



**CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION**  
**December 3, 2024**

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1. Correspondence regarding OPP detachment billing increases:
  - a. Municipality of Leamington
  - b. Howick Township
  
2. Correspondence regarding requests for the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for sustainable infrastructure funding:
  - a. Town of Aurora
  - b. Township of Essa
  - c. Township of King
  - d. Township of Russell
  - e. Municipality of Wawa
  
3. Correspondence from the City of Toronto Re: respecting local democracy and cities.
  
4. Correspondence from the Township of Terrace Bay Re: Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association letter of support for Billy Bishop Airport.
  
5. Correspondence from the Township of Terrace Bay Re: ambulance shortages and healthcare system issues.
  
6. Correspondence from the Municipality of Wawa Re: support for the Township of Papineau-Cameron regarding their call on the Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individuals.
  
7. Press release from Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Re: Cessation of Winter Operations at Durham Upper Dam to Prevent Structural Failure and Ensure Public Safety.



## Item 1a

November 14, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

**RE: OPP Detachment Billing Increases**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** current police services within the Municipality of Leamington (hereinafter referred to as the 'Municipality') are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (hereinafter referred to as the 'OPP');

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades;

**AND WHEREAS** historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 5.67%;

**AND WHEREAS** the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Municipality on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$833,000 (14.45%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 2.48% tax rate increase, in addition to what the Municipality was contemplating for the residents of Leamington;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality was not consulted nor provided any advanced notice from the Commissioner regarding the significant cost increase received for OPP services;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality cannot afford to absorb this unexpected and entirely preventable increase without causing undo financial strain to our taxpayers;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Leamington wishes to dispute the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Town requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 5% increase that is more manageable for the Municipality and in line with historical trends;

**AND FURTHER THAT** any increase above 5% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Municipality request that the County of Essex undertake a feasibility study for a County Police Force;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP Trevor Jones, the County of Essex, and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP.

Yours Truly,

*Abbie Marchildon*

Abbie Marchildon, Council and Committee Coordinator

cc: The Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
Trevor Jones, MPP  
County of Essex  
All 329 municipalities serviced by the OPP



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## Item 1b

November 6, 2024

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building  
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Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Honourable Premier Ford,

### **Re. Resolution – Ontario Provincial Police Costs for 2025**

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

**MOVED BY: Councillor Rognvaldson**  
**SECONDED BY: Councillor Grimes**

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED.**

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

Sincerely,

*Caitlin Gillis*

Caitlin Gillis, Clerk-Administrator

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

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



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

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**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](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

# Item 2a



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Town of Aurora

## Member Motion

Mayor's Office

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**Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

**To:** Members of Council

**From:** Mayor Tom Mrakas

**Date:** November 5, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

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



# Item 2b

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November 21, 2024

**Re: Township of Essa Motion No. CR172-2024  
Fair Share of Provincial and Federal Government Financial Support**

Please be advised that at its meeting of November 20, 2024, Council of the Township of Essa passed the following:

**Resolution No: CR172-2024    Moved by: Sander    Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

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

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

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

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

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

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

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** Council of the Township of Essa formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and further,

***THAT*** Council of the Township of Essa calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and



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

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

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

**---Carried---**

Your consideration and support to Ontario municipalities is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Lisa Lehr, CMO  
Township of Essa

cc: Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey  
Terry Dowdall, MP Simcoe-Grey  
All Ontario Municipalities  
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# Item 2c



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November 18, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Prime Minister and Premier,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That;**

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

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

*Carried Unanimously.*

Yours sincerely,



Denny Timm  
Township Clerk

- cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance [Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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Stephen Lecce, MPP, King-Vaughan [Stephen.lecce@pc.ola.org](mailto:Stephen.lecce@pc.ola.org)  
Hon Caroline Mulroney, MPP, York-Simcoe [caroline.mulroneyca@pc.ola.org](mailto:caroline.mulroneyca@pc.ola.org)  
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)  
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Councillor David Boyd, King [dboyd@king.ca](mailto:dboyd@king.ca)



TOWNSHIP OF  
**RUSSELL**

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**Date:** October 28, 2024

**Item(s) no.:** 10 a

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

**Moved by:** Marc Lalonde

**Seconded by:** Lisa Deacon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

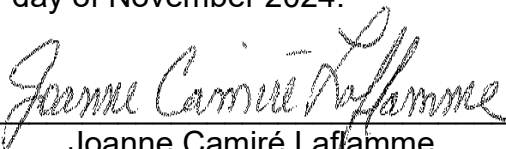
3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring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

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

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

### **MOTION APPROVED**

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

  
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Joanne Camiré Laflamme  
Clerk







REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

<b>Resolution # RC24268</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 6</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> 	<b>Seconded by:</b> 

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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**In reply please quote:  
Ref.: 24-CC23.1**

(Sent by Email)

November 18, 2024

## **ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:**

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

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



for City Clerk

S. Przewdziecki/wg

Attachment

c. City Manager

## City Council

### New Business - Meeting 23

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

#### City Council Decision

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Summary**

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

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

## **Background Information (City Council)**

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

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

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

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-250545.pdf>

Confidential Attachment 1

## **Communications (City Council)**

(November 7, 2024) E-mail from Matthew Freedlander (CC.Supp)

(November 8, 2024) E-mail from Adam Rodgers (CC.Supp)

(November 7, 2024) E-mail from Derek van Vliet (CC.Supp)

(November 7, 2024) E-mail from Beverley Yu (CC.Supp)

(November 7, 2024) E-mail from Santiago Pacheco Perez (CC.Supp)



