



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
January 14, 2025

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1. Correspondence from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority regarding conservation authority fees for 2025.
2. Correspondence from Grey Sauble Conservation regarding risk management services update.
3. Correspondence requesting support for sustainable funding from the province to assist in their annual budgeting for community policing.
 - a. West Grey Police Service
 - b. Town of Smith's Falls
4. Correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding public safety and homelessness prevention programs.
5. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding public safety and the creation of an Associate Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform.
6. Correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024.
7. Correspondence from the City of Stratford requesting support to enable municipalities to charge fees for use of municipal property by gas utilities.
8. Correspondence from the Municipality of Kincardine regarding property taxation implications related to non-market valuation of electricity industry properties.
9. Correspondence from the City of Toronto declaring the city a paid-plasma-free zone.

Item 1

December 13, 2024

To SVCA Watershed Municipalities, Councils, and CAOs,

I am writing to you as the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) regarding an important development concerning conservation authority fees for the year 2025.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) issued a directive December 12, 2024, regarding conservation authority fees across the province. This directive, under the authority of subsection 21.3 (1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, extends the Minister's Direction that conservation authorities shall not alter fees related to planning, development, and permitting for the upcoming calendar year. This extended direction, effective from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, effectively maintains the SVCA's development fees in place since 2022.

Fortunately, the SVCA Budget for 2025, approved (November 21, 2024) by the SVCA Board of Directors in principle for municipal circulation, had anticipated this directive and is therefore unaffected. While anticipated for 2025, provincial directives that restrict SVCA's ability to generate revenue, along with the continued decrease in direct funding from the province to conservation authorities, pose substantial challenges and have serious implications for our operational and financial stability.

I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. SVCA remains committed to working collaboratively with all watershed municipalities to ensure the sustainable management and conservation of our shared natural resources.

Please feel free to reach out should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding this issue.

Sincerely,



Erik Downing
General Manager/ Secretary-Treasurer
Saugeen Conservation

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Cc: SVCA Directors, via email
SVCA Watershed Municipality CAOs/Clerks, via email
SVCA Watershed County CAOs/Clerks, via email

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December 12, 2024

TO: Conservation authorities as listed in the Attachment A “Extension of Minister’s Direction to Not Change Fees”

SUBJECT: Extension of Minister’s direction for conservation authorities regarding fee changes associated with planning, development, and permitting fees

I am writing with regard to conservation authority fees for the 2025 calendar year. Pursuant to my authority under subsection 21.3 (1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, I am issuing a new Direction, attached to this letter as Attachment A, that extends the previous Directions that were in place for the 2023 and 2024 calendar years.

The purpose of this Direction, which is effective from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, is to require a conservation authority not to change the amount of the fee it charges or the manner in which it determines the fee for any program or service related to reviewing and commenting on planning and development related proposals or land use planning policies, or for permits issued by conservation authorities. This Direction is intended to support less costly approvals in order to help increase housing supply and affordability in Ontario.

This Direction applies to the conservation authorities listed in Appendix A, who are encouraged to make the Direction publicly available on the Governance section of their websites.

If you have any questions regarding this Direction, please contact Jennifer Keyes, Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch, at Jennifer.Keyes@ontario.ca or 705-761-4831.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graydon Smith".

The Honourable Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources

c: The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

**Minister’s Direction Issued Pursuant to Section 21.3 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*
(this “Direction”)**

WHEREAS section 21.2 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* permits a conservation authority to charge a fee for a program or service if the program or service is included in the Minister’s list of classes of programs and services in respect of which a conservation authority may charge a fee;

AND WHEREAS subsections 21.2 (6) and 21.2 (7) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* provide that a conservation authority shall adopt a written fee policy that includes a fee schedule listing the programs and services that it provides in respect of which it charges a fee, and the amount of the fee charged for each program or service or the manner in which the fee is determined (a “**Fee Schedule**”);

AND WHEREAS subsection 21.2 (10) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* provides that a conservation authority may make a change to the list of fees set out in the fee schedule or to the amount of any fee or the manner in which a fee is determined, provided the authority shall give notice of the proposed change to the public in a manner it considers appropriate;

