



Council Meeting
Municipality of West Grey
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August 13, 2024, 9 a.m.

West Grey municipal office, council chambers and virtual

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1. **Call to order**
2. **Moment of reflection**
3. **Declarations of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof**
4. **Delegations/presentations**

In accordance with the West Grey Procedural Bylaw each delegation shall be limited in speaking to not more than ten minutes, and presentations that are requested by council shall have a time limit as determined between the clerk and the presenter.

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There are no public meetings.

6.	Comment period	
	In accordance with the West Grey Procedural Bylaw comments may be made to council with respect to a specific agenda item. A maximum of two minutes per person is allotted for comments, with a maximum of ten minutes in total for the comment period.	
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	There is no unfinished business.	
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	In accordance with the West Grey Procedural Bylaw, comments are not debatable, nor shall they introduce new business. Comments shall be limited to five minutes per member.	

16. **Closed session**
"THAT council now moves into closed session to consider:
 - a. **Two matters regarding labour relations or employee negotiations respecting West Grey staff;**
 - b. **One matter regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose respecting the Durham hospital; and**
 - c. **One matter regarding personal matters about identifiable individuals respecting appointments to the Durham Business Improvement Area board."**
17. **Report from closed session**
18. **Adjournment**



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Integrity Commissioner's
Recommendation Report
Regarding Mayor Kevin Eccles

July 25, 2024

Executive Summary

- [1] This report results from a complaint against Mayor Eccles for his conduct as a Mayor for the Municipality of West Grey.
- [2] The Mayor made public statements, threatening physical violence against the CEO/President of the South Bruce Grey Health Centre.
- [3] The Mayor's comments seemed to suggest that the CEO is personally responsible, and her elimination could bring about a reversal of the reallocation of beds.
- [4] In these times, regardless of intention, some members of the public may hear the words of political leaders as a literal 'call-to-arms' and respond in unanticipated ways.
- [5] There are now individuals attending the Health Centre who ask for the CEO by name in what staff fear is a menacing manner, and some senior administrators of the Health Centre have experienced threats against them.
- [6] Uttering such statements was irresponsible, threatened the safety of the named target, and amounted to intimidation and constitute acts of physical violence.
- [7] We find that these statements breached the Code of Conduct.

The Complaint

- [8] On May 21, 2024 we received a complaint from the South Bruce Grey Health Centre (the "Health Centre") and its CEO/President, Nancy Shaw.
- [9] The complaint alleged that Mayor Eccles publicly made incendiary statements that were physically threatening towards the CEO/President personally in regard to the announced reallocation of hospital beds from the Health Centre.
- [10] It is alleged that this conduct breached the West Grey Council Code of Conduct.

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Process Followed for this Investigation

[11] In conducting this investigation, Principles *Integrity* applied the principles of procedural fairness and was guided by the complaint process set out under the Code of Conduct.

[12] This fair and balanced process includes the following elements:

- Reviewing the complaint to determine whether it is within scope and jurisdiction and in the public interest to pursue, including giving consideration to whether the complaints should be restated or narrowed, where this better reflects the public interest
- Notifying the respondent of the complaint against him and obtaining his response
- Conducting interviews of persons with information relevant to the complaint
- Reviewing the relevant documentation
- Providing the respondent with the opportunity to review and provide comments to the Integrity Commissioner's Preliminary Findings Report, and taking those comments into consideration prior to finalizing and submitting our Recommendation Report

[13] In this regard, we have assessed the information fairly, in an independent and neutral manner, and have come to our findings only after providing an opportunity to the respondent to respond to the allegations, and to review and provide comment on the preliminary findings.

Background and Context

[14] The Health Centre operates over four (4) sites and has more than 500 employees and is governed by a Board of Directors.

[15] In April 2024, due to a critical shortage of staff which is anticipated to intensify during the summer of 2024, the Health Centre announced its decision to transition 10 inpatient beds currently at the Durham hospital site located within the Municipality of West Grey to the Walkerton and Kincardine sites.

[16] The relocation was planned following lengthy consideration of alternative options, and in accordance with Ministry of Health the requirements.

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[17] The Mayors of West Grey has, understandably, been very vocal in his opposition to the relocation.

[18] The issue which prompted the complaint is not his opposition, however, but rather the language used and images conveyed to express his opposition.

[19] At the West Grey Council meeting of April 30, 2024 the Mayor stated:

“One statement that I’ve put out there verbally has been I told the CEO and President of South Bruce Grey Health Association [Ms. Shaw] to keep her hands off of the Durham Hospital and **I’ll promise to keep my hands off of your throat.**”

[emphasis added]

[20] The Mayor purported to apologize for his statement on May 5, 2024 at the opening of a County Council meeting.

[21] On May 7, 2024 he made the following statement prior to a public meeting:

"The public is still angry, not connecting with the information coming forward. The community itself is ready to go to battle on this, whether it's political or legal. **The gun is fully loaded and we're ready to fire shots. We're going to hit the target to keep our hospital open...Dangerous is an appropriate word being used in this.**"

[emphasis added]

The Council Code of Conduct and the Applicable Law

[22] The West Grey Council Code of Conduct contains the following provision relevant to this complaint:

Rule 12 - Respectful Workplace.

All Members have a duty to treat members of the public, one another and staff appropriately and without abuse, bullying or intimidation and to ensure that their work environment is free from discrimination and harassment.

Analysis and Findings

[23] The Mayor has acknowledged making both of the statements.

[24] Although he apologized for the first statement on May 5, 2024, stating:

I would like to address a phrase I used in conveying my displeasure with the announcement....

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Using the phrase I did was inappropriate. I apologize to all who I have offended. I will continue to improve and be conscious of my choice of words going forward....

Again, I apologize to those I have offended.

- [25] Then on May 7, 2024 the Mayor proceeded to make the second statement.
- [26] He has explained that he did not intend to be taken literally when he said he would have his hands on the CEO's throat.
- [27] He has explained that his reference to *keeping guns loaded and being ready to fire shots* was alluding to Bay Street lawyers, as in "we have hired the big guns to represent us".
- [28] During this investigation he has further advised that he takes responsibility for his words.
- [29] He acknowledged understanding how such statements threatening physical violence could, in today's society, be misinterpreted by some.
- [30] That said, in our view it does not appear that the Mayor fully appreciates the serious impacts that his statements have had on the CEO and on senior administrators at the Health Centre.
- [31] To begin with, the comments appear to characterize the relocation of inpatient beds as a unilateral decision of the CEO. This is a mischaracterization.
- [32] Although the Mayor disagrees, because in his view the CEO has 'ownership' of the decision for the relocation, in reality, since 2019 the Health Centre administration and leadership has wrestled with chronic staff shortages.
- [33] The reality is that the decision to relocate inpatient beds should be recognized as a Board decision, though arrived at after receiving the CEO's recommendation.
- [34] Making statements that suggest the elimination of the CEO – whether through force or otherwise – could change the current direction is unhelpful and simply irresponsible.
- [35] Making statements that suggest engaging in physical acts of violence is appropriate as a response to the relocation is scandalous.
- [36] We live in times when the irresponsible words of political leaders have been known to motivate members of the public to act in unanticipated ways.
- [37] Thoughtless words and statements can have unintended consequences.

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[38] We cannot consider the concerns of the CEO to be gratuitous and unwarranted.

[39] The Mayor's comments seemed to suggest that the CEO is personally responsible for the reallocation of hospital beds; they imply that her elimination could bring about a reversal of the decision.

[40] Since the Mayor's statements, there have been individuals attending the Health Centre asking for the CEO by name, in a manner that suggests they do not wish her well.

[41] Some senior administrators of the Health Centre have experienced threats against themselves; some have had children return from school in tears as a result of animosity stemming from the Mayor's comments.

[42] Staff fear for the safety of the CEO since the Mayor's comments, as she herself fears for her own safety and the safety of her staff.

[43] Uttering such statements was irresponsible, threatened the safety of the named target, and amounted to intimidation.

[44] Politics can be a rough and tumble arena, but targeting physical threats towards an individual and making statements which some might interpret as a call-to-arms or calling for bodily harm of someone is irresponsible.

[45] The Mayor's statements have gone significantly beyond what could be considered proper political discourse.

[46] In fact, the Mayor has threatened physical violence against Ms. Shaw.

[47] We find his statement about having *his hands on the throat* of the CEO/President, Ms. Shaw, reflect a threat of physical violence against her personally.

[48] We find that his statement about *keeping their guns loaded and be ready to fire shots* in order to keep the hospital open constitutes a further threat of physical violence which, based on his earlier statement, might be perceived by some as targeted at the CEO/President.

[49] For guidance in our determination that the Mayor's statements constituted intimidation, we look to the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* which defines *workplace violence* to include:

A statement or behaviour that it is reasonable for a worker to interpret as a threat to exercise physical force against the worker, in a workplace, that could cause physical injury to the worker.

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[50] Workplace violence has been determined to include the utterance of words, even where there is not an immediate ability to do physical harm, and where there is no actual intention to do harm.

[51] Where the words are uttered in a serious, purposeful manner (ie. not in jest) they must be understood as intended to intimidate.

[52] The Mayor's statements can be understood to constitute intimidation.

[53] Although there may not be an actual intention by the speaker to physically harm someone, a serious statement intending to intimidate is workplace violence.

[54] *Workplace harassment* is defined by the legislation, and by the Municipality's own Respect in the Workplace (Harassment and Violence) Policy, to include:

Engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct against a worker in a workplace that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome.

[55] Intimidation is a course of comment that ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome.

[56] We find that that both of the Mayor's statements constituted intimidation and harassment in contravention of the Code of Conduct.

[57] We find that the complaint against the Mayor is substantiated.

[58] We are satisfied that the statements caused the CEO/President concern for her own safety, not because she feared that the Mayor would act on his threats, but because she seriously worried that someone hearing those words, who might be experiencing anxiety or anger around the emotionally-charged issue, could act on the Mayor's statements.

[59] The Mayor's statements were both made quite publicly, and right at the height of dealing with the emotionally-charged and controversial issue.

[60] We accept that the Mayor had no intention of acting on the threats of physical violence against the CEO/President.

[61] However, others are listening, including some who might be capable of reacting quite badly. It is fair to acknowledge that politicians have their followers and play a leadership role in a community.

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[62] Moreover, it must be recognized that there is a relationship between violent political rhetoric and actual physical violence. Leaders' rhetoric is amplified by not only traditional media but by social media.

[63] Such political rhetoric can inadvertently embolden individuals to act in unanticipated ways.

[64] It behooves our leaders to comport themselves in responsible and statesmanlike ways, rather than irresponsibly making incendiary statements.

Disciplinary Role of Council

[65] The role of Council is not to reinvestigate the findings in this report. The role of the Integrity Commissioner is to undertake a thorough and impartial investigation, which has now been completed. The tenets of procedural fairness require us to provide reasons for our conclusions and recommendations, and we have done that. Procedural fairness also requires us to conduct a process where parties can participate in the review and resolution of a complaint.

[66] Rather, the role of Council is to review the report and decide which sanctions, if any, are necessary. The Integrity Commissioner can recommend training and/or sanctions as they deem appropriate based on the circumstances of the complaint(s), but it is Council who is the final voice in determining what should be done.

[67] Principles *Integrity* welcomes any questions Council may have regarding the process followed for the investigation as well as its findings.

Recommendations

[68] The role of an Integrity Commissioner is more than simply the task of bringing adjudication to grievances between individuals. As noted at the outset, we see as our highest objective in concluding an investigation to be the making of recommendations that serve the public interest.

[69] During the investigation the Mayor has asserted that an apology was offered (his email to the CEO), even though he immediately proceeded 2 days later to make further violence-threatening remarks (*'guns fully loaded, ready to fire, going to hit the target'*).

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[70] It is important for members of Council to recognize their own on-going responsibility for their public statements, especially during controversial and emotionally-charged circumstances.

[71] The Mayor must recognize that as a leader, he has a following, and people will be listening to him; as such, he needs to be mindful of the possibility others might take his words literally.

[72] It is critical for leaders to approach these issues with thoughtfulness, avoiding inflammatory statements and language that might motivate others to act.

[73] Although he now says he takes responsibility for his words, and agrees that he should not have used such language '*even if I was baited in this emotional charged situation*', we find that his rash and careless statements – and in particular, because his second statement followed on the heels of his apology – his conduct cannot be condoned.

[74] Based on all of the above, we are of the view that the sanction of a suspension of remuneration is warranted, to clearly signal that such threatening and targeted public declarations will not be tolerated.

[75] The sanctions that may be imposed following a finding of contravention by an Integrity Commissioner are a reprimand, or a suspension of remuneration for up to 90 days.

[76] A suspension of pay, while not representing a significant monetary amount, can assist in driving home the point that such statements are unacceptable.

[77] We therefore recommend:

That the remuneration paid to Mayor Eccles be suspended for a period of 14 days (representing a single two-week pay period).

[78] We wish to conclude by publicly thanking all those who participated in our investigation.

[79] We will be available to introduce this report and respond to questions about how our recommendations relate to our findings during the Council meeting at which this report is considered.

About Principles *Integrity* and the Complaint Process

Principles *Integrity* was appointed the Integrity Commissioner for the Municipality of West Grey April 1, 2018. We are also privileged to serve as Integrity Commissioner for

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a number of other Ontario municipalities. The operating philosophy which guides us in our work with all of our client municipalities is this:

The perception that a community's elected representatives are operating with integrity is the glue which sustains local democracy. We live in a time when citizens are skeptical of their elected representatives at all levels. The overarching objective in appointing an integrity commissioner is to ensure the existence of robust and effective policies, procedures, and mechanisms that enhance the citizen's perception that their Council (and local boards) meet established ethical standards and where they do not, there exists a review mechanism that serves the public interest.

The Municipality of West Grey has as part of its ethical framework a Code of Conduct which is the policy touchstone underlying the assessments conducted in this report. It represents the standard of conduct against which all members of Council are to be measured when there is an allegation of breach of the ethical responsibilities established under the Code of Conduct. The review mechanism contemplated by the Code, one which is required in all Ontario municipalities, is an inquiry/complaints process administered by an integrity commissioner.

Integrity commissioners carry out a range of functions for municipalities (and their local boards). They assist in the development of the ethical framework, for example by suggesting content or commentary for codes of conduct. They conduct education and training for members of council and outreach for members of the community. One of the most important functions is the provision of advice and guidance to members to help sort out ethical grey areas or to confirm activities that support compliance. And finally, but not principally, they investigate allegations that a person has fallen short of compliance with the municipality's ethical framework and where appropriate they submit public reports on their findings, and make recommendations, including recommending sanctions, that council for the municipality may consider imposing in giving consideration to that report.

It is important that this broad range of functions be mentioned in this investigation report. Our goal, as stated in our operating philosophy, is to help members of the West Grey community, indeed the broader municipal sector and the public, to appreciate that elected and appointed representatives generally carry out their functions with integrity. In cases where they do not, there is a proper process in place to fairly assess the facts and, if necessary, recommend appropriate sanctions. In every case, including this one, the highest objective is to make recommendations that serve the public interest, if there are recommendations to be made.

Our role differs from other 'adjudicators' whose responsibilities generally focus, to state it colloquially, on making findings of fact and fault. While that is a necessary component when allegations are made, it is not the only component.

Our operating philosophy dictates the format of this report. The tenets of procedural fairness require us to provide reasons for our conclusions and recommendations, and we have done that. Procedural fairness also requires us to conduct a process where parties can participate in the review and resolution of a complaint.



Minutes
Council meeting
Municipality of West Grey

Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 9 a.m.
West Grey municipal office, council chambers and virtual

Members present: Mayor Kevin Eccles
Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson
Councillor Scott Foerster
Councillor Doug Hutchinson
Councillor Joyce Nuhn
Councillor Geoffrey Shea
Councillor Doug Townsend

Staff present: Michele Harris, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Eckenswiller, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Karl Schipprack, Director of Community and Development Services/CBO
Geoff Aitken, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works
Nicole Heber, Environmental Officer
Ashley Noble, Communications Coordinator
Jodi Ward, Legislative Services Coordinator

1. Call to order

Mayor Eccles called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Moment of reflection

Mayor Eccles called for a moment of reflection.

3. Declarations of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Delegations/presentations

4.1 Ron Steffler Re: Request for Refund of Fees

Ron Steffler provided a delegation requesting a refund of fees respecting a building matter.

Mr. Steffler provided an overview of a meeting he had with building department staff and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) regarding his proposed build, noting that building department staff informed him that trusses four feet on centre are not permitted by the Ontario Building Code, something Mr. Steffler disputed. Mr. Steffler noted that by this time his survey had already been completed and was ready to be submitted, however, to avoid a delay Mr. Steffler asked the surveyor to come back and re-survey at a setback of 66 feet. Mr. Steffler advised that this survey adjustment cost \$1,100.00, and was not required by the act, and as such, would like the \$1,100.00 to be returned to him.

5. Public meetings

There were no public meetings.

6. Comment period

Kristen Rennie of Georgian Planning Solutions provided an update on the Bruce subdivision project in Durham, agenda item 11.1.2.

Ms. Rennie advised that the staff report on the agenda is to consider an extension to the draft plan approval, which is lapsing in August. Ms. Rennie noted that the applicant is actively working on the file, including tasks such as: working on updating engineered drawings through a redline revision and updating the site plan, as well as working on clearing the conditions of the draft plan approval. Building phase one, which will include 95 units, is anticipated for spring/summer 2025.

7. Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business.

8. Adoption of minutes

8.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes held on June 18, 2024.

8.2 Public Meeting Minutes held on June 18, 2024.

R-240709-001

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting held on June 18, 2024, the public meeting minutes held on June 18, 2024, as presented be adopted."

Carried

9. Committee and board reports

9.1 West Grey Public Library Board Minutes held on May 8, 2024.

9.2 Priceville Improvement Committee Minutes held on June 3, 2024.

9.3 Saugeen Municipal Airport Regular Meeting Minutes held on June 19, 2024.

R-240709-002

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT the minutes of the committee and boards are hereby received."

Carried

10. Correspondence

10.1 Correspondence received for which direction of council is required

10.1.1 Correspondence from the Durham BIA Re: Request for Budget Approval

R-240709-003

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Durham Business Improvement Area respecting the 2024 Durham BIA Budget, council approves the Durham BIA budget as presented."

Carried

10.2 Correspondence received which is presented for the information of council

R-240709-004

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Shea

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie respecting Ontario Health Coalition Public Consultation Submission, council directs staff to send a letter of support for the correspondence to the board and president and CEO of the South Bruce Grey Health Centre, and the Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Rick Byers."

Carried

R-240709-005

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the County of Bruce respecting Request for the Ontario Ministry of Health to Pause Service Level Reductions, council direct staff to send a letter of support for the resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Rick Byers, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MP Alex Ruff, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau."

Carried

R-240709-006

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Township of Larder Lake and the Town of Cobalt respecting Asset Retirement Obligation PS 3280, council directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution to the minister of municipal affairs and housing, and the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)."

Carried

R-240709-007

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT council receives all correspondence not otherwise dealt with."

Carried

11. Staff reports

11.1 Manager of Planning and Development

11.1.1 Candue/Iverson/Walsh – Development Agreements

The Director of Community and Development Services/CBO provided an overview of the report.

R-240709-008

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Shea

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Candue/Iverson/Walsh – Development Agreements' council authorizes the mayor and clerk to sign agreements with various parties as they relate to the following developments:

- a. Candue Homes – three lot severance on Arthur Street, Durham
- b. Candue Homes – five lot severance on Park Street, Durham
- c. Iverson – development of a six-unit apartment on David Winkler Parkway, Neustadt
- d. Walsh – development of a three-unit townhouse, semidetached and single-family lot on Queen Street/Enoch in Neustadt."

Carried

11.1.2 Extension of Draft Plan Approval – 42T-2020-01 Broos Tiffany

The Director of Community and Development Services/CBO provided an overview of the report.

R-240709-009

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Extension of Draft Plan Approval – 42T202001 Broos Tiffany', council directs staff to provide a letter of support to extend the deadline for the fulfillment of draft plan conditions for file 42T202001 for a period determined by the County of Grey provided the following condition(s) are met:

- i. **That Condition #7 'Water/Wastewater Allocation' be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:**

'7. Sanitary sewer and water supply allocations shall be committed by the Municipality of West Grey for this development only at the time of final approval or phased approval of the Plan of Subdivision. The Municipality of West Grey makes no guarantee that sufficient sanitary sewer and water supply allocation will be available at the time of final approval of phase approval of the Plan of Subdivision.'"

Carried

Council discussed item 11.4.1 at this time.

11.4.1 Proposed Tower Antenna Installation – 451 Saddler St.

The Director of Community and Development Services/CBO provided an overview of the report.

R-240709-010

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Proposed Tower Antenna Installation – 451 Saddler St.', council directs staff to provide a letter of concurrence to the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (IESDC) regarding the proposed telecommunication tower installation at 451 Saddler St. in the geographic town of Durham, in the Municipality of West Grey."

Carried

11.2 Director of Infrastructure and Public Works

11.2.1 IPW-2024-24 – Bridge B-003

The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works provided an overview of the report.

R-240709-011

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'IPW-2024-24 – Bridge B-003', council receives the report for information purposes."

Carried

11.3 Environmental Officer

11.3.1 IPW-2024-25 Sale of Rain Barrels

The Environmental Officer provided an overview of the report.

R-240709-012

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'IPW-2024-25 – Sale of Rain Barrels', council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend the fees and charges bylaw to add a unit fee of \$63.00 per rain barrel inclusive of HST and \$40.00 per downspout diverter unit inclusive of HST."

Carried

11.4 Director of Community and Development Services/CBO

11.4.1 Proposed Tower Antenna Installation – 451 Saddler St.

This item was discussed after Item 11.1.2.

11.5 Director of Finance/Treasurer

11.5.1 Funding Agreement for Renewal of Canada Community-Building Fund, 2024-2034

The Director of Finance/Treasurer provided an overview of the report.

R-240709-013

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of staff report Funding Agreement for Renewal of Canada Community-Building Fund, 2024-2034, council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to authorize the mayor and clerk to execute a municipal funding agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario."

Carried

11.6 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

11.6.1 Amendments to the Delegation of Powers and Duties Bylaw

The Director of Legislative Services/Clerk provided an overview of the report.

R-240709-014
 Moved by Councillor Foerster
 Seconded by Councillor Shea

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Amendments to the Delegation of Powers and Duties Bylaw', council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend the delegation of powers and duties bylaw to add additional powers and duties as outlined in schedule 'A' to this report."

Carried

11.6.2 Chief Administrative Officer Appointment

The Director of Legislative Services/Clerk provided an overview of the report.

R-240709-015
 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson
 Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Chief Administrative Officer Appointment', council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to appoint Michele Harris as West Grey's Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk."