(November 7, 2024) E-mail from Genessa Radke (CC.Supp)  
(November 7, 2024) E-mail from Jesse Knapp (CC.Supp)  
(November 7, 2024) E-mail from Ernest Tam (CC.Supp)  
(November 8, 2024) E-mail from Keyondre Young (CC.Supp)  
(November 8, 2024) E-mail from Adam Rodgers (CC.Supp)  
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# Item 4



## The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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November 19, 2024

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

Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow  
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City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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Toronto, ON M5H 2N2  
Via Email: [mayor\\_chow@toronto.ca](mailto:mayor_chow@toronto.ca)

Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

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

### **Re: NOMA Letter re Billy Bishop Airport Support**

#### **Resolution 293-2024**

**Moved By: Councillor St. Louis**

**Seconded By: Councillor Adduono**

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

Sincerely,

J. Hall  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

**CC:**

Minister of Tourism – Soraya Martinez Ferrada [Soraya.martinezferrada@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Soraya.martinezferrada@parl.gc.ca)  
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry – Francois-Philippe Champagne [francois-philippe.champagne@parl.gc.ca](mailto:francois-philippe.champagne@parl.gc.ca)  
Deputy Minister of Transport Canada – Arun Thangaraj [arun.thangaraj@tc.gc.ca](mailto:arun.thangaraj@tc.gc.ca)  
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October 7, 2024

Honourable Anita Anand  
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6  
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Re: The Future for Billy Bishop Airport Requires Urgent Action and a Modern Governing Agreement

Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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

Cc:

Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Minister of Tourism, Government of Canada  
Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Government of Canada  
Hon. Arun Thangaraj, Deputy Minister of Transport Canada, Government of Canada  
John D. Elvidge, City of Toronto, Clerk  
Paul Johnson, City of Toronto, City Manager  
Jag Sharma, City of Toronto, Deputy City Manager  
RJ Steenstra, President and CEO, Ports Toronto  
Sandra Papatello, Chair, Board of Directors, Ports Toronto  
Neil Pakey, President and CEO, Nieuport Aviation  
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Government of Ontario  
Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Government of Ontario  
MP Patty Hajdu (Thunder Bay - Superior North)  
MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River  
MP Eric Melillo – Kenora  
MPP Greg Rickford, (Kenora – Rainy River)  
MPP Kevin Holland, (Thunder Bay - Atikokan)  
MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North)  
All member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks

# Item 5



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November 19, 2024

Minister of Health Sylvia Jones  
[sylvia.jones@ontario.ca](mailto:sylvia.jones@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Jones,

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

### **Re: Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues**

#### **Resolution 266-2024**

**Moved by: Councillor Johnson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Dube**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Sincerely,

J. Hall  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

**CC:**  
AMO  
All Ontario Municipalities

# Item 6



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

<b>Resolution # RC24270</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 8</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> <i>Joseph Opat</i>	<b>Seconded by:</b> <i>M Hatfield</i>

**RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution dated November 13, 2024 passed by the Township of Papineau-Cameron regarding the Ontario Building Code;

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

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





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November 13, 2024

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

### **RE: Ontario Building Code**

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

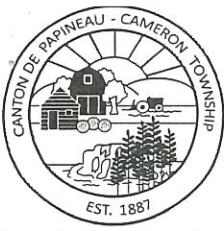
Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason McMartin, BA, ADA  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Encl. Council Resolution 2024-328

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

**MOVED BY:** *Shelley Belanger*      **SECONDED BY:** *MChenier*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED:** *Robert Corriveau*  
(Mayor)

**NOT CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mayor) **COPY**

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

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

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### ***Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board Approves Cessation of Winter Operations at Durham Upper Dam to Prevent Structural Failure and Ensure Public Safety***

**ALL SAUGEEN WATERSHED MUNICIPALITIES** – Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Municipality of Brockton, Township of Chatsworth, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Town of Hanover, Township of Howick, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, Municipality of South Bruce, Township of Huron-Kinloss, Municipality of Kincardine, Town of Minto, Township of Wellington-North, Town of Saugeen Shores, Township of Southgate, Municipality of West Grey.

The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) Board of Directors has approved the end of winter ice operations at the Durham Upper Dam, following repeated engineering assessments highlighting resulting risks to the structure. This decision will be re-evaluated annually.

Since 1977, the Durham Upper Dam has been operated seasonally, with stoplogs and flashboards removed each fall and reinstalled after spring melt. In 2006, West Grey Council voted to adopt management of ice through leaving stoplogs and flashboards in during winter operations at the Durham Upper Dam. Over time, these winter operations contributed to structural deterioration. Engineering assessments in 2021, 2022, and 2024 identified severe concrete damage, stress on the metal walkway, and erosion, confirming that continuing winter operations poses a risk of structural failure.

Operating the Durham Upper Dam in winter for ice management has always been outside the original design and intent of the structure. Years of this practice have caused extensive damage, placing the dam at risk of failure. The decision to stop winter ice operations is not one the Board made lightly. However, it is a necessary step to protect public safety and prevent the dam from failing.

*“The decision to cease winter ice operations at the Durham Upper Dam is grounded in the need to prevent its failure; the risks of continuing winter operations far outweigh any perceived benefits.”*

- Erik Downing, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, SVCA

The SVCA Board has directed staff to prioritize the safety of operators, residents, and the community by adhering to engineering recommendations and ensuring compliance with the historical operating plan.

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority remains committed to working closely with the Municipality of West Grey and the community to ensure transparent communication and address public concerns throughout this process.





Photo credit: Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

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