AND WHEREAS section 21.3 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* provides the Minister with the authority to give a written direction to an authority directing it not to change the amount of any fee it charges under subsection 21.2 (10), in respect of a program or service set out in the list referred to in subsection 21.2 (2), for the period specified in the direction;

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to the authority of the Minister of Natural Resources under section 21.3, the conservation authorities set out under Appendix “A” of this Direction (the “**conservation authorities**” or each, a “**conservation authority**”) are hereby directed as follows:

Fee Changes Prohibition

1. Commencing on the Effective Date and for the duration of the Term of this Direction, a conservation authority is prohibited from making a change under subsection 21.2 (10) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* to the amount of any fee or the manner in which a fee is determined in its fee schedule if such a change would have the effect of changing the fee amount for the programs and services described in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Direction.

Program and Service Fees Impacted

2. This Direction applies to any fee set out in the Fee Schedule of a conservation authority, including without limitation fees for any mandatory program or service (Category 1), municipal program or service (Category 2), or conservation authority recommended program or service (Category 3) related to reviewing and commenting on planning and

development related proposals, applications, or land use planning policies, or for conservation authority permitting.

3. For greater certainty, this Direction applies to any fees in respect of the following programs or services provided under the Mandatory Programs and Services regulation ([O. Reg. 686/21](#)):
 - a. Section 6: programs and services related to reviewing applications and proposals under the *Aggregate Resources Act*, *Drainage Act*, *Environmental Assessment Act*, and the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*, for the purpose of commenting on the risks related to natural hazards arising from the proposal,
 - b. Section 7: programs and services related to ensuring that decisions under the *Planning Act* are consistent with the natural hazards policies in the policy statements issued under section 3 of the *Planning Act* and are in conformance with any natural hazard policies included in a provincial plan as defined in section 1 of that Act,
 - c. Section 8: programs and services related to conservation authority duties, functions, and responsibilities to administer and enforce section 28 and its regulations, section 28.0.1, and section 30.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*,
 - d. Paragraph 4 of subsection 13 (3): programs and services related to reviewing and commenting on any proposal made under another Act for the purpose of determining whether the proposal relates to a significant drinking water threat or may impact any drinking water sources protected by a source protection plan, and
 - e. Subparagraph 4 iv of section 15: programs and services related to reviewing and commenting on proposals made under other Acts for the purpose of determining the proposal's impact on the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the Lake Simcoe watershed.

Application

4. This Direction, applies to all conservation authorities in Ontario, listed in Appendix "A" to this Direction.
5. For greater certainty, this Direction also applies to the conservation authorities listed in Appendix "A" to this Direction when such conservation authorities are meeting as a source protection authority under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

Effective Date and Term

6. This Direction is effective from January 1, 2025 (the "**Effective Date**").
7. The term of this Direction is the period from the Effective Date to December 31, 2025 (the "**Term**").

Amendments

8. This Direction may be amended in writing from time to time at the sole discretion of the Minister.

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as represented by the
Minister of Natural Resources**



The Honourable Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
December 12, 2024

APPENDIX A

LIST OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES TO WHICH THE DIRECTION APPLIES

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Item 2

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RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES- STATUS REPORT

REPORT DATE	REPORTING PERIOD	MUNICIPALITY
December 16, 2024	2024	Municipality of West Grey

STATUS SUMMARY

This project began with letters to property owners on February 3, 2016, requesting owners contact the Risk Management Office to discuss potential threats under the drinking water source protection program. As landowners contacted the office their properties were reviewed for threats assigned based on the approved Source Protection Plan. For more complex properties or where information was lacking, site visits were scheduled to allow for a more detailed evaluation of the property. The negotiation of Risk Management Plans began in 2017, with required renewals being completed within the 5 years from their implementation date. New landowners/tenants on properties were contacted and through site visits and meetings, plans were renegotiated in cooperation with the landowners to address the identified threats along with any changes that may have taken place on the property over the past 5 years. Many properties also require annual reporting requirements and will be inspected prior to their renewal dates to ensure ongoing compliance with the agreed upon plans.