Carried

11.6.3 Non-application of the Line Fences Act and apportion the cost of fence bylaw

The Director of Legislative Services/Clerk provided an overview of the report.

R-240709-016
 Moved by Councillor Townsend
 Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Non-application of the Line Fences Act and apportion the cost of fence bylaw', council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to apportion the costs of division fences in the Municipality of West Grey."

Carried

12. Questions

Councillor Foerster inquired about the industrial property in Neustadt that the municipality was surveying and selling. The Director of Legislative Services/Clerk advised that a surveying firm has been obtained and that surveying is about to commence. Mr. Eckenswiller noted that more was expected to be shared in the future.

Councillor Townsend inquired as to whether the municipality had an issue with the number of fences that have been removed along the road in order to allow more land to be farmed. Mayor Eccles asked the Director of Finance/Treasurer to investigate if there are any insurance liability to this practice.

Councillor Shea inquired about the consultant that analyzed the Durham creek, and whether they had come to council yet. Mayor Eccles advised that it is SVCA that will arrange this but would check in regarding a status update on this matter.

Councillor Nuhn inquired about the possibility of receiving a report from Public Works summarizing bridge closures, costs, and funding available. Councillor Nuhn noted it is imperative that the municipality get this information to MPs to show the financial

hardship regarding these closures. Mayor Eccles noted that staff will be bringing forward a report on this matter in the future.

13. Bylaws

13.1 Bylaw No. 2024-060 - Confirming July 9 Meeting

13.2 Bylaw No. 2024-061 - Appoint CAO and Deputy Clerk

13.3 Bylaw No. 2024-062 - CCBF Funding Agreement

13.4 Bylaw No. 2024-063 - ZA11.2024 Elders

13.5 Bylaw No. 2024-064 - ZA12.2024 Osthaus

13.6 Bylaw No. 2024-065 - ZA13.2024 Martin

R-240709-017

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT Bylaw Numbers 2024-060, 2024-061, 2024-062, 2024-063, 2024-064 and 2024-065 be passed and enacted."

Carried

14. New business

There was no new business.

15. Announcements

Deputy Mayor welcomed the new Ayton Lions Club to West Grey and announce they have 30 members.

Councillor Shea announced that he attended the fire training session in Markdale in May, noting that it is an impressive facility, with intense training, and would encourage anyone who gets the opportunity to attend to definitely do so, as it was a great experience.

Councillor Nuhn announced that July 26/27/28 is the annual family fun ball tournament in Ayton and 14 teams are registered. Councillor Nuhn relayed that there will be a bouncy castle and the Ayton Lions Club will be looking after food and refreshments.

Councillor Foerster noted that roller skating is happening in Neustadt every Friday night from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and that summer is less busy and a good time to learn. Councillor Foerster announced there are still some spots available for summer camp, and that 'Play in the Park' starts July 9, 2024, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., with free drop-in for children 5-13 years old.

Councillor Hutchinson noted that the West Grey Lions and the Priceville Improvement Committee did a wonderful job with each of their July 1st celebrations.

Councillor Shea advised that the Fabulous Festival of Fringe Film in Durham and the Four Winds music festival at Elephant thoughts are taking place over the weekend of July 12-14, 2024. Councillor Shea thanked Mayor Eccles for attending the community garden inauguration.

Mayor Eccles announced that there is a new Canada emergency preparedness and climate adaption convention, in Ottawa from September 24-26, 2024.

Mayor Eccles announced that Elmwood Homecoming is happening September long weekend and West Grey has been asked to participate in the parade.

Mayor Eccles announced that Heritage Corner Variety store has a new owner after 35 years of ownership by the Kim family. Mayor Eccles wishes the new owner all the best and welcomes him to the community.

Councillor Hutchinson announced the BIA is once again sponsoring the farmer's market. Councillor Hutchinson noted that there are many events taking place at Riverside Park, including 'Music in the Park' on Sunday evenings, and open mic nights on Fridays.

16. Closed session

There was no closed session.

17. Report from closed session

There was no closed session.

18. Adjournment

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Eccles adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk



Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Thursday May 16, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Location: Formosa Administrative Office

Chair: Barbara Dobrean

Members present: Paul Allen, Larry Allison, Kevin Eccles, Bud Halpin, Tom Hutchinson (remote), Greg McLean, Steve McCabe (remote), Dave Myette, Mike Niesen, Sue Paterson, Moiken Penner, Jennifer Prenger, Bill Stewart, Peter Whitten

Staff present: Matt Armstrong, Erik Downing, Janice Hagan, Donna Lacey, Elise MacLeod, Laura Molson, Mike Oberle, Jennifer Stephens

Chair Dobrean called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement

We begin our meeting today by respectfully acknowledging the Anishinaabeg Nation, the Haudensaunee, the Neutral, and the Petun peoples as the traditional keepers of this land. We are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- i. Report 8.12 (GM-2024-09) Hiring Committee for new General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
- ii. Report 8.20 (EPR-2024-18) Review of the Proposed Policies for a new Provincial Planning Policy Instrument
- iii. Report 8.22 (LAN-2024-02) Endorsement of the Greenock Swamp as a Wetland of Distinction

Motion #G24-46

Moved by Dave Myette

Seconded by Gregory McLean

THAT the agenda for the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting, March 21, 2024, be adopted as amended.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest relative to any item on the agenda.

Peter Whitten joined the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Authority meeting – March 21, 2024

Motion #G24-47

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by Larry Allison

THAT the minutes of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting, March 21, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Carried

4.2 Section 28 Hearing – March 21, 2024

Motion #G24-48

Moved by Larry Allison

Seconded by Mike Niesen

THAT the minutes of the Section 28 Hearing, March 21, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Staff Introductions

New staff were unable to attend the meeting; therefore, introductions were postponed to a future meeting.

6. Delegations

6.1 2023 Audited Financial Statements

John Bujold, Baker Tilly LLP reviewed the draft financial report and noted that it is the opinion of Baker Tilly that the financial statements of SVCA present fairly the financial position as of December 31, 2023, and are in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Motion #G24-49

Moved by Kevin Eccles

Seconded by Paul Allen

THAT the 2023 Audited Financial Statements, as prepared by Baker Tilly SGB LLP be approved as presented.

Carried

6.2 Children’s Safety Village Contract/Update

Al Leach, Vice President of the Saugeen Valley Children’s Safety Village (SVCSV), provided a presentation to the Board of Directors regarding updates to SVCSV programming. In 2020, SVCSV secured a five-year rent-free lease with SVCA for the Sulphur Spring Resources Centre, set to expire in fall 2025. The current lease agreement requires the Tenant to notify the Authority in writing of their intention to renew the lease at least one year before it expires. Mr. Leach has asked the Board of Directors to consider renewing the lease beginning in 2025. The Board directed staff to negotiate with the SVCSV and bring a recommendation to the Board at the July meeting.

Motion #G24-50

Moved by Dave Myette

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the Saugeen Valley Children’s Safety Village lease agreement be referred to Staff for discussion; and further

THAT a recommendation be brought to the July Authority meeting for approval.

Carried

7. Matters arising from the minutes – None at this time

8. New Business

Jennifer Stephens submitted her resignation April 29, 2024, indicating that her last working day would be May 31, 2024. She informed the Board that, due to her accrued vacation days, her actual final day would be May 16th. The Board expressed their gratitude for her contributions as the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.

Corporate Services

8.1 GM-2024-05: General Manager’s Report and Operational Plan

The Directors discussed the G/M report and the Operational Plan.

Steve McCabe joined the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

8.2 GM-2024-08: Program Report

There was no discussion.

8.3 COR-2024-07: Finance Report – Laura Molson

There was no discussion.

8.4 Correspondence

Correspondence from Carl Kuhnke, Chair, Source Protection Committee (SPA), written to The Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, regarding the plan to discontinue free private drinking water testing, was noted. Chair Dobreen advised that the Minister’s reply was favourable, and that private water testing will continue to be provided at no cost. She congratulated the SPA, and all municipalities that had submitted correspondence to the Ministry of Health.

8.5 Approved Committee Minutes

- 8.5.1 Executive Committee – February 23, 2024
- 8.5.2 Property and Parks Committee – September 7, 2023
- 8.5.3 Forestry Committee -October 11, 2023

There was no discussion.

8.6 News Report

There was no discussion.

8.7 COR-2024-08: Accessibility Policy

There was no discussion.

Motion #G24-51

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Mike Niesen

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority approve the proposed Accessibility Policy.

Carried

8.8 COR-2024-09: Records Retention Policy

There was no discussion.

Motion #G24-52

Moved by Paul Allen

Seconded by Larry Allison

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority approve the proposed Records Retention Policy.

Carried

8.9 COR-2024-10: Conservation Ontario 2023 Annual Report

There was no discussion.

Motion #G24-53

Moved by Greg McLean

Seconded by Mike Niesen

THAT the Board of Directors of Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority receives Conservation Ontario's 2023 Annual Report.

Carried

8.10 COR-2024-11: MFIPPA 2023 Annual Report – Jennifer Stephens

There was no discussion.

Motion #G24-54

Moved by Jennifer Prenger

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT the Board of Directors of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority received the SVCA's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act 2023 Annual Report.

Carried

8.11 COR-2024-12: Final Programs and Services Inventory

There was no discussion.

Motion #G24-55

Moved by Tom Hutchinson

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT the Board of Directors of Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority approval the attached Programs and Services Inventory (Final version dated April 1, 2024) and direct staff to provide a copy to all member municipalities to complete the Transition Period outlined in Ontario Regulation 687/21.

Carried

8.12 GM-2024-09: Hiring Committee for New General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

The SVCA Executive Committee has endorsed a procedure in which Grey County Human Resources will assist in recruiting a new GM/S-T. A Hiring Committee, appointed by the Board, will facilitate the procedure, draft the job posting, conduct candidate screenings and interviews, and then put forward recommendations to the full Board.

Motion #G24-56

Moved by Paul Allen

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the Board of Directors appoint Larry Allison, Bud Halpin, and Jennifer Prenger to join Barbara Dobreen, Tom Hutchinson, Paul Allen, and Greg McLean to form the Hiring Committee for SVCA’s new General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer; and

THAT the Hiring Committee be delegated the responsibility of finding a suitable candidate to fill the position of General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer; and

THAT the Hiring Committee engage the Grey County Human Resources Director to facilitate the recruitment process; and

THAT the Hiring Committee be authorized to engage third party support as required; and FURTHER THAT the Hiring Committee propose a viable candidate for the position of General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to the Board of Directors at a future meeting.

Carried

Environmental Planning and Regulations

8.13 EPR-2024-11: Permits Issued for Endorsement – Erik Downing

Motion #G24-57

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourse applications (#24-032, 24-038, 24-040 to 24-059, 24-061 to 24-065, 24-069, 24- 072 to 24-074, and 24-076), pursuant to Ontario Regulation 169/06, as approved by staff, be endorsed; and further

THAT the Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits applications (#24-060, 24- 066, 24-067, 24-070, 24-071, 24-074, and 24-077), pursuant to Ontario Regulation 41/24, as approved by staff, be endorsed.

Carried

8.14 EPR-2024-12: Permit Application and Template – Erik Downing

Motion #G24-58

Moved by Larry Allison

Seconded by Kevin Eccles

THAT the Board of Directors approve the use of the permit and permit application template prepared to comply with Ontario Regulation 41/24.

Carried

8.15 EPR-2024-13: Annual Reporting – Permits Issued in 2023

Motion #G24-59

Moved by Mike Niesen

Seconded by Dave Myette

THAT the Board of Directors of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority receive the SVCA's annual reporting on 2023 permit timelines.

Carried

8.16 EPR-2024-14: Stop Work Order Standard Operating Procedure and Template

Motion #G24-60

Moved by Jennifer Prenger

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the Board of Directors endorse the Stop Order Standard Operating Procedure and template for use by SVCA Provincial Offences Officers.

Carried

8.17 EPR-2024-15: Violations Ranking Changes

Motion #G24-61

Moved by Moiken Penner

Seconded by Bill Stewart

That the violation ranking system approved in the 2021 Violations Strategy be revised in accordance with this report.

Carried

8.18 EPR-2024-16: Status of Active Violations

Staff are managing 19 fewer violation files now compared with November 2023, largely due to a significant reduction in violations that rank as Category 3. Many of these violations were resolved over the past 6 months and several more were downgraded to Category 2 after partial remediation was completed. One violation file is presently in Provincial Offences Court and could proceed to trial.

8.19 EPR-2024-17: Regulation detailing new Minister's Permit and Review Powers under the *Conservation Authorities Act*

On April 1st, 2024, new regulations under the *Conservation Authorities Act* granted the Minister additional powers. These powers allow the Minister to either prevent a conservation authority from issuing a permit or potentially override a permit refusal by the conservation authority. Staff provided comments to Conservation Ontario that reflected SVCA concerns.

Motion #G24-61

Moved by Paul Allen

Seconded by Dave Myette

THAT the Board of Directors of Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority receive this report on the proposed regulation detailing new Minister's Permit and Review powers under the Conservation Authorities Act.

Carried

8.20 EPR-2024-18: Review of Proposed Policies for a New Provincial Planning Policy Instrument

After discussion the following motion carried:

Motion #G24-62

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Bud Halpin

THAT the Board of Directors receive the staff report outlining the proposed policies for a new Provincial Planning Policy Instrument

Carried

Forestry and Lands

8.21 LAN-2024-01: Varney Pond Update

An application submitted to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans by SVCA is still pending, awaiting a decision regarding water diversion. The estimated total cost associated with reopening and operating the pond at Varney Conservation Area is \$800,500. Staff recommend that with consideration to the costs associated addressing structural deficiencies, public safety concerns, permitting and general remediation, disposal of the property should be explored.

Motion #G24-63

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Jennifer Prenger

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Varney Conservation Area Update.

Carried

8.22 LAN-2024-02: Endorsement of the Greenock Swamp as a Wetland of Distinction

After discussion the following motion carried:

Motion #G24-64

Moved by Bud Halpin

Seconded by Greg McLean

THAT the Board of Directors direct staff to advise Dr. Glasauer that Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority endorses the University of Guelph application to the Society of Wetland Scientists to designate Greenock Swamp as a Wetland of Distinction.

Carried

8.23 LAN-2024-03: Provincial Offences Officer Designation – Donna Lacey

There was no discussion.

Motion #G24-65

Moved by Mike Niesen

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT Alex Duszczyszyn (Forestry Technician) be designated by the SVCA Board of Directors as a

Provincial Offences Officer for the purpose of enforcing Section 29 (O. Reg. 688/21) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Carried

8.24 LAN-2024-04: Durham Campground Improvements

SVCA Staff have explored strategies to boost revenue at the Durham Campground. Based on a 2024 poll of seasonal staff, they identified interest in introducing winter camping. After assessing costs, they recommend proceeding with the project with a budget of no more than \$35,000, sourced from the campground reserve fund. After further discussion, the following motion carried:

Motion #G24-66

Moved by Larry Allison

Seconded by Jennifer Prenger

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the use of \$35,000 from campground reserves to fund the proposed campground improvements at Durham Conservation Area for the purposes of making the site compatible for winter camping.

Carried

Water Resources

8.25 WR-2024-03: Durham Upper Dam – Hazard Classification – Elise MacLeod

D.M. Wills Associates has reviewed the condition of the Durham Upper Dam as part of the Phase 1 Class Environmental Assessment (EA) and has reported that the dam is in poor condition. The report concludes that the dam does not have sufficient hydraulic capacity to convey the inflow design flood and the dam and dyke will overtop. D.M. Wills recommends that an Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan be developed and implemented in coordination with the Municipality of West Grey.

Motion #G24-67

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Greg McLean

THAT the Board of Directors receive Staff Report #WR-2024-03, dated May 16, 2024, regarding the Durham Upper Dam Hazard Potential Classification for information.

Carried

Tom Hutchinson left the meeting at 4:14

8.26 WR-2024-04: Dam Public Safety Plans – Elise MacLeod

Motion #G24-68

Moved by Moiken Penner

Seconded by Peter Whitten

THAT the Board of Directors authorize SVCA’s General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to endorse the Durham Lower Dam and Glenelg Dam public safety plans, as presented.

Carried

9. Closed Session – to discuss a litigation matter and personal matters about identifiable individuals (interim coverage of GM/Secretary-Treasurer position)

Motion #G24-69

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Paul Allen

THAT the Authority move to Closed Session, In Camera to discuss a litigation matter and personal matters about identifiable individuals; and

THAT Jennifer Stephens, Erik Downing, Matt Armstrong, Madeline McFadden, and Janice Hagan remain in the meeting as required.

Carried

Motion #G24-75

Moved by Greg McLean

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT the Board of Directors adjourn from Closed Session, In Camera, and rise and report.

Carried

Chair Dobreen reported that only the items pertaining to the reasons for the Closed Session were discussed.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m. on the motion of Kevin Eccles and Jennifer Prenger.

Barbara Dobreen
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary



MINUTES
WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

The West Grey Police Services Board met on Monday, June 10, 2024 in the Council Chambers at the West Grey Municipal Office.

Present: Board Chair Kevin Eccles, Vice Chair Dave Fawcett, Bev Cutting, Joyce Nuhn, secretary Heather Webb, Chief Martin and Inspector White.

Absent: Filomena McDonald

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
None declared at this time.

Minutes

Resolution: 023-2024
Moved: Member Cutting
Seconded: Member Fawcett

THAT-the West Grey Police Services Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 15, 2024 as circulated.
Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes
Nothing to address.

Monthly Stats

Chief Martin touched on a number of categories contained within the May report.

- 911 Hang Ups continue to see reduced numbers due to the Dispatch Centre changes implemented
- Drug charges up 100% over those laid in 2023
- as reported at last meeting Fraud cases are again up over last year
- the Service has lost their shared seconded Mental Health Crisis Worker and are trying to get an imbedded position to Serve West Grey only
- majority of the 23 police assistance calls are attributed to Hanover Police Service
- there were 22 Bylaw charges in May, 171 POA charges, 21 criminal charges, 15 arrests and 392 Calls for service.
- four incidents resulted in 15 firearms being seized.

Chief was asked to include “ previous year column” on Monthly Stats Report going forward.

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The first quarter Collision Statistics Report for 2024 was provided for the members review. This document contains very detailed information that can't be captured in the Motor Vehicle Accident line category of the Monthly Stats providing accidents by classification, location mapping, days, times, environmental conditions, etc.

Resolution **024-2024**
Moved: **Member Nuhn**
Seconded: **Member Cutting**

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board receive the monthly stats for April and May 2024.
Carried.

Chief's Report

- no LECA complaints
- no secondary employment requests received
- June 13, 2024 is Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Board members are invited to attend social time with runners in police Station parking lot before they move on. Details to be forwarded by email.
- Community Engagement saw Service participating in family fun fair at Normanby School in May and Save Our Hospital meetings and community march
- training has included annual requalification of all members for use of force and firearms
- Special Constable to participate in three day mandatory Court Management course
- other courses completed this past month were Incident Command, MTO Basic Commercial Vehicle course, Officer Iles completed Media course, Use of Force train the trainer (eight courses) part of succession planning, Front Line Supervisors course for recently promoted Sgt., MTO Modified Vehicles course and Officer Sanderson completed Domestic Violent Incident course.

Significant Incidents

- Missing Person found deceased in OPP territory
- April 8th child abuse case saw removal of three children from home and May 22nd saw adult charged in this same case with three counts of child abandonment.
- repeated cases of Trespass in Grey County Forests
- two individuals let their court imposed GPS tracking device batteries drain to avoid monitoring which resulted in charges as they were found not in compliance with Court Order
- large numbers of roadside cedar trees being dug up and transported elsewhere
- impaired driver hit one of local bridges
- fatal single motor vehicle collision on May 18th
- French Bulldog stolen May 26th
- attended Normanby School regarding report of possible hate crime
- outstanding fraud cases are requiring extensive Officer time as completed through judicial orders

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- Ms. Taya Schipprack recently signed on as an Auxiliary member of the Service
- interview process completed for two new Sgt. positions. Successful candidates were Officer Ben Meyers and Officer Ian Sanderson.
- former Auxiliary Brad Shering has been hired on as East Coast Border Services Officer
- working with Public Works on educational campaign as number of roadside dumping cases on the go
- recent Easter and May long weekend traffic campaigns resulting in 45 and 79 charges respectively
- Service participated in graduations at three local schools
- Cst. Allyson Iles submitted "Family Business" essay to Ontario Women in Law Enforcement organization, Mississauga, in May and won trip to be recognized at Women in Policing forum being held at IAWP Conference in Chicago later this year
- Annual Report will be presented for review at next meeting

Chair was directed to send letter on behalf of Board congratulating Officer Allyson Iles on her winning contest.

Resolution: 025-2024
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Fawcett

THAT the Chief's Report for May 2024 be received.
Carried.

Accounts

It was mentioned that one of the subjects discussed at OAPSB Spring Conference was that final audited financial statements should be received by Boards as a means to provide feedback on their budgeting success.

Resolution: 026-2024
Moved: Member Fawcett
Seconded: Member Nuhn

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board accounts for April 2024 in the amount of \$123,129.93 and May 2024 in the amount of \$86,632.35 be approved for payment.
Carried

Correspondence

Letter from Ryan Teschner, Inspector General of Policing of Ontario re annual Ontario Police Memorial.

Letter from Office of Deputy Solicitor General reminding Policing community about complying with the requirements set out in new Act regarding special constables.

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Chief Martin advised that current Special Constable contract runs to August of 2025 so ample time available for Board to apply to be Special Constable employer under new regulations.

Resolution: 027-2024
Moved: Member Cutting
Seconded: Member Nuhn

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board receive the correspondence and action as necessary.

Carried

A brief recess was taken at 10:00 and reconvened at 10:05 am.

Resolution 028-2024
Moved: Member Fawcett
Seconded: Member Cutting

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board rise and move into closed Session at 10:05 a.m.

Report From Closed Session

Chair Eccles reported that only those items permitted were discussed in closed session.

New Business

Several comments received on OAPSB Spring Conference held in Collingwood which was well attended, with excellent speakers and evident that all attendees are working towards being compliant with new Act.

Dave to prepare written report for next meeting.

Update on progress of new Police Building revealed Council sod turning ceremony last week. Building permit has been issued and contractor waiting for G-Tel to complete locates before proceeding.

Chief Martin advised the Board that during budget preparations the replacement of expired body armor was missed being included in the 2024 capital budget. In addition to that the current office conditions have impacted the operation of the Service computers and the need to purchase new units has been identified.

He is requesting permission from the Board to redirect the unused funds budgeted for the purchase of a CIB vehicle to purchase new body armor and computers.

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Resolution: 029-2024
Moved: Member Cutting
Seconded: Member Fawcett

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board approve the redirection of \$30,000. of unused budgeted capital funds from CIB vehicle purchase towards the purchase of new body armor and computers and further that any funds over and above that amount be obtained through various other budgeted shortfalls.

