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Correspondence dated May 3, 2024 from the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand to the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development respecting a resolution of support for the County of Prince Edward correspondence regarding Expand Life of Fire Apparatus.
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Correspondence dated May 1, 2024 from the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group respecting a request to declare opposition to any new wind turbine projects.
3. **C-2024-219**  
Correspondence dated May 6, 2024 from the Township of Manitouwadge respecting a resolution of support for Town of Goderich correspondence regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates.
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Correspondence dated May 1, 2024 from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting a resolution of support for the Township of Amaranth correspondence regarding Operational Budget Funding.
7. **C-2024-223**  
Correspondence dated May 6, 2024 from the Municipality of North Glengarry to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a Request to Amend Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources.
8. **C-2024-224**  
Correspondence dated May 6, 2024 from the Town of Niagara-on-the Lake to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative respecting a resolution regarding Transforming the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin into a Thriving Blue-Green Economic Corridor While Safeguarding Our Freshwater Resources.

9. **C-2024-225**  
Correspondence dated May 1, 2024 from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Aurora correspondence regarding Amenity Sharing MOU with School Boards.
10. **C-2024-226**  
Correspondence dated May 1, 2024 from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Bracebridge correspondence regarding a Request for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework.
11. **C-2024-227**  
Correspondence dated May 8, 2024 from the Township of Stirling-Rawdon respecting a resolution of support for the County of Hastings correspondence regarding Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities.
12. **C-2024-228**  
Correspondence dated May 1, 2024 from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Arnprior correspondence regarding Mental Health Services of Renfrew County Hoarding Program.
13. **C-2024-229**  
Correspondence dated May 8, 2024 from the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada respecting a resolution of support for the Municipality of Calvin correspondence regarding Provincial National Fire Fighting Strategy.
14. **C-2024-230**  
Correspondence dated May 9, 2024 from the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand to The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Hanover and Town of Orangeville correspondence items requesting the Province to undertake with AMO a Comprehensive Review of Municipal Finances Across Ontario.
15. **C-2024-231**  
Correspondence dated May 9, 2024 from the County of Prince Edward to The Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting a resolution seeking support for the Province and Federal Government to work together to help end the national housing affordability crisis.
16. **C-2024-232**  
Correspondence dated May 9, 2024 from the Township of Puslinch to The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs respecting a resolution of support for the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee correspondence regarding Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing.

17. **C-2024-233**  
Correspondence dated May 9, 2024 from the Township of Puslinch to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Cobourg correspondence regarding Request to Amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act.
  
18. **C-2024-234**  
Correspondence dated May 9, 2024 from the Township of Puslinch to The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting a resolution of support for the Township of Amaranth correspondence regarding Operational Budget Funding.
  
19. **C-2024-235**  
Correspondence received May 9, 2024 from the Niagara SPCA respecting Wainfleet Monthly Statistics.
  
20. **C-2024-236**  
Correspondence received May 10, 2024 from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. to Provincial Planning Policy Branch respecting comments related to the proposed changes to the Municipal Act and Planning Act as proposed by Bill 185.



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May 3, 2024

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

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

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

**RES:20240213-18**

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

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

*Be it resolved that Council hereby provides its support; and*

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

CARRIED.

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

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yolanda Melburn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Yolanda Melburn  
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

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



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January 22, 2024

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46**

**DATE: January 16, 2024**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Nieman**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

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



**MULTI-MUNICIPAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP**

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May 1, 2024

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Warm Regards,



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

# DRAFT

Independent Electrical System Operator  
By email: [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca)

**Re: Municipality/Township of \_\_\_\_\_ – Wind Turbine Projects**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Clerk, Municipality/Township of \_\_\_\_\_

c:

The Hon. Todd Smith - Minister of Energy - [MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca](mailto:MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca)

David Donovan, Chief of Staff, [david.donovan@ontario.ca](mailto:david.donovan@ontario.ca)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario - [policy@amo.on.ca](mailto:policy@amo.on.ca)

Local MPP

Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group – [jhamilton@arran-elderslie.ca](mailto:jhamilton@arran-elderslie.ca)



May 06, 2024

Received May 6, 2024  
C-2024-219

SENT VIA E-MAIL

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

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

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

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

Many thanks,

Joleen Keough  
Clerk/Deputy CAO  
The Township of Manitouwadge

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

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANITOUWADGE

May 01, 2024

Session No. 2024- 122

Moved by: TR

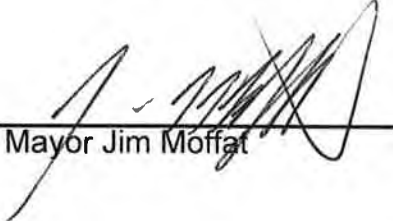
Seconded by: B. Hayes

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

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

CARRIED  DEFEATED

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Jim Moffat



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April 23, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

