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MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

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

DATE: November 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Physician Recruitment Incentive – Dr. Hamza Mir

I'm pleased to inform Council that Dr. Hamza Mir has chosen Welland for his family practice and will be practicing at 42 Division Street and will start seeing new patients on December 18. If you know of anyone looking for a Family Physician, they can become a patient by calling 365-888-3576 or visiting the clinic after December 18.

City staff have been working closely with the Region's Physician Recruitment Specialist and have been successful in attracting 12 new family physicians since the approval of the Physician Recruitment Incentive in June 2023.



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
FRANK CAMPION**

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November 13, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford

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The Honourable Nolan Quinn

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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Quinn:

**Re: Request for Provincial Support Regarding Federal Policy Changes Impacting
International Students and Post-Graduate Work Permit Eligibility**

I am writing to express our significant concern regarding recent policy changes made at the Federal level affecting international students and Post-Graduate Work Permit (PGWP) eligibility within the college sector. This letter has also been sent to the Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, as the City is seeking the Federal Government's reconsideration of this matter. We are now asking for the Province's support of the City's position, in light of the anticipated adverse effects these policy changes will have on the Niagara region's economy and workforce.

Canada's colleges, including Niagara College, play a vital role in meeting local labour market demands by providing skilled graduates essential to industries such as advanced manufacturing, hospitality, tourism, and construction, as well as key community services like early childhood education. Niagara's economy depends heavily on these graduates, who help address well-documented labour shortages across these fields.

The Federal Government's recent changes to PGWP eligibility significantly restrict the pathways for international graduates from Niagara College and other institutions, particularly within sectors crucial to our community. This "one-size-fits-all" approach fails to recognize unique regional workforce needs and excludes critical programs from PGWP eligibility, such as hospitality, tourism, culinary arts, early childhood education, and engineering technology—all of which are essential to Niagara's continued economic vitality.

The sudden implementation of this policy also bypassed consultation with municipalities, industry associations, and other stakeholders. Niagara College, therefore, faces constraints in

fulfilling regional demand for graduates in these key sectors—demand that cannot be met by domestic students alone. This presents a significant risk to Niagara's economy and the wellbeing of our communities.

On behalf of the City of Welland and the broader Niagara region, we respectfully request that the Province advocate on our behalf to the Federal Government in support of the City's position. We urge a prompt reconsideration of this policy to expand the list of PGWP-eligible programs, addressing the specific needs of our regional economy and avoiding critical workforce shortages.

We are confident that the Province's support can be instrumental in driving a favorable resolution to this issue.

Sincerely,



Frank Campion
Mayor

Cc: The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance
The Honourable Randy Boissonnault, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development
Vance Badawey, MP, Niagara Centre
Chris Bittle, MP, St. Catharines
Tony Baldinelli, MP, Niagara Falls
Dean Allison, MP, Niagara West

Jamie Lee
Councillor, Ward 6

Sent from my Bell Samsung

From: Central Operations (MTO) <Central.Operations@ontario.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 3:06:06 p.m.

To: Councillor Jamie Lee <jamie.lee@welland.ca>

Subject: The email below is in response to your inquiry regarding historical collision data on Highway 58 at Kleiner Street

Welland Security Warning: This is an external email. Please do not click links or open attachments unless you are sure they are safe!

Dear Mr. Lee,

Thank you for contacting the Ministry of Transportation regarding historical collision data on Highway 58 at Kleiner Street. Minister Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria has asked me to respond.

The safety of the provincial highway network is a top priority for the ministry. Ministry staff have reviewed Highway 58 at Kleiner Street to assess potential safety improvements. Based on this review, the ministry will implement a restrictive no-passing zone on both approaches to Kleiner Street on Highway 58. This measure aims to deter motorists from making passing maneuvers. However, it is important to note that pavement markings alone are not enforceable under the Highway Traffic Act, and some motorists may still choose to pass if they feel comfortable doing so.

In addition to the no-passing zone, several other safety measures will be implemented. These include installing oversized warning signs, updated larger road name identification signs (on both approaches) and installing a yellow flashing overhead beacon at the intersection to make it more conspicuous to motorists that vehicles will be entering the intersection and to proceed with caution.

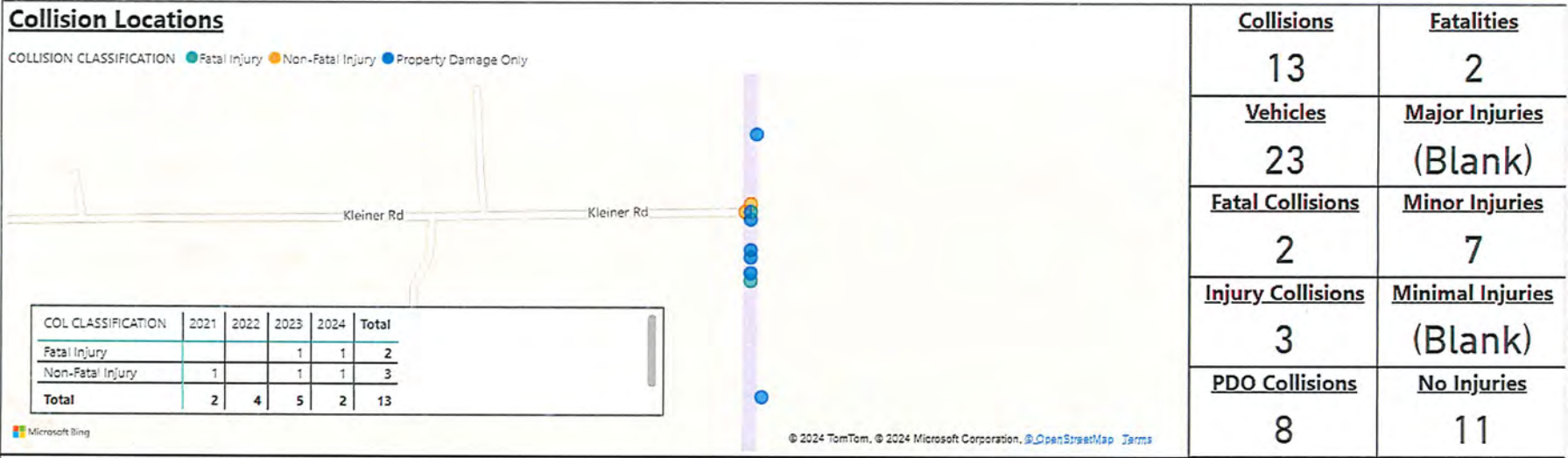
Please find attached a summary of collisions for the requested 3-year period.

Thank you for contacting the Ministry of Transportation and your concern for highway safety.

Sincerely,

Central Operations

Collision Report – 250m of HW 58 & Kleiner St



Collision Report – HW 58 Between Forks Rd & HW 58A Townline Tunnel Rd



PENDING MOTION REFERRAL/DEFERRAL SUMMARY AS OF OCTOBER 29, 2024					
CLERKS REF. NO.	DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEM	DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL	SUBJECT/ACTION	STATUS OF THE ITEM	COMMENTS/ COMPLETION INFORMATION
02-85 16-26	Infrastructure Services	July 19, 2016	Draft Sidewalk Policy that focuses on the creation of new sidewalks and the improvement and maintenance of existing sidewalks.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> Quarter 4, 2024	
99-99	Community Services	May 3, 2016	Report regarding potential alternatives to expand the use of waterway by the general public. Defers Report R&C-2017-08: Public Consultation Process - 'Go Quiet By-law' & Alternative Uses of the Waterway to the General Committee meeting on September 26, 2017.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> R&C-2017-06 - October 4, 2017 was received for information.	
17-2	Planning & Development Services Traffic & By-laws	September 19, 2017	Refers back to staff for report regarding Section 8 Schedule 3 Food Vehicle, Section 7 Schedule 2 Food Premises and Exemption Section 10 Schedule 4 Hawker and Peddler from By-law 2011-173. Went to the May 15th Council Meeting to be deferred to staff for a report to a General Committee meeting.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> Report coming back July 2024.	
09-152 18-2	Planning & Development Services and Fire Department	June 5, 2018	Report on an education strategy to the public, tenants and landlords regarding rental housing.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> Fire and Planning to provide an update report in 2024.	

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19-28	Planning & Development Services	March 5, 2019	Request for a Community Teaching Garden to staff for study and review.	Status: In progress To Complete: To be brought to the Green Advisory Committee for consideration in 2024.	
19-28	CAO	July 9, 2019	Report regarding a partnership between all 4 Service Clubs to a General Committee meeting. (Kiwanis, Lions, Optimist and Rotary Clubs).	Status: In progress To Complete: CAOs office is awaiting a response from the community groups.	
19-88	CAO	July 9, 2019	Create a "Downtown Vacancy Mitigation Action Plan" between the City, Business, Community and applicable stakeholders that addresses vacancy rates in our downtown areas.	Status: In progress To Complete: To be included in the upcoming Downtown Revitalization Strategy 2024 work.	