Carried.

All business concluded the meeting was adjourned by Chair Eccles at 11.38 a.m.

Chair Kevin Eccles

Secretary, Heather Webb

Ron Steffler

July 23, 2024

Re: Refund of \$1,110

Dear Members of council,

As per my delegation meeting with West Grey council on July 9th 2024; I am requesting that due consideration be given to my request of a \$1,100 refund for an error made by Mr Schipprack on a call that he made on June 23th 2023; regarding the use of engineer designed trusses placed at 4 feet on center for my shop which was located at 422555 sd rd 15 West Grey now known as 422535 sd rd 15.

We built a 30x40 foot shop and used engineered trusses spaced 4 feet on center but Mr Schipprack insisted that part 9 of the OBC (Ontario Building Code) did not permit this spacing for a residential use and therefore a 10 meter rear yard setback (for our newly created lot) would not comply with West Greys zoning by law and he insisted that my shop would be deemed an agricultural building and would therefore require an 18 meter rear yard setback or as much as 20 meters?

When West Grey completed our Zoning for our new lot it stated that an accessory structure requires a 10 meter set back. So not only did it cost me \$1,100 for a revised survey but I lost more land than I had planned on.

Mean while, Luke Wilcox of Van Harten surveying, had just completed the preliminary survey and was ready to send it to West Grey for approval prior to me getting it registered on title.

To appease Mr Schipprack and to keep things moving, I called Luke and told him of the situation and that he needed to come back to increase the rear Yard Setback to 20 meters. He came to the property the next day and re did the survey which cost me \$1,100.

Having worked as a CBCO for 16 years, I knew that Mr Schipprack was wrong but the OBC changes every 5 years so I sent an email to the Building Code branch and asked: "Does part 9 of the OBC prohibit the use of trusses 4 feet on center for a residential use"" Their reply was NO, Part 9 does NOT prohibit trusses to be used 4 feet on center on a residential use provided the supporting structure is designed under part 4 of the OBC. Part 4 of the OBC does NOT require an engineer for a part 9 structure.

I also paid my Truss engineer to recalculate the loading and design of my trusses that he designed originally and the calculation exceeded the minimum requirement of the OBC.

The delegation committee was given my proof of everything outlined above.

Trusting this is to your satisfaction.

Ron Steffler



Request for Purple Lighting on October 29th to Support Rett Syndrome

As a member of the Ontario Rett Syndrome Association (O.R.S.A.), I would like to request your help in spreading awareness for Rett Syndrome. October is Rett Syndrome Awareness Month and for the past several years we have been requesting locations across Canada on October 29th to light up purple.

Rett Syndrome is a rare neurodevelopment condition that affects mainly females (1 in 10,000 births) and is caused by a mutation in the X chromosome. Individuals with Rett syndrome will lose some if not most acquired skills including speech, and gross and fine motor skills. Some never develop the ability to walk or even talk.

O.R.S.A. exists to ensure that children and adults with Rett syndrome are enabled to achieve their full potential and enjoy the highest quality of life within their community.

This observance gives us a means to focus attention in making it possible for O.R.S.A. to continue public awareness and advocacy, provide parent/family support, operate the Resource Centre, fund research projects through the Hope Fund, host conferences, maintain the Canadian Rett Syndrome Registry, and fund or support Rett syndrome clinics in Ontario that provide medical assistance.

Images will be used on our newsletters, website, and social media accounts. In the past, we have used the following the hashtags: #LightCanadaPurple, #CureRett, #OverPowerRett, #RettSyndrome, and #ORSASTRONG.

Thank you for taking the time to consider recognizing and supporting members of O.R.S.A. as we strive to build "healthy tomorrows" for all Canadians living with Rett syndrome.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Steve Miguel at the Ontario Rett Syndrome Association by email at info@rett.ca or by phone at (519) 474-6877.



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
August 13, 2024

1. *Correspondence respecting the Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells:
 - a. City of Pickering
 - b. Municipality of Central Manitoulin
 - c. Town of Petrolia
 - d. Township of Pelee
 - e. St.-Charles
 - f. Town of Caledon
2. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Re: Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments
3. Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: Planning Act and Development Charges Act Regulations related to the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 (Bill 185)
4. *Correspondence Respecting Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native (“exotic”) Wild Animals
 - a. Municipality of Leamington
 - b. Town of Caledon
5. *Correspondence from the Town of Kearney Re: Government to Implement Sustainable Infrastructure
6. *Correspondence from the Town of Tecumseh Respecting:
 - a. Rural and Small Urban Municipalities Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems
 - b. Support Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities
7. Correspondence from the Saugeen Hospice Fundraising Committee Re: Pedal for Saugeen Hospice
8. *Correspondence from the City of Owen Sound Re: Request to Pause Service Level Reductions - Ontario Ministry of Health
9. *Correspondence from the Township of Larder Lake Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review
10. Correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources Re: Discussion Paper on Regulating Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage

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11. *Correspondence from the City of Stratford Respecting:
 - a. Solutions to Resolve Significant Financial and Budgetary Pressures relation to Infrastructure Development, Maintenance and Repairs
 - b. Call to Action to Meet the Deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025
12. Correspondence Respecting Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Campaign Resolution
 - a. AMO and OMA
 - b. Township of Georgian Bluffs
 - c. Municipality of Wawa
 - d. Township of Lucan Biddulph
 - e. Township of Limerick
13. *Correspondence from the Town of Cochrane Re: Blue Box for 'Ineligible' Sources
14. Correspondence from Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc Re: April to June 2024 Coordinator's Program Report
15. Correspondence Respecting a Request for the Province to recognize the Physician shortage in Frontenac County
 - a. County of Frontenac
 - b. North Dundas
16. Correspondence from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Re: Ontario Long Service Medals Resolution
17. Correspondence Respecting Regulations for Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries:
 - a. East Ferris
 - b. The City of Stratford
 - c. The Municipality of Wawa
18. Correspondence Respecting Family Doctors:
 - a. Town of Petrolia
 - b. Town of Caledon
 - c. City of Toronto
19. Correspondence Respecting Sustainable Funding for OPP:
 - a. Township of Terrace Bay
 - b. Municipality of Wawa
20. *Correspondence from the Township of Emo Respecting:
 - a. Operational Budget Funding

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- b. Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial Municipal Fiscal Framework
21. *Correspondence from the Municipality of St.-Charles Re: Increased Funding to Libraries & Museums
22. Correspondence from the Municipality of Wawa Respecting:
- a. *Asset Recruitment Obligations
 - b. Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector
23. Correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution Re: Underserviced Cellular Communications
24. Correspondence from the Township of Southgate Re: Township Zoning By-law Amendment Notice of Public Meeting - Renewable Energy Sources



Corporate Services Department
Legislative Services

Sent by Email

July 3, 2024

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
College Park, 5th Floor,
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Subject: Corr. 18-24
Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth
Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on June 24, 2024 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 18-24 from Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth, dated May 16, 2024, regarding Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge, Durham Region Public Health, and all Ontario municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan Cassel".

Susan Cassel
City Clerk

Encl.

SC:am

Copy: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks;
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge;
Durham Region Public Health
All Ontario Municipalities

Chief Administrative Officer



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May 16, 2024

Sent Via Email

Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 15, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution concerning Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water.

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

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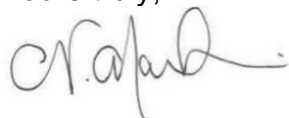
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Further Be It Resolved that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit, and MPP Sylvia Jones.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

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

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

CC:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Minister of Health

Wellington Dufferin Public Health Unit

MPP Sylvia Jones

All Ontario Municipalities



July 8, 2024

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

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO PROPOSES PHASING OUT FREE WATER TESTING FOR PRIVATE WELLS

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin adopted the following resolution at their meeting of June 27, 2024, regarding the above noted matter;

Resolution # 200-2024

Moved by: Councillor D. Stephens

Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Central Manitoulin Council supports the Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services;

FURTHER, this resolution is circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, and Sudbury District Health Unit...Carried

Please contact our office should you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Deforge".

Ms. Denise Deforge
CAO/Clerk

CC. Minister of Health sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Sudbury District Health Unit sutcliffep@phsd.ca
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July 11, 2024

New Tecumseth
Clerks/Administration Department
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Via email: pslowleigh@newtecumseth.ca

RE: Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

During the July 8, 2024, regular meeting of council, correspondence from New Tecumseth regarding Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Liz Welsh Seconded: Joel Field

THAT the council of the Town of Petrolia support the resolution of the Township of Tecumseth, regarding Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells.

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Director of Legislative Services | Deputy Operations | Clerk

cc: file
Municipalities of Ontario
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June 24, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of June 17, 2024:

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Yours truly,

Pam Slowleigh

Pamela Slowleigh
Deputy Clerk

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July 29, 2024

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

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

RE: Letter of Support – Public Health Ontario Proposes Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Pelee passed the following resolution at their Regular Meeting of Council held on July 23rd, 2024:

Resolution 2024 – 129

Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby support the City of Pickering, Township of Amaranth, Town of New Tecumseth, Town of Petrolia, Municipality of Central Manitoulin, and Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, Chatham-Kent-Leamington MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, and the Windsor Essex County Health Unit.

Sincerely,

Kristine Horst

Kristine Horst
Township Administrator & Clerk
Kristine.horst@pelee.ca

Cc **Minister of Health, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org**
Chatham-Kent-Leamington MPP, Trevor.Jones@pc.ola.org
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, Anthony.Leardi@pc.ola.org
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Sent by Email

July 3, 2024

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
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Subject: Corr. 18-24
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Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

Encl.

SC:am

Copy: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks;
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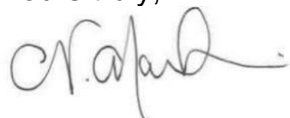
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CARRIED

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Yours truly,

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Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
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CC:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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MPP Sylvia Jones

All Ontario Municipalities



July 8, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

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Please contact our office should you require further information.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Denise Deforge
CAO/Clerk

cc. Minister of Health sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Sudbury District Health Unit sutcliffep@phsd.ca
Ontario Municipalities

July 11, 2024

New Tecumseth
Clerks/Administration Department
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Via email: pslowleigh@newtecumseth.ca

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Moved: Liz Welsh Seconded: Joel Field

THAT the council of the Town of Petrolia support the resolution of the Township of Tecumseth, regarding Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells.

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Director of Legislative Services | Deputy Operations | Clerk

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June 24, 2024

VIA EMAIL

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Yours truly,

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Pamela Slowleigh
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The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.4.
Resolution Number 2024-245
Title: Resolution stemming from April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #29
Date: May 15, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Town of Goderich, on March 18, 2024, regarding the phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); our local Health Unit, Public Health Sudbury & Districts; and, all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


 MAYOR

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Matthew Pearson
Chair
Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee
71108 Morrison Line
RR3, Exeter Ontario
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SENT VIA EMAIL: mpearson@bmross.net

RE: Recommended Phase-Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report

Dear M. Pearson,

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

Moved By: Councillor Segeren
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That the Town of Goderich direct a letter to Minister Lisa Thompson requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario;

And Further That area municipalities, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, other Source Protection Committees, and local health units be forwarded the letter and asked for their support.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
/ar

cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org

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Annette Groves
 Mayor

July 31, 2024

Sent via E-Mail: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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

RE: WATER TESTING SERVICES FOR PRIVATE DRINKING WATER

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting other municipalities' request regarding Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Town of Caledon support the City of Pickering and Town of Amaranth regarding Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water and the request to the Province to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing- out of free private drinking water testing services; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, City of Pickering, Town of Amaranth, Peel Public Health, and all Ontario municipalities.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Groves
 Mayor

Cc: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
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AMO Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments

Dear Clerks and Heads of Council of Municipal Governments Across Ontario:

The AMO President and Board is requesting that this letter be shared with all elected council members and administrative heads (i.e., CAO, City Manager) in your municipality. Please post as an information item in your next council meeting agenda.

On behalf of its municipal members, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is urgently calling for provincial and federal leadership and action to address the growing crisis of homelessness encampments in communities across Ontario.

On July 2nd, AMO released a new policy paper [Homeless Encampments in Ontario: A Municipal Perspective](#) detailing the state of this crisis and evidence-based actions that must be taken.

Municipal governments are at the front lines of the homelessness crisis without the resources or tools to support our residents and communities. We are asking the provincial and federal governments to work collaboratively with each other and municipalities. These are complex issues that require comprehensive responses from all orders of government working together.

For further resources and information, please visit www.amo.on.ca

Sincerely,



Colin Best

President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

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Date: July 3, 2024

Subject: **Planning Act and Development Charges Act Regulations related to the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 (Bill 185)***

I am writing to provide an update on regulations under the *Planning Act and Development Charges Act, 1997* related to the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*.

The *Planning Act and Development Charges Act, 1997* regulations came into effect on July 1, 2024.

Changes made include:

- modernizing public notice requirements and providing municipalities with the ability to provide notice in respect of the above matters on a municipal website if there is no local print newspaper available
- consequential amendments to remove requirements for certain statements regarding appeal rights to be included in public notices
- consequential changes to ensure notice is provided to nearby public hospitals and airports
- housekeeping amendments for the removal of spent provisions related to DC exemptions for additional residential units and the prescribed amount of time for the DC freeze period

You can view copies of the amending *Planning Act* regulations on Ontario's e-Laws website:

- [Ontario Regulation 285/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 543/06 “Official Plans and Plan Amendments”
- [Ontario Regulation 286/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 545/06 “Zoning By-Laws, Holding By-Laws and Interim Control By-Laws”
- [Ontario Regulation 287/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 544/06 “Plans of Subdivision”
- [Ontario Regulation 288/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 197/96 “Consent Applications”
- [Ontario Regulation 289/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 200/96 “Minor Variance Applications”

- [Ontario Regulation 290/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 509/20 – “Community Benefits Charges and Parkland”
- [Ontario Regulation 291/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 549/06 “Prescribed Time Period – Subsections 51 (52.4) of the Act”

You can view copies of the amending Development Charges Act, 1997 regulations on Ontario’s e-Laws website:

- [Ontario Regulation 279/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 82/98 – “General”

If you have any questions about the changes to the land use planning and appeal system, including the *Planning Act* regulatory changes, please email PlanningConsultation@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, including the regulatory changes related to public notice requirements under the Act and other matters, please email MFPB@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Laura Evangelista, Director
Provincial Policy Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Ruchi Parkash, Director
Municipal Finance Policy Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs



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July 3, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

RE: Support of Resolution – Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native (“exotic”) Wild Animals

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, June 25, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

No. C-138-24

That Council for the Municipality of Leamington support the resolution from St. Catherines regarding the need for provincial regulations to restrict the keeping of Non-native wild animals.

Yours Truly,

Abbie Marchildon

Abbie Marchildon, Council and Committee Coordinator

Attached: St. Catherines Resolution

cc: The Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Dave Epp, MP
Trevor Jones, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO)
All Municipalities of Ontario



April 23, 2024

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

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on April 8, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

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

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and

WHEREAS non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and

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

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and



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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Jennie Stevens, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Jeff Burch, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen Sullivan".

Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
 Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General
 The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
 Local MPPs
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO)
 All Municipalities of Ontario



Annette Groves
 Mayor

July 31, 2024

Sent via E-Mail: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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

RE: RESOLUTION ON PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS NEEDED TO RESTRICT KEEPING OF NON-NATIVE ("EXOTIC") WILD ANIMALS

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting the Town of Smiths Falls regarding Resolution on Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native ("exotic") Wild Animals.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Town of Caledon support the Town of Smiths Falls regarding Resolution on Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native ("exotic") Wild Animals and the request to the Province to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, Town of Smiths Falls, and all Ontario municipalities.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Groves
 Mayor

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Cc: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
The Honorable Michael Kerzner, Ontario Solicitor General, michael.kerzner@ontario.ca
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
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Kerry Costello, Clerk, Town of Smith Falls, kcostello@smithsfalls.ca
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Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2024 - 210

Date: June 20 2024

MOVED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

SECONDED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

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

AND WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

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 the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

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 WHEREAS small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

AND WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Kearney hereby support Township of Pelee's resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma; and finally

THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Scott Aitchison, Parry Sound- Muskoka; MPP Graydon Smith, Parry Sound Muskoka; AMO, ROMA, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:	For	Opposed
Beaucage, Keven	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pateman, Heather	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philip, Cheryl – Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharer, Jill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

July 4, 2024

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

Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford:

**Re: Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution
Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

The Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held June 25, 2024, gave consideration and supported a resolution letter from Township of Pelee, regarding Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

“Motion: RCM - 145/24

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That the Council of the Town of Tecumseh supports the County of Renfrew and the Township of Pelee's resolution to:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally;

And that a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable K inga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Dave Epp, MP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham Kent-Leamington; Irek Kusmierczk, MP, Windsor-Tecumseh, Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh, AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's support on the above matter.

Yours very truly,



Robert Auger, LL.B.
Director Legislative Services & Clerk

RA/kb

Attachments

1. Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution – Rural and Small Urban Municipalities, Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems
2. County of Renfrew Resolution – Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

cc: Mr. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca)
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Mr. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (paul.calandra@pc.olg.org)
Ms. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Dave Epp, MP - Chatham-Kent-Leamington (dave.epp@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Irek Kusmierczyk, MP – Windsor-Tecumseh (irek.kusmierczyk@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Trevor Jones, MPP – Chatham-Kent-Leamington (trevor.jones@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Andrew Dowie, MPP – Windsor-Tecumseh (andrew.dowie@pc.ola.org)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (roma@roma.on.ca)



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May 29, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution
Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

Please be advised that at the Township of Pelee's Regular Meeting of Council held on May 28th, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2024 – 78

Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives;



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and

WHEREAS in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

WHEREAS in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

WHEREAS in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

WHEREAS in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Pelee support the County of Renfrew's resolution to:



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Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Dave Epp, MP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

RE: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 31, 2024, The County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Renfrew:

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AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

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

Sincerely,

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

Peter Emon, Warden

County of Renfrew

warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

cc: Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario)
Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada)
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The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

July 4, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford:

**Re: Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

The Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held June 25, 2024, gave consideration and supported a resolution letter from Township of Pelee, regarding Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

“Motion: RCM - 145/24

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That the Council of the Town of Tecumseh hereby support the Township of Pelee and Georgian Bay’s resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

And that small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

And that both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

And that both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

And that this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable KingaSurma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Dave Epp, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; MPP Trevor Jones, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; Irek Kusmierczk, MP, Windsor-Tecumseh, Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh, AMO, ROMA, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's support on the above matter.

Yours very truly,



Robert Auger, LL.B.
Director Legislative Services & Clerk

RA/kb
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May 29, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Please be advised that at the Township of Pelee's Regular Meeting of Council held on May 28th, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2024 – 77

Moved By: Mayor Cathy Miller

Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor

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

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AND WHEREAS the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

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AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

AND WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby support Township of Georgian Bay's resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Dave Epp, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; MPP Trevor Jones, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; AMO, ROMA, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.



The Township of Georgian Bay Resolutions Council - 13 May 2024

Item 12.(a)

Date: May 13, 2024

C-2024-165

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

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

WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

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;

WHEREAS the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

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;

WHEREAS small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Georgian Bay call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group that includes a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington; MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bocek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor

From: Kevin Kieffer
Date: June 26, 2024 at 10:17:16 AM EDT
To: Mayor WESTGREY <mayor@westgrey.com>
Subject: "Pedal For Saugeen Hospice"

I am part of the fundraising for the Saugeen Hospice. As you know there are many people from south Grey Bruce who are working diligently to make this a reality - many from West Grey.

Also, as you are aware, the local community within the hospice catchment area will be responsible for raising funds for ongoing operational expenses.

To that end, there are several annual events like "Golf Fore Hospice" and "Walk for Hospice" which have been successful and will be counted on for funds in the future.

A subcommittee is starting a cycling event, "Pedal For Saugeen Hospice" for families/enthusiasts which will be held on August 25, starting at 8:30 AM.

We are inviting local municipal councils to send a representative to participate in the "send off" at the start.

It is anticipated that it should take no more than an hour, as we are cognizant of the demands on council members for their time, and the fact that this is a Sunday.

Once again we are asking that a representative from West Grey Council might join with local your neighbouring councils and give our inaugural event the start needed to make it a success and an annual event.

Information regarding "Pedal For Saugeen Hospice" can be found on the Saugeen Hospice site as well as Facebook and Instagram.

Please do not hesitate to respond with any questions.

Kevin Kieffer. DVM

Member "Pedal For Saugeen Hospice" Committee
Member Saugeen Hospice Fundraising Committee

Allison Penner, Deputy Clerk
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July 11, 2024

Via Email

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

Dear Minister Jones:

Re: Support for County of Bruce Request for the Ontario Ministry of Health to Pause Service Level Reductions

Owen Sound City Council, at its meeting held on July 8, 2024, considered the above-noted matter, and passed Resolution No. R-240708-008 as follows:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence listed on the July 8, 2024 consent agenda from the County of Bruce, City Council:

- 1. Supports the request that the Ontario Ministry of Health pause service level reductions and closures at hospitals within the Bruce, Grey, and Huron regions until detailed studies can be undertaken to understand how the healthcare system and broader social safety net can be safeguarded; and**
- 2. Directs that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Bruce, Grey and Huron, local MPs and MPPs, and to the Prime Minister, Premier of Ontario, and the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health."**

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

Sincerely,

A. Penner

Allison Penner
Deputy Clerk

cc: All municipalities in Bruce, Grey and Huron Counties
The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Lisa Thompson, MPP, Huron-Bruce

Rick Byers, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Brian Saunderson, MPP, Simcoe-Grey
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June 24, 2024

Sent via Email

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
 Deputy Premier of Ontario and Minister of Health

Dear Minister Jones,

Re : Request for the Ontario Ministry of Health to Pause Service Level Reductions

At the June 20, 2024 Regular Council meeting for the County of Bruce, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution # C-2024-097

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded by Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau

Whereas the Counties of Bruce, Grey and Huron, within the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, are primarily rural communities with a collective population of less than 250,000 supplying 30% of Ontario’s electricity and contributing more than \$4 billion annually to Ontario’s GDP;

And whereas, our region is relied upon to contribute to the pressing electrification of Canadian society through major energy investments, including Bruce Power’s Major Component Replacement; and other large-scale initiatives under consideration such as 4800 megawatts in new nuclear electricity generation; a nuclear waste deep geological repository; a pumped storage facility; and a large-scale battery storage facility;

And whereas, a significant proportion of the world’s supply of medical isotopes (used to sterilize equipment and treat cancer) are produced by Bruce Power, in our region;



And whereas, our local health care systems are struggling with limited resources that impact service levels, emergency room closures, access to primary care, and the sustainability of our systems;

And whereas, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association has called for a new approach to resourcing rural health care to ensure its sustainability, through their “Fill the Gap Closer to Home” proposal;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Bruce calls upon the Ontario Ministry of Health to implement an immediate pause on all planned and future service level reductions and closures at hospitals within the Bruce, Grey Huron region;

And that, this pause remain in effect until detailed studies can be undertaken to understand how we can safeguard our healthcare system and broader social safety net, to ensure the success of our region while supporting nationally significant projects;

And that, Council directs this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Bruce, Grey and Huron, local MPs and MPPs, and to the Prime Minister, Premier of Ontario, and the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health.

