



# Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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February 22, 2023

**Sent via Email:** [minister.edu@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.edu@ontario.ca)

Honourable Steven Lecce, Minister of Education

Dear Honourable Lecce:

**Re: Town of Petrolia – Regarding School Board Elections – Request for Support**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 14, 2023 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence received from the Town of Petrolia regarding School Board Elections, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N. Rubli".

Nicole Rubli  
Acting City Clerk

Cc: MPP Bob Bailey Sarnia-Lambton  
County of Lambton  
Ontario Municipal Councils



January 25, 2023

Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education  
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton  
County of Lambton  
Municipalities of Lambton County and Ontario

*Via email*

During the December 12, 2022, regular meeting of council, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Bill Clark      Seconded: Debb Pitel

WHEREAS in the Province of Ontario, municipalities are responsible to conduct the election process on behalf of the school boards; and

WHEREAS an extensive amount of resources, time and management to advertise, co-ordinate and complete these trustee elections is placed on the municipality; and

WHEREAS municipalities do not receive any compensation or re-imburement for use of orchestration of the school board trustee elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia request that staff forward this motion to the Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Bob Bailey, Ontario Municipal Councils and the County of Lambton requesting that school boards become responsible for conducting their own trustee elections or at minimum municipalities be compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee elections;

Carried

Kind regards,

*Original Signed*

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**CL 3-2023, February 23, 2023**  
**PHSSC 2-2023, February 14, 2023**  
**COM-C 14-2023, February 14, 2023**

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Motion Respecting Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction

COM-C 14-2023

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 23, 2023, passed the following recommendation, as amended, of its Public Health and Social Services Committee:

Whereas Niagara Regional Council acknowledges that the challenges of homelessness, mental health and the opioid crisis are exceptionally complex issues that have a measurable and significantly detrimental impact on the residents of the Niagara region, including the loss of life;

Whereas addressing these issues places extreme stress on upper and lower-tier municipal programs and services, the Niagara Regional Police, Niagara Health, Emergency Medical Services and various non-profit service providers across the region;

Whereas the challenges of homelessness, mental health and opioids have seen a trend of becoming more prevalent in recent years and continue to have a significant impact on the Niagara community;

Whereas Niagara Region, through the staff in Community Services and Public Health, has taken many steps to address these issues with the development and provision of best-practice programming designed to mitigate their impact on the community;

Whereas Niagara Regional Council acknowledges that the challenges of homelessness, mental health and the opioid crisis are intrinsically diverse and should not be viewed as a single monolithic problem;

Whereas addressing these challenges will require strategies and tactics that are specifically designed for each of the unique issues;

Whereas Niagara Region accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with multiple stakeholders, including the provincial government and its agencies;

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Whereas 26 Niagara agencies within the Region, including Public Health and Emergency Medical Services, have collaboratively developed a Substance Use Prevention Strategy known as the Opioid Prevention and Education Network of Niagara, and are actively implementing it;

Whereas Niagara Region is a “Built for Zero” community that has accurate and timely data regarding its homeless population and delivers programs and services targeted for strategically helping those individuals experiencing homelessness;

Whereas the challenges of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction are found throughout the entire province of Ontario and are not unique to Niagara;

Whereas Niagara Regional Council recognizes that municipal emergencies in Ontario are declared by the head of council as per the process detailed in the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act; and

Whereas Niagara Regional Council acknowledges that the declaration of an emergency does not immediately result in a municipality receiving any additional funds or resources from senior levels of government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to formally issue three separate declarations of emergency, in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction, as per the procedure outlined in the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act;
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Provincial Government requesting that action be taken on the eight measures proposed by the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (as previously endorsed by Regional Council on June 23, 2022), including:
  - a. Creation of a multi-sectoral task force to guide the development of a robust provincial opioid response plan that will ensure necessary resourcing, policy change, and health and social system coordination;
  - b. Expanding access to evidence informed harm reduction programs and practices including lifting the provincial cap of 21 Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) Sites, funding Urgent Public Health Needs Sites (UPHNS) and scaling up safer supply options;
  - c. Revision of the current CTS model to address the growing trends of opioid poisoning amongst those who are using inhalation methods;
  - d. Expanding access to opioid agonist therapy for opioid use disorder through a range of settings (e.g. mobile outreach, primary care, emergency departments, Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine Clinics), and a variety of medication options;