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99-99	Community Services	September 3, 2019	Staff to start a public consultation process on the design of a new park area and that a report to include public replacement of the current park infrastructure and enhancements due to the loss of parkland come to General Committee by the end of 2019.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u>	
17-19	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2019	Staff to consult with public, agencies and other stakeholders regarding tree preservation.	<u>Status:</u> Staff in process of drafting the guidelines. <u>To Complete:</u>	
19-103	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2019	Report on possible enhancements to the public notification process for Committee of Adjustment hearings. Went to the October 1, 2019 Council meeting requesting that subsequent report be provided outlining costs for the two options provided.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> 3 rd Quarter in 2024	
08-48	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff a report regarding an Occupancy Standards By-law.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> 2 nd Quarter 2024.	
19-94	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff matter regarding the petition from residents from 155 Gadsby Avenue, there be no change to the zoning, which is currently zoned as open space, in order to protect wild life.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> Ontario Land Tribunal matter at this time.	

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20-77	Infrastructure Services	June 16, 2020	WHEREAS due to the recent pandemic the City of Welland is not able to provide services that they normally would perform do to the safety of its employees; and further WHEREAS if residents did in fact require a service that is normally provided by the City, in this case being a sewer related service and had to act immediately and contact an outside contractor and in resolving the issue a fee was paid. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to create a report to reimburse part or all of the fee paid by the owner (with guidelines similar to the rodent control program to be adhered to) and the amount be capped and for a certain period to time.	Status: In progress To Complete:	
20-106	Planning & Development Services	October 6, 2020	Signed petition from the residents of Caithness Drive regarding turning an established residential area from a single family homes to duplexes and refers this petition to Planning staff for review.	Status: In progress To Complete: Will be considered as part of update to City's Official Plan in 2024.	
20-19	Planning & Development Services	October 20, 2020	Refers to staff for report the notice of motion regarding 113 Michael Drive, redesignates this area as Open Space and proceed with an RFP to have a park with playground equipment be installed at this location.	Status: In progress To Complete: Approval for Park Development and will be amended to Open Space in the updated to the City's Official Plan.	

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20-82	Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding a Municipal Comprehensive Review, under section 4.3.3.1 of the Official Plan, for the property outlined in Report P&B-2021-08 for an Employment Land conversion from Gateway Economic Centre to Agriculture.	Status: In progress To Complete: To be considered as part of the update to the Official Plan in 2024.	
21-58	CAO & Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding Brownfield Employment Lands that are non-employment producing within the city limits.	Status: In progress To Complete: Will be included in 2024 update to the Brownfield CIP.	
21-59	CAO & Economic Development	March 2, 2021	Report on a strategy to aggressively pursue the acquisition of seaway lands from the Federal government, to discuss with them an accelerated process to declare such lands surplus and enter into discussions for the acquisition of identified properties and review options for "lease to own" such lands until such time as they become available. Staff identify Seaway lands of interest and develop servicing plans and other strategies as may be required and further staff identify other lands within and/or adjacent to employment lands identified in Welland's official plan that would be strategic acquisitions for the purpose of industrial/employment use and see if owners are interested in selling those lands to the municipality. If they are not interested the city would not pursue expropriation. In relation to all of the above staff would prepare strategies and associated costs to service lands so that they would be "shovel ready".	Status: In progress To Complete: Update report to come in 2024 through Economic Development.	
06-156	Planning & Development Services	April 20, 2021	Report as part of the Official Plan Review detailing what Urban Farming initiatives Council should consider accommodating.	Status: In progress To Complete:	

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21-92	Planning & Development Services	July 6, 2021	Report regarding petition by residents of Seaway Pointe Condominium at 330 Prince Charles Drive regarding parking space for the Evertrust Development at 350 Prince Charles Drives.	Status: In progress To Complete: Applications were approved and building is currently under construction.	
07-144	Economic Development	January 31, 2023	Dissolution of the Welland Development Commission (WDC) referred back to staff for further information.	Status: In process. To Complete: 4 th quarter of 2024.	
05-50	Planning & Development Services	March 7 & 28, 2023	Refers back to staff regarding changes to the Municipal Heritage Register from the Town of Grimsby and Report P&B-2023-06.	Status: In process To Complete: 2 nd Quarter 2024.	
02-160	Planning & Development Services	March 27, 2023	Staff report re: having Council representation or staff on the Committee of Adjustment, Grants and Programs and Property Standards Committee.	Status: In process To Complete: 2 nd Quarter 2024.	
22-152	Planning & Development Services	March 27, 2023	Develop content for residents, simplifying and explain the process to provide a better understanding for interested parties, and to freely provide these resources to members of the public by posing online on the City website.	Status: In Progress To Complete: 3 rd Quarter 2024.	

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23-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 16, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-15: Cash In Lieu of parking Policy. Went to the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting to consult with the development community and public with regards to the proposed Cash-In-Lieu Parking By-law with a final By-law for consideration.	Status: In progress To Complete:	
21-79	Planning & Development Services	June 6, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-22 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 368 Aqueduct Street and 155 Gadsby Avenue.	Status: In progress To Complete: At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council.	
22-137	Planning & Development Services	June 6, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-20 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 50 Bruce Street.	Status: In progress To Complete: At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council. Went to CW on April 23/24.	
02-160	CAO	September 5, 2023	Refers back to staff notice of motion re: shall be notified in camera if any entity including but not limited to committees, commissions, agencies or boards that the city funds, or approves members or places members of council on, if this entity experiences any litigation involving its members.	Status: To Complete:	
02-160	Clerks Division	September 19, 2023	Refers back to staff Report CLK-2023-19: Amendment to Hybrid Model – Meeting of Council.	Status: In progress. To Complete:	

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23-122	Clerks Division	September 19, 2023	Refers back to staff Notice of Motion regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report recommendation #57.	Status: City Clerk is exploring training opportunities. To Complete:	
21-121	Engineering Division/Planning Division	November 21, 2023	Report to increase the funding for SWAP Program to soften costs to the homeowner.	Status: To Complete:	
23-28	Community Services	December 19, 2023	Presentation re: Crimestoppers Program and refers matter to staff for report.	Status: To Complete:	
99-99	Community Services	January 9, 2024	Prepare a report in regards to creating and allowing family caping along the west side of the former Welland Canal.	Status: To Complete:	
23-22	Infrastructure Services	January 9, 2024	Report that would address parking at Chippawa Park from the pavilion on First Avenue north to Laughlin Avenue on the park property which is currently grass/open space similar to Bugar Park.	Status: To Complete:	
24-36	Planning & Development Services	March 19, 2024	Petition from residents of the City of Welland opposing the planning application for the zoning at 44 Heron Street.	Status: To Complete:	
23-29	Clerk's Division	April 9, 2024	Staff to prepare a report for Council to consider a "Councillor Information Report".	Status: To Complete:	

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24-14	Clerk's Division	April 9, 2024	Staff to provide council with options on a reduced council size, with the sole objective to reduce the cost on to the taxpayer and to conduct a public engagement strategy for input from residents regarding a reduction of council size. September 3 rd – Report CLK-2024-11 – referred back to staff with direction to conduct public engagement regarding reducing the number of councillors with residents.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	April 23, 2024	Report to consider amending the City's Zoning By-law 2017-117 to include a requirement for visitor parking, as well as reviewing the parking requirements spaces per dwelling units in the surrounding municipalities.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	April 23, 2024	Refers back to staff notice of motion regarding lowering 50km per hour speed limits to 40km per hour speed limits to reduce accident impacts.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
21-121	Infrastructure Services	May 7, 2024	Refers back to staff Report ENG-2024-13: Increasing Sewage Water Alleviation Program (SWAP) Grant Allocations.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 14, 2024	Directs staff to create a report on increasing the maximum yearly eligible amount per resident under the Roden Rebate program.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
02-160	Clerk's Division	May 28, 2024	Staff to find a suitable provider to begin streaming Welland City Council Meetings on Facebook.	<u>Status:</u> Complete <u>To Complete:</u>	CLK-2024-17 October 29, 2024

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24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	July 9, 2024	Refers back to staff Report TRAF-2024-07: Update to Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 for investigation of removing the bicycle lanes and having parking only on one side.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
05-51	Finances Division	July 30, 2024	Refers back to staff Report FIN-2024-18: Purchasing Policy Update.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
02-160	Clerk's Division	August 13, 2024	Code of conduct for members of Council Section 4.1 – Staff report back to Council on the working of this section in regards to its contradictory nature and how it would apply to freedom of expression and communicating individual councillors political positions to constituents.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete</u>	
24-26	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Staff engage with the Region of Niagara to have sidewalks installed on South Pelham Road between Foss and Thorold Roads.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-78	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Refer to staff petition from residents of Coyle Creek Park opposing implementing the buffer zone around the perimeter of the pond.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-78	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Staff to provide a comprehensive report regarding the storm management pond at Coyle Creek. Report detail the city's responsibility and history to the maintenance of the surrounding park like setting over the past 10 years.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-26	Infrastructure Services	September 10, 2024	Staff engage with the Region of Niagara to discuss road upgrades on South Pelham between Webber Street and Thorold Road..	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-19	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2024	Staff to prepare a policy in conjunction with the Green Advisory Committee, in accordance with the Municipal Act, Section 270(1)-7 The manner in which the municipality will protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation in the municipality for Council's review and approval and that this policy be incorporated into the Official Plan being revised for 2024.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
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24-90	Community Services	October 22, 2024	Refer back to staff Report CS-2024-16: Neighbourhood Association Policy Options from the General Committee Meeting of October 22, 2024.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
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02-160	Human Resources Services	October 29, 2024	Directs staff to seek legal advice and report to Council for employment matters within Policy HR 005 to align with the authority that Council maintains outside of the strong mayor powers under the Municipal Act 284.6 by Dec 10th, 2024.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
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08-48	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and By-laws Division	October 29, 2024	Directs staff to conduct a study and report back on potential regulations for nuisance lighting between residential properties.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	