Carried

Your response to this request is urgently required. Please reach out to our Government Relations team to discuss further:

Aaron Stauch, Director, Government Relations
astauch@brucecounty.on.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julie Ireland'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Ireland,
Deputy Clerk

cc. All municipalities in Bruce, Grey and Huron Counties
The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: July 9, 2024

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life: And

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 Billion a year: AND WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; And

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure: And

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

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

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

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities: And

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

BE IT T RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake requests that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Finance; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

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Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

Ministry of Natural Resources

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July 10, 2024

Subject: *Proposal Regarding Developing a commercial-scale framework for geologic carbon storage*

Hello,

The Ministry of Natural Resources is seeking feedback on the development of a legislative and regulatory framework for commercial-scale geologic carbon storage. The current posting is available at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8767>. It provides an overview of how various components of the framework could function and has a series of questions at the end seeking feedback on how Ontario could regulate the activity.

This proposal follows four previous engagement opportunities related to the framework development in January 2022, November 2022, April 2023 and September 2023. A roadmap towards regulating geologic carbon storage was released in November 2022 and can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/geologic-carbon-storage>.

Although Ontario's framework would apply provincially, to help provide for the responsible development of commercial-scale projects, the framework could initially focus on enabling commercial-scale projects within saline aquifers and depleted oil and gas reservoirs in southwestern Ontario at depths of 800 metres or more. These are expected to be the most viable opportunities for geologic carbon storage in Ontario given the current state of carbon storage technologies. To continue to advance the development of new technologies, projects that do not meet the above criteria could be permitted under a testing and demonstration permit.

For more information on what geologic carbon storage is, and where it could occur, Ontario has included a background information document at the end of this letter.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, through email: Resources.Development@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Keyes
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

Attachment: Geologic Carbon Storage background document

Introduction

Large quantities of carbon dioxide (CO₂) are generated through industrial processes such as the production of cement, steel and fertiliser, from power generation, during oil and gas refining, and as a by-product of creating hydrogen from methane.

One way of reducing the impact of CO₂ emissions from these large emission sources is to take captured CO₂ that would have otherwise been emitted into the atmosphere and to permanently store (sequester) it in deep underground rock formations (storage formations). This process is termed ‘geologic carbon storage,’ and is one tool being considered to manage Ontario’s emissions.

Geologic carbon storage is necessary for economically achieving emissions targets and net-zero emissions, especially for carbon-intensive industries.

According to the Global CCS Institute, “the injection and storage of CO₂ is the final stage in the carbon capture and storage process and has been working safely and effectively for over 50 years” and “close to 300 million tonnes of CO₂ has been injected into storage formations underground.”¹

How is CO₂ stored?

Captured carbon dioxide emissions from industrial processes are transported and

injected into a storage well that injects the CO₂ into deep geologic formations.

Depth is an important factor in geologic carbon storage. As depth increases below the surface, temperature and pressure increase. At depths greater than 800 metres (about 1.5 times the height of the CN Tower) temperature and pressure are high enough that CO₂ reaches a ‘supercritical’ state – it has the density of a liquid but flows like a gas – which allows the CO₂ to be stored efficiently.²

Underground storage formation characteristics are also important. The following technical requirements are considered when determining if a formation is a good fit for geologic carbon storage:²

- **Porosity:** the pore space in which the CO₂ can be stored.
- **Permeability:** the interconnectedness of the pore spaces that enables the injected CO₂ to flow throughout the formation.
- **Cap rock:** the presence of an impermeable barrier to flow around the formation to contain the CO₂ permanently.

Detailed, site specific studies need to be conducted to prove site suitability for geologic carbon storage.

After injection activities end, wells are plugged, and the site is decommissioned and monitored to mitigate any potential safety risks to the public or the environment.

¹ Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute Ltd. <https://www.globalccsinstitute.com/ccs-101-storage/>. Used under Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial-NoDerivatives 4.0 International Licence. © 2024 Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute Ltd.

² Carter, T., Gunter, W., Lazorek, M., Craig, R. (2007). *Geological Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide: A Technology Review and Analysis of Opportunities in Ontario*. Climate Change Research Report CCRR-07. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. ISBN 978-1-4249-4557-3

What happens to the CO₂ after it is injected?

Carbon dioxide can be trapped in several ways:

- **Structural trapping** occurs when the rock layers above the storage formation form a cap or seal that prevents the upward movement of CO₂.
- **Solution trapping** occurs when the injected CO₂ dissolves into saline water that is present in the storage formation.
- **Residual trapping** occurs when CO₂ is trapped in pores within the storage formation.
- **Mineral trapping** occurs when the CO₂ reacts with the reservoir rocks and fluids to form solid carbonate minerals that permanently trap the CO₂.

Where could CO₂ be stored in Ontario?

Currently, there are no geologic carbon storage projects in Ontario. Most projects in other jurisdictions have occurred in deep sedimentary rock formations including:

- saline aquifers
- depleted oil and gas reservoirs

Previous desktop research has suggested the most suitable storage formations in Ontario may be found beneath the beds of Lake Huron and Lake Erie and surrounding onshore areas, which also coincide with many of the province's largest point source emitters of CO₂.

Ontario is taking a phased approach to create a regulatory framework for geologic carbon storage which will play an important role in supporting industry, encouraging sector innovation, and helping industry manage emissions and meet emissions targets. Our roadmap to regulating geologic carbon storage can be found online at [Roadmap towards regulating geologic carbon storage](https://www.ontario.ca/page/geologic-carbon-storage).³

³ <https://www.ontario.ca/page/geologic-carbon-storage>

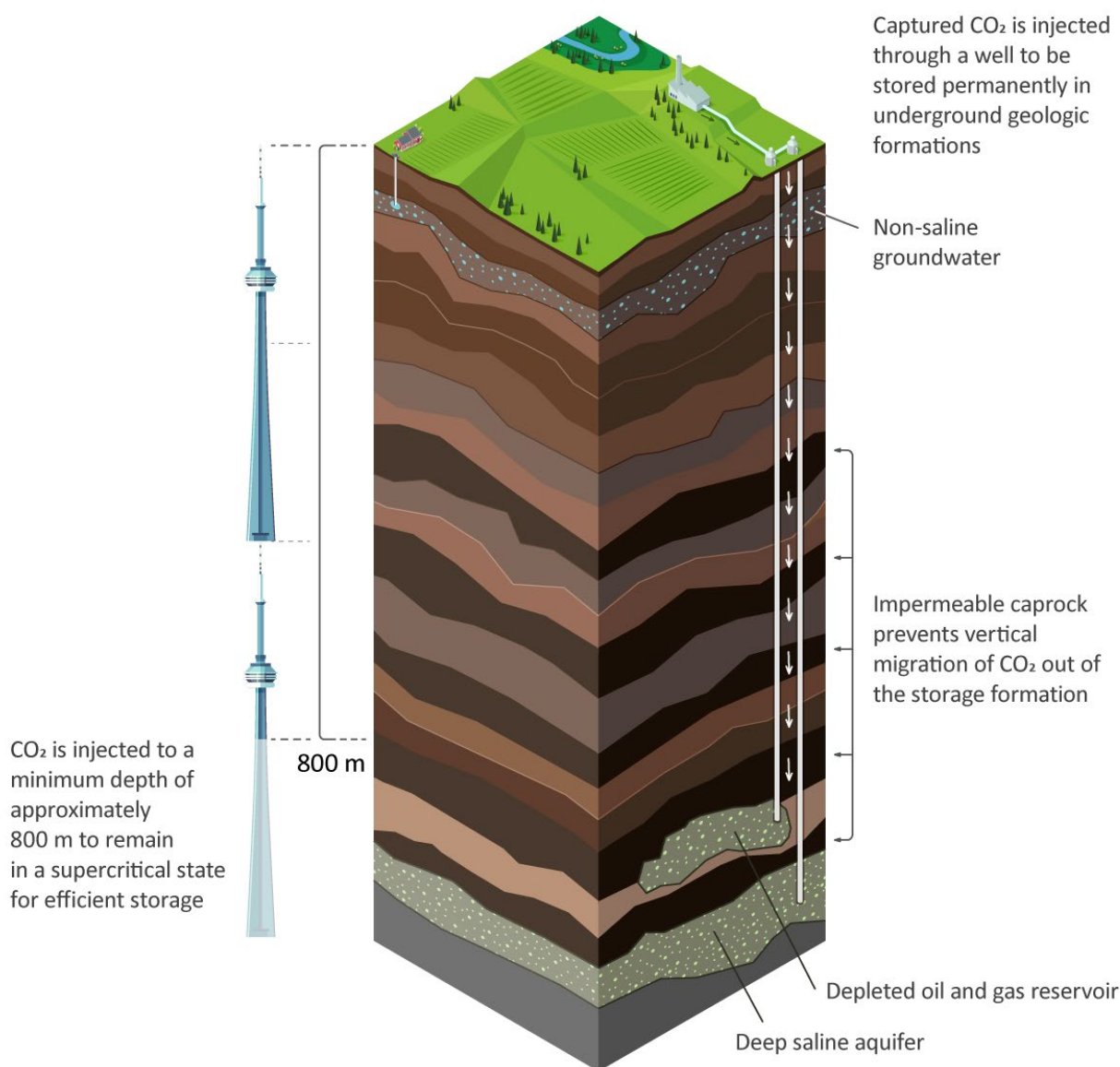


Figure 1: Schematic diagram of geologic carbon storage in a depleted oil and gas reservoir and a deep saline aquifer. This diagram is for illustrative purposes only. Objects shown are not drawn to scale.



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July 12, 2024

Sent via email – chandley@loyalist.ca

Cindy Handley,
Administrative Assistant
Corporate Services Department
Loyalist Township

Re: Resolution regarding solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated March 18, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the April 8, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-049). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-049, being a resolution from the Loyalist Township regarding solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

A. Pascual

Audrey Pascual, Deputy Clerk

/mf

cc: Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

March 18, 2024

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

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Motion regarding solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of March 12, 2024, Loyalist Township Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-49

Moved by Councillor Budarick
Seconded by Councillor Parks

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has agreed to assume responsibility for the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto, which will be uploaded to the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS like the City of Toronto, The Corporation of Loyalist Township and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario are experiencing significant financial and budgetary pressures including those related to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, and are seeking reasonable solutions to address the same while balancing their financial books;

AND WHEREAS the uploading of municipal highway infrastructure to the Province of Ontario or, alternatively, appropriately increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to Ontario municipalities will assist municipalities in addressing such financial challenges;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a. The Province of Ontario:



- upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or
 - alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.
- b. A copy of this resolution be circulated the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Ontario Minister of Transportation; MPP Ric Bresee, Hastings, Lennox & Addington; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; all municipalities in Ontario.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Kantharajah".

Anne Kantharajah
Township Clerk

Cc: the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Ontario Minister of Transportation
Ric Bresee, M.P.P., Hastings, Lennox & Addington
Association of Municipalities
All municipalities in Ontario
Jim Hegadorn, Mayor, Loyalist Township
Rebecca Murphy, CAO, Loyalist Township
Councillor Budarick, Loyalist Township
Councillor Parks, Loyalist Township



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July 12, 2024

Sent via email –bthornton@pecounty.on.ca

Ben Thornton,
Council and Committee Coordinator
Prince Edward County

Re: Resolution - Call to Action to Meet the Deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated March 28, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the April 8, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-055). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-005, being a resolution from Prince Edward County regarding a call to action to meet the deadline of an accessible Ontario by 2025, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

A. Pascual

Audrey Pascual, Deputy Clerk

/mf

cc: Premier of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

March 28, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of March 26, 2024 the following resolution regarding support for 'a call to action' to meet the deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025 was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-151

DATE: March 26, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Pennell

WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians With Disabilities Act (AODA) is ground-breaking legislation, created to help people with disabilities fully participate in society, bring them to the table in crafting regulations, and build mechanisms to enforce standards;

WHEREAS Rich Donovan, an expert in accessibility issues, was appointed as the Independent Reviewer of the Act in 2022, and in his 2023 legislative review declared a crisis as a necessary catalyst to get Ontario back on track for accessibility;

WHEREAS at least 2.9 million Ontarians currently live with a disability, representing at least 22% of the consumer base and the workforce, but due to barriers, Ontarians with disabilities are too often falling short of their full potential;

WHEREAS the AODA aims to develop, implement and enforce standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings before Jan. 1, 2025, and municipalities, as the level of government closest to the people are at the front lines, developing, implementing and enforcing these standards without meaningful guidance on its implementation and/or enforcement by the Province;

WHEREAS people with disabilities and advocates, including Prince Edward County's Accessibility Advisory Committee, note the slow pace of current and previous Ontario governments in implementing the AODA and there are growing concerns there will be no renewed push to keep accessibility issues at the forefront after 2025;

WHEREAS Prince Edward County is dedicated and committed to creating a welcoming environment so that all people may have equitable access to programs, goods, services and facilities, but making investments to achieve the AODA



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standards has been challenging given the lack of consistent and stable funding for municipalities to remove accessibility barriers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Prince Edward County strongly encourages action on the part of the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) create a "Municipal Accessibility Fund" for municipalities to develop, implement and enforce AODA standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings. Such a fund could be modeled after the Canada Community-Building Fund or the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund on a per household basis;
- b) to commit to working with municipalities to implement the Donovan Review immediate crisis recommendations;

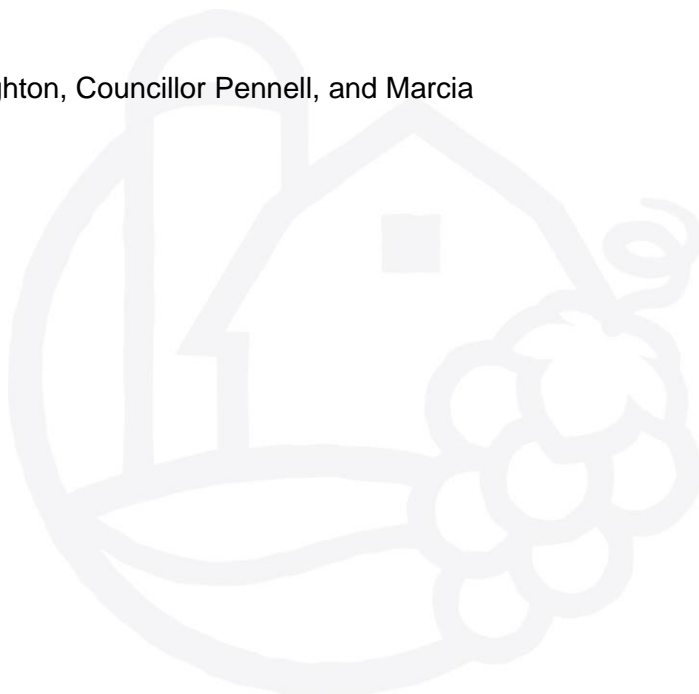
AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor write a letter in support of this resolution to the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor MacNaughton, Councillor Pennell, and Marcia Wallace, CAO



Jamie Eckenswiller

From: Kimberly Moran and Colin Best <amopresident@amo.on.ca>
Sent: July 9, 2024 12:00 PM
To: Jamie Eckenswiller
Subject: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign

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Dear Heads of Council and Clerks,

Communities across Ontario have been facing critical healthcare challenges, including long waitlists for primary care, shortages of doctors and other healthcare workers; and emergency room closures. These cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level.

In response, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are working collaboratively to advocate for a better healthcare system for Ontario's residents and communities.

We have jointly developed the attached draft council resolution (Appendix A - Also in [PDF](#) and [Word](#) Versions), urging the provincial government to recognize the physician shortage in your municipality and the rest of Ontario. By adopting this resolution, your municipality can play a crucial role in highlighting the urgent need for more healthcare resources and support.

AMO is excited to welcome everyone to Ottawa for our annual conference from August 18-21, 2024. We are pleased to inform you that the OMA will be participating at this year's conference. Along with sponsoring the Rural Caucus Lunch on August 20, the OMA has reserved meeting room at the Fairmont Château Laurier for both August 20 and 21 to meet directly with municipal leaders. During these meetings, we would like to hear what you are seeing on the ground and discuss opportunities to work closer with you. We believe that collaboration between Ontario's doctors and all 444 municipalities is essential in addressing the healthcare needs of your community.

To set up a meeting with the OMA, please reach out to Tarun.Saroya@OMA.org (Senior Advisor for Government Relations and Advocacy) to book a 15-30 minute time slot at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to your positive response and to working together towards a healthier future for all Ontarians.

Yours sincerely,



Kimberly Moran
CEO, Ontario Medical Association



Colin Best
AMO President

Appendix A:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of (the name of municipality) urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in (name of municipality) and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

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The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

July 23, 2024

Re: Township of Georgian Bluffs Resolution in Support – AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that Council for the Township of Georgian Bluffs considered the above noted matter and passed resolution RES2024-158 at the July 17, 2024, meeting of Council:

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

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Carried

Thank you,

Rayburn Murray
Deputy Clerk
Township of Georgian Bluffs
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From: Kimberly Moran and Colin Best <amopresident@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 12:00 PM
To: Carly Craig <ccraig@georgianbluffs.ca>
Subject: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign



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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24172	Meeting Order: 15
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL



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July 30, 2024

Sent Via Email

Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
 Hon. Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health)
 Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health)
 Rob Flack, MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London)
 Steve Pinsonneault, MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex)
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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 Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC)
 All Ontario Municipalities

RE: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign – Physician Shortage

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on Tuesday July 16, 2024, the Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2024 - 187

Moved by D. Regan

Seconded by J. Hodgins

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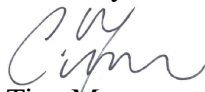
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CARRIED

Please contact our office should you require any further information on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Tina Merner
Deputy Clerk



RE: Letter of Support – AMO-OMA

July 31, 2024

Motion 110-2024

Moved by Councillor Glenn Locke
Seconded by Councillor Grace Hamm

That Council direct staff to issue a letter of support to AMO and the Ontario Medical Association as requested.

Carried

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RESOLUTION

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MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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“Via Email: Premier@ontario.ca”

July 12th, 2024

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Re: Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box for ‘Ineligible’ Sources

This will serve to advise you that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, July 9th, 2024, passed the following resolution pertaining to the above noted:

“Resolution No. 402-2024

Moved by: Councillor Sylvie Charron-Lemieux

Seconded by: Councillor Marck Recoskie

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

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

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

WHEREAS The Town of Cochrane has approximately 191 or more "non-eligible" sources that will not be provided service from the Producer Responsibility Organization after transition begins;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cochrane hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

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

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.”



Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE



Alice Mercier
Clerk

AM/ed

c.c: Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Hon. Andrea Khanjin;
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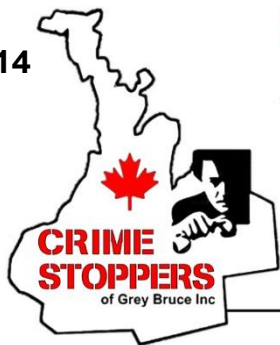
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Item 14

To Our Police Partners and Police Services Boards Stakeholders

July 10, 2024

The Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce finds it necessary to reach out to our Police Services, and Police Services Boards in Grey and Bruce counties to advise of our program’s current situation.

Despite our best efforts, for the last few years our program has been struggling to attract new and active Board members. This, along with ongoing challenges in fundraising due to the local demand for charitable dollars has left our program in desperate need of funds to continue.

Aside from one full-time Civilian Program Coordinator, our program is entirely operated by volunteers.

Since its inception in 1987, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce has served the citizens of our two counties by providing an anonymous service to receive tips about unsolved crimes which are securely passed along to law enforcement. Rewards are paid out for successful tips. Our statistics to date show the value of the information provided by the citizens of Grey and Bruce through our program:

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics Since Inception May 1987

Tip Reports	18,985
Arrests	1,790
Cases Cleared	2,755
Property Recovered	\$4,838,616
Narcotics Recovered	\$50,616,327
Rewards Approved	\$288,660

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Tip Reports	781
Arrests	15
Cases Cleared	14
Property Recovered	\$80,785
Narcotics Recovered	\$356,292
Rewards Approved	\$1,350

Without a new source of funding sufficient to take us through the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce will be unable to continue to operate after our current fiscal year ends on March 31, 2025, at which point we will be required to close our program. We are asking our Police Partners and Police Services Boards stakeholders for an ongoing commitment of financial support.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with our partners to discuss what is required to keep the program viable.

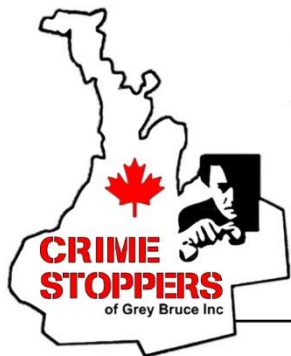
Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce will be holding its AGM on September 9, 2024, and at that time if there is not a suitable secure funding plan going forward, the membership will be voting on the fate of our program.

Sincerely,

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Chairperson
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Program Coordinator's Report
APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2024 – Q2
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TIP STATISTICS FOR APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2024

- Total Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile, including follow ups): 745
- New Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile): 196

Tips Allocated: 228 (32 tips were allocated to multiple recipients)

- Grey Bruce OPP: 86 (37%)
- South Bruce OPP: 39 (17%)
- The Blue Mountains OPP: 7 (3%)
- Owen Sound Police Service: 56 (23%)
- Hanover Police Service: 11 (5%)
- Saugeen Shores Police Service: 10 (5%)
- West Grey Police Service: 8 (4%)
- Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation Police: 2 (1%)
- Ontario MNRF: 2 (1%)
- Ontario MOF (contraband tobacco): 1 (0.5%)
- Ontario MECP (environment, conservation, parks): 1 (0.5%)
- OPP Contraband Tobacco Enforcement: 1 (0.5%)
- MTO Safety Inspection and Enforcement: 1 (0.5%)
- OPP AGCO Investigations: 1 (0.5%)
- OPP Anti Human Trafficking Coordination Unit: 0 (0%)
- RCMP: 0 (0%)
- CBSA: 0 (0%)
- Équité Association (insurance fraud): 0 (0.5%)
- Animal Welfare Authorities: 1 (0.5%)
- OMVIC Investigations & Enforcement: 0 (0%)
- Grey Bruce Health Unit: 1 (0.5%)

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics Since Inception May 1987	
Tip Reports	18,985
Arrests	1,790
Charges	2,568
Cases Cleared	2,755
Property Recovered	\$4,838,616
Narcotics Recovered	\$50,616,327
Rewards Approved	\$288,660

Tip Totals Year to Date

- 196 new tips have been received during the second quarter of 2024, which is behind the second quarter of 2023 by 7 tips.

