprint of Canada.

AND WHEREAS according to the John Crace interview in The Guardian with William Kurz, a retired scientist with Natural Resources Canada, around two billion tonnes of carbon have been released into the atmosphere from forest fires in 2023.

AND WHEREAS carbon emissions from forest fires are not counted against Canada's Paris agreement commitments, according to Kurz, but they far exceeded all of the emissions tied to Canada's economy (670 mega tonnes, or 0.67 billion tonnes, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada).

AND WHEREAS that standing healthy forest serves as a carbon sink, drawing in carbon, but once destroyed by fire, even though second growth takes its place, it is much less effective for many decades.

AND WHEREAS the federal government owns no water bombers and assists the provinces through the CIFFC, Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, a spokesperson with CIFFC says that last year there were too many requests and not enough inventory to meet the needs of the country.

AND WHEREAS as reported by De Havilland Canada who manufacture the Canadian made water bomber, they have contracts with European countries for the next 22 of its new DHC-515 planes, which will take until 2029 or 2030 to complete and there will be very little production available to replace the aging water bombers in Ontario and the rest of Canada.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Corporation of Calvin Township urges and encourages the Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy of firefighting. Furthermore, we urge the federal government to consider the measures necessary for acquiring a national fleet of Canadian-made waterbombers, with home bases strategically located to best serve and respond to the needs of rural communities, and a national fire administration to better coordinate and manage efforts across the country. We also encourage the introduction of a program similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) which was ended in 2013.

And we encourage Minister Graydon Smith to step up the on-the-ground firefighting capability and water bomber acquisitions in Ontario.

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, The Honourable Vic Fideli, Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

AND THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and adoption.

Results: Carried

Recorded Vote:

<u>Member of Council</u>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Mayor Gould	☐	☐
Councillor Moreton	☐	☐
Councillor Latimer	☐	☐
Councillor Grant	☐	☐
Councillor Manson	☐	☐



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May 1, 2024

Re: Mental Health Services of Renfrew County (MHSRC) Hoarding Program

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday May 1st, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-05-01-11
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution from the Town of Arnprior and their support for the Mental Health Services of Renfrew County (MHSRC) Hoarding Program and its benefits to all residents within the County of Renfrew.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Pembroke Regional Hospital, all local municipalities and the County of Renfrew in support of the MHSRC Hoarding Program.”

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Pembroke Regional Hospital
All Local Municipalities
County of Renfrew