November 15, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

Re. 14.2 City of Thorold Council Resolution – City Council Statement respecting Flag Desecration

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on November 12, 2024, considered the aforementioned topic and the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS the Canadian flag is a symbol of the nation's unity, history, and values, representing the sacrifices and contributions made by Canadians across generations;

WHEREAS the Canadian flag stands as a symbol of national pride, democracy, freedom, and the rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizens;

WHEREAS the desecration of the Canadian flag is an act that disrespects the ideals and principles upon which Canada was built, undermining national cohesion and respect for the country's institutions;

WHEREAS acts of flag desecration can cause significant emotional harm to Canadians, particularly veterans, and others for whom the flag represents personal or collective sacrifice, dignity, and identity; and

WHEREAS criminalizing the desecration of the Canadian flag would serve as a means of protecting national symbols from acts that seek to degrade their meaning while still respecting the constitutional rights of citizens to protest peacefully and express diverse views;

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

1. That Council for the City of Thorold **SUPPORTS** the amendment to the *Criminal Code* R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46, for the purpose of criminalizing the act of desecrating the Canadian Flag; and

2. That this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, and the Office of Member of Parliament for Niagara Centre, Vance Badawey, the Regional Municipality of Niagara, and lower-tier municipalities within the Region of Niagara.

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Thank you,



Nicholas Debono
City Clerk, City of Thorold

cc. Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre
Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities



NOVÆ RES URBIS

GREATER TORONTO & HAMILTON AREA

WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 20, 2024

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● **RIISING UP WITH
RESIDENTIAL**

Mid-rise PBR Proposed
for Low-rise Industrial
Site in Aurora

● **MANDATING MID-RISE**

Report Says Housing
Targets Unattainable
Without Policy Reform
on Mid-rise

■ RESIDENTIAL HOME BUILDERS WARN OF BLEAK FUTURE FOR HOUSING UNLESS GOVERNMENTS DO BETTER, FAST

THE VIEW FROM THE GROUND

Tess Kalinowski

Ontario's home builders are warning that the province's housing supply crunch is about to get worse. Construction starts are expected to continue to lag through the end of 2028, remaining below the levels of the 2010s and the early 2020s.

RESCON, an association of about 100 Ontario home builders, released a market analysis last week that predicts a failure to reduce government fees and taxes and to make more land available to builders will be catastrophic for the economy and the industry in coming years at a time when employment in construction has already peaked.

RESCON vice-president **Andrew Pariser** said it is imperative that all three levels of government -- including Ottawa -- work together to jump-start construction. Development charges and other municipal

fees are adding an average of \$165,000 to the price of a new house, and \$122,400 to a condo or apartment, said RESCON.

"There's 100,000 people employed directly in construction. If construction goes down and these predictions come true, that's terrible for Ontario. There's not anybody who's not going to be impacted," he said.

'The Housing Outlooks in Ontario' report by analyst **Will Dunning** found that government fees and taxes and high land values in the GTA mean builders' price increases are being absorbed by those costs on low-rise homes, hindering profitability and construction. At the same time, consumers are hampered by higher interest rates that started in the spring of 2022, about the same time home prices peaked.

The alarm is sounded during what should be a

golden era for home building in the province. Two years ago, Premier **Doug Ford** promised 1.5 million homes would be built by 2031 to shelter Ontario's booming population. Although **Municipal Affairs and Housing** Minister **Paul Calandra** has

insisted Ontario will still meet that target, Pariser and Dunning say that is highly unlikely, even if housing affordability reaches the same levels as 2005 through 2013 or 2017 through 2019. A slowdown in population

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Rendering of the Canals Development project in Welland, Ontario. The project was recognized with a Brownie award in the category of project development at the neighbourhood scale (RENEW) for its transformation of two previously extensively contaminated historic Brownfield properties into a vibrant residential community with parks and trails along the Welland Canal. The award was presented at a ceremony in Toronto earlier this week. See In Brief page 8.

SOURCE: THE BROWNIE AWARDS



UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

20 Barrie Council, 7:00 p.m.

Brampton Council, 9:30 a.m.

Georgina Council, 9:00 a.m.

Halton Regional Council,
9:30 a.m.

Hamilton General Issues
Committee, 9:30 a.m.

Markham Council, 1:00 p.m.

Mississauga General
Committee, 9:30 a.m.

Richmond Hill Committee of
the Whole, 9:30 a.m.

Whitchurch-Stouffville
Council, 1:00 p.m.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public
Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

21 Peel Regional Council,
9:30 a.m.

Pickering Public Planning,
6:30 p.m.

York Regional Council, 9:00 a.m.

25 Brampton Planning &
Development Committee,
1:00 p.m.

Burlington Council (Special),
9:30 a.m.

King Council, 6:00 p.m.

Mississauga Planning &
Development Committee,
6:00 p.m.

Oakville Planning &
Development Council, 6:30 p.m.

Oshawa Council, 9:30 a.m.

Pickering Council, 7:00 p.m.



MID-RISE PURPOSE-BUILT RENTAL PROJECT PROPOSED FOR LOW-RISE INDUSTRIAL SITE IN AURORA

RISING UP WITH RESIDENTIAL



Matt Durnan

A residential development proposed for a low-rise industrial site in Aurora would transform it by demolishing a small industrial building to make way for a mid-rise purpose-built rental apartment building. If approved, the project would be the first major residential development in an area that is slated to see significant change.

At its November 12 meeting, Aurora town council hosted a public meeting on an Ontario numbered company's application for a zoning by-law amendment for a site at 36 Industry Street. **1000099397 Ontario Ltd.** is seeking to develop a seven-storey rental apartment building on the site, which is located within the town's major transit station area (MTSA).

"This is an old industrial area that has been defined as an MTSA now because of the

[Aurora] GO station, so this is an area that the Town has talked a lot about growth in for the last 10 years," **Groundswell Urban Planners** principal **Brad Rogers** told *NRU*.

"There are quite a few projects that have been proposed near the train station in what is called the 'Promenade' designation in Aurora, and there is a lot of development in that area."

The site currently accommodates a one-storey industrial building that houses a tennis equipment manufacturer, along with surface parking and tennis court.

All existing structures on

the site would be demolished to make way for a new seven-storey purpose-built rental apartment building containing 97 residential units that are currently being proposed as seniors' housing.

The Industry Street site is located in an area characterized by older industrial uses, such as small-scale factories and automotive businesses, with small pockets of ground-related residential uses to the west.

"We're in a bit of a resurgence in this area. Our old official plan, until fairly recently, designated this area as the Promenade, which recognizes that this is an

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I think introducing residential uses in close proximity to this area is really desirable and helps people to get out and about and enjoy the beautiful spaces we have in the town.

-Katherine Gatzos

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older area but there is a lot of potential for growth, specifically because we have the existing transit infrastructure in place with the GO train right by the site,” **Town of Aurora** planner **Katherine Gatzos** told *NRU*.

“With our new official plan being adopted by **York Region** earlier in 2024, we’ve designated this surrounding area as our major transit station area. This property is just on the boundary, so it’s included, and this is kind of the first of what we’d like to see on the east side of the tracks.”

Much of the town is characterized as suburban and car-oriented, but with significant improvements made to the GO station in 2021 and a new focus on creating transit-oriented development, that sleepy suburban character is set to change somewhat, at least in the Promenade area.

“We’re proposing 71 total parking spaces [resident and visitor] in two levels of underground parking. Across the province, there are no parking minimums within MTSAs, but some people are still going to want to have a car in this area,” said Rogers.

“I think you have to provide a reasonable amount of parking. I think zero parking or a very low amount would be a bit unrealistic for the market

demand, so I believe the market is going to demand some parking spaces.”

The Town of Aurora has already received applications

for more high-density mixed-use developments on the west side of the rail corridor that are currently under appeal at the **Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)**, but the 36 Industry Street site is the first high-density residential development application that the Town has received on the east side of the tracks.

To the north of the site is a mix of uses including industrial, residential and commercial,

and just 700 metres away is the Aurora GO station. East of the site is a vacant wood lot and some more commercial and industrial uses, while to the west are some small retail and residential uses and the GO train rail corridor.

The area to the south of the site presents an opportunity to further activate what has been a popular outdoor amenity area for Aurora residents: Sheppard’s Bush, a roughly 26-hectare open space area that consists of woodlands, sports fields, and trails.

There is a significant low-rise residential neighbourhood to the southeast of Sheppard’s

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Aerial images showing the location of the site at 36 Industry Street in Aurora where 1000099397 Ontario Ltd. is proposing to develop a seven-storey purpose-built rental apartment building. The site is currently occupied by a small single-storey industrial building, surface parking and a tennis court. The existing structures on the site would be demolished to make way for the proposed development.