MEDIA

- LITE 99.3, Bayshore Broadcasting, Bounce Radio 92.3, Blackburn Radio (Cool 94.5 & 101.7 The One), Shoreline Classics, and Bluewater Radio continue to receive Crime of the Week segments that are sent out from our office on a weekly basis.
- Crime of the Week columns are forwarded to the Bruce County Marketplace magazine.
- Crimes of the Week are being forwarded to the Saugeen Times online news, as well as Eastlink TV.

FUNDRAISING

- Nevada ticket revenues are declining but continue to assist in funding eligible expenses.
- We launched our Community Donor Membership Program in November 2023, which allows the community to offer support by purchasing a tax-deductible donor membership. Donor membership levels are available at \$50, \$100, \$250, and \$500.
- We received funding from the Port Elgin and Owen Sound Walmarts this quarter.
- In the second quarter of 2024 we received the Municipality of Meaford Community Bursary, and we are very grateful for Meaford's support. We continue to reach out to each of the Police Services Boards and Municipalities of Grey and Bruce to request funding commitments for our program.
- We reached out for funding from our local Royal Canadian Legions, with the Kincardine, Hanover, and Chesley branches donating to our program this quarter.
- The Owen Sound Police Services Board donated to our program this quarter.
- Our 32nd annual golf tournament took place on Thursday June 6, 2024 at Saugeen Golf Club in Port Elgin and raised \$15,000.
- The Bruce County Classic Car Tour and Show took place on Sunday June 23, 2024 in Paisley, however attendance was down due to rainy weather.
- Emails sent asking our Police Service and Police Service Board stakeholders for commitments of financial support, (copy attached).

EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

- The Spring 2024 edition of TIPSTER Magazine was released in April, featuring articles and editorials focusing on regional current crimes and community safety topics, and has been very well received by our partners and the community.
- We continue to participate in the Grey Bruce Crime Prevention Action Table.
- We attended the Meaford Volunteer Recruitment Fair on April 18, 2024.
- We attended a Fraud Talk in conjunction with Guelph-Wellington Crime Stoppers in Hanover on May 14, 2024.
- We attended the Saugeen Shores Police Week event on May 16, 2024.
- We attended the Meaford 50+ Lifestyles Fair on May 22, 2024.

CRIME STOPPERS BOARD

- We currently have seven members on our Board of Directors. We are continuing to recruit new members to the Board and are seeking specific skill sets, such as a Treasurer and people with fundraising experience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- We have classic car tours and shows planned for Sunday August 11, 2024 and Sunday September 29, 2024.
- We will be attending the Southampton Marine Heritage Society Fun in the Park event on Saturday July 27, 2024.
- We are invited to attend the Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village road safety and human trafficking awareness event, in conjunction with the Grey Bruce Crime Prevention Action Table, on Saturday August 24, 2024.

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

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

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

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

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the County of Frontenac urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Frontenac County and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately, and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-548-9400, ext. 302 or via email at jamini@frontenacounty.ca.

Yours Truly,



Jannette Amini, Dipl.M.M., M.A. CMO
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

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Sent Via Email

30 July 2024

Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
 Hon. Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health)
 Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health)
 Eric Duncan, MP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry)
 Nolan Quinn, MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry)
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 Ontario Medical Association (OMA)
 Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC)
 All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Township of North Dundas Council Meeting – July 18, 2024 – Request for the Provincial Government to Recognize the Physician Shortage in the Township of North Dundas.

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of North Dundas, at its regular meeting held July 18, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Bergeron

Seconded By: Councillor Annable

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 613-774-2105 ext. 226 or via email at njohnston@northdundas.com.

Best Regards,

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

Nancy Johnston, MBA

Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

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June 20, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL

Hon. Doug Ford MPP
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario

Dear Premier,

As I know you will agree, Ontario's paramedics, police officers and firefighters are our frontline heroes, regularly putting themselves at risk to protect the rest of us.

In recent months, local resident, paramedic and former volunteer firefighter, Charles Shaw, has been advocating for paramedics and all police officers to receive the same long-service medal as exists today for firefighters and Ontario Provincial Police officers.

Our Town Council agrees with Mr Shaw, and passed the below resolution unanimously requesting the province create such medals. Here is the resolution:

Resolution 2024-206

Whereas paramedics, firefighters and police officers are our frontline heroes, regularly putting their own health and safety at risk to help others in need;

Whereas the Ontario Fire Services Long Service Medal was created in 1971 to honour firefighters who have served the public for twenty-five years or more and the Governor General's Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal was created in 1985 and 'honours members of a recognized Canadian fire service who have completed 20 years of service, ten years of which have been served in the performance of duties involving potential risks;

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal honours OPP officers who have served for twenty years or more and the Governor General's Police Exemplary Service Medal, created in 1983, 'recognizes police officers who have served in an exemplary manner having completed 20 years of full-time service with one or more recognized Canadian police forces;

Whereas many non-OPP police services have similar local long-service medals within their forces, but there is not a province-wide long-service medal for non-OPP police officers;

Whereas the Governor General's Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal, created in 1994, recognizes 'professionals in the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services to the public who completed 20 years of exemplary service, including at least 10 years in the performance of duties involving potential risk;

Whereas there is no province-wide long-service medal for paramedics in Ontario;

Therefore, The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council:

- 1. Endorse the creation of a province-wide long-service medal for police and for paramedics, modelled after the existing such award for firefighters;*
- 2. In furtherance of this resolution, that the Mayor write to the Premier, Minister of Health, Solicitor General, Minister of Citizenship and our local MPP urging them to work collaboratively to create such awards; and*
- 3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities.*

I believe this is a relatively simple but important measure your government could take to honour our paramedics and police officers, as we already honour our firefighters. I understand the creation of such an award would involve several different ministries, and I hope you might instruct your cabinet to work together to create this award.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



James Leduc
Mayor
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

cc

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Hon. Michael Krezner, Solicitor General
Hon. Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York—Simcoe
Cllr Jonathan Scott, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Mr. Charles Shaw
Ontario's Municipal Councils



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

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

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

Dear Minister Piccini:

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

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

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

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

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

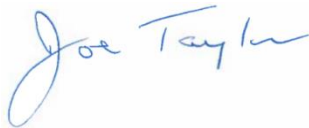
As Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities. We support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote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

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

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

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

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

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Joe Taylor, Mayor

Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD
July 9th, 2024

2024-153

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter received from the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding calling upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to MP Anthony Rota and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-153 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 9th day of July, 2024.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk

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July 26, 2024

Sent via email – deputy-clerk@osmtownship.ca

Liz Ross,
Deputy Clerk
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

Re: Resolution Regarding the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated June 28, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the July 22, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-124). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-124, being a resolution from The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding the Importance of Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

A. Pascual

Audrey Pascual, Deputy Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration and Skills Development
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

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

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

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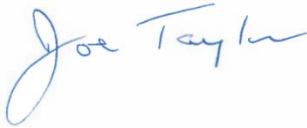
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Thank you in advance for your attention to this very critical issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

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Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

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Joe Taylor, Mayor

Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24166	Meeting Order: 9
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

WHEREAS the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger and;

WHEREAS these after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations and;

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

WHEREAS as Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries and;

FURTHERMORE that Council does hereby call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries and that this resolution be shared with the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, the Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opat		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

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

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

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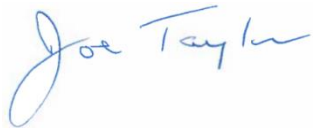
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Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

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Joe Taylor, Mayor

Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities

June 27, 2024

City of Belleville
Attn: Clerks Department

Via email: nhenderson@belleville.ca

RE: Family Doctors Resolution

During the June 24, 2024, regular meeting of council, the request submitted by the City of Belleville regarding the Family Doctors was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Debb Pitel Seconded: Liz Welsh

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia support the City of Belleville's resolution dated May 13, 2024;
AND THAT confirmation of the Town's support resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Bob Bailey, the City of Belleville and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Director of Legislative Services | Deputy Operations | Clerk

cc: file
Premier Doug Ford
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton
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May 16, 2024

Todd Smith, MPP
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Belleville, ON K8N 4Z7

via e-mail: Todd.Smithco@pc.ola.org

Ric Bresee, MPP
Hastings-Lennox&Addington
8 Dundas St. W
Napanea, ON K7R 1Z4

via e-mail: Ric.Bresee@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister Smith and Minister Bresee:

**RE: City of Belleville Healthcare Resolution in Support of Family
Doctors
New Business
10. Belleville City Council Meeting, May 13, 2024**

This is to advise you that at the Council Meeting of May 13, 2024, the following resolution was approved.

"WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario is responsible for providing quality health care to all residents of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, Family medicine is the backbone of the healthcare system and providing timely access to a primary health care provider for everyone in the Province is essential and should be the Provincial Government's highest priority;

AND WHEREAS, the shortage of family physicians across the province has reached a crisis point where millions of Ontario residents do not have a family doctor and hospitals, emergency rooms and clinics are overloaded by the health care needs of Ontario residents;

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Belleville City Council Meeting
May 13, 2024

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AND WHEREAS, studies have shown that without access to a primary care provider, patients end up with poorer health outcomes and it costs the health care system more;

AND WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario could address this issue quickly and efficiently by increasing wages paid to family physicians and lessening the administrative burden all family doctors face with managing practices;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Province of Ontario take immediate action to ensure family physicians are properly compensated with immediate fee increases and that the administrative burden now being experienced by family doctors be reduced so they have more time to see their patients;

AND FURTHER THAT, the City Clerk forward Council's resolutions resulting from Council's approval of these recommendations to premier Doug Ford, Health Minister Sylvia Jones, MPP Todd Smith, MPP Ric Bresee, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT Council request a direct response from the MPPs within 30 days."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,


Matt MacDonald
Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk

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MMacD/nh
Pc: Premier Doug Ford
Health Minister Sylvia Jones
AMO
Municipal Clerks of Ontario





Annette Groves
Mayor

July 31, 2024

Sent via E-Mail: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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

RE: SUPPORT FOR FAMILY DOCTORS

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting other municipalities' request regarding support for family doctors.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Town of Caledon support the Town of Petrolia and City of Bellville regarding the resolution in support of Family Doctors, and the request to the Province to take immediate action to ensure family physicians are properly compensated with immediate fee increases and that the administrative burden now being experienced by family doctors be reduced so they have more time to see their patients; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Doug Ford, Premier, Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, the City of Belleville, the Town of Petrolia and all Ontario municipalities.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Groves
Mayor

Cc: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Mandi Pearson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Town of Petrolia, mpearson@petrolia.ca
Matt MacDonald, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk, City of Belleville,
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**In reply please quote:
Ref.: 24-MM19.5**

(Sent by Email)

July 31, 2024

MUNICIPAL CLERKS OF ONTARIO'S MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: Member Motions Item 19.5
Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians (Ward All)**

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, adopted [Item MM19.5](#) and, in so doing, has forwarded City Council's decision to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.

J. Canchela
for City Clerk

J. Canchela/wg

Attachment

Sent to: Premier, Province of Ontario
Minister of Health and Deputy Premier, Province of Ontario
Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Municipal Clerks of Ontario's Municipalities

c. City Manager

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 19

MM19.5	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

City Council Decision

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the Minister of Health to take immediate action to:
 - a. properly compensate family physicians with appropriate fee increases; and
 - b. reduce the administrative burden that the Province places on family doctors so they have more time to see their patients.
2. City Council forward City Council's decision to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.
3. City Council request a direct response from the Minister of Health within 30 days.

Summary

On May 13, 2024, the City of Belleville set a good example by passing a resolution calling upon the provincial government to improve compensation and reduce administrative burden for Ontario's family physicians. Toronto should do the same.

The Province of Ontario is responsible for providing quality health care to all residents of Ontario. Family medicine is the backbone of the healthcare system and providing timely access to a primary health care provider for everyone in Ontario, is essential and should be a top Provincial Government priority. Instead, the shortage of family physicians has reached a crisis point.

Millions of Ontario residents, and hundreds of thousands of Torontonians, do not have a family doctor. Studies show that patients without a primary care provider have poorer health outcomes while costing the health care system more. Meanwhile, hospitals, emergency rooms and clinics are overloaded by residents' unmet health care needs.

The Province of Ontario could address this issue quickly and efficiently by paying fair wages to family physicians and by lessening the undue administrative burden this provincial government imposes on family doctors.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM19.5

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-246768.pdf>)



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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July 10, 2024

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

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

Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP small rural municipalities

Resolution: 207-2024
Moved by: Councillor Gary Adduono
Seconded by: Councillor Rick St. Louis

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administration Officer/Clerk



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24163	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>M. Pilon</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Municipality of Tweed dated June 17, 2024 regarding a request for the government to 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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby endorse the letter from the Municipality of Tweed and request the Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities and;

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

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

**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.

Carried



The Corporation of the Township of Emo

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July 5, 2024

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

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Re: Operational Budget Funding

The Council of the Township of Emo, at its regular meeting held May 15, 2024, passed the following resolution.

Resolution No.: 18, May 15, 2024
Moved by: Councillor Teeple
Seconded by: Councillor Whatley

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

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

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

WHEREAS the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Emo call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

Yours sincerely,



Crystal Gray, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

The Corporation of the Township of Emo

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Sent via Email :

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, paul.calandra@pc.ola.org

Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org

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July 8, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Re: Request to Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

The Council of the Township of Emo, at its regular meeting held May 15, 2024, passed the following resolution.

Resolution No.: 17, May 15, 2024
Moved by: Councillor Boven
Seconded by: Councillor Teeple

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,



Crystal Gray, Dipl. M.A.

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), amo@amo.on.ca

MPP-Greg Rickford, Kenora Rainy River District, greg.rickfordco@pc.ola.org

Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), advocacy@amcto.com

All Ontario Municipalities

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.2.
Resolution Number 2024-243
Title: Resolution stemming from April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #3
Date: May 15, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the letter of support dated March 19, 2024 from the Town of Fort Erie supporting Resolution No. RC-2024-23 passed by the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln on February 26, 2024, regarding the urgent need for increased funding to libraries and museums in Ontario;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Neil Lumsden; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



Legislative Services

March 19, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Support Town of Lincoln Resolution - Request Provincial Government to Support Increasing Funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 18, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 28, 2024 requesting the Provincial Government to support increasing funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Lincoln correspondence dated February 28, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Todd".

Peter Todd,
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk
ptodd@forterie.ca
PT-dlk

Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario amo@amo.on.ca
Local Area Municipalities
Niagara Region
All Ontario Municipalities



4800 SOUTH SERVICE RD
BEAMSVILLE, ON L0R 1B1
905-563-8205

February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

WHEREAS the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

WHEREAS libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

WHEREAS Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

CARRIED

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

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24165	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>[Signature]</i>	Seconded by: <i>M Hatfield</i>

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Township of Larder Lake and the Town of Cobalt regarding Asset Retirement Obligations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of Wawa approves the following;

1. That correspondence from the Township of Larder Lake and the Town of Cobalt regarding Asset Retirement Obligation be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and all municipalities in Northern Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 12

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

WHEREAS, the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities; And

WHEREAS, the Municipal Act, 2001 section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada; And

WHEREAS, PS 3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018; And

WHEREAS, the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities; And

WHEREAS, many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting change will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO; And

FINALLY, THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 13

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: 

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

June 26, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Harley
903303 Hanbury Rd
New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on June 25, 2024, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-125

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

WHEREAS the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada;

AND WHEREAS PS3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018;

AND WHEREAS the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities;

AND WHEREAS many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting changes will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt supports the resolutions from the Township of Harley, Coleman Township, Township of Larder Lake, Township of Casey, Township of Hudson & Township of Kerns and hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Steven Dalley
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer
Email: sdalley@cobalt.ca



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24168	Meeting Order: 11
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association dated June 19, 2024 regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario’s Forest Sector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive and support the correspondence dated June 19, 2024 from the Ontario Forest Industries Association and urges the Ontario government support all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario Forest sector faces.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O’NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>



June 19, 2024

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

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

Submitted via email.

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

Minister Graydon Smith and Associate Minister Nolan Quinn,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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

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

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

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



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 Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade & Economic Development of Canada
 Hon. Francois-Phillip Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science, & Industry of Canada
 Innovation Science & Economic Development Canada (ISED)
 Government of Canada
 MP Marilyn Gladu
 MPP Bob Bailey
 (sent via e-mail)

Re: Underserviced Cellular Communication Services in Rural and Urban Centres in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, other Rural and Urban Centres across Lambton County, and beyond

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on July 31st, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Government of Canada and The Town of Plympton-Wyoming have approved 2 new Cell Tower installations, yet no installations have occurred. ISED regulations state, *“Following the consultation, and once the company and local municipality agree, the tower must be built within three years.”*

And Whereas the Town of Plympton-Wyoming is not able to utilize all the available modern technology for Fire Services due to the lack of cell signals and reliable cellular service coverage in our rural and urban communities.

And Whereas residents of our community are not able to have reliability and confidence in our telecommunications infrastructure for our commercial establishments and economic growth, employment, school, virtual medical appointments, mental health, welfare and emergency services.

And Whereas Many areas are considered “Dead Zones” causing rural and urban communities to incur prohibitive costs which include roaming and overage fees and/or alternative resources in order to gain basic and limited communication functionality.

And Whereas the Federal Government is already exploring 6G services, yet existing Cell Towers in The Town of Plympton-Wyoming are only providing 3G which is ending in 2025, LTE and 4G service – where these services are even available.

And Whereas the ISED has committed to have a reliable Network and states that, *“Reliable telecommunications networks have never been more crucial. They support not only a wide range of economic and social activities but also other critical infrastructure sectors and*

government services, and they are crucial for emergency services and public safety. They are fundamental to the safety, prosperity and well-being of Canadians.”

And Whereas the top priority of the ISED as stated in the Telecommunications Reliability Agenda is, *“Robust Networks and Systems – This means there is robust architecture for telecommunications networks with appropriate redundancy, diversity, and hardening against hazards, with particular care for emergency services. There are systems with controls and monitoring and the telecommunications supply chain including supplier equipment is trusted and secure. Investments are made to support these activities including in rural and remote areas or to address coverage gaps.”*

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming requests that the Federal Government and ISED and make it their priority to push forward with their commitment to provide this crucial infrastructure in a meaningful and timely manner and provide action and enforcement of the regulations that mandate timely installation of approved Cell Tower Installations.

The health and well-being of our community is at the mercy of our Federal Government taking these matters seriously; taking action to reduce the harm being caused to our residents well being and allowing our emergency services to perform at standard that our larger urban municipalities are able to.

Sincerely,



Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc:
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Township of Southgate Notice of Virtual Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment

What: The Township seeks input on proposed Official Plan policies and Zoning provisions for renewable energy facilities and energy storage systems be proposed within the municipality.

Public Meeting Date: August 28, 2024, at 1:00 PM

Location of the Public Meeting: Please join the electronic public meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone at the below link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95341385964?pwd=bDd6OTJWYStGWnRESkxORUZwL25Ddz09>

You can also dial-in using your phone. **Phone:** [+1 647 374 4685](tel:+16473744685) **Meeting ID:** 953 4138 5964
Passcode: 336403

How can I participate in the Public Meeting?

Public participation is encouraged. To participate in the virtual meeting, please contact Lindsey Green, Clerk, by email at: lgreen@southgate.ca or by telephone at: 519-923-2110 ext. 230

What if I can't attend the Public Meeting?

You can learn more about the proposed development by contacting the Township office, or by reading the materials on the website at the below link(s). You may choose to submit comments via letter or email after taking the time to learn about the proposed development. See the relevant contact information below:

[Web Link Official Plan and Zoning Amendment Renewable Energy & Battery Storage](#)

What can I expect at the Public Meeting?

The public meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to learn more about the proposed policies and zoning rules for renewable energy projects that may be proposed in the Township of Southgate. Attendees can hear a brief presentation about the development, ask questions, and/or make statements either in favour of, or in opposition to the development. No decisions are made at this meeting, it is an opportunity to learn and provide feedback.

What is being proposed through the applications?

Since 2019 large scale energy ventures, windmills and/or solar projects must meet local municipal planning policies and zoning rules. The Township Official Plan encourages renewable energy facilities, but the zoning bylaw provides no regulations to control these facilities. At its [April 30, 2024 meeting](#) Council considered a [Planning Report on Renewable Energy](#) rules and regulations and possible options to update the Township Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

Council passed a resolution that the public be consulted on amending the Township Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw to clarify policy and procedures for renewable energy applications, define renewable energy facilities in the zoning bylaw and clarify rules to ensure renewable energy facilities are not permitted in all zones (Section 5.19).

The proposed Township Official Plan Amendment adds policies to restrict land use designations where renewable energy projects may be allowed, require renewable energy facilities and energy storage systems to be defined, require a site-specific zoning amendment for any new renewable energy facility or energy storage system, and confirm the Township may require setbacks for such projects that exceed minimum standards if warranted.

The Zoning By-Law Amendment will insert definition of Energy Storage System and Renewable Energy Facilities and change section 5.19 so that no renewable energy facility or energy storage system as defined will be permitted in any zone unless by site specific zoning bylaw amendment, unless the facility or storage is for a single property for and individual private user.

The effect of this proposal will be to limit areas in the Township where large scale renewable energy facilities and battery storage facilities are permitted and ensure each new proposal requires a site-specific rezoning with public meeting.

To support this proposal, a [Planning Report on Renewable Energy](#) is available on the [Township Website Link](#).

Why is this Public Meeting being held and what are your rights?

In Ontario, the planning and development process is open and transparent, where opinions from all individuals and groups are welcomed. To change its policies and zoning rules the Township



The Corporation of the Township of Southgate Notice of Virtual Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment

must hold a public meeting. This meeting is one of your chances to learn about the proposed changes and offer your opinions. Under the legislation covering this process, you have the following rights:

1. Attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment.
2. If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Township of Southgate to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Southgate before the Township Official Plan and/or zoning by-law amendment is approved or refused, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.
3. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Southgate before the Township Official Plan or zoning by-law amendment is approved or refused, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.
4. Section 17(36) and Section 34(19) define the parties that are eligible to appeal the decision on the Official Plan or Zoning Bylaw amendment to the Ontario Land Tribunal.
5. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Township of Southgate on the proposed Township Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Township of Southgate using the contact information noted above, and quote File **OPA 1-24** and/or **C20-24**.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Township staff, who can answer questions on the proposed changes, or the planning process.