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

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

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

**Moved:** Councillor Korstanje

**Seconded:** Councillor DiFlavio

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

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

Regards,

Victoria Steele  
Town Clerk

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

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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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

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

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Dear C. Blumenberg,

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

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED**

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

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher



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Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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cc. Premier Doug Ford [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
Hon. Paul Calandra [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)  
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org)  
Hon. Sylvia Jones [Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)  
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Huron County Social and Property Services  
Western Ontario Wardens Caucus  
Ontario Municipalities

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May 6, 2024

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Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

I hope this letter finds you well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Lisa Post  
Mayor

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

## Corporate Services

May 1, 2024

### **Re: Ontario Heritage Act Amendment**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Now therefore be it resolved that:**

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

**Carried Unanimously.**

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell  
Town Clerk



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**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

May 6, 2024

Received May 6, 2024  
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The Honourable Kinga Surma  
Ministry of Infrastructure  
777 Bay Street, 5th floor  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

EMAIL: [Minister.MOI@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.MOI@ontario.ca)

Dear Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure,

**RE: Federal Infrastructure Funding Not Keeping Pace With Population Growth**

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

*“WHEREAS, Canada is experiencing record population growth, having welcomed 1.25 million new Canadians last year alone; and*

*WHEREAS, According to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) we need to build at least 3.5 million additional homes by 2030, and municipalities need to build or expand the infrastructure to accommodate this growth; and*

*WHEREAS, FCM has estimated that the cost of the municipal infrastructure required support housing development is, on average, in the range of \$107,000 per unit; and*

*WHEREAS, According to Statistics Canada the cost of upgrade existing municipal infrastructure so that it is in a state of good repair is in the range of \$170 billion; and*

*WHEREAS, Non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure project without a corresponding growth in revenue; and*

*WHEREAS, Unlike federal and provincial revenue, municipal tax revenue has not increased in recent years along with inflation, economic growth or population growth; and*

*WHEREAS, Municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end, the Canada Community-Building Fund is being renegotiated and the Permanent Public Transit Fund is set to start in 2026; and*

*WHEREAS, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has annual infrastructure funding needs of \$13.4 million and only meets \$7.2, leaving an annual gap of \$6.2 million, and the Town has an immediate Capital Backlog of \$31.2 million with expected future reconstruction costs upwards of \$70 million; and*

*WHEREAS, The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), which was formerly known as the federal Gas Tax Fund, provides more than \$2.4 billion in annual capital funding directly to municipalities through a predictable allocation mechanism, and municipalities of all sizes use the CCBF to deliver direct results for Canadians by building and renewing critical core public infrastructure, including water infrastructure, local roads, public transit and community, and cultural and recreational facilities;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government work with agreement signatories and municipalities to maintain the CCBF as a source of direct, predictable, long-term funding for local infrastructure priorities; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government commit, in Budget 2024, to the next generation of infrastructure programs, including a new program for water and wastewater infrastructure and an increase to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government convene provinces, territories and municipalities to negotiate a “Municipal Growth Framework” to modernize the way that municipalities are funded in order to enable Canada’s long-term growth.”*

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

Sincerely,



Grant Bivol  
Town Clerk

c.c. MPP Wayne Gates - [wgates-co@ndp.on.ca](mailto:wgates-co@ndp.on.ca)  
MP Tony Baldinelli - [Tony.Baldinelli@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Tony.Baldinelli@parl.gc.ca)  
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May 1, 2024

Received May 6, 2024  
C-2024-222

Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Email: [PaulmCalandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:PaulmCalandra@pc.ola.org)

Dear Mr. Calandra,

**Re: Operational Budget Funding**

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED.**



**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "T".

**Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk**

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

Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent by email to: [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

**Re: Operational Budget Funding**

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

**Resolution #: 4**

**Moved by: G Little**

**Seconded by: A. Stirk**

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

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED**

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

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk

C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities

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**DATE:** May 6, 2024

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

Dear Premier Ford,

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

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

Resolution: No. 7  
Moved By: Councillor Jeff Manley  
Seconded By: Councillor Michael Madden

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

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

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

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

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

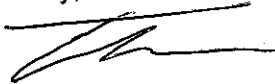
**And further that** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, and the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, to MPP of Glengarry, Prescott, Russel,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