SOURCE: TOWN OF AURORA



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Bush, but the north side of the conservation area is largely bordered by industrial uses that don't necessarily tie in with the open space network to the south. By introducing new residential uses to the area north of Sheppard's Bush, along with new sidewalks, the new development would create better pedestrian connectivity to the outdoor amenity area.

"This is a large natural space that was donated to the Town many moons ago and it's a programmable area that has woodlands and fields and trails, so it's a great community hub," Gatzos said.

"I think introducing residential uses in close proximity to this area is really desirable and helps people to get out and about and enjoy the beautiful spaces we have in the town."

The proposed mid-rise purpose-built rental development represents an important first step in re-imagining an older industrial area and transitioning towards a more mixed-use community, bringing significant new housing in close proximity to the town's GO station.

Moreover, the proposal represents an under-served housing type in Aurora: purpose-built rental housing, which is starting to crop up

more and more, especially within the town's MTSA.

"Purpose-built rental is definitely more desirable, and I guess a bit newer [for Aurora]. We don't have many opportunities here for purpose-built rental. In terms of multi-unit residential buildings like this, we're seeing quite a few pop up in the surrounding area, so I think people are realizing that people do want to have different housing options in Aurora," Gatzos said.

In addition to creating more housing options, the proposal aligns with the Town's larger plan of developing more complete pedestrian-friendly communities that are connected to public transit and other community amenities and businesses.

"A lot of the discussion about the housing crisis tends to focus on attainable housing for ownership, when the reality is that all communities need more rental housing units as well," Aurora Mayor **Tom Mrakas** told *NRU*.

"I'm thrilled about this proposed development that could bring 97 new purpose-built rental units to the market here in Aurora."

The Town of Aurora is hard

at work to make the planning process more streamlined and efficient, specifically within its MTSA, a process that started with its new official plan that was adopted by York Region earlier this year. The Town is now moving into the next steps of creating a planning framework that will encourage more mixed-use development in this industrial area.

"Our planning department is undertaking a comprehensive zoning by-law review that will look to pre-zone corridors, implement an updated additional residential unit [ARU] framework, reduce/eliminate minimum parking requirements, and more," said Mrakas.

"We're also developing a community planning permit system [CPPS] to make the development process more streamlined and efficient. All of this work is going to help speed up the development process in our community and ensure the right type of housing is being built in Aurora to accommodate our projected growth." 🌱



Renderings of 1000099397 Ontario's proposal for a seven-storey purpose-built rental building at 36 Industry Street in Aurora. The proposed development would bring 97 new residential units to the site, which is located within Aurora's major transit station area (MTSA), and is in close proximity to a 26-hectare outdoor amenity area called Sheppard's Bush. The proposal is currently being contemplated to accommodate seniors' housing. If approved, it would be the first high-density residential project to be developed in Aurora's 'Promenade' area, to the east of the GO train rail corridor.

SOURCE: TOWN OF AURORA
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MANDATING MID-RISE



Matt Durnan

A recently-released expert report contends that the Ontario government's restrictions on mid-rise housing in existing neighbourhoods are a significant barrier standing in the way of the Province's promise to deliver 1.5 million new homes by 2031, and that the only hope of meeting this goal is to focus on building more mid-rise apartment buildings on existing avenues and residential streets.

Released earlier this month, "The Mid-Rise Manual" was commissioned by **Environmental Defence** and **Robert Eisenberg** and written by two architecture and planning firms, **SvN Architects + Planners** and **LGA Architectural Partners**. The report takes an in-depth look at existing restrictions on mid-rise apartment buildings in Ontario neighbourhoods and details the steps necessary to clear the obstacles to building 1.5 million new homes.

"What this report makes clear is that it is the Ontario government's own restrictions on mid-rise housing in existing neighbourhoods that have been making it impossible to end the housing shortage," Environmental Defence program manager **Phil Pothén**

told *NRU*.

"While mid-rise development should be the most efficient, cost-effective way to deliver more homes faster, despite high interest rates and high demand, Ontario's governments have artificially subjected mid-rise developments to costs that have nothing to do with the practical realities of building mid-rise and have artificially made mid-rise development impractical to build."

The 70-plus page report assesses the current state of the housing shortage in Ontario, indicating that not enough housing is being built to meet the current need.

The Mid-Rise Manual notes the obstacles preventing the construction of more mid-rise apartments in Ontario and offers solutions that could be accomplished by both provincial and municipal levels of government, starting with making it legal to build mid-rise infill housing as of right in existing neighbourhoods.

Costs are identified in as the overarching obstacle preventing more mid-rise housing construction, both land and construction costs, along with the carrying and procedural costs associated with

the lengthy planning approvals process.

"The first obstacle is land costs and the solution is creating as-of-right permissions to build mid-rises in places where it's viable to build them. The second is construction costs, with the solution being legalizing labour-efficient designs and methods for mid-rise development. Third is carrying and procedural costs of the actual development itself," **Scorgie Planning** managing principal **Blair Scorgie** told *NRU*.

"The solution there is simplifying and speeding up the approvals process, reducing the cost burden of government fees, taxes, and charges, and transitioning small-scale infill developers and low-rise construction sub-trades to specialize in mid-rise development."

When it comes to solutions to the barrier of high land costs, the report recommends that municipal governments proactively amend zoning by-laws to provide as-of-right permissions for mid-rise developments of up to six storeys in height, without building step-backs, on all avenues and all residential major streets, including those in

currently low-rise areas.

The **City of Toronto** has already been moving in this direction under its Housing Action Plan and its Avenues, Mid-Rise and Mixed-Use Areas Study, which includes action items that will update the city's mid-rise building urban design guidelines and will update zoning on the city's avenues to permit mid-rise buildings as-of-right.

On the provincial side of things, a potential solution would be for the **Province of Ontario** to designate avenues and major streets inside of existing low-rise areas as strategic locations for growth and intensification through provincial policy. It could also amend provincial planning laws to provide for as-of-right permissions for mid-rise developments of up to six storeys, without step-backs, on all avenues and residential major streets in Ontario municipalities.

"Six to 12 storeys is the range that we're talking about [for mid-rise], with six really being the sweet spot. On all residential lots, even that six storey height is prohibited outright. Even on many lots that at the official plan level

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we say are designated for mid-rise, they're actually prohibited in zoning, which is the actual applicable lot," Pothen said.

Compounding the challenge of getting mid-rise housing built in these existing residential areas, is the fact that even when municipalities implement zoning permissions to permit mid-rise development, there are often restrictive building design guidelines that make the projects unfeasible.

Mid-rise building design guidelines like step-backs where a building must adhere to an angular plane in order to create a gradual transition to the adjacent low-rise neighbourhoods are often cost-prohibitive. This is due not only to the design and construction costs of having multiple different floorplates in a building, but also to the fact that the inclusion of step-backs reduces the number of units that could be accommodated on a mid-rise site, making cost margins ever thinner.

"We're hardly seeing mid-rise being built at all, that's reality. There are only tiny outlier cases where mid-rise could be built, and oftentimes the cost of the new unit is much higher than it naturally should be because of these arbitrarily-imposed hoops that need to be jumped through," Pothen said.

"The key burdens that we place on mid-rise development is apart from the outright prohibition on low-cost land, so we force mid-rise development to be restricted to major transit station areas, where frankly, much higher-density development makes sense, which means it's not viable there."

The report suggests that there are numerous "outdated" by-laws associated with mid-rise developments that force mid-rise builders to meet many of the costly and labour-intensive requirements of high-rise developments, creating the construction cost obstacle.

The Mid-Rise Manual indicates that municipal governments should do away with mandatory step-back requirements for mid-rise buildings and develop less onerous solid waste collection and loading bay requirements for this building type. At the provincial level, the report recommends that the Ontario government prohibit municipalities from mandating on-site parking for mid-rise housing developments and that it legalize fire-safe exposed mass timber residential construction up to eight storeys, while also legalizing fire-safe single-stair residential construction up to

six storeys (See: "Making the Case for Single-Stair," *Novae Res Urbis GTHA*, July 3, 2024).

Imposing step-back requirements, according to Scorgie is "shrink wrapping a building envelope", which reduces the amount of housing you can create on a site without these requirements and their associated costs.

"You're also increasing the [negative] environmental impact because there's a lot of heat loss with [inclusion of] all of these terraces. It's not a very [carbon] efficient building and it also doesn't naturally lend itself to mass timber or wood frame construction," Scorgie said.

"There are people building mid-rises—there are several mid-rises on Queen Street [East, in Toronto's Leslieville], but it's niche, it's boutique. It's being done out of passion, not because it's low-hanging fruit. The point of this is to make it [mid-rise] the low-hanging fruit. Remove the barriers and get us out of our own way so that we can actually scale this stuff and build it."

While the report offers both municipal and provincial orders of government solutions to the obstacles preventing the development of more mid-rise housing projects, Pothen says the buck really stops at Queen's Park.

"Municipal governments have to do what they can on their own initiatives, and certainly the federal government should be using spending to twist the province's

arm to do the right thing, but all of the changes identified in the report are squarely within the provincial government's power. The provincial government can implement these changes with the stroke of a pen," Pothen said.