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- e. Providing a long-term financial commitment to create more affordable and supportive housing for people in need, including people with substance use disorders;
  - f. Addressing the structural stigma and harms that discriminate against people who use drugs, through provincial support and advocacy to the Federal government to decriminalize personal use and possession of substances and ensure increased investments in health and social services at all levels;
  - g. Increasing investments in evidence-informed substance use prevention and mental health promotion initiatives that provide foundational support for the health, safety and well-being of individuals, families, and neighbourhoods, beginning from early childhood; and
  - h. Funding additional and dedicated positions for public health to support the critical coordination and leadership of local opioid and substance abuse strategies;
3. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting action be taken to correct the funding allocation model for homelessness based on the results of Auditor General's 2021 report which found that provincial funding in this area is incorrect;
  4. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Ministry of Health and the CEO of Ontario Health requesting that the province immediately commit to fully funding gaps in mental health service as have been identified in the Needs Based Planning project by Niagara Ontario Health Team's Mental Health and Addictions Working Group, as well as funding ongoing annual increases as required by inflation and population need;
  5. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, David Lametti, and Federal Minister of Health, Jean-Yves Duclos, reaffirming Regional Council's October 22, 2020 motion urging the Federal government convene a task force to explore the legal regulation and decriminalization of all drugs in Canada;
  6. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) requesting that targeted advocacy be conducted in these areas, including the development of a singular motion that can be ratified by municipal councils across Ontario calling on the province to take immediate action;
  7. That Niagara Region, through its Public Health and Social Services Committee, **URGE** the federal government to declare homelessness as a humanitarian crisis; and



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8. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area municipalities, all municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and local MPs and MPPs.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk  
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CLK-C 2023-019

Distribution List:

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February 24, 2023

Hello,

We are writing to let you know that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is proposing to make amendments to [Ontario Regulation 161/17](#) under the [Public Lands Act](#) regarding the use of floating accommodations and camping on water over public lands in Ontario. In addition, minor changes (listed below) are proposed for added clarity and consistency in the regulation.

The proposed changes are described in a regulation proposal notice that was posted on Ontario's Regulatory Registry and the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) on February 24, 2023 (ERO number [019-6590](#)).

The proposed changes related to floating accommodations were informed by feedback received by the ministry in response to the March 2022 ERO bulletin titled, "Seeking input about the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands" (ERO number [019-5119](#)).

We are proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to clarify the types of camping units that can be used to camp on water over public land. It is proposed that the definition of 'camping unit' will be clarified to allow for camping on liveaboards and houseboats but will exclude floating accommodations, float homes and barges with residential units or camping facilities.

We are also proposing to change the conditions that must be met when camping on water over public lands in Ontario by:

- reducing the number of days that a person can camp on water over public land (per location, per calendar year) from 21 days to 7 days
- increasing the distance that a person camping on water must move their camping unit to be occupying a different location from 100 metres to 1 kilometre
- adding a new condition to prohibit camping on water within 300 metres of a developed shoreline, including any waterfront structure, dock, boathouse, erosion control structure, altered shoreline, boat launch and/or fill.

In addition, we are proposing to:

- harmonize the conditions for camping on public land so that residents and non-residents are required to follow the same conditions when camping on water over public lands or on public lands
- specify conditions for swim rafts, jumps, ramps for water sports, heat loops and water intake pipes
- clarify that camping on a road, trail, parking lot or boat launch is prohibited
- amend the regulation to add the following to the list of excluded public lands to which section 21.1 of the *Public Lands Act* and Ontario Regulation 161/17 do not apply:
  - lands subject to an agreement authorizing the use of those lands
  - lands subject to an authorization under the *Aggregate Resources Act*.

We encourage you to review the proposal notice (ERO number [019-6590](#)) and provide feedback through the ERO. The comment period for the proposal closes on **April 11, 2023**.

### **Online Information Sessions**

We invite you to attend an online information session during which ministry staff will present an overview of the regulatory proposal and answer questions. Sessions will be held on the following dates:

Session 1 – Wednesday, March 8: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Session 2 – Monday, March 20: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

If you wish to attend an online information session, please register by emailing [public.lands@ontario.ca](mailto:public.lands@ontario.ca) with the subject line “Regulatory Proposal Information Session” and indicate your preferred session date. You will receive a reply to your email with the session start/end times and information on how to join.