**CARRIED**

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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

Yours truly,

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Timothy Wright  
Director of Public Works

**CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

**Council Meeting**

**Resolution #** 1

**Date:** Monday, April 29, 2024

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**Moved by:** Jeff Manley

**Seconded by:** Michael Madden

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried

Deferred

Defeated

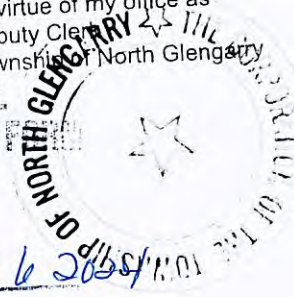
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Mayor / Deputy Mayor

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

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WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ALTERED IN ANY MANNER

*Jena Doonan* May 6 2024  
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May 6, 2024

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative  
P.O. Box 1332,  
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Received May 6, 2024  
C-2024-224

EMAIL: [Eamonn.HL@glslcities.org](mailto:Eamonn.HL@glslcities.org)

Dear Eamonn Horan-Lunney, Senior Director Canada Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:*

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Grant Bivol  
Town Clerk

c.c. MPP Wayne Gates - [wgates-co@ndp.on.ca](mailto:wgates-co@ndp.on.ca)  
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May 1, 2024

Received May 7, 2024  
C-2024-225

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

Dear Mr. Ford,

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

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

Resolution # 2024-05-01-09

Moved By: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Quade

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

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

**CARRIED.**

**Sincerely,**

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**Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk**

**Cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
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Legislative Services  
Michael de Rond  
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Town of Aurora  
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March 6, 2024

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

**Delivered by email**  
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

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

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

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

**Whereas schools are funded by local taxpayers; and**

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

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

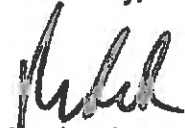
**Whereas the school board charges a premium rate to use the schools on weekends causing a barrier for the Town or local organizations to afford;**

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

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



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**8. Standing Committee Reports**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**

**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

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

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

**Absent (1): Councillor Kim**

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2024**

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

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

**Carried**



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May 1, 2024

Received May 7, 2024  
C-2024-226

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

Dear Mr. Ford,

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

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

Resolution # 2024-05-01-08  
Moved By: Councillor Banks  
Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

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

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

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

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**Tammy Thompson**  
**Deputy Clerk**

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





March 14, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours truly,

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Lori McDonald  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



Received May 8, 2024  
C-2024-227

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May 8, 2024

Cathy Bradley  
County of Hastings  
Postal Bag 4400  
Belleville, ON K8N 3A9

Dear Ms. Bradley,

**Re: Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

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

***Moved by Councillor Graff  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart***

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

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

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

***Carried.***

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

Sincerely,

Sydney Dodson  
Deputy-Clerk

/sd

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



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May 1, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Pembroke Regional Hospital  
All Local Municipalities  
County of Renfrew



Received May 8, 2024  
C-2024-229

May 8, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, M.P.,  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
[justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Prime Minister:

**RE: Resolution of Support – Provincial National Fire Fighting Strategy**

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

**RES:20240213-19**

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

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

*Be it resolved that Council hereby provides its support; and*

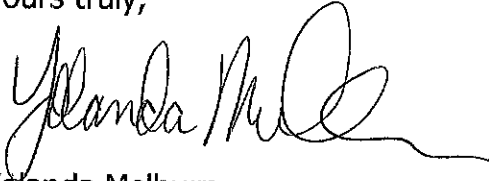
*Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to: the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of National Defence, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation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

CARRIED.

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

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

Yours truly,

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

Yolanda Melburn  
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

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



# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

## Council Resolution

**Date:** January 30, 2024

**Resolution Number:** 2024-31

**Moved By:** Councillor Moreton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Manson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Results: Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

<u>Member of Council</u>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Mayor Gould	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Moreton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Latimer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Manson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



May 9, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
155 University Avenue, Suite 800  
Toronto, ON M5H 3B7  
[amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: Resolution of Support – Request Province to Undertake with AMO a Comprehensive Review of Municipal Finances Across Ontario**

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

**RES:20240213-24**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joan Stover, seconded by Councillor Mike Ainsworth;

*"Whereas Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand received letters from the Town's of Hanover and Orangeville supporting the province committing to the undertaking of a social and economic prosperity review; and*

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

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

*Whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and*

*Whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and*

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

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

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

*Whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and*

*Whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;*

*Therefore, be it resolved that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and*

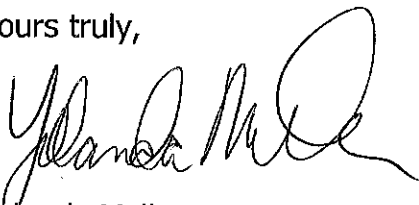
*Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Premier Doug Ford, MPP David Piccini - Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and all Ontario municipalities."*

CARRIED.