"Anyone contending for provincial government, there are two choices: they can unlock mid-rise within all of Ontario's existing small towns, suburban and urban residential neighbourhoods or they can continue the housing shortage, there's no in-between. These Mid-Rise Manual items are what people should be looking at when they view provincial party platforms. If your issue as a voter is housing, if that's what's motivating your vote is that you want homes built, the questions you should be asking are which parties are committing to taking some or all of the actions in the Mid-Rise Manual."

The entire Mid-Rise Manual can be found online on Environmental Defence's website [here](#). 🌱

THE VIEW FROM THE GROUND

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growth, interest rate reductions and healthy employment levels themselves won't be enough to spur more construction unless housing becomes more affordable, says the report. It notes that increased mortgage regulations are making it more difficult for consumers to qualify for loans, while landowners are holding on to developable properties in the expectation of reaping higher profits later. Meanwhile, the re-sale housing market, which impacts new construction, hasn't suffered enough interest rate distress that owners are willing to budge on their sales prices.

Dunning used **Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp.** (CMHC) data for Toronto, Hamilton and Oshawa, showing the average number of housing starts from 2020 to 2024 was 88,189 annually –fewer than the 100,000-plus annually Ontario needs. Even if affordability retreated to pre-2020 levels, the report shows that the province would reach a maximum average of only 58,301 starts per year over the next three years.

Single-family home construction, which has hit a 69-year low, will continue to dwindle, says the report.

Minister Calandra's office told *NRU* in an email that Ontario has in the last four

years achieved the highest housing starts the province had seen in over three decades, adding consumers and builders are hampered by federal Liberal policies, including high interest rates and the carbon tax.

The government "is redoubling our efforts to support the building of more homes faster," said the email. It cited the new *Provincial Planning Statement*; common sense rules to encourage the development of secondary suites, and \$3 billion in infrastructure funding. It has also created what it called a "use it or lose it" approach that lets municipalities establish a timeframe for planning approvals, and new authority for municipalities to allocate or re-allocate servicing capacity.

NDP provincial housing critic **Jessica Bell** says the challenge of meeting the 1.5 million-home target grows every year Ontario misses its goal. There would be more construction if the government adopted the recommendations of its Housing Affordability Task Force in 2022 and legalized affordable units, and allowed four-storey multiplexes and higher density near transit routes as of right.

The MPP for University-Rosedale said more people recognize we need more

housing "if we want our kids to move out of our basements, if we want to live near our adult children when they have children of their own, and if we want to maintain Toronto and the region as an attractive place for people who have skills and want to work here."

Pariser said he hasn't seen any data showing that provincial-municipal announcements for faster approvals and efficiencies have cut costs or sped up construction.

"The data that I see is that a number of municipalities increased their development charges in the last couple of years," he said.

"We need drastic

improvements but we also need it measured. It's not enough for a politician to come along and say, 'We made it better.'"

*Tess Kalinowski wrote this story on assignment with *NRU*.* 🌱



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IN BRIEF

2024 Brownie Award winners announced

The winners of the 2024 **Brownie Awards** were announced at a ceremony at the Delta Hotel in Toronto on Monday, November 18. Established in 2001 by the **Canadian Urban Institute** to celebrate excellence in the remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites across Canada, the awards are adjudicated and presented annually by the **Canadian Brownfields Network** in partnership with **Actual Media**. This year marked the 25th anniversary of the Brownie Awards.

This year's awards recognized projects and persons across eight categories, including REPROGRAM, REMEDIATE (Sustainable Remediation), REMEDIATE (Technological Innovation), RESTRATEGIZE, REBUILD, RENEW, REFOCUS, BROWNFIELDER OF THE YEAR, as well as a 25TH Anniversary Special Edition Award for outstanding achievement in Brownfield advancement, best small project, best large project, and best overall project. Of the 12 Brownie award winners, four were for Ontario-based projects or people, and one was for a project in Toronto. The Ontario-based project winners are as follows.

The **Qualified Persons**

Community of Ontario (QPCO) was recognized with a Brownie award in the category of legislation, policy and program initiatives (REPROGRAM) for its provision of a forum through which qualified persons in brownfield remediation and excess soils can discuss common issues and educate themselves and one another through discussion, peer-to-peer communications, webinars and presentations. Its work with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks continues to improve records of site condition in Ontario and to improve conditions for the Brownfield industry by facilitating open dialogue around the remediation process to help improve time certainty and costs for brownfield redevelopers.

Team members for the Qualified Persons Community of Ontario project include **QPCO** leadership volunteers, **ONEIA** board of directors and **operations staff, Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks—** environmental permissions division (Brownfields), **Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, Professional Engineers Ontario, and Professional Geoscientists Ontario.**

The **Canals Development** project in Welland, Ontario was recognized with a Brownie

award in the category of project development at the neighbourhood scale (RENEW) for its transformation of two extensively contaminated historic Brownfield properties into a vibrant residential community with parks and trails along the Welland Canal. The project is recognized for its integration of community feedback into the master plan, its collaboration with the City on aligning community features with the City's vision, and its reduction of

greenhouse gas emissions achieved by the reuse of soil between the two properties,

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Photo of part of the Union Carbide site demolition in Welland, Ontario. The Union Carbide Property Regeneration project was recognized with the Brownie award for the best large project for its restoration of the 260-acre Union Carbide former manufacturing and landfill site that closed in 1999 and sat vacant for decades, and the adjacent 70-acre former Stelco Tube lands. The award was presented at a ceremony in Toronto earlier this week.

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reducing the amount required to be landfilled or moved off-site.

Team members for the Canals Development project included **Empire Communities, Armstrong Planning, EXP Services Inc., YORK1, and MBTW.**

The **Union Carbide Property Regeneration** project in Welland, Ontario was recognized with the Brownie award for the best large project for its restoration of the 260-acre Union Carbide former manufacturing and landfill site that closed in 1999 and sat vacant for decades, and of the adjacent 70-acre former Stelco Tube lands. The project team identified the presence of a substantial amount of graphite in the former landfill (a key element in the manufacture of electric vehicles) and facilitated recovery of it under a first-of-its-kind approval through Resource Recovery Circular Economy legislation. On-site redevelopment of 35 acres for a Linamar giga castings plant has revived local manufacturing on the site, creating 600 new jobs. A portion of the lands are contemplated for redevelopment for affordable housing for plant employees. The complex project required navigating evolving provincial regulations to facilitate resource recovery, excess

soil reuse, and housing development, including regulations around sustainable transportation and resource use, circular economy, and affordable housing.

The project team for the Union **Carbide Property Regeneration** was **King & Benton Redevelopment Corporation.**

City of Hamilton manager of commercial districts and small business **Judy Lam** was recognized with the 2024 Brownie award for **BROWNFIELDER OF THE YEAR** in recognition of her history of championing economic development through community revitalization and



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her advocacy and support for the remediation and redevelopment of brownfields in Hamilton as a key pillar of economic growth. In addition to being recognized for her role as administrator of the City's Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) financial incentive programs, she is celebrated for her mentorship of other brownfields professionals and her role sharing knowledge through public speaking engagements and conferences.

For more information about the 25th annual Brownie Awards or to read more about all of the nominated and winning projects, please visit the Brownie Awards website [here](#). For information on the Toronto-based Brownie Award-winning project, please see this Friday's issue of Novae Res Urbis Toronto. 🌱

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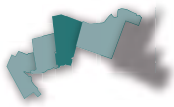
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Alloa Secondary Plan proposed

At its November 19 meeting, **Caledon Planning & Development Committee** considered a [public meeting information report](#) regarding an official plan amendment (OPA) application by **Alloa Landowners Group**. The proposed OPA would establish the Alloa Secondary Plan for a 725-hectare area located within Caledon's 2051 New Urban

Area. The secondary plan comprises new community and employment areas with a density of approximately 90 residents and jobs per hectare, and would accommodate up to 14,000 housing units and 1,490 jobs.

Approval recommended for Mayfield West Amazon fulfillment centre

At its November 19 meeting, **Caledon Planning & Development Committee** considered a [staff report](#) recommending approval of official plan and zoning by-

law amendment applications by **Tribal Development Management Services Inc.** on behalf of **Amazon Fulfillment Services ULC** and **QuadReal Property Group** for 12862 & 12668 Dixie Road. The applicants propose to develop three warehousing and industrial buildings accommodating approximately 370,000 square metres of gross floor area.

Approval recommended for Bolton estate residential subdivision

At its November 19 meeting,

Caledon Planning & Development Committee considered a [staff report](#) recommending approval of a rezoning application by **Suzanne Wilson** for 10249 Hunsden Sideroad. The applicant proposes to develop the lands for 13 estate residential lots, to be accessed through a new public road network that would extend from Hunsden Sideroad to connect to Stinson Street.

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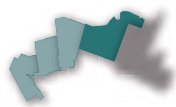
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Leslie-John St. development proposed

At its November 19 meeting, **Markham** Development Services Committee considered a [public meeting information report](#) regarding official plan and zoning by-law

amendment applications by **Primont Homes** for 2300 John Street. The applicant proposes to develop four buildings with heights of nine, 10, 12, and 14 storeys containing a total of 723 residential units and 527 square metres of retail space.