Sincerely,

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February 22, 2023

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Dear Mr. McNeil, Warden:

**Re: Corporation of the County of Huron – Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 14, 2023 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence received from the Corporation of the County of Huron regarding Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference.

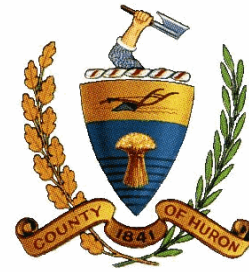
Sincerely,

Nicole Rubli  
Acting City Clerk

Cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
All Municipalities in Ontario  
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)  
Premier of Ontario  
Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Provincial Minister of Agriculture  
Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
Federal Minister of Health

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February 1, 2023

Sent via email.

**Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act**

Please note that on February 1, 2023 Huron County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;  
 AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled *Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information*, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve forwarding Call to Action Letters to the following for support:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Member of Parliament
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, to require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community, we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost 50 years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the

impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen McNeil".

Glen McNeil  
Warden, Huron County  
On behalf of Huron County Council

# Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information

Prepared: January 2023



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## Background

On January 18, 2023, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

**THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron request staff to prepare a report for Council on the Federal Cannabis Legislation Review with recommendations on options for Huron County to address their concerns with this legislation.

## Cannabis Act: Information For Municipalities

According to The Government of Canada's *Information for Municipalities - Medical Use of Cannabis* there are two approved ways medical cannabis can be grown: *Licensed Producers* and *Personal and Designate Production*

### 1. Licensed Producers

Licensed producers are individuals or companies licensed by Health Canada to produce and sell cannabis for medical purposes. Licensed producers must meet stringent health and safety security requirements before producing and selling cannabis.

When applying to be a licensed producer under the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR), or when applying to amend a licence, an applicant must notify:

- The municipality
- Local fire officials
- Local law enforcement

Licensed producers must also notify these local authorities, within 30 days, after the issuance of a licence or the renewal, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation of their licence. These notification requirements are intended to provide local authorities with information about activities with cannabis conducted in their jurisdiction to allow them to take appropriate measures, as applicable.

Licensed producers are expected to obey all relevant federal, provincial and municipal laws and by-laws, including municipal zoning by-laws.

## 2. Personal and Designated Production

If a person wants to produce a limited amount of cannabis for his/her own medical purposes, he/she needs to register with Health Canada. He/she can also choose to designate another person to produce a limited amount of cannabis for him/her. A person can produce a limited number of marijuana plants under a maximum of two registrations (for one other person and him/herself, or two other people). Marijuana plants may be produced under a maximum of four registrations at one address.

A registered or designated person is permitted to produce marijuana plants indoors and/or outdoors, but not both at the same time. If a person wishes to produce marijuana plants outdoors, the boundary of the land on which the production site is located cannot have any points in common with the boundary of the land on which a school, public playground, day care facility or other public place frequented mainly by persons under 18 years of age.

The number of plants a person can grow is determined by the daily amount recommended by their health care practitioner and a set of formulas in the regulations.

Health Canada also recommends that registered and designated persons be discreet with their production.

Individuals who are registered with Health Canada to produce a limited amount of cannabis for medical purposes are expected to obey all federal, provincial and municipal laws and by-laws.

## Community Expressed Concerns

Recently, some concerns regarding the Cannabis Act and local growing practices have been expressed by community members. Some of the topics of concern expressed have included:

- Excessive noise produced by ventilation units
- Serious odour impacts from production
- Health concerns from neighbouring property owners
- Questions regarding zoning requirements for Cannabis operations, particularly in regards to areas zoned residential
- The current lack of a Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) between licensed facilities/designate growers, and homes, public facilities

## Impact to the Municipality

Community concerns regarding the Cannabis Act have an impact on the municipality. These impacts include the costs associated with Council and staff time and legal fees. There is also a potential for community disruption pertaining to licenses issued under the Federal Medical Cannabis Registration process.