Notice dated this **31st day of July 2024** at the Township of Southgate.

A note about information you may submit to the Township:

Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information provided for, or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record, including resident deputations. This information may be posted on the Township or County websites, and/or made available to the public upon request. **Please note that all submissions and the personal information contained therein will become part of the public record in their entirety and may be posted to Southgate's website.**

Please be aware that the public meeting may be broadcast online and may be recorded.

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Staff Report

Report To: Council
Report From: Michele Harris, Chief Administrative Officer
Meeting Date: August 13, 2024
Subject: Municipal Compensation Market Check

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of staff report 'Municipal Compensation Market Check', council authorizes staff to enter into a contract with ML Consulting, to a maximum of \$30,000, to conduct a comprehensive compensation review for municipal staff (including library staff) and council.

Highlights:

- The Municipality of West Grey last undertook a compensation review in 2020.
- Best industry practices recommend conducting a compensation review and market check every three to five years.
- West Grey, like most municipalities in Ontario, is struggling to attract and retain a qualified workforce in a highly competitive market.
- The market check will utilize the 15 municipal comparators approved by council in September 2023 for the purposes of completing this analysis.
- The market check will be prepared in time for 2025 municipal budget deliberations.

Previous Report/Authority:

[2020 Market Check report.](#)

[2020 CAO consolidated report \(wage and organizational review\).](#)

Analysis:

In 2020 the Municipality of West Grey completed their most recent comprehensive wage review, salary market check and Council remuneration review. These reviews provide important comparative information to assist in achieving equitable and competitive salaries essential in recruiting skilled employees and retaining existing staff expertise.

Compensation in the municipal sector has become increasingly competitive, especially since COVID, and the tax dollar has become increasingly stretched to support service delivery. Compensation is a key element to ensure attraction and retention of staff in critical roles; and ensuring value for the compensation dollar is a key element in municipal service delivery.

The 2020 West Grey market check utilized 13 municipalities as comparators, and in 2023 council approved an additional two municipalities to be added to the comparator list, for a total of 15 comparators. Considerations in determining suitable comparators include historic comparators, geographic location, similar service alignment, population, and operating budget.

The 15 municipalities approved by council for comparative purposes are:

- Municipality of Brockton
- Municipality of Grey Highlands
- Municipality of Meaford
- Municipality of North Perth
- Town of Collingwood
- Town of Hanover
- Town of Minto
- Town of the Blue Mountains
- Township of Chatsworth
- Township of Clearview
- Township of Georgian Bluffs
- Township of Guelph-Eramosa
- Township of Southgate
- Township of Springwater
- Township of Wellington North

Key deliverables for compensation market check include:

- Conducting a review of positions to determine and ensure that each position is appropriately defined and compensated for the work being performed, based on the external pay market and internal equity.
- Collecting comparator data from the comparator group and making recommendations to the existing salary range.
- Conducting a council remuneration study and making recommendations related to base pay and other elements of remuneration.
- Providing a summary report that:
 - i. recommends updates to the compensation program that includes an assessment of internal equity based on current job descriptions to ensure that positions are paid fairly;
 - ii. includes a market summary that shows market competitiveness based on various percentile targets and a revised salary grid;
 - iii. recommends changes to the municipal compensation system, including current pay equity plans and other employment agreement; and
 - iv. includes a pay equity analysis and updated pay equity plan.

Financial Implications:

ML Consulting undertook the 2020 market check for the municipality.

Staff are recommending sole sourcing this contract for 2024 to ML Consulting based on the quality of the work performed in 2020, the costs savings anticipated over other contractors due to the background and institutional knowledge the contractor has achieved through their previous work with West Grey, as well as work they've done within the Ontario municipal framework, including municipalities within the identified comparator group, and the ability of ML Consulting to complete this work by October 2024 in order to have data available for 2025 budget deliberations.

There will be no additional budget impact for 2024, due to administrative savings achieved in this budget year as a result of staff vacancies and wage gapping.

Communication Plan:

Communication of this report is through the posting of council meeting agendas on the Municipality of West Grey website.

Consultation:

K. Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Attachments:

None.

Recommended by:

Michele Harris, Chief Administrative Officer

Submission approved by:

Michele Harris, Chief Administrative Officer

For more information on this report, please contact Michele Harris, CAO at mharris@westgrey.com or 519-369-2200, ext 222.



Staff Report

Report To: Council

Report From: David Smith RPP, MCIP, Manager of Planning

Meeting Date: August 13, 2024

Subject: Repeal Deeming Bylaw 18-2021 and Passage of New Deeming Bylaw – Becker

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of staff report 'Repeal Deeming Bylaw 18-2021 and Passage of New Deeming By-law – Becker' council:

1. Directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to repeal bylaw 18-2021;
2. Directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to deem Lots 17 and 18 on Plan 83 in the former Village of Elmwood, Municipality of West Grey not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of section 50(3) of the *Planning Act*;
3. Authorizes the mayor and clerk to execute any documents necessary to give effect to the new deeming bylaw.

Highlights:

- Bylaw 18-2021 was passed deeming Lots 10, 17 and 18 Plan 83 village of Elmwood not to be lots on a plan of subdivision.
- Bylaw 18-2021 was never registered as required by the *Planning Act*.
- A deeming bylaw is still required/requested but should only apply to Lots 17 and 18 of Plan 83 village of Elmwood.

Previous Report/Authority:

None.

Analysis:

Lot creation in Ontario has typically been accomplished through a registered plan of subdivision or consent/part lot control.

Town plots, also at times referred to as a registered plan, were surveyed by the Crown and subsequently registered for many communities across Ontario including Ayton, Durham, and Elmwood. In Elmwood there are at least three 'registered' plans of subdivision that created parcels of land that could be conveyed/sold that comprise the village of Elmwood town plot including Plan 83. Plan 83 was registered in 1887 and included 28 new lots and included an extension to William Street and two new streets, Mill and Jacob.

Lots on Plan 83 are conveyable (sellable) without the need for any *Planning Act* approval.

The lots created in most old plans however are small:

- Lot Frontage: 66 feet (20 m)
- Lot Depth: 165 feet (50 m)
- Lot Area: 10,956 ft² (1018 m²).

This was a common size at the time since houses were traditionally smaller, there was no requirement for a septic system [outhouses were typically used] leaving enough room for a well on each lot.

The minimum lot size required by West Grey Bylaw today for serviced lots in the R1A zone is:

- Lot Frontage: 100.1 ft (30.5 m)
- Lot Area: 21,780 ft² (2,000 m²).

The current larger R1A lot size reflects the fact that houses are typically larger in size and there is a need for a septic system and well. The overall goal of West Grey is to guard against polluting the groundwater by regulating the density of development that subsequently the number of septic systems that contribute pollutants to groundwater.

Small towns that rely on groundwater are susceptible to groundwater quality and quantity issues when the density of development is not regulated.

In 2021 the property owner of Lots 10, 17 and 18 Plan 83 applied for a building permit for a single detached dwelling and septic/well that would involve/cross the three lots. The West Grey zoning bylaw does not permit single detached dwellings to be built across a property line. Also, a septic system for a dwelling is required to be located on the same lot as the detached dwelling.

The planning department proposed that a deeming bylaw be passed that would deem the three lots. Deeming does not eliminate lot lines. Deeming prevents abutting lots that are registered in the same legal name from being sold except as a 'block'.

In this case deeming Lot 10, Lot 17, and Lot 18 not to be lots on a plan of subdivision would prevent the lots from being sold individually. In many cases deeming is interpreted as having merged the subject lots into one parcel thereby allowing a building to be built 'across' the former lot lines.

Discussion

Lots 10, 17 and 18 on Plan 83 were the subject of a deeming bylaw passed by West Grey on March 16, 2021, being bylaw 18-2021. The deeming bylaw was passed to allow the owner to build a new home with septic that would involve/cross Lots 10, 17, and 18 on Plan 83. The deeming bylaw was never registered by West Grey against title to the lands as required by Section 50(28) of the *Planning Act*. Therefore, deeming 18-2021 bylaw was never, and still is, not in force and effect.

A building permit was subsequently issued for a new home that would involve/cross only Lot 17 and Lot 18 on Plan 83. The new home met all the requirements of the West Grey zoning bylaw. The building department was under the impression that deeming bylaw 18-2021 was in full force and effect when the building permit was issued.

As bylaw 18-2021 was not registered against title to Lots 10, 17, and 18 on Plan 83 a building permit was then applied for on Lot 10 Plan 83 only. The new home met all the requirements of the West Grey zoning bylaw. Lot 10 was not deemed. A building permit was therefore issued.

The owner of Lot 17 and Lot 18 on Plan 83 still desires that his two lots be deemed. This is important when buildings/structures 'cross' lot lines on a registered plan of subdivision and the owner is wishing to land sell the property. Potential purchasers need to be satisfied that the property and the buildings/structures that are on the property are in conformity with the *Planning Act* and the West Grey zoning bylaw.

The planning department is of the opinion that the repeal of bylaw No. 18-2021 and the passage of a new deeming bylaw for Lot 17 and Lot 18 on Plan 83 meets the legal requirements of the *Planning Act*, conforms to the Grey County Official Plan, and conforms to the regulations of West Grey Zoning Bylaw 37-2006, and represents good planning.

Financial Implications:

None.

Communication Plan:

Communication of this report is through the posting of council meeting agendas on the West Grey website.

Consultation:

None.

Attachments:

West Grey Deeming Bylaw 18-2021

Recommended by:

David Smith, RPP, MCIP Manager of Planning

Submission approved by:

Michele Harris, Chief Administrative Officer

For more information on this report, please contact David Smith, Manager of Planning at planning@westgrey.com or 519-369-2200.



**The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey
Bylaw No. 18 -2021**

Being a bylaw to deem certain lots no longer be registered lots on a plan of subdivision.

Whereas section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by bylaw unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

Whereas section 50(4) of the Planning Act, R.S.O, 1990, c.P. 13, as amended provides municipal council authority to pass a bylaw to designate any plan of subdivision or part thereof that has been registered for eight years or more, which shall be deemed not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purpose of subdivision control; and

Whereas Plan 83 was registered more than eight years ago;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby enacts as follows:

1. The following lots are deemed not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purpose of subsection 50(3) of the Planning Act, R.S.O.1990, c.P., 13, as amended
All of the following lots on Plan 83: Lots 10, 17 and 18

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 16th day of March, 2021.



Mayor Christine Robinson



Clerk Genevieve Scharback



Staff Report

Report To: Council

Report From: Karl Schipprack, Director of Community and Development Services/CBO

Meeting Date: August 13, 2024

Subject: 2024 Q2 Building Department Activities

Recommendations:

That in consideration of staff report '2024 Q2 Building Department Activities', council receives the report for information purposes.

Highlights:

- Building department activity for first and second quarter of 2024.
- For information and comparison, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 first and second quarter data is also provided.

Previous Report/Authority:

None.

Analysis:

The purpose of this staff report is to provide the Q2 2024 building department activity on number of permits, project value and permit fees. This report also provides the Q1 and Q2, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 building department activity for comparison. The second quarter of 2024 has seen a decrease in permit numbers but a large increase in project value and permit fees. The increase in project value and permit fees is due to the West Grey police station and the Rockwood Terrace long-term care building permits issued in the second quarter.

The number of issued building permits for Q1 and Q2 combined is down seven percent over 2023, building permit fees are up 277 percent and permit values are up 146 percent. A total of 26 new residential units were created in 2024 compared to 30 in 2023.

These numbers are indicating an overall reduction in construction for 2024 if we remove the two large institutional projects.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Communication Plan:

This report is available on the West Grey website through the agenda.

Consultation:

None.

Attachments:

2024 Q2 Building Department Activity

Recommended by:

Karl Schipprack, Director of Community and Development Services/CBO

Submission approved by:

Michele Harris, Chief Administrative Officer

For more information on this report, please contact Karl Schipprack at cbo@westgrey.com or 519-369-2200 Ext. 234.

West Grey	Q1 - BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY														
TYPE OF PERMIT	# of Permits					Project Value					Permit Fees				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Residential															
Multi Residential	2	10	-	-	5	\$ 600,000	\$ 2,600,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 3,955	\$ 13,931	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,448
New Homes	8	24	15	9	10	\$ 3,150,000	\$ 12,522,996	\$ 9,219,000	\$ 5,333,370	\$ 4,562,200	\$ 18,594	\$ 58,899	\$ 37,660	\$ 18,055	\$ 21,508
Add/Reno/Mobile	7	10	12	5	8	\$ 775,000	\$ 1,324,500	\$ 1,345,800	\$ 223,300	\$ 1,152,375	\$ 6,006	\$ 4,426	\$ 10,249	\$ 1,278	\$ 3,961
Septic Permits	9	25	20	5	9	\$ 120,000	\$ 591,000	\$ 314,000	\$ 99,000	\$ 134,999	\$ 4,250	\$ 12,150	\$ 9,650	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,500
Accessory	8	8	7	10	5	\$ 174,700	\$ 397,000	\$ 715,000	\$ 518,000	\$ 493,000	\$ 2,083	\$ 3,546	\$ 4,384	\$ 4,202	\$ 2,725
No. of New Units	8	33	15	9	17										
Agriculture															
New Buildings	5	5	8	1	5	\$ 1,220,000	\$ 410,000	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 492,000.00	\$ 14,368	\$ 8,729	\$ 7,568	\$ 351	\$ 4,074
Add/Reno	2	-	-	3	-	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 436	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450	\$ -
Commercial															
New Buildings	-	-	1	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
Add/Reno	2	-	-	-	-	\$ 54,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Institutional															
New Buildings	-	-	1	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -
Add/Reno	1	-	2	-	-	\$ 335,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,115	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -
Industrial															
New Buildings	-	-	1	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,218	\$ -	\$ -
Add/Reno	-	-	1	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,750	\$ -	\$ -
Sewer Connections															
	4	15	-	-	9										
Demolitions															
	1	4	3	-	6	\$ 1,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 11,780	\$ -	\$ 19,600.00	\$ 150	\$ 600	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ 900
Change of Use															
	-	-	-	1	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -
Revisions															
	-	-	1	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -
Tent															
	2	-	2	3	-	\$ 4,750	\$ -	\$ 8,932	\$ 9,700	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 225	\$ -
TOTALS	47	86	74	37	48	\$ 6,485,250	\$ 17,865,496	\$ 15,004,512	\$ 6,284,370	\$ 8,354,174	\$ 54,407	\$ 102,281	\$ 81,228	\$ 27,261	\$ 44,115

West Grey	Q2 - BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY														
TYPE OF PERMIT	# of Permits					Project Value					Permit Fees				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Residential															
Multi Residential	6	4	5	3	2	\$ 1,495,700	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,885,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 720,800	\$ 8,148	\$ 5,521	\$ 10,285	\$ 4,054	\$ 2,990
New Homes	11	36	23	19	11	\$ 4,350,000	\$ 18,235,000	\$ 14,019,000	\$ 9,807,050	\$ 5,227,600	\$ 26,540	\$ 80,381	\$ 61,173	\$ 47,247	\$ 21,866
Add/Reno/Mobile	9	10	13	21	17	\$ 453,000	\$ 943,000	\$ 911,000	\$ 1,284,399	\$ 745,982	\$ 3,851	\$ 5,381	\$ 7,075	\$ 8,749	\$ 4,152
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Septic Permits	12	34	25	24	14	\$ 160,500	\$ 611,000	\$ 416,500	\$ 462,220	\$ 279,000	\$ 5,750	\$ 16,150	\$ 12,750	\$ 11,750	\$ 7,000
Accessory	14	37	24	12	10	\$ 622,000	\$ 1,382,444	\$ 1,387,800	\$ 1,415,000	\$ 741,000	\$ 6,251	\$ 12,667	\$ 5,933	\$ 7,585	\$ 4,050
No. of New Units	17	36	32	21	9										
Agriculture															
New Buildings	11	16	8	7	3	\$ 3,888,700	\$ 2,246,275	\$ 4,848,000	\$ 2,017,000	\$ 825,000	\$ 31,394	\$ 20,548	\$ 30,738	\$ 10,495	\$ 4,333
Add/Reno	-	4	3	2	5	\$ -	\$ 620,000	\$ 305,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 3,612,000	\$ -	\$ 4,665	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,401	\$ 17,945
Commercial															
New Buildings	1	1	-	1	1	\$ 200,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 150
Add/Reno	1	-	1	-	2	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Institutional															
New Buildings	-	-	-	-	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,004,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 380,150
Add/Reno	1	2	1	-	1	\$ 150,000	\$ 191,300	\$ 185,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 865	\$ 1,913	\$ 1,850	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Industrial															
New Buildings	-	1	-	1	-	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 11,000	\$ -
Add/Reno	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sewer Connections	9	11	2	1	3					-					-
Demolitions	7	5	-	4	4	\$ 52,500	\$ 67,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 29,000	\$ 1,050	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 600
Change of Use	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revisions	-	-	1	2	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 300	
Tent	-	1	2	1	4	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,200	\$ 2,225	\$ 5,788	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ 150	\$ 75	\$ 300
TOTALS	73	151	106	97	77	\$ 11,382,400	\$ 25,550,019	\$ 24,040,500	\$ 17,727,894	\$ 50,755,170	\$ 86,499	\$ 150,551	\$ 132,955	\$ 103,855	\$ 449,636

West Grey	YTD - BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY														
TYPE OF PERMIT	# of Permits					Project Value					Permit Fees				
	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	2023 YTD	2024 YTD	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	2023 YTD	2024 YTD	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	2023 YTD	2024 YTD
Residential															
Multi Residential	8	14	5	3	7	\$ 2,095,700	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 1,885,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 2,220,800	\$ 12,103	\$ 19,452	\$ 10,285	\$ 4,054	\$ 9,438
New Homes	19	60	38	28	21	\$ 7,500,000	\$ 30,757,996	\$ 23,238,000	\$ 15,140,420	\$ 9,789,800	\$ 45,134	\$ 139,280	\$ 98,833	\$ 65,301	\$ 43,373
Add/Reno/Mobile	16	20	25	26	25	\$ 1,228,000	\$ 2,267,500	\$ 2,256,800	\$ 1,507,699	\$ 1,898,357	\$ 9,857	\$ 9,807	\$ 17,324	\$ 10,026	\$ 8,113
Septic Permits	21	59	45	29	23	\$ 280,500	\$ 1,202,000	\$ 730,500	\$ 561,220	\$ 413,999	\$ 10,000	\$ 28,300	\$ 22,400	\$ 14,250	\$ 11,500
Accessory	22	45	31	22	15	\$ 796,700	\$ 1,779,444	\$ 2,102,800	\$ 1,933,000	\$ 1,234,000	\$ 8,334	\$ 16,213	\$ 10,317	\$ 11,788	\$ 6,775
No. of New Units	25	69	47	30	26										
Agriculture															
New Buildings	16	21	16	8	8	\$ 5,108,700	\$ 2,656,275	\$ 5,868,000	\$ 2,028,000	\$ 1,317,000	\$ 45,762	\$ 29,277	\$ 38,306	\$ 10,846	\$ 8,407
Add/Reno	2	4	3	5	5	\$ 50,000	\$ 620,000	\$ 305,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 3,612,000	\$ 436	\$ 4,665	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,851	\$ 17,945
Commercial															
New Buildings	1	1	1	1	1	\$ 200,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 600	\$ 150
Add/Reno	3	-	1	-	2	\$ 64,800	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Institutional															
New Buildings	-	-	1	-	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 38,004,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 380,150
Add/Reno	2	2	3	-	1	\$ 485,000	\$ 191,300	\$ 435,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 4,980	\$ 1,913	\$ 4,350	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Industrial															
New Buildings	-	1	1	1	-	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,218	\$ 11,000	\$ -
Add/Reno	-	-	1	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,750	\$ -	\$ -
Sewer Connections															
	13	26	2	1	12										
Demolitions															
	8	9	3	4	10	\$ 53,500	\$ 87,000	\$ 11,780	\$ 30,000	\$ 48,600	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,350	\$ 450	\$ 600	\$ 1,500
Change of Use															
	-	-	-	1	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -
Revisions															
	-	-	2	2	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -
Tent															
	2	1	4	4	4	\$ 4,750	\$ 4,000	\$ 17,132	\$ 11,925	\$ 5,788	\$ 150	\$ 75	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
TOTALS	120	237	180	134	125	\$ 17,867,650	\$ 43,415,515	\$ 39,045,012	\$ 24,012,264	\$ 59,109,344	\$ 140,906	\$ 252,832	\$ 214,183	\$ 131,116	\$ 493,751



Staff Report

Report To: Council
Report From: Karl Schipprack, Director of Community and Development Services
Meeting Date: August 13, 2024
Subject: Animal Control Officer – Contract Renewal

Recommendations:

That in consideration of staff report 'Animal Control Officer – Contract Renewal', council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to:

1. Appoint Cheryl Roberts as a bylaw enforcement officer for the purposes of enforcing West Grey animal control bylaws; and
2. Enter into an agreement with Chery Roberts for contract animal control services.

Highlights:

- Cheryl Roberts has been providing contract animal control services to West Grey since 2015.
- Previous contract commenced January 1, 2020 and has no expiry date.
- The current contract has no allowance for annual cost of living increases.

Previous Report/Authority:

None.

Analysis:

The Municipality of West Grey has contracted with Chery Roberts for the provision of contract animal control services within the Municipality of West Grey. The current agreement was executed in January 2020. The current agreement does not include an expiry date. It includes the option by either party to terminate the contract with sixty days written notice. Cheryl Roberts has requested an increase in fees equal to the cost-of-living allowance (COLA) provided by council for the last three years, total of eight percent, and has requested the new contract include the COLA increase effective

January 1 of each year. West Grey staff have no concerns with the contractor in their performance of this service.

Financial Implications:

The fees for service in the animal control services agreement are:

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Canine and livestock pickups and emergency call outs	\$65.00 each	\$70.20 each
Complaints and investigations	\$25.00/hr	\$27.00/hr
On call charge	\$15.00/day	\$16.20/day
On Call charge for statutory holiday	\$37.50/day	\$40.50/day
Cell phone cost	\$50.00/month	\$54.00/month

Mileage – equivalent to the rate per kilometer provided to County of Grey employees.

The increase will be effective August 1, 2024, and will add approximately \$500 in expenses this year. The 2024 West Grey animal control budget has available funds for this increase.

Communication Plan:

Following council direction, the contractor will be contacted and a bylaw containing the new contract will be presented to council for enactment.

Consultation:

Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Attachments:

None.

Recommended by:

Karl Schipprack, Director of Community and Development Services/CBO

Submission approved by:

Michele Harris, Chief Administrative Officer

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Staff Report

Report To: Council
Report From: Nicole Heber, Environmental Officer
Meeting Date: August 13, 2024
Subject: IPW-2024-27 Waste and Diversion Site - Tipping Fees

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of staff report 'IPW-2024-27 Waste Diversion Site - Tipping Fees', council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend the fees and charges bylaw to increase the minimum tipping fees at the waste and diversion sites for sorted waste loads to \$20.00 and unsorted waste loads to \$40.00.