KEY MILESTONES

The following key milestones were addressed in 2024:

- Continued maintenance and creation of records in the Property Tracking System.
- On-going review and assistance with Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments for municipalities within the Source Protection Area.
- Risk Management Official annual reporting requirements under S.65 (Annual reporting completed by the appointed Risk Management Official for each municipality and submitted to the respective Source Protection Authority).
- Completion of 2024 annual reports to municipalities on Risk Management Services provided.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

TASK	STATISTIC	NOTES
Threat status confirmed	77/77	All threats identified in the plan have undergone threat verification
Site visits	0	Site visits for both threat verification and Risk Management Plan renewal will continue in 2023
Risk Management Plans required	13	4-5 Plans will be reviewed per year
Risk Management Plans completed	12	3 Risk Management Plans renewed in 2024 (Table 1)
Section 59 Screening-Land Use Planning	3	Issued 3 Section 59 2(a) notice (no threats identified)

Table 1: Risk Management Plans (RMP) agreed to or established

Assessment Roll Number	Address	Activity to which the RMP applies
420501000210900	181132 CONCESSION 12	03A Application of Agricultural Source Material to Land, 04A Storage of Agricultural Source Material, 08A Application of Commercial Fertilizer to Land, 21A Agricultural Source Material Generation (Yards or Confinement), 21A Agricultural Source Material Generation (Yards or Confinement)
420522000105300	393620 CONCESSION 2	03A Application of Agricultural Source Material to Land, 21B Agricultural Source Material Generation (Grazing and Pasturing)
420501000712903	CON 3 PT LOT 75 RP 17R307;PART 6	08A Application of Commercial Fertilizer to Land

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Overall, the majority of landowners/tenants were willing to participate in the development of Risk Management Plans and any initial reservations with the program were addressed following initial discussions.

Risk management plan renewals went very well with property owners/tenants and were a good opportunity to educate them on the program as well as to help them meet the risk management plan measures required for their property.

3 Risk Management Plans were renewed in 2024. A review of properties for possible changes in land use activities will also be conducted in 2025.

Item 3



WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES BOARD

December 9, 2024

Municipality of West Grey Council
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Dear Council Members,

Re: Resolution-Provincial Announcement re Funding of OPP Costs

Please be advised that the West Grey Police Services Board, requests your support of the following resolution passed at its meeting of December 9, 2024 .

Resolution 059-2024
Moved by: B. Cutting
Seconded by: J. Nuhn

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has announced they will be providing financial relief to municipalities to offset the increased costs of police services provided by the OPP;

AND WHEREAS the significant salary increases awarded to OPP Officers in their recently ratified contract for 2023 to 2026 have set a benchmark for others to attain and provides the incentive for other police associations to bargain for;

AND WHEREAS there should be no distinction between police services across the province, OPP or Municipal, as they all face the same challenges and dangers as they strive to keep their communities safe;

AND WHEREAS Municipal Police Services and their local OPP Detachments have worked together positively and effectively to assist each other when required;

AND WHEREAS Municipal Police Services are experiencing the same pressures to meet contractual agreements as the OPP regarding salaries;

AND WHEREAS equitable funding related to grants and not just wage increases should also be made available to Municipal Police Services;

AND WHEREAS funds should be made available by the Province to Municipal Police Services for the costs associated with implementation and compliance to the new Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the West Grey Police Services Board calls on the Ontario Government to implement sustainable funding for Municipal Police Services to assist in their annual budgeting process;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, Peter Bethlenfalvy Minister of Finance, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Association of Police Service Boards and local OAPSB Zone 5, West Grey Council and our local MP, Alex Ruff, and Rick Byers, MPP.

Carried.