It is important to note that the municipality's concerns expressed in this report are not against or opposed to cannabis. The County of Huron appreciates the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to other levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

## Advocacy Efforts to Date

On October 5, 2022 a letter was sent to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat of Health Canada. The letter offered requested feedback on the Cannabis Act and a recommendation for a Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas.

See Appendix A.

## Recommendations for Further Advocacy

### **Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information (this report)**

Further advocacy could be accomplished by sending this report, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration.

A Call to Action Letter could be sent on behalf of WOWC, and all WOWC member municipalities could be invited to send similar letters to the agencies and individuals outlined below.

### **Call to Action Letter**

A sample Call to Action Letter for Huron County can be found in Appendix B. Once approved by Council, letters could be sent to:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario: Doug Ford
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks: David Piccini
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture: Lisa Thompson
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Steve Clark
- Member of Parliament: Ben Lobb
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Marie-Claude Bibeau
- Federal Minister of Health: Jean-Yves Duclos

## Further Resources

### **The Cannabis Act: The Facts**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2018/06/backgrounder-the-cannabis-act-the-facts.html>

### **The Cannabis Act**

[https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/annualstatutes/2018\\_16/FullText.html#:~:text=The%20objectives%20of%20the%20Act,operating%20outside%20the%20legal%20framework](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/annualstatutes/2018_16/FullText.html#:~:text=The%20objectives%20of%20the%20Act,operating%20outside%20the%20legal%20framework)

### **Cannabis Information for Municipalities**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis/information-municipalities.html>

### **Ontario: Cannabis Control Act**

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17c26>

## Correspondence Received by Council

### **Correspondence to Council, January 2023: Bonnie Shackelton**

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## Appendix A

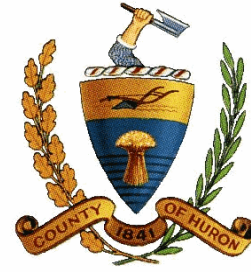
Copy of the letter sent to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat of Health Canada on October 5, 2022

## Appendix B

Sample Call to Action Letter

**OFFICE OF THE WARDEN**

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October, 5, 2022

**To:** Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat  
Health Canada  
Address locator 03021  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0K9

On October 5, 2022, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

**THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron send correspondence to Health Canada requesting consultation when implementing legislation on cannabis regulation as there is a direct impact on municipal operations and sometimes non compliance to municipal by-laws;

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron recommends the inclusion of a system of Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas;

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

This correspondence be circulated to Huron County local municipalities for support.

Thank you for requesting feedback on the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada. As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions, and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe areas for improvement during the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds

of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost fifty years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend enhanced consultation with municipal governments and request further notice and consultation with the County of Huron when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations dealing with matters related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil  
Warden, Huron County  
On behalf of Huron County Council



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{insert date}

**To:** {insert recipient}

**Re:** Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

On {insert date}, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

**THAT:**

{insert motion}

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

{insert motion}

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

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Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

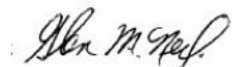
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Sincerely,



Glen McNeil  
Warden, Huron County  
On behalf of Huron County Council



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Administration**

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February 24, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Attention: Doug Ford, Premier

Dear Mr. Ford

**RE: Barriers for Women in Politics**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 21, 2023 passed the following resolution:

**C-23-055**

Moved by: Councillor DiFlavio; Seconded by: Councillor Freake

WHEREAS, the Town of Grimsby values equality and inclusivity in all areas of life, including politics;

WHEREAS, women have historically been underrepresented in politics, and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office;

WHEREAS, misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world;

WHEREAS, the Town of Grimsby believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment, and where everyone feels equal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby encourages other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equality in all areas of society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Grimsby's MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the Town of Grimsby's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

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

Regards,



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk  
Town Clerk

cc.

All Ontario Municipalities  
Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Dean Allison, MP – Niagara West  
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP – Niagara West  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DAWN-EUPHEMIA

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February 27, 2023

All Ontario Municipalities

*Delivered Via Email*

### Re: School Board Election Compensation

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, Council of the Township of Dawn-Euphemia discussed the process and compensation for School Board Trustee Elections, and the following resolution was passed.