Highlights:

- West Grey wants to encourage residents to utilize curbside collection services.
- To encourage sorting of recyclable materials a different minimum tipping fee is being proposed for unsorted material.
- The Bentinck landfill has limited approved capacity remaining, and diversion of recyclable materials will help extend the life as much as possible.

Previous Report/Authority:

[West Grey Corporate Climate Change Action Plan](#)

Analysis:

The Municipality of West Grey provides bi-weekly curbside blue box recycling and waste collection to all residents. The waste user-pay service combined with the clear bag requirement offers an incentive to sort and divert recyclable materials from landfills. When bag tag fees are increased tipping fees should be respectively increased. In general, this will continue to provide an incentive to sort and divert recyclable materials.

The most effective way to manage household waste is via the curbside collection program. Trucks service all municipal roads regardless of whether materials are placed at the curb. There is a cost to manage customers who voluntarily bring their curbside

materials to the sites. The minimum fee for both sorted and unsorted waste is \$10. If these fees remain at \$10, it will cost less to come to the landfill with waste materials vs. placing them at the curb. Additionally, the \$10 fee does not provide an incentive to sort recyclable materials. If fees are not raised respectively there will be an increase to site traffic resulting in less effective site management, increased operational costs and a potential for less diversion.

The proposed new fees are:

- Minimum \$20.00 charge for sorted material; and
- Minimum \$40.00 charge for unsorted material.

Financial Implications:

It is necessary to keep the tipping fees comparable to neighbouring municipalities to avoid activities such as contractors crossing municipal boundaries with materials; to encourage curb side program participation; and proper sorting and diversion. Staff researched fees and proposed the above to be in line with nearby fees, improve diversion behaviours and manage operational costs more effectively.

Communication Plan:

Following council approval, staff will launch a communication campaign advertising the approved changes.

Consultation:

Director, Legislative Services/Clerk

Director, Finance/Treasurer

Director, Infrastructure and Public Works

Attachments:

None.

Recommended by:

Nicole Heber, Environmental Officer

Geoff Aitken, CET, Director, Infrastructure and Public Works

Submission approved by:

Michele Harris, Chief Administrative Officer

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Staff Report

Report To: Council
Report From: Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Meeting Date: August 13, 2024
Subject: Establish Durham BIA Tax Rate for 2024

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of staff report 'Establish Durham BIA Tax Rate for 2024', council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend bylaw 2024-059.

Highlights:

- Bylaw 2024-059 established the 2024 tax rates.
- Durham BIA 2024 budget confirmed the municipal funding requirement at \$12,600.
- The BIA tax rate for 2024 needs to be set at 0.213516% in order to raise the requested amount of \$12,600.

Previous Report/Authority:

None.

Analysis:

At the June 18, 2024, council meeting, the 2024 tax rate bylaw was adopted. At the July 9, 2024, council meeting, correspondence was received from the Durham BIA to set its 2024 budget which included municipal funding of \$12,600. Upon calculation of the 2024 final tax bills, it was discovered that there were a few changes in assessment values in the Durham BIA area and as such the tax rate required to raise the \$12,600 needs to be adjusted from 0.214924% to 0.213516%.

Financial Implications:

No change to the total dollar amount raised for BIA, this is just a change to the effective rate applied for property taxation in the Durham BIA area.

Communication Plan:

Tax rates are posted on the municipal website.

Consultation:

None.

Attachments:

None.

Recommended by:

Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Submission approved by:

Michele Harris, Chief Administrative Officer

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Staff Report

Report To: Council

Report From: Kodey Hewlett, Corporate and Community Initiatives Officer

Meeting Date: August 13, 2024

Subject: Community Services – Lease Request – Durham and District
Community Centre Board Room

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of staff report 'Community Services – Lease Request – Durham and District Community Centre Board Room', council directs staff to enter into a lease agreement with EarlyOn for use of the Durham and District Community Centre boardroom.

Highlights:

- Municipal staff have received a request from EarlyOn (Durham) for a temporary lease of the boardroom at the Durham Community Centre.
- Entering into the requested lease would be beneficial to both the municipality and EarlyOn as utilizing the Community Centre would provide direct access to other nearby amenities and lead to increased revenues for the municipality.

Previous Report/Authority:

None.

Analysis:

West Grey staff were recently approached by senior leadership from EarlyOn (Ontario Early Years Center - Durham) seeking a temporary rental space as they will lose their current space effective September.

The proposed lease would allow the EarlyOn Center sole use of the boardroom for a temporary 10-month lease with ability to extend should the lease hold be beneficial for both parties. The proposed lease rate is \$425.00 monthly, inclusive of utility costs which outweighs the current annual revenue generated from the space in a given year.

In consultation with EarlyOn, use of the Durham and District Community Centre boardroom aligns well with both organization's goals as now there is direct access to other amenities such as playgrounds, greenspace, multipurpose areas, and seasonal parent and tot skate programs.

As a multi-purpose facility, staff are confident that the proposed lease will have minimal impact on facility and rental usage as regular rentals of the boardroom could be modified to access other spaces within the facility.

Financial Implications:

The proposed lease rate would result in increased revenues for the Durham and District Community Centre.

Communication Plan:

Following council direction, staff will organize drafting and signing of the agreement with EarlyOn.

Consultation:

- Durham Facilities Superintendent
- Director of Finance/Treasurer
- EarlyOn – Durham

Attachments:

None.

Recommended by:

Kodey Hewlett, Corporate and Community Initiatives Officer

Submission approved by:

Michele Harris, Chief Administrative Officer

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Staff Report

Report To: Council
Report From: Jamie Eckenswiler, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Meeting Date: August 13, 2024
Subject: Confirmation of Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission Bylaw

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of staff report 'Confirmation of Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission Bylaw', council confirms the Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission bylaw no. 2 as attached to this report.

Highlights:

- The Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission has recently passed a new corporate bylaw.
- The Corporations Act requires the shareholders (being the three municipal partners) to confirm the bylaw prior to the bylaw being able to take effect.
- The Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission worked with legal counsel and the clerks of the respective member municipalities on the creation of the new bylaw.

Previous Report/Authority:

Not applicable.

Analysis:

In recent years, the Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission (SMAC) has endeavoured to enact a new corporate bylaw in accordance with the *Corporations Act* ("the act"). SMAC obtained legal counsel to assist in the development of the new bylaw, and additionally consulted with the clerks of West Grey, Brockton, and Hanover throughout the bylaw development process.

Section 68 of the act permits directors to pass bylaws that are not in contravention of the act or to the letters patent that established the corporation. Prior to a bylaw passed under section 68 of the act coming into effect, it must first be confirmed by the

shareholders, being West Grey, Brockton, and Hanover. Staff have no concerns with the newly enacted bylaw and recommend that it be confirmed.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Communication Plan:

Should council resolve to confirm the bylaw, a formal resolution letter will be sent to SMAC advising them of the confirmation.

Consultation:

None.

Attachments:

Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission Bylaw No. 2

Recommended by:

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Submission approved by:

Michele Harris, Chief Administrative Officer

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SAUGEEN
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission

By-law No. 2

Corporate By-Law

June 19, 2024

BY-LAW NO. 2

A by-law relating generally to the
transaction of the business and
affairs of

**Saugeen Municipal Airport
(the “Corporation”)**

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BE IT ENACTED as a by-law of the Corporation as follows:

SECTION 1 – GENERAL

1.01 Definitions

In this by-law and all other by-laws of the Corporation, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "**Act**" means the Ontario *Corporations Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.38 including the Regulations made pursuant to the Act, and any statute or regulations that may be substituted, as amended from time to time;
- (b) "**articles**" means the letters patent, the supplementary letters patent, the original or restated articles of incorporation or articles of amendment, amalgamation, continuance, reorganization, arrangement or revival of the Corporation;
- (c) "**Board**" means the Board of commissioners of the Corporation;
- (d) "**by-law**" means this by-law and any other by-law of the Corporation as amended and which are, from time to time, in force and effect;
- (e) "**chair**" means the chair of the Board;
- (f) "**commissioner**" means a director of the Board;
- (g) "**Corporation**" means the corporation that has passed these by-laws under the Act or that is deemed to have passed these by-laws under the Act;
- (h) "**director**" means an individual occupying the position of the director of the Corporation by whatever name they are called;
- (i) "**ex-officio commissioner**" means an ex-officio director; an individual occupying the position of commissioner by virtue of their office;
- (j) "**member**" means a member of the Corporation;
- (k) "**members**" means the collective membership of the Corporation;
- (l) "**meeting of members**" includes an annual meeting of members or a special meeting of members; "**special meeting of members**" includes a special meeting of all members entitled to vote at an annual meeting of members;
- (m) "**Municipal Act**" means the Ontario *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, including the

Regulations made pursuant to the Act, and any statute or regulations that may be substituted, as amended from time to time;

(n) **“officer”** means an officer of the Corporation; and

(o) **"Regulations"** means the regulations made under the Act or the Municipal Act, as amended, restated or in effect from time to time.

1.02 Interpretation

In the interpretation of the by-laws, words in the singular include the plural and vice-versa, words in one gender include all genders, and "person" includes an individual, body corporate, partnership, trust and unincorporated organization.

Other than as specified in 1.01 above, words and expressions defined in the Act have the same meanings when used in the by-laws.

1.03 Severability

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of these by-laws shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of the by-laws. If any of the provisions contained in the by-laws are inconsistent with those contained in the articles or the Act, the provisions contained in the articles or the Act, as the case may be, shall prevail.

1.04 Corporate Seal

The Corporation may have a corporate seal in the form approved from time to time by the Board. If a corporate seal is approved by the Board, the secretary of the Corporation shall be the custodian of the corporate seal.

1.05 Execution of Documents

Deeds, transfers, assignments, contracts, obligations and other instruments in writing requiring execution by the Corporation may be signed by the chair or vice-chair and by the secretary. Contracts in the ordinary course of the Corporation's operations requiring execution may be signed by the chair, vice-chair, treasurer or by any person authorized by the Board. In addition, the Board may from time to time direct the manner in which and the person or persons by whom a particular document or type of document shall be executed. Any person authorized to sign any document may affix the corporate seal (if any) to the document. Any commissioner or officer may certify a copy of any instrument, resolution, by-law or other document of the Corporation to be a true copy thereof.

1.06 Financial Year End

In accordance with the Municipal Act, the financial year end of the Corporation shall be December 31st in each year.

1.07 Banking Arrangements

The banking business of the Corporation shall be transacted at such bank, trust company or other firm or corporation carrying on a banking business in Canada or elsewhere as the Board may designate, appoint or authorize from time to time by resolution. The banking business or any part of it shall be transacted by those officers or other persons as the Board may designate, appoint or authorize from time to time by resolution.

1.08 Appointment of Auditors

The members shall at each annual meeting of members appoint an auditor or auditors to hold office until the next annual meeting of members, provided that the commissioners may fill any casual vacancy in the office of auditor. The remuneration of the auditor shall be fixed by the Board of commissioners.

1.09 Head Office

The head office of the Corporation shall be in the Municipality of Brockton, in the Province of Ontario, or, at such other location as the Board may determine from time to time.

SECTION 2 – MEMBERS

2.01 Membership Conditions

Subject to the articles, there shall be one class of members in the Corporation. The Municipality of West Grey, Town of Hanover, and Municipality of Brockton shall each be admitted as a voting member of the Corporation without further action or formality. Each member shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of the members of the Corporation.

2.02 Termination of Membership

A membership in the Corporation is terminated when:

- a. a member fails to maintain any qualifications for membership described in the articles or by-laws;
- b. the member resigns by delivering a written resignation to the chair of the Board of the Corporation in which case such resignation shall be effective on the date specified in the resignation and the member is still required to meet all other contractual obligations; or

- c. the Corporation is liquidated or dissolved under the Act.

Subject to the articles, upon any termination of membership, the rights of the member, including any rights in the property of the Corporation, automatically cease to exist. The member will not be entitled to any compensation upon termination.

SECTION 3 - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

3.01 Notice of Meeting of Members

Subject to the Act, not less than twenty-one (21) days written notice of any annual or special members' meeting shall be given in the manner specified in the Act to each member and to the auditor or person appointed to conduct a review engagement. Notice of any meeting where special business will be transacted must contain sufficient information to permit the members to form a reasoned judgment on the decision to be taken.

The Corporation's procedural by-law shall provide for public notice of meetings.

3.02 Persons Entitled to be Present

The persons entitled to vote at the meeting of members, the commissioners and the auditors of the Corporation (or the person who has been appointed to conduct a review engagement, if any) and such other persons who are entitled or required under any provision of the Act, articles or by-laws of the Corporation shall be present at the meeting.

In accordance with the *Municipal Act*, a meeting of members shall be open to the public, subject to certain exceptions as provided by the *Municipal Act*.

3.03 Chair of the Meeting

In the event that the chair and the vice-chair of the Board are absent, the members who are present and entitled to vote at the meeting shall choose one of the members to chair the meeting.

3.04 Quorum

A quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of members is a majority of the members entitled to vote at the meeting. A quorum must be present throughout the meeting in order for the members to proceed with the business of the meeting.

3.05 Voting of Members

Business arising at any members' meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes unless otherwise required by the Act or the by-law provided that:

- a. Each member shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting;
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- b. Votes shall be taken by a show of hands among all members present and the chair of the meeting, if a member, shall have a vote;
- c. An abstention shall not be considered a vote cast;
- d. Before or after a show of hands has been taken on any question, the chair of the meeting may require, or any member may demand, a written ballot. A written ballot so required or demanded shall be taken in such manner as the chair of the meeting shall direct;
- e. If there is a tie vote, the chair of the meeting shall require a written ballot, and shall not have a second or casting vote. If there is a tie vote upon written ballot, the motion is lost; and
- f. Whenever a vote by show of hands is taken on a question, unless a written ballot is required or demanded, a declaration by the chair of the meeting that a resolution has been carried or lost and an entry to that effect in the minutes shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the motion.

3.06 Participation by Electronic Means

Participation at any meeting of members may be by telephonic, electronic or other communication facility.

3.07 Virtual Meetings

Any meeting of members may be held entirely by means of a telephonic, an electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.

3.08 Annual Meeting of Members

The annual meeting of members shall be held on a day and at a place within Ontario fixed by the Board. An annual meeting of members must be called no later than fifteen (15) months after the preceding annual meeting of members.

An annual meeting of members shall be held for the transaction of the following business:

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the previous annual meeting of members;
- b. Receiving reports of the activities of the Corporation during the previous year, the Annual Financial Statement and the Audit Report;
- c. The appointment of auditors for the current year;
- d. The election of commissioners;
- e. Transaction of any other business, either special or general which is pertinent to the interests of the membership and which may properly come before the annual meeting of members with at least ten (10) days notice before the meeting.

The commissioners shall make available a copy of the approved financial statements, auditor's report or review engagement report and other financial information required by the by-laws or articles to the members at least twenty-one (21) days before the annual meeting.

3.09 Special Meetings

The Board, chair or vice-chair may call a special meeting of the members. The Board shall call a special meeting on written requisition of members, of not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the members entitled to vote at a meeting of members, for any purpose connected with the affairs of the Corporation that does not fall within the exceptions listed in the Act or is otherwise inconsistent with the Act, within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the deposit of the requisition.

3.10 Adjournments

The chair may, with the majority consent of any members' meeting, adjourn the same from time to time and no notice of such adjournment need be given to the members, unless the meeting is adjourned by one or more adjournments for an aggregate of 30 days or more. Any business may be brought before or dealt with at any adjourned meeting which might have been brought before or dealt with at the original meeting in accordance with the notice calling the same.

SECTION 4 – COMMISSIONERS

4.01 Board of Commissioners

The Board shall consist of five (5) commissioners. The representatives of the members shall be appointed as ex-officio commissioners.

4.02 Nomination to the Board

Nominations made for the election of commissioners must be made in accordance with the nominating procedure prescribed by the Board from time to time and must be received at the head office of the Corporation at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the annual meeting of members.

4.03 Election and Term

Subject to the articles, the members will elect the commissioners at the first meeting of members and at each succeeding meeting at which an election of commissioners is required. The term of office of each commissioner is four (4) years. Each commissioner shall be eligible to serve for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. After a period of one (1) year's absence, a commissioner may be eligible for re-election.

4.04 Vacancies

The office of a commissioner shall be vacated immediately:

- a. if the commissioner resigns office by written notice to the Corporation, which resignation shall be effective at the time it is received by the Corporation or at the time specified in the notice, whichever is later;
- b. if the commissioner dies;
- c. if the commissioner becomes bankrupt; or
- d. if, at a meeting of the members, a resolution is passed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the members removing the commissioner before the expiration of the commissioner's term of office.

If a commissioner misses three (3) consecutive meetings of commissioners, the Board shall request that the commissioner resign, or recommend to the members that the commissioner be removed from the Board at a meeting of members.

4.05 Filling Vacancies

A vacancy on the Board shall be filled as follows:

- a. a quorum of commissioners may fill a vacancy among the commissioners, for the remainder of the term by the commissioners then in office;
- b. if there is not a quorum of commissioners, the commissioners in office shall, without delay, call a special meeting of members to fill the vacancy and, if there are no commissioners in office, the meeting may be called by any member.

4.06 Remuneration of Commissioners

The commissioners shall serve as such without remuneration and no commissioner shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from occupying the position of commissioner, provided that commissioners may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses they incur in the performance of their commissioners' duties.

SECTION 5 – MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS

5.01 Regular Meetings

The Board may appoint a day or days in any month or months for regular meetings of the Board at any time and any place on notice as required by this by-law. A copy of any resolution of the Board fixing the place and time of such regular meetings of the Board shall be sent to each commissioner forthwith after being passed.

In accordance with the *Municipal Act*, a regular meeting of the Board shall be open to the public, subject to certain exceptions as provided by the *Municipal Act*.

5.02 Special Meetings

The chair, vice-chair or if two (2) commissioners so request in writing, may call a special meeting of the Board, at any time and any place on notice as required by this by-law.

In accordance with the *Municipal Act*, a special meeting of the Board shall be open to the public, subject to certain exceptions as provided by the *Municipal Act*.

5.03 Notice of Meeting

Notice of the time and place for the holding of a regular meeting of the Board shall be given to every commissioner of the Corporation not less than five (5) five days before the time when the meeting is to be held.

Notice of the time and place for the holding of a special meeting of the Board shall be given to every commissioner of the Corporation not less than two (2) two days before the time when the meeting is to be held.

The Corporation's procedural by-law shall provide for public notice of meetings.

5.04 Waiver of Notice

No error or omission in giving notice for a meeting of the Board shall invalidate such meeting or invalidate or make void any proceedings of the meeting and any commissioner may at any time waive notice of a meeting of the Board and may ratify and approve of any or all proceedings of the meeting. Attendance of a commissioner at a Board meeting is a waiver of notice of the meeting, except if the commissioner attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of business on the grounds that the meeting was not lawfully called.

5.05 Quorum

A quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of commissioners shall be a majority of the commissioners, at least two of whom must be representatives of the municipalities.

5.06 Chair

The chair shall preside at Board meetings. In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair shall preside at Board meetings. In the absence of the chair or vice-chair, the commissioners present shall choose one of their number to act as the chair.

5.07 Voting

At all meetings of the Board, every question or motion shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast on the question. Each commissioner shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of an equality of votes, the chair shall not have a second or casting vote and the motion is lost.

5.08 Committees

The Board may from time to time appoint any committee or other advisory body, as it deems necessary or appropriate for such purposes and, subject to the Act, with such powers as the Board shall see fit. Any such committee may formulate its own rules of procedure, subject to such regulations or directions as the Board may from time to time make. Any committee member may be removed by resolution of the Board.

5.09 Participation by Electronic Means

A commissioner may participate in a meeting of the Board by telephonic, electronic or other communications facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other, and a commissioner participating in such a meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting.

SECTION 6– OFFICERS

6.01 Officers

The Board shall appoint from amongst the commissioners a chair and appoint any other person to be vice-chair, secretary and treasurer at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members of the Corporation. The office of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. The Board may appoint such other officers and agents as it deems necessary, and who shall have the authority and shall perform such duties as the Board may prescribe from time to time.

6.02 Duties of the Airport Manager

The Airport Manager of the Corporation shall be appointed by the Board. The Airport Manager shall be responsible to the Board for the direction and management of the affairs and undertakings of the Corporation within the limitations of the mission statement and policies of the Corporation. All staff members shall be under the direction of and be responsible to the Airport Manager.

6.03 Vacancy in Office

In the absence of a written agreement to the contrary, the Board of commissioners may remove, whether for cause or without cause, any officer of the Corporation. Unless so removed, an officer shall hold office until the earlier of:

- a. the officer's successor being appointed,
- b. the officer's resignation,
- c. such officer ceasing to be a commissioner (if a necessary qualification of appointment) or
- d. such officer's death.

If the office of any officer of the Corporation shall be or become vacant, the commissioners may, by ordinary resolution, appoint a person to fill such vacancy.

SECTION 7 – INDEMNITIES TO COMMISSIONERS AND OTHERS

7.01 Indemnification of Commissioners and Officers

Every commissioner and officer of the Corporation, and their heirs, executors and administrators, and estate and effects, respectively, may, with the consent of the Corporation, given at any meeting of the members, from time to time and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the company, from and against:

- a. all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever that they sustain or incur in or about any action, suit or proceeding that is brought, commenced or prosecuted against them, for or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, made, done or permitted by them, in or about the execution of the duties of their office; and
- b. all other costs, charges and expenses that they sustain or incur in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by their own wilful neglect or default.

7.02 Insurance

The Board shall cause to be purchased and maintained as it considers advisable and necessary insurance coverage to ensure that commissioners and officers will be indemnified and saved harmless in accordance with this by-law, except where any liability relates to the person's failure to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation. The premiums for such insurance coverage shall be paid from the funds of the Corporation.

SECTION 8 - NOTICES

8.01 Method of Giving Notices

Any notice (which term includes any communication or document) to be given (which term includes sent, delivered or served) pursuant to the Act, the articles, the by-laws or otherwise to a member, commissioner, officer or to the auditor or person who has been appointed to conduct a review engagement shall be sufficiently given:

- a. if delivered personally to the person to whom it is to be given or if delivered to such

person's address as shown in the records of the Corporation or in the case of notice to a commissioner to the latest address as shown in the last notice that was sent by the Corporation; or

- b. if mailed to such person at such person's recorded address by prepaid ordinary or air mail; or
- c. if sent to such person by telephonic, electronic or other communication facility at such person's recorded address for that purpose.