Yours Truly,



Dave Fawcett, Vice Chair

West Grey Police Services Board

Cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Association of Police Service Boards
OAPSB Zone 5
Municipality of West Grey
Grey-Bruce MPP, Rick Byers
Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound MP, Alex Ruff



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

December 17, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Ford:

Re: Equity in Funding to Assist in Managing Increasing Costs of Policing

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their December 16, 2024, Council meeting:

WHEREAS on November 29, 2024 the Province of Ontario identified significant protective services cost pressures related to municipal policing, and identified significant Provincial funding to be provided to offset OPP Cost Increases for Small and Rural Municipalities:

AND FURTHER THAT the Province recognize that it is also the case that those municipalities with local municipal police services continue to see significant cost increases and budgetary pressures in Municipal policing, which are directly impacted by OPP policing labour costs;

AND FURTHER THAT it be requested that the Province treat all Ontario municipalities equitably with support in funding to assist managing these increasing costs of policing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

cc: Ontario Solicitor General
Chair, Smiths Falls Police Services Board
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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All Ontario Municipalities providing local police services

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Item 4

234-224-5838

December 13, 2024

Dear Head of Council:

Our government recently announced that we are better protecting community safety and making investments to further support homelessness prevention and provide people living in encampments with access to reasonable alternative accommodation. With this [announcement](#), we are responding to the calls for action to address encampments in our communities and restore safety to public spaces.

We are taking a strategic approach to increase resources to support and provide more long-term stable housing and temporary accommodations for those living in encampments, including:

- **\$5.5 million** to top-up the **Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB)** to immediately free-up emergency shelter spaces for people living in encampments by helping people living in shelters move into longer-term housing.
- **\$20 million** to expand shelter capacity and create additional temporary accommodation spaces, like tiny modular units and climate-controlled semi-permanent structures, to provide people living in encampments with accessible alternative living options
- **\$50 million** in last-mile funding for ready-to-build long-term affordable housing projects across the province. This funding will be allocated based on how close a project is to completion, as well as its value for money, to help projects near completion but, in need of targeted additional funding, to open their doors faster.

Let me be clear that it is my expectation that this funding is tied to clearing out encampments. The intent is to provide funding to municipalities that demonstrate their commitment to and show results in winding down these sites. **In order for your municipality to be considered for additional funding, the Ministry must receive a written pledge from the local Service Manager to use the funds towards ending encampments in your region.**

The additional funding will be supported by new reporting and accountability requirements to ensure these funds support the shared provincial and municipal goal of ending encampments by providing safe and stable housing for people at risk of homelessness. I encourage you to work closely with municipal and community partners in the coming weeks. Please share eligible funding proposals with your Service Manager, who is to forward these to the Ministry for our consideration.

This investment complements:

- proposed amendments to the *Trespass to Property Act*, which applies to private businesses, offices, stores, hotels, parks, and vacant land.
- These amendments, if passed, will enhance penalties for people who deliberately and continually break the law by adding the new aggravating factors of continuous trespassing and the likelihood to reoffend.
- the new *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2024* that will, if passed, allow police officers and other provincial offences officers to direct individuals to stop using illegal substances or to leave the public space. This will allow them to issue a ticket or arrest someone who does not comply, providing an important additional tool to stop the consumption of illegal drugs in public spaces.

While these new tools address public safety directly, we know these additional investments in shelter and housing are critical for people to move along their journey to stable housing and will move us closer to our long-term goals of everyone having a place to call home.

Our government is working with all our partners across the province to keep the most vulnerable members of our society safe and housed. Ontario has dedicated \$700 million annually since 2023 to address homelessness through the Homelessness Prevention Program and the Indigenous Supportive Housing Program. This funding is part of the nearly \$1.7 billion Ontario invested in 2023-24 to grow and enhance community and supportive housing and address homelessness for vulnerable Ontarians.

Call for Business Case Applications

To access funding under the **Encampment Response Initiative** and the **Last Mile**, Service Managers who have provided a pledge are invited to submit business case applications for Ministry consideration. Please refer to the Ministry-prescribed templates attached for further guidelines.

The COHB top-up is not applicable to your Service Manager area given priority needs in other communities. This initiative for selected communities will expand shelter capacity and create additional temporary accommodation spaces to provide people living in encampments with accessible alternative living options.