Please find attached the resolution from the Town's of Hanover and Orangeville as supporting documentation.

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

Yours truly,



Yolanda Melburn  
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

Cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Dev.  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
All Ontario Municipalities

February 1, 2024

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

Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Hanover adopted the following resolution at their meeting of January 15, 2024 regarding the above noted matter;

**Moved by COUNCILLOR KOEBEL      Seconded by COUNCILLOR HOCKING**

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

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

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

**Whereas** unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

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

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

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

**Whereas** the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

**Whereas** municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

**And further that** a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**CARRIED**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tanya Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tanya Patterson  
Deputy Clerk

/tp

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities

**Corporate Services**

January 26, 2024

**Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on January 22, 2024, approved the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

**FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, Sylvia Jones; and all municipalities in Ontario.**

**Carried.**

Yours truly,

*Raylene Martell*

Raylene Martell  
Town Clerk

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**Cc:** clerks@pecounty.on.ca; Mayor Steven Ferguson; Sam Branderhorst; Marcia Wallace; Joy  
McLeod  
**Subject:** PEC Resolution - Help End the National Housing Affordability Crisis  
**Attachments:** 2024-224.pdf

The Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,

Please see attached the resolution from the Corporation on the County of Prince Edward regarding seeking support for the Province and Federal Government to work together to help end the national housing affordability crisis. The resolution was approved at the May 7, 2024 meeting of Council.

We kindly ask for a response within 30 days of receipt.

If you have any questions, or would like to set up a meeting on this important matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

**Ben Thornton**  
Council & Committee Coordinator  
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May 9, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 7, 2024 the following resolution regarding seeking support for the Province and Federal Government to work together to help end the national housing affordability crisis.

**RESOLUTION NO.**    **2024-224**  
**DATE:**                    **May 7, 2024**  
**MOVED BY:**            **Councillor Branderhorst**  
**SECONDED BY:**        **Councillor Roberts**

**WHEREAS** there is an unprecedented national housing affordability crisis and substantial investments in new affordable social housing are required to address the overwhelming need;

**WHEREAS** substantial investments in revitalizing existing affordable social housing are required to maintain existing housing stock so as not to make the national housing affordability crisis worse;

**WHEREAS** social support expansions are required to prevent families choosing between housing and other basic necessities of life;

**WHEREAS** the national housing affordability crisis is most acute in Ontario, and unlike most Provinces and Territories in Canada, 47 Service Managers and District Social Service Administration Boards (SM/DSSAB) are responsible for delivering social supports, including housing affordability supports in this Province;

**WHEREAS** many of these 47 SM/DSSABs in Ontario are larger than many provinces and territories in other provinces in the country, but lack the revenue, policy tools and powers of the Provincial and Federal governments to end the housing affordability crisis on their own;

**WHEREAS** on March 25, 2024 our local SM/DSSAB (Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services) was notified by the Province that the Federal Government would be cutting \$355 million in funding intended to support affordable social housing across the province, due to a disagreement about how community housing units are counted as part of the National Housing Strategy Action Plan;

**WHEREAS** any reductions in funding from the Federal and Provincial governments risks the termination of critically needed housing and social supports for some of the most vulnerable across Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the County of Prince Edward requests that the funding dispute between the Federal and Provincial governments be resolved to limit mounting harms to some of Ontario's most vulnerable people;

**THAT** the Federal and Provincial governments to continue to fund SMs/DSSABs in an amount equivalent to the monies under the CMHC-Ontario Bilateral agreement in the National Housing Strategy until a new funding agreement can be reached;

**THAT** the Council of the County of Prince Edward advocate to the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a trilateral table including the SMs/DSSABs, to negotiate the final 3 year tranche of funding under the National Housing Strategy;

**THAT** Council direct the Mayor to write to the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Housing urgently requesting confirmation that financial support will continue for vulnerable households across Ontario currently in receipt of the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit prior to May 31, 2024; and