Seven lots proposed on former Aurora school site

At its special November 19 meeting, **Aurora** Public

Planning considered a [public planning report](#) regarding a rezoning application by the **Town of Aurora** for 115 George Street. The site contains the former George Street Public School, which is scheduled to be demolished by January 2025. The proposed rezoning would permit the establishment of seven residential lots for single-detached dwellings on the site, and would zone the rear (east) portion of the property as “Environmental Protection”.



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OLT NEWS

SETTLEMENT APPROVED FOR HURONTARIO-QEW TOWER

In a November 14 decision, OLT Member **Bita Rajae** allowed appeals, in part, by **Edenshaw SSR Developments Ltd.** against the **City of Mississauga's** failure to make a decision on its official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications for 49 South Service Road.

The South Service Road site contains a former **Ontario Provincial Police** (OPP) detachment and is adjacent to an onramp to the eastbound Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) from Hurontario Street.

Edenshaw submitted applications proposing to develop the site with a 26-storey apartment building containing 352 dwelling units. The City did not make a decision within the *Planning Act* timeframes, and Edenshaw appealed to the OLT.

Edenshaw and the City subsequently reached a settlement based on a revised proposal for a 29-storey building. No additional information pertaining to the settlement was available on the City of Mississauga's website, nor in its council minutes. Nor is there a description of the settlement provided in the Tribunal's brief decision report.

The Tribunal held a written hearing where it received

evidence from Edenshaw's planner **David Sajecki** (**Sajecki Planning**) in support of the settlement proposal.

The Tribunal accepted Sajecki's evidence and allowed the appeals, in part, approving the official plan and zoning by-law amendments as appended to the decision.

Solicitors involved in this decision were **Mark Flowers** and **Grace O'Brien (Davies Howe)** representing Edenshaw SSR Developments Ltd. and **Lia Magi** representing the City of Mississauga. [See *OLT Case No. OLT-23-000390*.]

SETTLEMENT APPROVED FOR CONCORD MID-RISE DEVELOPMENT

In an October 18 decision, OLT Vice-Chair **Steven Cooke** allowed appeals, in part, by **1494096 Ontario Inc.** against the **City of Vaughan's** failure to make a decision on its official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications for 80 Glen Shields Avenue.

1494096 Ontario submitted applications proposing to develop one seven-storey and one nine-storey building to be connected by a four-storey podium. The development would contain 1,661 square metres of ground floor commercial space, 155 residential units, and 43 seniors' independent living units.

The City did not make a

decision on the applications within the *Planning Act* timeframe, and 1494096 Ontario appealed. The appellant and the City subsequently reached a settlement limiting the maximum permitted building height to six storeys and the maximum retail floor area to 1,435 square metres. No additional information about this settlement was available through a review of Vaughan council and committee minutes.

Having held a written settlement hearing and received evidence from a land use planner in support of the settlement proposal, the Tribunal allowed the appeals, in part, on an interim basis and subject to the fulfillment of various conditions.

Solicitors involved in this decision were **John Alati** and **Grace O'Brien (Davies Howe)** representing 1494096 Ontario Inc. and **Candace**

Tashos representing the City of Vaughan. [See *OLT Case No. OLT-23-000324*.] 

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SENT VIA EMAIL

November 15, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via email: (premier@ontario.ca)

RE: AMCTO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPDATES TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT – TOWNSHIP FILE: A-00G

Please be advised that during the regular meeting of Council of October 28, 2024, the following motion was carried:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges;

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

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

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

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

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

Result: Carried

Yours truly,



Debbie Leroux
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca)
Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca)
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca)
Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca)
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November 19, 2024

Minister of Health Sylvia Jones
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Dear Minister Jones,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday September 16, 2024, the following resolution was put forth by Councillor Chris Dube and was passed.

Re: Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues

Resolution 266-2024

Moved by: Councillor Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor Dube

WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay is gravely concerned about the ongoing shortages and staffing challenges facing Superior North EMS (SNEMS);

WHEREAS, the provincial funding for ambulance services, currently at 50%, along with the city's 50% contribution, has been falling short, leading to financial strain on municipalities and regional partners, including the City of Thunder Bay;

WHEREAS, the rolling shortages of paramedics and EMS personnel in the region present a significant risk to public safety and healthcare services in northern communities, which are disproportionately affected by the province-wide shortage of paramedics;

WHEREAS, recruitment and retention issues, including insufficient wages and benefits, lack of mental health supports, frequent exposure to traumatic experiences, and inadequate recovery time between work periods, are causing high turnover rates and burnout among EMS workers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, be requested to take immediate action to address the funding shortfalls and structural challenges in the delivery of EMS services in northern communities, including:

1. Increasing provincial funding to support EMS services and reduce the financial burden on municipalities;
2. Implementing incentives such as "learn and stay" grants to encourage paramedics to live and work in northern Ontario;
3. Enhancing support systems for EMS workers, including improved wages, benefits, and mental health resources.



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AND THAT, this resolution be forwarded to Minister Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:
AMO
All Ontario Municipalities



TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Date: October 28, 2024

Item(s) no.: 10 a

Subject: Motion to request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Moved by: Marc Lalonde

Seconded by: Lisa Deacon

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Russell Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Russell Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

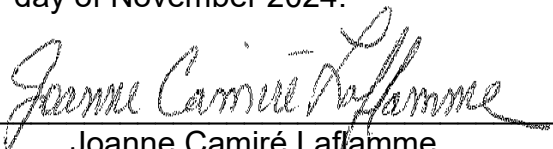
3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

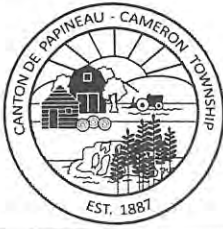
5. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy

MOTION APPROVED

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 12th day of November 2024.



Joanne Camiré Laflamme
Clerk



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November 13, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
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RE: Ontario Building Code

The Council of Papineau-Cameron met at their regular Council meeting on November 12, 2024 and passed the attached resolution 2024-328.

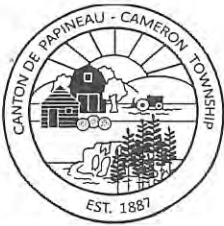
Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason McMartin, BA, ADA
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Encl. Council Resolution 2024-328

c.c. Hon. Paul Calandra MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Michael Parsa MPP, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
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DATE: November 12, 2024 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024- 328

MOVED BY: Shelley Belanger SECONDED BY: MChenier

WHEREAS Ontario is facing a significant affordable housing crisis, with many residents struggling to secure safe and affordable living accommodations;

AND WHEREAS the crisis of homelessness in Ontario continues to affect thousands of individuals and families, necessitating urgent and effective housing solutions;

AND WHEREAS the current Ontario Building Code contains regulations that may inadvertently hinder the development of affordable housing by imposing excessive costs and barriers on individuals and developers;

AND WHEREAS current building code regulations may restrict the development of innovative housing solutions designed to address the needs of homeless individuals and families;

AND WHEREAS an increase in affordable housing units is essential to promote economic stability, community well-being, and social equity within Ontario;

AND WHEREAS providing pre-approved affordable housing plans can streamline the construction process, reduce costs, and facilitate quicker access to housing for those in need;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township hereby calls on the Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individuals, including:

- 1. Standardized Designs: Creating a set of pre-approved housing designs that meet safety and quality standards while being cost-effective and quick to construct.
- 2. Flexible Design Standards: Allowing for innovative building designs and materials that meet affordability criteria while ensuring safety and livability.
- 3. Community Integration: Ensuring that these housing designs can be integrated into existing neighborhoods in a way that respects community character and promotes acceptance.
- 4. Support for Diverse Models: Including options for various types of housing, such as tiny homes, modular units, and converted shipping containers, to cater to different needs and preferences.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township encourages the Ontario government to engage with stakeholders, including architects, housing advocates, and service providers, to develop these pre-approved plans that effectively address the needs of low income and homeless individuals;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Association Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Building Officials Association, Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED: Robert Corriveau (Mayor) NOT CARRIED: (Mayor) COPY
Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			



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November 18, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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premier@ontario.ca

Dear Prime Minister and Premier,

**RE: TOWNSHIP OF KING RESOLUTION – REQUESTING THE REDISTRIBUTION OF
PROVINCIAL LAND TRANSFER TAX AND GST TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR
SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

At its Council meeting of November 12, 2024, Council of the Township of King received and supported the following Resolution:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That;

1. The Township of King Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. The Township of King Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried Unanimously.

Yours sincerely,



Denny Timm
Township Clerk

cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org
Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Anna Roberts, MP, King-Vaughan anna.roberts@parl.gc.ca
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November 19, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Support Resolution – OPP Annual Billing Statement

Please be advised that at its meeting held on November 18, 2024, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution regarding the OPP Annual Billing Statement:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Whereas current police services within the Township of Clearview are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP);

And Whereas the Township and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades; and

And Whereas historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 2%;

And Whereas the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Township on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$0.5 M (22.7%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 2.57% tax rate increase, on top of what the Township was contemplating for the residents of Clearview Township;

And Whereas communication from the Township of Essa as well as other municipalities serviced by the OPP has been received by Clearview Township, seeking support;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Council of the Township of Clearview, hereby requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 2% increase that is more manageable for the Township and in line with historical trends;

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And Further That any increase above 2% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

And Further That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP Brian Saunderson, Simcoe-Grey and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP. Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Service



Doug Measures
Mayor

cc: Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
MPP Brian Saunderson, Simcoe-Grey
Municipalities Serviced by the OPP

The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, regarding the land owned by the United States in the State of California.