Encampment Response Initiative (Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP))

The new **Encampment Response Initiative** supports urgent expansion of shelter capacity by providing funding to support the creation of additional alternative emergency accommodations to be offered to individuals in encampments through temporary structures such as tiny cabins and sprung structures.

This funding may also be used for operations of these shelters and remediation of encampment sites up to March 31, 2025. Funding will flow through Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) Transfer Payment Agreements to approved Service Managers.

Project proposals will be evaluated based on criteria outlined in the attached business case template and should include:

- Demonstrated capacity to expand temporary shelter availability and provide alternative accommodations quickly through temporary sprung structures, tiny cabins, and other similar structures.
- Clear implementation strategy including partnerships with grassroots level agencies to move individuals from encampments to shelters.
- Plans for encampment site restoration efforts, where applicable.

As a part of the business case, Service Managers will also be required to provide an estimate of the existing number of unique encampment sites and the encampment residents within them. In addition to providing the Ministry with monthly updated reporting on the number of encampments and estimated number of encampment residents, Service Managers will be required to report on how many residents have been moved from encampments to shelter and housing.

The business case must be completed in the Ministry-prescribed templates attached to this letter and submitted as an attachment to your HPP Investment Plan (IP) 2024-25 case in the Transfer Payment Ontario System (TPON) no later than **January 3, 2025, at 5 p.m.**

Last Mile Funding

The Ministry is aware that municipalities across the province have affordable and supportive housing projects that are in advanced stages of construction where the injection of extra funds into these projects could lead to their faster completion. Service Managers are expected to work with the municipalities and non-profit organizations in your service area to identify such projects and submit them through the business case process for consideration of the Ministry's funding approval. The Ministry encourages heads of council to work with their Service Managers to identify project proposals for potential funding. The Ministry expects that all municipally endorsed proposals shared with Service Managers will be forwarded to the Ministry for its consideration. There is no restriction on the number of business cases that you can submit to the Ministry for funding consideration.

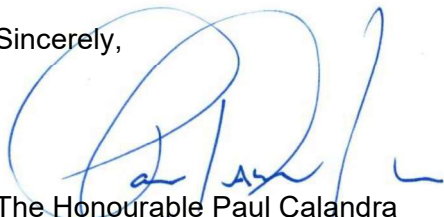
Proposed projects must be:

- Commitment-ready, with the ability to sign a contribution agreement and provide security within the fiscal year;
- Shovel-ready, with construction activities able to commence within 120 days of signing the contribution agreement;
- Able to demonstrate value for money; and
- Align with current Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) guidelines.

Last Mile Funding business cases must be completed in the Ministry-prescribed template attached to this letter and submitted as attachments to your COCHI-OPHI Investment Plan (IP) **2023-24** case in TPON no later than **January 10, 2025, at 5 p.m.**

The Ministry reserves the right to allocate funding under these initiatives at its sole discretion based on the review and evaluation of business case submissions. Any communication regarding additional funding must remain confidential until publicly announced by the province. We appreciate your commitment to our shared goal of restoring safety to our public spaces and expect this additional funding to help address the immediate crisis.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Ministry of the Solicitor General

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Item 5

132-2024-3435
By mail

October 16, 2024

Your Worship Kevin Eccles
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Eccles:

My name is Graham McGregor, and I am writing to share some exciting news with you. I have recently been appointed as the Associate Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform. After serving as Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General earlier this year, I am honoured to take on this new role in strengthening public safety across Ontario.

The rise in auto theft and violent carjackings has become a significant concern, threatening the safety and security of our communities. Our government is committed to tackling these crimes head-on. Equally important is our focus on bail reform—ensuring that violent and repeat offenders remain behind bars and face the full consequences of their actions.

Your leadership is crucial to the safety and well-being of our communities, and I want to express my sincere thanks for your ongoing dedication to public safety. I am looking forward to working closely with you to address these challenges and strengthen the security of our province.

If we have not yet had the opportunity to meet, I hope to do so soon. Please stay in touch through Manvir Hundal at manvir.hundal@ontario.ca. I am eager to hear your insights and discuss how we can work together to enhance public safety.