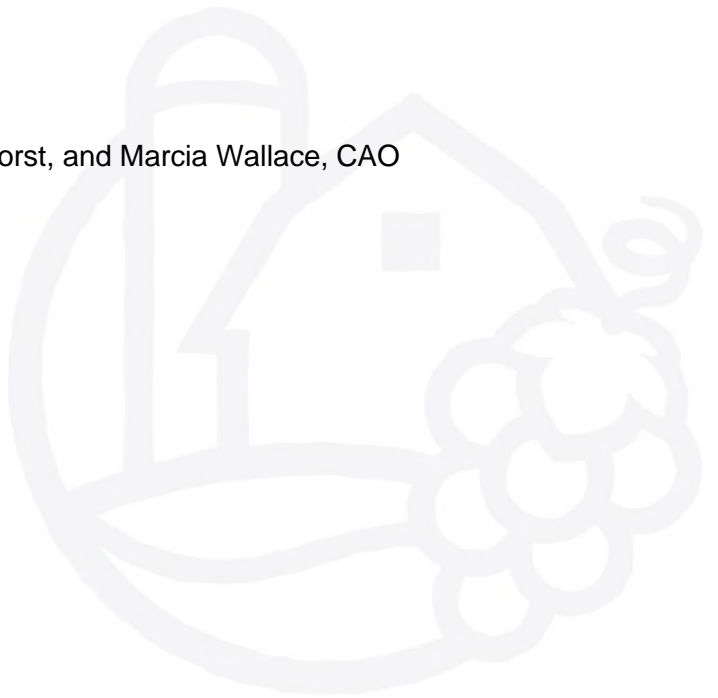
**THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Branderhorst, and Marcia Wallace, CAO





Received May 9, 2024  
C-2024-232

Honourable Lisa Thompson  
Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Via e-mail: [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org)

Township of Puslinch  
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May 9, 2024

Dear Minister Thompson,

In the 2023 Auditor General's Value-for-Money Audit of Public Health Ontario (PHO) released in December 2023, recommendation number 5 states that PHO, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health (MOH), are to update and implement a laboratory modernization plan within 12 months to streamline the laboratory's operations.

[https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR\\_publichealth\\_en23.pdf](https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_publichealth_en23.pdf)

This stemmed from a 2017 proposal by PHO, collaboratively with the MOH at the request of the Deputy Minister to close six of the 11 public health laboratory sites (Hamilton, Kingston, Orillia, Peterborough, Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins) and gradually discontinue private drinking water testing. The justification:

- Mitigating rising costs of maintaining facilities
- Establishing a more efficient operating model that reduces the rerouting of samples to other PHO laboratory sites

The residents of the Township of Puslinch do not have access to a municipal water supply and rely exclusively on private wells. The phasing out of free well water testing will impose an additional barrier to water sampling.

At the April 10, 2024, meeting of the Township of Puslinch's Council the following resolution was unanimously approved:



**Resolution No. 2024-134:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That correspondence item 10.2 regarding the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee recommendation Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing be received for information; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch in receipt of the February 26, 2024 letter from the Ausable Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee (via the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee Meeting of March 28, 2024 ) to Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs concerned Public Health Ontario's recommended phase out of free well water testing; and

Whereas the residents of the Township does not have access to a municipal water supply and rely exclusively on well water; and

Whereas the phasing of free well water testing will impose an additional barrier to ensuring safe drinking water when it is already difficult to encourage residents to test their water;

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch supports the letter from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee to Minister Lisa Thompson and requests staff to send a similar letter of concern Minister Lisa Thompson, Honourable Sylvia Jones Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Honourable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, Hon. Ted Arnott, and MPP Rae.

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk



CC: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Hon. Andrea Khanjin, MPP Rae, Hon. Ted Arnott, All Ontario Municipalities

February 26th, 2023

**Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs**

Via e-mail: [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org)

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

Dear Minister Thompson,

In the 2023 Auditor General's Value-for-Money Audit of Public Health Ontario (PHO) released in December 2023, recommendation number 5 states that PHO, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health (MOH), are to update and implement a laboratory modernization plan within 12 months to streamline the laboratory's operations.

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This stemmed from a 2017 proposal by PHO, collaboratively with the MOH at the request of the Deputy Minister to close six of the 11 public health laboratory sites (Hamilton, Kingston, Orillia, Peterborough, Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins) and gradually discontinue private drinking water testing. The justification:

- Mitigating rising costs of maintaining facilities
- Establishing a more efficient operating model that reduces the rerouting of samples to other PHO laboratory sites

About 50% of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Region population is serviced by private wells. The proposed removal of PHO's free private drinking water testing is of concern to our Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Committee, particularly when Source Protection Regions have been directed by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Source Protection Branch, to deliver education and outreach to private well owners under the new Best Practices initiative.