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October 10, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, October 7, 2024, adopted Resolution No. 2024-0168 regarding Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act.

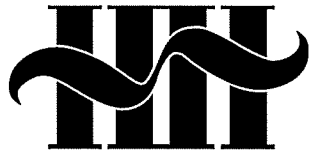
Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2024-0168.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Minister of Education
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery
Minister of Finance
Halton MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
All Ontario Municipalities



TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2024-0168

Title: Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Date: October 7, 2024

Moved by: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded by: Mayor A. Lawlor

Item No. 12.1

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

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

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Mayor Ann Lawlor



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November 19, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Ford,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday October 21, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed:

Re: Town of Halton Hills Resolution No. 2024-0168-Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Resolution: 293-2024

Moved By: Councillor Adduono

Seconded By: Councillor St. Louis

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foreign interference, increased spread of mis-disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities;

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

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public Business Service Delivery, Ministry of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, Thunder Bay MPP's, AMO and AMCTO.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing paul.calandra@pc.ola.org

Minister of Education – Jill Dunlop jill.dunlopco@pc.ola.org

Minister of Public Business Service Delivery – Todd McCarthy todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org

Minister of Finance - Peter Bethlenfalvy peter.bethlenfalvyco@pc.ola.org

Thunder Bay MPP's

AMO

AMCTO

All Ontario Municipalities

November 6, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
823 Albion Road
Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A3

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

At their regular meeting of November 6, 2024, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS preventing crashes helps to alleviate the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Pelham requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, and Good Roads;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Clerk, Sarah Leach 905-892-2607 ext 315.

Yours very truly,



Jodi Legros

Legislative Coordinator

- c. Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation** Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org
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November 19, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Ford,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday November 17, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed.

Re: Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Resolution: 306-2024

Moved By: Councillor Johnson

Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS preventing crashes helps to alleviate the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Terrace Bay requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;



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AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Hon. Lise Vaugeois, MPP, and Good Roads;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

Minister of Transportation – Anita Anand anita.anand@parl.gc.ca

Minister of Infrastructure – Kinga Surma kinga.surma@pc.ola.org

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness – Rob Flack rob.flack@pc.ola.org

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Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response – Trevor Jones
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November 19, 2024

via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
823 Albion Road
Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A3

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

At its meeting held on November 19, 2024, the Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh adopted the following resolution with respect to Good Roads – Ontario Rural Road Safety Program:

Moved by Jennifer Miltenburg
Seconded by Wayne Forester

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system; AND WHEREAS roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Your favourable consideration of this respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Kelly Thomson
Deputy Clerk / Communications Co-ordinator

CC:

Minister of Transportation – Anita Anand anita.anand@parl.gc.ca

Minister of Infrastructure – Kinga Surma kinga.surma@pc.ola.org

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness – Rob Flack rob.flack@pc.ola.org

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November 19, 2024

Honorable Anita Anand,
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transportation
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
Via Email: Anita.anand@parl.gc.ca

Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow
Office of the Mayor
City Hall, 2nd Floor
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Via Email: mayor_chow@toronto.ca

Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday October 21, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed.

Re: NOMA Letter re Billy Bishop Airport Support

Resolution 293-2024

Moved By: Councillor St. Louis

Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport serves more than 2 million passengers per year, making it the 9th-busiest airport in Canada, 5th-busiest serving the US market, 3rd busiest airport in Ontario, and making it a critical component of the national and regional air transportation system; and

WHEREAS the airport provides daily connections to the North with service to Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and Sudbury, and enables access to many other neighbouring communities;

and WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport is a critical access point for Northern communities for economic opportunities, tourism, social connectivity and critical medical care located in downtown Toronto;

WHEREAS the airport operates under a Tripartite Agreement among the City of Toronto, Transport Canada and PortsToronto, and that agreement is set to expire in 2033; and

WHEREAS the airport is seeking to secure its long-term future through a process to modernize and extend the Tripartite Agreement to drive sustainable growth and enhanced access and connections for passengers and the communities it connects to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association is seeking urgent action from the City of Toronto, PortsToronto and Transport Canada to commence a process and conclude it by the end of 2025 to modernize the current Tripartite Agreement and secure the future of Billy Bishop Airport.



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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Hon. Anita Anand - President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, Mayor Olivia Chow – Toronto City, Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada - Minister of Tourism, Government of Canada, Hon. François-Philippe Champagne - Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry - Government of Canada, Hon. Arun Thangaraj - Deputy Minister of Transport Canada - Government of Canada, John D. Elvidge - City of Toronto – Clerk, Paul Johnson - City of Toronto - City Manager, Jag Sharma - City of Toronto - Deputy City Manager, RJ Steenstra - President and CEO - Ports Toronto, Sandra Papatello – Chair of Board of Directors - Ports Toronto, Neil Pakey - President and CEO - Nieuport Aviation, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria - Minister of Transportation - Government of Ontario, Hon. Vic Fedeli - Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade - Government of Ontario, MP Patty Hajdu (Thunder Bay - Superior North), MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Eric Melillo – Kenora, MPP Greg Rickford, (Kenora – Rainy River), MPP Kevin Holland, (Thunder Bay - Atikokan), MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North), and all NOMA member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

Minister of Tourism – Soraya Martinez Ferrada Soraya.martinezferrada@parl.gc.ca
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry – Francois-Philippe Champagne francois-philippe.champagne@parl.gc.ca
Deputy Minister of Transport Canada – Arun Thangaraj arun.thangaraj@tc.gc.ca
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City of Toronto Manager – Paul Johnson paul.r.johnson@toronto.ca
City of Toronto Deputy Manager – Jag Sharma
Ports Toronto President and CEO – RJ Steenstra and Ports Toronto Board of Directors Chair – Sandra Papatello chair@porttoronto.com
Nieuport Aviation President and CEO – Neil Pakey neil@nieuport.com
Minister of Transportation – Prabmeet Sarkaria prabmeet.sakaria@pc.ola.org
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MPP Greg Rickford greg.rickford@pc.ola.org
MPP Kevin Holland kevin.holland@pc.ola.org
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All Ontario Municipalities

October 7, 2024

Honourable Anita Anand
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6
Via Email: Anita.Anand@parl.gc.ca

Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow
Office of the Mayor
City Hall, 2nd Floor
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Via Email: mayor_chow@toronto.ca

Re: The Future for Billy Bishop Airport Requires Urgent Action and a Modern Governing Agreement

Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

I am writing to you to express my support for the sustained operation and development of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. As the President of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, I am extremely concerned to learn that the Tripartite Agreement that governs operations at the Airport expires in 2033 – less than 9 years from now.

Billy Bishop Airport provides a critical service and point of connection for the North. Many of my community members rely on Billy Bishop airport to visit family, connect through to other destinations for work, travel and tourism or to access critical medical services, the convenience and ease of Billy Bishop Airport cannot be matched. It has been reported widely that Northern Ontario communities have experienced drastic reductions in air service coming out of the COVID pandemic. Reliable air connectivity available through Billy Bishop Airport is an important economic and social lifeline for my community.

We were pleased to see the Federal Government's investment in a US Customs and Border Patrol preclearance facility, which is expected to open in 2025. This is welcomed news for communities in Northwestern Ontario as it will enable more and better connections through Billy Bishop Airport and amplify the airport's already strong economic contribution. We viewed this investment in the airport's long term future as recognition of the very important role the airport has come to play for the communities it connects including Northwestern Ontario – very much at odds with an agreement that expires in a matter of years.

To that end, we would implore you, as signatories to the Tripartite Agreement, to commence a process to modernize the Tripartite Agreement and secure the long-term future of Canada's 9th-busiest airport and 3rd-busiest in Ontario. My community members rely on this service, and we

want to see even more connections and expanded services to the North. As elected leaders, we have a responsibility to think past our own front doors, reflect the needs of all of our constituents and those beyond our communities who are impacted by our decisions. Certainty about the airport's long-term future should not be something we as leaders should need to think long about. **The time is now for the parties of the agreement to move forward with urgency to ensure this vital piece of transportation infrastructure and the important connections it facilitates are sustained.**

Sincerely,



Wendy Landry
President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

Cc:

Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Minister of Tourism, Government of Canada
Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Government of Canada
Hon. Arun Thangaraj, Deputy Minister of Transport Canada, Government of Canada
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MPP Kevin Holland, (Thunder Bay - Atikokan)
MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North)
All member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks

November 18, 2024

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

City of Hamilton
Haldimand County
Regional Municipality of Niagara
Local Area Municipalities

RE: Board of Directors' 2025 Meeting Schedule

At the Board of Directors meeting held on November 15, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. FA-121-2024

Moved by: Michelle Seaborn

Seconded by: Donna Cridland

THAT Report No. FA-56-24 RE: Board of Directors' 2025 Meeting Schedule **BE RECEIVED**;

AND THAT Appendix 1 to Report No. FA-56-24 RE: Board of Directors' 2024 Meeting Schedule **BE APPROVED**;

AND THAT the meeting schedule **BE PUBLISHED** on NPCA's website for public information;

AND FURTHER THAT the meeting schedule **BE CIRCULATED** to participating and local area municipalities.