A notice so delivered shall be deemed to have been given when it is delivered personally or to the recorded address as aforesaid; a notice so mailed shall be deemed to have been given when deposited in a post office or public letter box; and a notice so sent by any means of transmitted or recorded communication shall be deemed to have been given when dispatched or delivered to the appropriate communication company or agency or its representative for dispatch.

The secretary may change or cause to be changed the recorded address of any member, commissioner, officer, or auditor or person who has been appointed to conduct a review engagement in accordance with any information believed by the secretary to be reliable. The declaration by the secretary that notice has been given pursuant to this by-law shall be sufficient and conclusive evidence of the giving of such notice. The signature of any commissioner or officer of the Corporation to any notice or other document to be given by the Corporation may be written, stamped, type-written or printed or partly written, stamped, type-written or printed.

8.02 Omissions and Errors

The accidental omission to give any notice to any member, commissioner, officer, auditor or person who has been appointed to conduct a review engagement, or the non-receipt of any notice by any such person where the Corporation has provided notice in accordance with the by-laws or any error in any notice not affecting its substance shall not invalidate any action taken at any meeting to which the notice pertained or otherwise founded on such notice.

SECTION 9 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

9.01 Conflict of Interest

A commissioner or officer who is in any way directly or indirectly interested in a contract or transaction, or proposed contract or transaction, with the Corporation shall make the disclosure required by the Act and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 50*. Except as provided by the Act or the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 50*, no such commissioner shall attend any part of a meeting of commissioners or vote on any resolution to approve any such contract or transaction.

SECTION 10 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

10.01 Dispute Resolution Mechanism

In the event that a dispute or controversy among members, commissioners, officers, committee members or volunteers of the Corporation arising out of or related to the articles or by-laws, or out of any aspect of the operations of the Corporation is not resolved in private meetings between the parties, then without prejudice to or in any other way derogating from the rights of the members, commissioners, officers, committee members, employees or volunteers of the Corporation as set out in the articles, by-laws or the Act, and as an alternative to such person instituting a law suit or legal action, such dispute or controversy shall be settled by a process of dispute resolution as follows:

- a. the dispute or controversy shall be settled by mediation, and in the event that the dispute or controversy is not resolved, then:
- b. the dispute or controversy shall be settled by arbitration before a single arbitrator, in accordance with the *Arbitration Act, 1991* (Ontario) or as otherwise agreed upon by the parties to the dispute. All proceedings relating to arbitration shall be kept confidential, and there shall be no disclosure of any kind. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding and shall not be subject to appeal on a question of fact, law or mixed fact and law. All costs of the arbitrator shall be borne by such parties as may be determined by the arbitrator.

SECTION 11 - EFFECTIVE DATE

11.01 Effective Date

Subject to matters requiring a special resolution, this by-law shall be effective when made by the Board. All previous by-laws of the Corporation are repealed as of the coming into force of this by-law.

CERTIFIED to be By-Law No. 2 of the Corporation, as enacted by the commissioners of the Corporation by resolution on the 19th day of June, 2024.

Original signed by

David Hocking
Board Chair
Saugeen Municipal Airport

Original signed by

Tom Hutchinson
Commissioner, Board Vice Chair
Saugeen Municipal Airport



**The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey
Bylaw No. 2024-066**

A bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the regular meeting of the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey.

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by bylaw unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

WHEREAS Section 8 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly to enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

WHEREAS the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey deems it expedient to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with at all meetings of council;

NOW THEREFORE the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the proceedings and actions taken by the council of the Municipality of West Grey at the regular council meeting on August 13, 2024, and in respect of each report, motion, recommendation, bylaw and any other business conducted are, except where the prior approval of the Ontario Land Tribunal or other authority is required by law, hereby adopted and confirmed and shall have the same force and effect as if each and every one of them had been the subject matter of a separate bylaw duly enacted.
2. The mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the action of the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey referred to in the preceding section thereof.
3. That on behalf of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey the mayor or presiding officer of council and the clerk or CAO, where instructed to do so, are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary, and to affix the seal of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey thereto.
4. That this bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon being passed by council.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of August, 2024.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk



**The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey
Bylaw No. 2024-067**

A bylaw to provide for the non-application of the *Line Fences Act* and the apportioning of costs of division fences in the Municipality of West Grey.

WHEREAS section 11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c.25 (the "Act") provides that sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Act authorize a municipality to delegate its powers and duties under any Act to a person or body subject to listed restrictions; and

WHEREAS section 98(1) of the Act provides that a bylaw may be passed providing that the Line Fences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. L.17, as amended (the "Line Fences Act", does not apply to all or any part of the municipality; and

WHEREAS section 98(2) of the Act provides that, despite a bylaw passed under section 98(1) of the Act, s. 20 of the *Line Fences Act* continues to apply throughout the municipality; and

WHEREAS section 20 of the *Line Fences Act* provides that the *Line Fences Act*, except section 20, does not apply to land in an area that is subject to a bylaw for apportioning the costs of line fences passed under the Act; and

WHEREAS the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey deems it desirable and in the public interest to enact a bylaw to provide for the non-application of the *Line Fences Act* and the apportioning of costs of division fences in West Grey;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby enacts as follows:

Short Title

1. This bylaw shall be known as the "Division Fence Cost Apportioning Bylaw".

Definitions

2. In this bylaw:
 - a. "Actual cost" means the total cost of the construction, replication, maintenance, or repair of a division fence and includes the value of the material used, plus applicable taxes, and the value of the labour performed to complete the work, plus applicable taxes;
 - b. "Adjoining owner" means an owner whose parcel of land abuts a parcel of land whose owner is seeking to construct, replace, maintain or repair a division fence;
 - c. "Basic cost" means the cost of constructing, replacing, maintaining or repairing a four-foot high, 1-1/2 inch mesh, steel chain link fence;
 - d. "Division fence" means a fence marking the boundary between adjoining parcels of land;
 - e. "Municipality" means the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey;
 - f. "Owner" means:

- i. The registered owner of the land; or
 - ii. A person managing or receiving rent for the land; and where more than one person is the owner, they shall be considered to be a single owner for the purposes of this bylaw;
- g. “Zoning bylaw” means the relevant zoning bylaw of the municipality, as amended.

Application

3. From and after the date this bylaw comes into force, the *Line Fences Act*, except for section 20 of the *Line Fences Act*, does not apply to all or any part of the municipality.
4. This bylaw does not apply to:
- a. Any lands that constitute a public highway, including lands abutting a public highway, that are held as a reserve by the municipality or any other public authority;
 - b. Lands that are being held by the municipality or any other public authority as an unopened or for future public highway purposes;
 - c. Swimming pool fences;
 - d. Noise barriers required as part of the development approvals process; and
 - e. Fences required at construction sites.

Headings

5. The division of this bylaw into parts and the insertion of headings are for convenient reference only and shall not affect interpretation of the bylaw.

References to applicable law

6. All references to applicable law are ambulatory and apply as amended from time to time.

General provisions

7. Where an owner is seeking to construct, repair, replace or maintain a division fence and the adjoining owner agrees on the construction, repairs, replacement or maintenance, then the construction, repairs, replacement or maintenance of the division fence, including the apportionment of the cost, may take place as agreed, notwithstanding any provision of this bylaw.
8. Where an owner seeking to construct, repair, replace or maintain a division fence and the adjoining owner cannot agree on the construction, repairs, replacement or maintenance, then the owner may construct, repair, replace or maintain the division fence provided that they deliver a notice to the adjoining owner by registered mail advising them of the owner’s intent. The notice must include:
- a. Copies of at least three written quotes for the actual cost and the basic cost of constructing, repairing, replacing or maintaining the division fence;
 - b. When the construction, repairs, replacement or maintenance of the division fence will commence and the estimate time until completion;

- c. A statement that the owner may seek a percentage of the costs for the construction, repairs, replacement or maintenance of the division fence from the adjoining owner in accordance with this bylaw;
- d. A statement that the adjoining owner may obtain additional quotes for the actual cost or the basic cost of constructing, repairing, replacing or maintaining the division fence, which shall be provided to the owner within 14 days of the adjoining owner receiving the notice; and
- e. A copy of this bylaw.

Construction or replacement

- 9. Where an owner seeking to construct or replace a division fence has delivered a notice to the adjoining owner, as required by section 5 of this bylaw, the cost of the construction or replacement shall be apportioned as follows:
 - a. Where the owner and adjoining owner agree to the apportionment of costs, each owner shall pay in accordance with that agreement; or
 - b. Where the owner and the adjoining owner do not agree to the apportionment of costs:
 - i. The adjoining owner shall pay 50 percent of the basic cost or 50 percent of the actual cost, whichever is less; and
 - ii. The owner shall pay the actual cost, less the amount paid by the adjoining owner pursuant to section 6(a)(i) above.

Repair and maintenance

- 10. Where an owner seeking to repair or maintain a division fence has delivered a notice to the adjoining owner, as required by section 5 of this bylaw, the cost of the repairs or maintenance shall be apportioned as follows:
 - a. Where the owner and adjoining owner agree to the apportionment of costs, each owner shall pay in accordance with that agreement; or
 - b. Where the owner and adjoining owner do not agree to the apportionment of costs, the owner and the adjoining owner shall each pay 50 percent of the cost of the repairs or maintenance.

Where the municipality is the adjoining owner

- 11. Where the municipality is the adjoining owner, pursuant to sections 6 and 7 of this bylaw, the cost of the construction, repairs, replacement or maintenance shall be apportioned as follows:
 - a. Where the owner and the municipality agree to the apportionment of costs, each shall pay in accordance with that agreement; or
 - b. Where the owner and municipality do not agree to the apportionment of costs, the municipality shall pay five percent of the basic cost or five percent of the actual cost, whichever is less, and the owner shall pay the actual cost, less the amount paid by the municipality.

Fencing regulations

- 12. All division fences shall comply with the provisions of the zoning bylaw as well as all other applicable laws, including statutes, regulations or other bylaws.
- 13. Notwithstanding any other provision of this bylaw, where an owner is required to construct, repair, replace or maintain a division fence under any other applicable law, including a statute, regulation or bylaw, the owner shall pay the entire cost of the construction, repairs, replacement or maintenance.

Enforcement

14. Where an owner or adjoining owner is in default of their obligations pursuant to this bylaw, an owner or adjoining owner desiring to enforce the provisions of this bylaw shall, within 90 days after completion of the work, serve or cause to be served on the defaulting person, a notice by registered mail requiring compliance with this bylaw within 30 days of the notice having been served.
15. Following any notice provided under section 14, an owner or adjoining owner may take enforcement actions using any legal means available to them, including the initiation of proceedings under *Part IX of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.33*, as amended.

Offence and penalty

16. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, is liable to a fine pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.33*, as amended.
17. When a person has been convicted of an offence under this bylaw, any Court of competent jurisdiction thereafter may, in addition to any other penalty imposed on the person convicted, issue an order prohibiting continuation or repetition of the offence or the doing of any act or thing by the person convicted directly toward the continuation or repetition of the offence.

Conflict

18. In the event the provisions of this bylaw are inconsistent with the provisions of another bylaw, the provisions of this bylaw shall prevail.
19. In the event the provisions of this bylaw are inconsistent with the provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, its Regulations, or any other Act, the provisions of the Act or Regulation shall prevail.

Terms Severable

20. The terms and provisions of this bylaw shall be severable should and term or provision be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be legally unenforceable, inoperative, or invalid, the remained of the bylaw shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Enactment

21. This bylaw shall come into full force and effect on the date it is passed, at which time all bylaws, policies and resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this bylaw are hereby amended or repealed insofar as it is necessary to give effect to the provisions of this bylaw.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of August, 2024.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk



**The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey
Bylaw No. 2024-068**

A bylaw to amend bylaw 88-2022, a bylaw for setting the rate of speed of motor vehicles from a statutory speed limit.

WHEREAS section 27(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, provides that municipalities may pass bylaws in respect of a highway under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS section 128(1) of the *Highway Traffic Act, 1990*, as amended, provides for the statutory rates of speed for motor vehicles on highways; and

WHEREAS section 128(2) of the *Highway Traffic Act, 1990*, as amended, provides that the council of a municipality may, for motor vehicles driven on a highway or portion of a highway under its jurisdiction, by by-law prescribe a rate of speed different from the rate set out in section 128(1); and

WHEREAS on November 1, 2022, council enacted bylaw 88-2022, being a bylaw for setting the rate of speed of motor vehicles from a statutory speed limit; and

WHEREAS on June 4, 2024, council passed resolution R-240604-012 directing staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend bylaw 88-2022 to change the rate of speed on Baseline from 3rd Sideroad WGR to Welbeck Road, and on Concession 8 from Baseline to Sideroad 10 to 40 km/h; and

WHEREAS the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey deems it expedient and necessary to change the rate of speed on Baseline from 3rd Sideroad WGR to Welbeck Road, and on Concession 8 from Baseline to Sideroad 10;

NOW THEREFORE the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby enacts as follows:

1. That bylaw 88-2022 be amended by adding the following section:
 - 1.1. When any highway or portion of highway set out below is marked in compliance with the regulations under the Highway Traffic Act, the maximum rate of speed thereon shall be 40 (forty) kilometres per hour:
 - a. Baseline from 3rd Sideroad WGR to Welbeck Road;
 - b. Concession 8 from Baseline to Sideroad 10 (Glenelg).
2. That Bylaw No. 2024-055 is hereby repealed.
3. That this bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon being passed by council.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of August, 2024.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk



**The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey
Bylaw No. 2024-069**

A bylaw to amend Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 2023-064 respecting rain barrels and downspout diverters.

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, (the "Act") provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by bylaw unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

WHEREAS section 391 of the Act authorizes a municipality to impose fees or charges on persons for services, activities and the use of property; and

WHEREAS on June 20, 2023, council passed Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 2023-064 to establish fees and charges for certain services provided by the Municipality of West Grey; and

WHEREAS on July 9, 2024, council passed Resolution No. R-240709-012 directing staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 2023-064 respecting rain barrels and downspout diverters; and

WHEREAS on July 29, 2024, public notice was given respecting the proposed changes to the fees and charges bylaw in accordance with Notice Bylaw No. 2023-020;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Schedule E – Public Works and Environmental be amended to add the following fee under 'Environmental':
 - i. Rain barrels – \$63.00 each (inclusive of HST);
 - ii. Downspout diverter - \$40.00 each (inclusive of HST).
2. That this bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon date of final passing.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of August, 2024.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk



**The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey
Bylaw No. 2024-070**

A bylaw to amend bylaw No. 2024-011 respecting the delegation of powers and duties in the Municipality of West Grey.

WHEREAS section 23.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c.25 (the “Act”) provides that sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Act authorize a municipality to delegate its powers and duties under any Act to a person or body subject to listed restrictions; and

WHEREAS section 270 of the Act provides that a municipality shall adopt and maintain policies respecting the delegation of its powers and duties; and

WHEREAS on February 6, 2024, the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey enacted bylaw No. 2024-011 respecting the delegation of powers and duties; and

WHEREAS on July 9, 2024, the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey passed resolution R-240709-014 directing staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend the delegation of powers and duties bylaw; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby enacts as follows:

1. That schedule ‘A’ of bylaw 2024-011 is hereby amended by adding the following:

Delegated Authority	Delegate	Delegation Limits
Authority to deem a planning application complete or incomplete and to notify an applicant that a development application is complete or incomplete in accordance with subsection 22(6.1), 34(10.4) and 51(19.1) of the Planning Act.	Chief Building Official Planner	None.
Commenting authority for planning notices	Chief Building Official Planner	None.
Signing authority for site plan agreements	Clerk or CAO and Chief Building Official or Planner acting jointly.	Set out in Bylaw 2024-021
Authority to change the conditions of a provisional	Secretary Treasurer -	Change shall not materially impact the approval.

consent under section 54(2) of the <i>Planning Act</i>	Committee of Adjustment	
Authority to issue a validation certificate under section 57 of the <i>Planning Act</i> where the application meets the requirements of the <i>Planning Act</i>	Secretary Treasurer - Committee of Adjustment	Limits set in section 57 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
Authority to issue a cancellation certificate under section 53(45) of the <i>Planning Act</i> where the application meets the requirements of the <i>Planning Act</i> .	Secretary Treasurer - Committee of Adjustment	Limits set in section 53 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
Signing authority for subdivision and condominium agreements	Director of Infrastructure and Public Works and Chief Building Official, acting jointly.	Planning Act, Sec. 51(26). Only where an agreement is required to satisfy a condition of approval. Council may direct that an agreement come forward for authorization by the Mayor and Clerk through resolution.
Signing authority for pre-servicing agreement prior to the execution of a subdivision and/or condominium agreement.	Director of Infrastructure and Public Works	None.
Signing authority for limited service/non-service agreements.	Director of Infrastructure and Public Works and Chief Building Official, acting jointly.	None.
Signing authority for consent and/or minor variance Agreements	Chief Building Official and Planner, acting jointly.	Planning Act, Sec. 45(9.1) and Sec. 53(12). Only where an agreement is required to satisfy a condition of approval imposed by the Committee of Adjustment.
Authority to grant an extension of any development agreement.	Chief Building Official Planner	Extension limited to a period not to exceed five (5) years.
Authority to modify any development agreement where the agreement is not being altered in a significant or material manner.	Chief Building Official Planner	Change shall not materially impact the agreement.

Authority to deem agreements fulfilled, release conditions within an agreement, or delete from title where conditions have been fulfilled or the agreement is no longer required.	Director of relevant department	None.
Authority to grant a release or abandonment of easements or reserves owned by the municipality over lands where those easements or reserves are no longer required for municipal purposes.	Director of Infrastructure and Public Works and Chief Building Official, acting jointly.	None.
Authority to approve applications for deeming.	Chief Building Official Planner	Upon approval, the implementing bylaw will be placed on a council agenda for enactment. Delegate is not empowered to refuse applications. Where the planner is not supportive of the application, a report will be presented to council for final determination
Authority to approve applications for exemptions to part lot control.	Chief Building Official Planner	Upon approval, the implementing bylaw will be placed on a council agenda for enactment. Delegate is not empowered to refuse applications. Where the planner is not supportive of the application, a report will be presented to council for final determination

2. This bylaw shall come into full force and effect on the date it is passed.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of August, 2024.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk



**The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey
Bylaw No. 2024-071**

A bylaw to amend 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 2024-059 respecting the BIA –
Commercial Occupied rate.

WHEREAS section 307 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c.25 (“the Act”) provides that all taxes shall, unless expressly provided otherwise, be levied upon the whole of the assessment for real property or other assessments made under the *Assessment Act* according to the amounts assessed and not upon one or more kinds of property or assessment or in different proportions; and

WHEREAS sections 307 and 308 of the Act requires tax rates to be established in the same proportion to each other as the tax ratios established for the property classes are to each other; and

WHEREAS section 312 of the Act provides that for the purposes of raising the general local municipality levy, a local municipality shall, each year, pass a By-law levying a separate tax rate, as specified in the By-law, on the assessment in each property class in the local municipality rateable for local municipality purposes; and

WHEREAS section 342(1) (a) of the Act allows a local municipality to provide for the payment of taxes in one amount or by instalments and the date or dates in the year for which the taxes are imposed on which the taxes or instalments are due; and

WHEREAS section 342 (1) (b) of the Act allows a local municipality to provide for alternative instalments and due dates in the year for which the taxes are imposed other than those established under clause 342 (1) (a) to allow taxpayers to spread the payment of taxes more evenly over the year; and

WHEREAS section 345 of the Act allows for a percentage charge, not to exceed 1.25 per cent of the amount of taxes due and unpaid, to be imposed as a penalty for the non-payment of taxes, and allows for an interest charge, not to exceed 1.25 per cent each month of the amount of taxes due and unpaid, to be imposed for the non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS on June 18, 2024, council passed bylaw no. 2024-059 to provide for the adoption of the estimates of all sums required during the year, to strike the tax rates, and to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS the Durham Business Improvement Area (BIA) budget was set at \$12,600 for 2024; and

WHEREAS changes in assessment values in the Durham BIA require a change in the Durham BIA tax rate to raise \$12,600 in 2024;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby enacts as follows:

1. That section 6 of bylaw no. 2024-059 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following wording:

That all rateable property within the Business Improvement Area, as designated in Bylaw 748A 1979, shall have a BIA tax rate applied as follows:

BIA - Commercial Occupied

0.213516%

2. That schedule 'A' of bylaw no. 2024-059 is deleted and replaced with schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming an integral part of this bylaw.
3. That this bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon date of final passing.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of August, 2024.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk

Bylaw 2024-071 - Schedule 'A'

Municipality of West Grey – Summary of Tax Rates for 2024 Taxation Year

Tax Class	Municipal	County	School	Total
Residential	0.00821034	0.00404219	0.00153000	0.01378253
Multi-Residential	0.01002154	0.00493390	0.00153000	0.01648544
New Multi-Residential	0.00821034	0.00404219	0.00153000	0.01378253
Commercial Occupied	0.01064799	0.00524232	0.00880000	0.02469031
Commercial Excess Land	0.01064799	0.00524232	0.00880000	0.02469031
Commercial Vacant Land	0.01064799	0.00524232	0.00880000	0.02469031
Commercial Small Scale on Farm 2	0.01064799	0.00524232	0.00220000	0.01809031
Commercial Small Scale on Farm 1	0.01064799	0.00524232	0.00220000	0.01809031
Parking Lot	0.01064799	0.00524232	0.00880000	0.02469031
Industrial Large Occupied	0.01503313	0.00740125	0.00880000	0.03123438
Industrial Occupied	0.01503313	0.00740125	0.00880000	0.03123438
Industrial Excess Land	0.01503313	0.00740125	0.00880000	0.03123438
Industrial Vacant Land	0.01503313	0.00740125	0.00880000	0.03123438
Industrial Small Scale on Farm 1	0.01503313	0.00740125	0.00220000	0.02463438
Pipelines	0.00744553	0.00366565	0.00880000	0.01991118
Farmland Waiting Development	0.00178985	0.00088120	0.00033354	0.00300459
Farmlands	0.00178985	0.00088120	0.00033354	0.00300459
Managed Forest	0.00205259	0.00101055	0.00038250	0.00344564
Residential PIL - General	0.00821034	0.00404219	0.00000000	0.01225253
Residential PIL - Tenant of Prov.	0.00821034	0.00404219	0.00153000	0.01378253
Commercial PIL - General	0.01064799	0.00524232	0.00000000	0.01589031
Commercial PIL - Full	0.01064799	0.00524232	0.01250000	0.02839031
Industrial PIL - Full	0.01503313	0.00740125	0.01250000	0.03493438
Landfill PIL	0.00821034	0.00404219	0.01250000	0.02475253

BIA Rate-Commercial Occupied 0.213516%