In our region, we have been working with service and community organizations such as the Lions, Optimists and Lakeshore Residents Associations to co-host very successful Best Practices 'Water Wise' events that encourage private well owners to sample their drinking water using the free microbial testing provided by the province. By distributing water sample bottles ahead of the event and delivering the samples to Huron Perth Public Health for lab analysis, most of



the barriers to water sampling are removed. At these events 25% to 50% of a communities well water will be sampled in one day or night.

Well owners understand the importance of testing their well water; it is the inconvenience of doing so that is the barrier. One of the goals of the 'Water Wise' events is to encourage well owners to get in the habit of testing their water regularly as part of Best Practices for protecting their drinking water. The hope is that the community groups and service clubs that Source Protection staff work with will make Water Wise water sampling events part of their regular activities.

Private drinking water systems in Ontario do not have the legislated safeguards that are required for municipal/communal/public systems under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*. Only municipal water supply systems fall under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and the Source Water Protection program. Health Canada's guidance on waterborne pathogens references three studies that determine that private systems are vulnerable and there is evidence that demonstrates they are more likely to contribute to gastrointestinal illness than public drinking water systems.

If the free water testing phase out recommendation is approved, well owners would have to use a commercial lab for a fee, which disincentivizes testing. When water is not monitored regularly, there is no way to know the true quality of the water, which puts people at increased risk of becoming ill. With private systems being stand-alone systems, any associated illnesses are isolated sporadic events and do not come to public attention like those seen during the Walkerton outbreak.

The private drinking water test data maintained by PHO has been used by researchers to publish evidence that helps support public health policy. Source Protection Committees can access data associated with their area, as was presented at our March 2023 meeting. The data can be used to inform well owners of regional water quality concerns and associated health risks. If PHO stops testing, this data and affiliated research will no longer be available.

In the Walkerton Inquiry Report Part 2, Justice O'Connor concluded the privatization of laboratory testing of drinking water samples connected directly to the *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak in Walkerton Ontario in May 2000. Twenty-four years later, there is a proposal to privatize water testing once again.

At the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**MOTION #SPC: 2024-02-04**

**Moved by Philip Keightley**

**Seconded by Mary Ellen Foran**

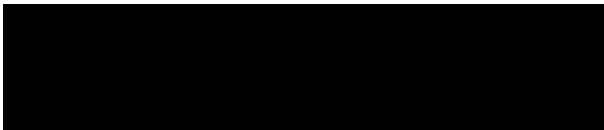
**“THAT the Source Protection Committee direct a letter to Minister Thompson requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase out of free private well testing in Ontario, and**

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

**Carried.**

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely



Matthew Pearson

Chair

Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee

Cc Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care  
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Municipalities of Adelaide Metcalfe, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Bluewater, Central Huron, Goderich, Howick, Huron East, Lambton Shores, Lucan Biddulph, Mapleton, Middlesex Centre, Minto, Morris-Turnberry, North Middlesex, North Perth, Perth South, South Bruce, South Huron, Warwick, West Perth, Wellington North  
Townships of Huron-Kinloss and North Huron

Huron Perth Public Health, Lambton Public Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health

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May 9, 2024

RE: Resolution from Town of Coburg Council regarding Request to Amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 10, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-123:**

Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.13 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the resolution from the Town of Cobourg Council regarding a Request to Amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

That Council direct staff to forward a support resolution accordingly; and

That Council refer this consent item to the Heritage Advisory Committee for its information.

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,



Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: Ontario Municipalities



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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All Ontario Municipalities

Sent via email

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Town of Cobourg

March 8, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the Architectural Conservancy Ontario regarding Proposed Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act with respect to the removal of listed (non-designated) properties from municipal heritage registers

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on February 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

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

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

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving 213 listed properties in the Town of Cobourg is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the limited municipal resources available.



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to all 443 municipalities in Ontario seeking support of the ACO correspondence.

Sincerely,



Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services



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Hon. Paul Calandra  
Ministry of Municipal  
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May 9, 2024

RE: Resolution No. 2024-124 regarding 6.14 Township of Amaranth Resolution regarding Operational Budget Funding

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 10, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-124:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.14 be received for information; and**

**Whereas Council supports the resolution from the Township of Amaranth regarding Operational Budget Funding;**

**That Council direct staff to forward a support resolution accordingly; and further**

**That the resolution be forwarded to the County Warden Lennox for information.**

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: Premier of Ontario, AMO , Ontario Municipalities



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March 12, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent by email to: [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

**Re: Operational Budget Funding**

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

**Resolution #: 4**

**Moved by:** G Little

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

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

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED**

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

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk  
C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities





May 10, 2024

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Provincial Planning Policy Branch  
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Re: ERO 019-8369: Proposed Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, 2006, and Municipal Act, 2001 Changes (Schedules 4, 9, and 12 of Bill 185 - the proposed Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024)

On behalf of our many municipal clients, we are submitting our comments related to the proposed changes to the *Municipal Act* and *Planning Act* as proposed by Bill 185 (*Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*).