Thank you once again for your dedication and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. McGregor".

Graham McGregor
Associate Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform

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Item 6

234-2024-5801

December 12, 2024

Dear Head of Council,

I am pleased to inform you of the introduction of the proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 on December 12, 2024, which, if passed, would make changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to strengthen the municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner framework.

I appreciate the valuable feedback we have received from municipalities and share your commitment to safe and respectful workplaces. The proposed changes, if passed, would:

- enable the creation of a standard municipal code of conduct and standard municipal integrity commissioner investigation processes to help ensure consistency across all Ontario municipalities;
- create a role for the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario in municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner matters, including providing training to municipal integrity commissioners; and
- establish a mechanism to remove and disqualify members of council and certain local boards for a period of four years for the most serious code of conduct violations following a recommendation from the local integrity commissioner, a concurring report from the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, and a unanimous vote of council.

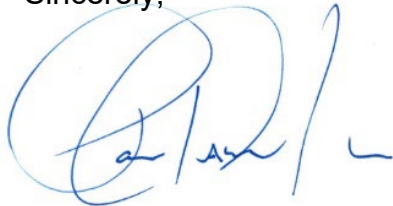
In the coming months, I will want to hear your feedback on the Bill as well as other matters regarding local accountability regimes. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference, where we will have the opportunity to discuss these changes and other matters of importance to your communities.

If passed, important work to develop the regulations to support this new framework would lie ahead, and I remain committed to engaging with you throughout that process. Our intention is to have these changes in effect for the new term of councils beginning in Fall 2026 to ensure there is adequate opportunity for local implementation.

For more information on these amendments, please see the [news release](#). To share your comments on the proposed legislation, please see a posting on the [Regulatory Registry](#) that will be open for comments for 60 days.

If you have any questions regarding these new provisions, please contact your local [Municipal Services Office](#) with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Sincerely,



Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c: Jessica Lippert, Chief of Staff
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Item 7



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Re: Resolution Enabling Municipalities to Charge Fees for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated November 29, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their consideration as part of the December 16, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-207). At the meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-207, being a resolution from the City of Guelph regarding Enabling Municipalities to Charge Fees for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

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cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister Municipal Affairs and Housing of Ontario
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification of Ontario
Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth - Wellington
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

November 29, 2024

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RE: Guelph City Council Resolution to Enable Municipalities to Charge Fees for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Calandra and Minister Lecce,

Guelph City Council at its meeting held on November 26, 2024 passed a resolution regarding the ability of municipalities to charge gas utilities for their use of municipal property, which included the following motions:

1. That Council request the Province of Ontario to amend section 9 of Regulation 584/06 under the Municipal Act, 2001, to permit municipalities to charge fair fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property, as municipalities do in most other provinces.
2. That Council direct staff, to the satisfaction of the DCAO of IDE, to negotiate a Franchise Agreement with the gas distribution company that:
 - a. will allow the City of Guelph to charge fees for use of public property if and when Ontario Regulation 584/06 is amended to allow such charges,
 - b. will ensure that the City of Guelph is not liable to pay for any gas infrastructure relocations needed due to conflicts with municipal infrastructure, and
 - c. will ensure future charges for use of municipal property is not passed on to Guelph customers of the gas distribution company.
3. That the City of Guelph supports, in principle, the Bill 219, "No Free Ride for Fossil Fuels Act, 2024" tabled November 4, 2024 by Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner.

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Across most of Canada, municipalities charge for-profit gas utilities fees for the use of municipal property. This revenue supports municipalities in managing abandoned gas distribution infrastructure and any conflicts with municipal infrastructure without increasing the financial burden on property taxpayers. However, in Ontario, Section 9 of *O.Reg. 584/06* under the *Municipal Act, 2001* prohibits municipalities from charging for-profit gas utilities these fees. If the charging of these fees is permitted, revenues would provide much needed funding towards essential City services and programs, and support the City in funding any future work associated with gas distribution infrastructure.