Full Authority Meetings are to commence at 10:00am on their scheduled date. A copy of the approved 2025 Meeting Schedule is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,



Melanie Davis
Manager, Office of the CAO & Board
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

NPCA Board of Directors' Meeting Calendar 2025

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 Full Authority Board Meeting
 Public Advisory Committee
 Statutory Holiday / Office Closure

 Governance Committee, following Full Authority
 Finance Committee

Full Authority Board Meetings,

10:00am start, Hybrid Meetings

Friday, February 21 – **Annual General Meeting**

Friday, March 21

Friday, April 25

Friday, May 23

Friday, June 27

Friday, July 25

Friday, September 19

Friday, October 24

Friday, November 21

Friday, December 12 *(if required)

Note: there will be a Source Protection Authority Board meeting scheduled for February 21, 2025 to coincide with the Full Authority Board meeting.

Committees of the Board

Finance Committee Meetings

10:00am start, Hybrid Meetings

Wednesday, April 16

Wednesday, July 16

Wednesday, September 17

Governance Committee Meetings

Immediately following the Full Authority Board, Hybrid Meetings

Friday, March 21

Friday, June 27

Friday, November 21

Public Advisory Committee Meetings

5:00pm start, Hybrid Meetings

Tuesday, February 11

Tuesday, May 13

Tuesday, August 12 *(if required)

Tuesday, November 25



The TOWNSHIP of
NORTH DUMFRIES

106 Earl Thompson Road, 3rd Floor
PO Box 1060
Ayr, ON N0B 1E0

November 19, 2024

Sent via Email

RE: Resolution – Good Roads re: Ontario Rural Safety Program

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on November 12, 2024, the Township of North Dumfries Council adopted the following resolution:

“WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of North Dumfries requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario’s rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario’s rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.”

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ashley Good, Clerk
Township of North Dumfries
519-632-8800 ext. 122
agood@northdumfries.ca

cc. Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and all municipalities in Ontario



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November 6, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Premier Ford,

Re. Resolution – Ontario Provincial Police Costs for 2025

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Howick, at its meeting held November 5, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

MOVED BY: Councillor Rognvaldson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Grimes

WHEREAS the Township of Howick's 2025 OPP Annual Billing Costs represents a 21.15% increase over the 2024 OPP Annual Billing Costs, with many small, rural municipalities across Ontario facing even larger increases for 2025;

AND WHEREAS this 21.15% increase in OPP costs equates to more than a 2.8 per cent tax increase before Howick Township even begins its 2025 budget process in terms of levels of services;

AND WHEREAS the downloading of costs such as these from the province and the subsequent significant cost increases are not feasible or sustainable for small, rural municipalities in Ontario who are bound to raising their revenue solely through property taxes and user fees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Howick adopt and endorse Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small, rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities.

CARRIED.

The Township of Howick appreciates the province's attention to the financial challenges faced by small, rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Gillis

Caitlin Gillis, Clerk-Administrator

Cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, All Municipalities of Ontario
Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson
County of Huron

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No. 229
Title: Councillor P. Valiquette
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Moved by P. Valiquette
Seconded by J. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;
AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

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

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
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November 18, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Attention: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

**RE: Support for Resolution Urging the Government to Promptly Resume
Assessment Cycle**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on November 18, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander dated May 31, 2024, regarding urging the government to promptly resume the assessment cycle with the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor Davoli

Seconded by: Councillor Howe

*Resolved that Council endorse the Municipality of Callander's resolution on
resuming the assessment cycle.*

Result: CARRIED

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

Regards,

Victoria Steele

Town Clerk

CC: Corporation of the Municipality of Callander
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities

31 May 2024

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024/05/184:

7.4(c) WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you,



**Cindy Pigeau
Municipal Clerk**

**Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities**

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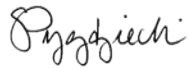
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November 18, 2024

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: New Business Item 23.1
Respecting Local Democracy and Cities (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, considered [Item CC23.1](#) and a copy is attached for your information or appropriate action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Przedziecki".

for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/wg

Attachment

c. City Manager

City Council

New Business - Meeting 23

CC23.1	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Respecting Local Democracy and Cities

City Council Decision

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its opposition to the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212, and any related proposed regulations, both of which contradict the stated purpose of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow the City to determine what is in the public interest of the city.
2. City Council request the Province to work collaboratively with cities to address congestion and road safety, and accordingly withdraw the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212.
3. City Council direct the City Solicitor to review Bill 212 and any accompanying regulations, once in force, and to report to City Council with a summary of the legislation and regulations and the potential for commencing litigation to challenge Bill 212 or the regulations.
4. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, or designates, to appear before the Ontario Legislature's Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure, and Cultural Policy as part of public hearings regarding Bill 212 to give testimony in accordance with the position outlined in this item.
5. City Council request the City Manager to submit written comments to Ontario's Regulatory Registry and Environment Registry of Ontario that reflect the City's positions outlined in this item, including the City's opposition to any requirement of the City to provide support in the removal of City Infrastructure approved by its democratically elected City Council.
6. City Council adopt the position that no costs associated with the amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act should be incurred or paid by the City of Toronto, including staff time, planning, design, construction, and traffic management as a result of the congestion created by the removal.
7. City Council forward this item to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Official Opposition, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayors, and all Ontario municipalities and include City Council's commitment to the right of municipalities to govern their own affairs and represent the interests of their residents and electors.

8. City Council request the Ministry of Transportation to permit the publication of the results of the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 as soon as possible to facilitate the use of the study in informing collaborative consultations with cities regarding options for addressing congestion and road safety.

9. City Council direct the City Manager to report back on the feasibility of placing signs on City roads where there are traffic delays resulting from the Provincial mandate to remove bike lanes from Toronto roads and that these signs would read "This road congestion and traffic delay is the result of Premier Ford's Bill 212".

10. City Council direct that Confidential Attachment 1 to the supplementary report (November 13, 2024) from the City Manager remain confidential in its entirety, as it contains information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City of Toronto as a partner municipality in the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022, conducted by a consultant retained by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario as part of a cooperative effort by local and provincial government agencies to collect information about urban travel in southern Ontario, until such time as the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 is authorized to be published by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

Confidential Attachment 1 to the supplementary report (November 13, 2024) from the City Manager remains confidential in its entirety in accordance with the provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, as it contains information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City of Toronto as a partner municipality in the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022, conducted by a consultant retained by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario as part of a cooperative effort by local and provincial government agencies to collect information about urban travel in southern Ontario, until such time as the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 is authorized to be published by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

Summary

The recent provincial Bill 212 seeks to overturn the decisions and work of our locally elected Toronto City Council. If passed, the Bill means one government would, at tremendous cost to the taxpayer and without collaboration, undo another government's work.

As Mayor, it is my responsibility to stand up for the decision-making authority of City Council and the expertise of our professional public service which supports that decision-making. As such, I am working with City Staff to review the City's options and will provide recommendations on this item prior to the City Council meeting on November 13, 2024.

Background Information (City Council)

(November 5, 2024) Report from the Mayor on Respecting Local Democracy and Cities (CC23.1)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-250054.pdf>

(November 13, 2024) Supplementary report and Attachments 2 to 5 from the City Manager on Respecting Local Democracy and Cities - Supplemental Report: Impact of Bill 212 Bike Lanes Framework (CC23.1a)

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November 18, 2024

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Via Email: Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org

Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation:

Re: City of Port Colborne Resolution of Support for the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program – Ontario Good Roads Association

Please be advised that, at its meeting of November 12, 2024 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the following motion received from The Ontario Good Roads Association:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Colborne requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to

lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Madden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "C" being large and prominent.

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure,
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture,
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Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response,
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health,
Ontario Good Roads Association
All Ontario Municipalities

From: Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>

Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 18:26

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Subject: establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

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To: City of Port Colborne Head of Council and Council Members

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Too many Ontarians are being seriously injured or killed on our roads.

In 2023, there were 616 people killed and 36,090 people injured. The number of fatalities is up nearly 20% in the last ten years.

In 2021, the most recent year of complete data from MTO's *Ontario Road Safety Annual Report* (ORSAR), there were 561 fatalities – 426 of which occurred on municipal roads. While rural Ontario only represents 17% of the province's population, 55% of these deaths occurred on rural roads. By any measure, Ontario's rural roads are disproportionately more dangerous.

At the same time, municipal insurance premiums continue to increase. With no plausible reform being considered for joint and several liability, municipalities need to find innovative means for managing risk, particularly on their roadways,

To deal with this crisis, Good Roads has designed a multifaceted rural road safety program and have been in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to fund it. The program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and save lives. This program is designed to be cost effective while also providing rural municipalities with a direct means for addressing risk associated with their roadways.

Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year \$183 million program that leverages our 131 years of municipal road expertise and our industry partnerships to quickly put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads.

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

If the City of Port Colborne would be interested in pursuing this, a Council resolution similar to the example below should be adopted and sent to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Colborne requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

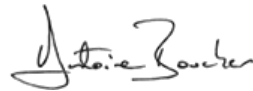
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact Thomas Barakat, Good Roads' Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations, at thomas@goodroads.ca at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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