## 1. Introduction

Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. is one of Canada's leading economic consulting firms, comprising municipal economists, planners, accountants, and support staff. The firm has been in operation since 1982. Our work has involved many aspects of municipal finance and economics, including assisting municipalities across the Province with development charges (D.C.) studies, community benefits charges (C.B.C.) studies, parkland dedication studies, fiscal impact assessments, full cost user fee pricing models, demographic forecasts, growth management studies, and more. Watson is a leader in the D.C. and growth management fields.

## 2. Overview Commentary

The Province has introduced Bill 185 with the following objective: “...*reduce red tape which is a significant barrier to productivity, economic development, as well as domestic and international growth*”. The Province's intention is to build on previous actions and housing related initiatives to remove administrative barriers with a variety of initiatives intended to grow a stronger economy, keep costs down, save time, and improve service delivery for businesses and people across the province. These initiatives include “*attracting investment and creating new jobs by making it faster and easier for municipalities to provide incentives to attract game changing global investment.*”

To implement these initiatives, Bill 185 introduces changes to the *Municipal Act*, along with nine other statutes including the *Planning Act*.

The following sections summarize our analysis and comments on the following areas:



- Assistance Provided under s.106 of the *Municipal Act*;
- Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO); and
- The removal of planning responsibilities for upper-tier municipalities.

### 3. *Municipal Act* Analysis and Comments

Section 106 of the *Municipal Act* provides rules with respect to bonusing. The proposed amendments to s.106 are in response to the stated goal of attracting “*game changing global investment*”. These proposed changes allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations to authorize municipalities to provide assistance to a specified manufacturing business or other industrial/commercial enterprise, setting out the types of assistance that may be provided, and restrictions and conditions that must be met before providing assistance.

The following analysis and comments are provided with the intent of ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of municipalities, consistent with the land use planning system objectives of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).

#### 1. Requirement to Provide Assistance

The new s.106.1 of the *Municipal Act* states that “...the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations authorizing a municipality to grant assistance, directly or indirectly, to a specified manufacturing business or other industrial or commercial enterprise during a specified period, and governing the granting of the assistance, including...setting out the types of assistance that may be granted”. (*Underlining for emphasis*)

As discussed further in commentary below, a municipality may not find it advantageous to provide the assistance they are authorized to provide. Our interpretation of s. 106.1 is that municipalities would have discretion over whether they would provide the assistance they have been authorized to give and are not required to do so.

#### 2. Conditions to be Met Before Providing Assistance

The new s.106.1 of the *Municipal Act* would allow for regulations to include “...*conditions that must be met before the assistance may be granted*”.

The types of “*game changing global investment*” that the Province has referred to could often require significant changes to municipal land use planning policies, including urban boundary expansions, municipal boundary adjustments, and infrastructure planning. Ontario's planning policy regime requires development planning to ensure the financial well-being of municipalities is maintained over the long-term. In accordance with the PPS, municipal official plan policies would normally require a number of land use planning studies to be undertaken, including a fiscal impact analysis to demonstrate that development (including the requirement for infrastructure and public service



facilities) is financially viable, and will not negatively impact the municipality's financial position.

Many smaller municipalities in Ontario may not have the appropriate organizational structure in place to manage significant industrial developments through the development approvals, construction, and operations stages. These developments could place additional stress on municipal planning and building, engineering and infrastructure, and administrative staff.

Consideration should be given to:

- Requiring a financial impact analysis be undertaken that demonstrates the proposed development and municipal assistance are financially viable over the long term. This analysis should measure the fiscal impacts of the proposed development on the municipality's financial position (e.g. tax rates and utility rates), inclusive of operating costs, capital costs, and municipal staff resourcing;
- Allowing municipal Council to determine if and when regulatory "conditions" are satisfied and the level of assistance to be provided;
- Availability of financial support from the Province to undertake the above analysis; and
- Availability of financial support from the Province if municipalities are mandated by the Province to provide assistance and the municipal analysis demonstrates such assistance would negatively impact their fiscal position.