As Guelph seeks to renew its Franchise Agreement, which sets out the conditions for the use of municipal property by the gas distribution company, there is an opportunity to review the compensation framework for municipalities across Ontario. Many sectors and individuals are increasingly transitioning away from natural gas in favour of cleaner and carbon-free technologies, and Guelph Council believes municipalities should not be locked in to long-term agreements which limit the ability of municipalities to receive fair compensation from for-profit gas distribution companies.

As such, Guelph City Council requests the Province of Ontario amend section 9 of *O.Reg. 584/06* under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to permit municipalities to charge fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property. Additionally, Guelph City Council would like to express its support, in principle, for Bill 219 – the *No Free Ride for Fossil Fuels Act, 2024*, which would enshrine the right of municipalities to charge fees under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*.

Sincerely,

Intergovernmental Services on behalf of Guelph City Council

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CC: Mike Schreiner, Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph;
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Item 8



Council Meeting

Motion # 12/11/24 - 02

Title: Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties, CAO General-2024-33

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Moved by: Rory Cavanagh

Seconded by: Beth Blackwell

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine is a proud host community of the Bruce Nuclear Generating Site where Bruce Power generates 30% of Ontario's electricity needs; and

Whereas two decades ago the Province of Ontario adopted a property tax assessment model that continues to apply to Ontario's nuclear generation facilities; and

Whereas the Province assessment model includes non-market property valuation for electricity generating properties; and

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine undertook a study in 2024 which has shown that the Provincial assessment model is compromising fairness and shifting the tax burden away from the electricity industry properties and onto the broader property tax base within the host community; and

Whereas the study demonstrated that this is primarily attributable to the assessed value of the subject properties being held almost static over several reassessment cycles, resulting from the Provincially prescribed rules for electricity generating, transmission and distribution properties; and

Whereas the Provincial model results in a disparity between the continuously updated market values assigned to the majority of properties and the static, non-market-based formula applied to electricity industry properties means that the tax burden shifts onto non-industry taxpayers; and

Now Therefore be it Resolved That municipal staff be directed to send communication to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Energy and Electrification, the Minister of Finance, and the local MPP, to request that the Province undertake an immediate review and update the property tax assessment model for Ontario's nuclear generation facilities and other properties within the electricity industry, and copy the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Jennifer Lawrie

Clerk

Item 9

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 23

MM23.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

City Council Decision

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

1. City Council express its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies in the City.
2. City Council forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Summary

In the City of Toronto, we uphold the principle of voluntary blood and plasma donation, acknowledging its vital importance as a public good. Our commitment derives from the lessons of Canada's tainted blood crisis, which tragically claimed approximately 8,000 lives. The subsequent Royal Krever Commission urged a fully voluntary, non-payment oriented blood and plasma donation system.

Within our Ontario healthcare system, we perceive blood donations as a priceless public resource, underscoring the need to safeguard the integrity of the public, voluntary donor system.

The Voluntary Blood Donations Act of Ontario strengthens this stance, legislating against the payment of donors and prohibiting donors from receiving financial compensation for their blood or plasma.

Canada Blood Services plans to open five paid plasma clinics, including one in Toronto, by 2025. This issue needs immediate attention and action. The public health community has raised concerns about Grifols Pharmaceuticals' plans to open a Toronto clinic. It's vital we protect vulnerable residents from exploitation by for-profit plasma collection companies offering cash for blood-plasma, a predatory practice.

In bringing this motion forward, we strive to reinforce the principles of voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation, protecting both the integrity of Canada's public blood system and the dignity of blood donors.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM23.1

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-249600.pdf>

Attachment 1 - Resolution to Declare the City of Hamilton a "No Paid Plasma Zone"

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-250144.pdf>

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December 20, 2024

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:**Subject: Member Motion Item 23.1
Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise,
seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted [Item MM23.1](#) and in doing so, has forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and requested that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Yours sincerely,

Niko Markakis, for

for City Clerk

S. Przewdziecki/mp

Attachment

Sent to: All Ontario Municipalities
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Chief Executive Officer, Grifols Canada

c. City Manager