### **3. Eligible Entities that may Receive Assistance**

Section 106.1 defines the types of entities that could receive assistance as "a specified manufacturing business or other industrial or commercial enterprise". This could potentially include housing development corporations which are commercial enterprises. It should be noted that providing certain types of assistance to these types of corporations (such as waiving D.C.s) would appear to be in contrast to the other changes made through Bill 185 (i.e. removing the mandatory phase-in of new D.C. by-laws). The negative financial impact of the mandatory phase-in of D.C.s was widely communicated to the Province by municipalities across Ontario. The broad application of these powers would provide for an inequitable application of recovery of the costs of development across housing providers. Moreover, if the Province can mandate municipalities to provide assistance, this would replace the autonomy of municipal Council to make such determinations and exclusively govern their financial matters. This reinforces our comments above, that if there is assistance to be provided that would have a negative financial impact on the local municipality, financial support from the Province should be considered.



## 4. *Planning Act* Analysis and Comments

### 1. Minister's Zoning Orders

We are encouraged by the new MZO framework which provides better transparency in reviewing MZO applications. However, the MZO framework should be enhanced to include more focus on demonstrating the “need” for the use within the context of housing supply and demand within the municipality, as well as consideration of local growth management policies.

As part of a municipality's Official Plan Review, considerable resources and extensive public engagement are carried out to ensure that future growth is comprehensively assessed, and that urban and rural development is directed to appropriate locations. Based on the current framework, MZOs can be requested and approved without regard to local policies, the need for the application, or the municipality's ability to accommodate the development.

We are also concerned about the application of MZOs, as identified in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS, 2024). According to the proposed PPS, 2024, MZOs are to be treated as “in addition to projected needs” over the planning horizon. In our opinion, it is not appropriate to increase the pace of development associated with an MZO application without linking the application to a specific regional or local economic driver. It is recommended that when planning for MZO lands, the timing of their buildout is not held to a targeted minimum or maximum planning horizon as set out in the proposed PPS, 2024. Rather, the timing of development should be subject to an assessment of anticipated economic growth and real estate market demand within the municipality and the broader economic region over the horizon of the plan. Furthermore, it is our opinion that the Province should require the timing of development regarding approved MZOs be established through provincial and local phasing policies, municipal servicing plans, school board accommodation plans, and reviewed through regular monitoring.

The proposed MZO framework is designed to increase urban land supply and expedite the development of more housing. In the absence of a land needs assessment and economic analysis to support an MZO application, however, there is a risk that population and housing growth within a given municipality will be overstated within the horizon of the Official Plan. This has the potential to undermine local planning policies and create financial risks for municipalities due to having to emplace and fund municipal infrastructure for additional lands that are not sequenced in the municipality's growth and financial plans.

### 2. Upper-Tier Municipalities Without Planning Responsibilities

We are encouraged by the focus on empowering local municipalities in planning for growth. We are however concerned about the role that some of Ontario's largest



upper-tier municipalities will have by being classified as “upper-tier municipalities without planning responsibilities.” These municipalities provide a broad vision and planning direction with respect to the long-term management of urban, rural, and natural systems. Moreover, upper-tier municipal planning authorities plays a critical role in the coordination, phasing, and delivery of water, wastewater, and transportation infrastructure, and other municipal services. This can be observed in Metro Vancouver, BC, where Metro Vancouver provides water and wastewater services to 21 municipalities, one electoral area, and one treaty First Nation. Metro Vancouver does not review and comment on planning applications. As such, development approvals by local municipalities necessitate capital investments into water and wastewater infrastructure that may not have been incorporated into the financial plan which places increased pressure on water and wastewater infrastructure requirements and creates funding challenges.

While Bill 185 aims to streamline the land use planning process across the affected municipalities, it has the potential to create challenges with respect to the coordination of regional growth management objectives among municipalities and stakeholders, while adding to the technical and administrative efforts of both lower-tier and upper-tier municipalities, as well as the Province. Furthermore, Bill 185 would remove critical planning resources and knowledge at the upper-tier level that are required when addressing matters that cross technical disciplines and municipal jurisdictions. This would potentially result in disjointed efforts and outcomes with respect to local planning approvals and regional municipal service delivery.

As part of this Bill, we would suggest that the Province consider providing more clarity around the role of the upper-tier municipalities without planning responsibilities, including acknowledging the benefits of having a more engaged upper-tier municipality in growth management, especially as it relates to the provision of infrastructure.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments related to the proposed changes on behalf of our municipal clients.

Yours very truly,

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