#### 2023-33

School Board Election Compensation

That Council for the Township of Dawn-Euphemia support the resolution dated December 12, 2022, from the Council of the Town of Petrolia Re: School Boards becoming responsible for conducting their own trustee elections or at minimum municipalities be compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee elections; And that the resolution be sent to Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton, County of Lambton and all Municipalities of Lambton County and Ontario. *Carried.*

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

Sincerely,

Terri Towstiuć  
 Deputy-Clerk  
 Township of Dawn-Euphemia

Cc: Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
 MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton  
 M. Pearson, Clerk, Town of Petrolia



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February 27, 2023

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Attention: Hon. Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

**RE: Changes to the Municipal Heritage Register**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Heritage Register is an important tool for the preservation and protection of cultural heritage properties within the Town of Grimsby and throughout the province of Ontario;

WHEREAS cultural heritage properties are those which have potential cultural heritage value or interest but have yet to been formally evaluated as per the process prescribed in the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS listed properties are labelled as such as they are 'listed' in the Town of Grimsby's Municipal Heritage Register, which identifies all municipally-recognized cultural heritage resources;

WHEREAS the Municipal Heritage Register allows municipalities to regulate demolition on properties protected under section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act, ensuring that their cultural heritage value is preserved for future generations;

WHEREAS "listing" a property on the municipal heritage register recognizes a property's cultural heritage value, and is generally less complex, time-consuming, and

economically burdensome to local municipalities than pursuing the designation of a property as outlined within the existing process, which requires extensive research and documentation;

WHEREAS the “listing” of properties on the Municipal Heritage Register provides a measure of protection, ensuring that these properties cannot be demolished without the approval of the municipality;

WHEREAS it is important to list properties of cultural heritage value or interest, including those that are not currently designated, in order to ensure their preservation for future generations;

WHEREAS the 60-day demolition provision in the Ontario Heritage Act provides a short time frame for the municipality to consider the heritage value of a property before it may be demolished;

WHEREAS the new requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act mandate the assessment of an unreasonable amount of resources for a local municipality within a 2-year timeline;

WHEREAS the new requirement of removal after the 2-year anniversary leaves resources exposed, and unprotected for up to 5 years;

WHEREAS the new requirements do not allow the municipality to further assess our nationally significant resources, more specifically resources connected to the War of 1812, our indigenous communities and culture, people of colour, LGBTQ+, and impacts our community’s commitment to ensure preservation of our inclusive history.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Grimsby addresses this resolution to the government of the Province of Ontario, affirming the importance of the Municipal Heritage Register and its role in preserving the cultural heritage of municipalities throughout the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Grimsby encourages the government of the Province of Ontario to make changes to the Ontario Heritage Act which promote the retention and expansion of the Municipal Heritage Register, including

the listing of properties of cultural heritage value or interest that are not currently designated;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Grimsby encourages the government of the Province of Ontario to change the Ontario Heritage Act to protect the 60-day demolition provision indefinitely, rather than for a maximum of 2 years in order to provide adequate time for the municipality to consider the heritage value of properties before they may be demolished;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Grimsby circulate this notice of motion to the municipalities of Ontario for endorsement and circulation to the Province.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bonnie Nistico-Dunk".

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk  
Town Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities



**From:** [Switzer, Barbara](#) on behalf of [Regional Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Regional Council Decision - Appointments to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2023 to 2026 Term  
**Date:** March 1, 2023 4:22:57 PM

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On February 23, 2023 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council appoint the following individuals to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2023 to 2026 term:
  - Beverley Barra-Berger
  - Cheryl Davies
  - Robert DiGiovanni
  - Steve Foglia
  - Lindsey Gold
  - Lilian Hulme-Smith
  - Bryan Keshen
  - Karla Malsi
  - Ahsan Musavi
  - Vito Spatafora
  - Angelo Tocco
  - Scott Wollin
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities, the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, and York Regional Police Services Board for information

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#).

Please contact Stephen Maio, Senior Executive Officer, People, Equity and Culture Branch at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71420 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

**Christopher Raynor (he/him)** | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

The Regional Municipality of York | 17250 Yonge Street | Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

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**From:** [Switzer, Barbara](#) on behalf of [Regional Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Regional Council Decision - Working Together to Build More Homes Faster  
**Date:** March 1, 2023 4:20:56 PM

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On February 23, 2023 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The Province be commended for taking on the challenge of addressing housing supply by seeking to construct 1.5 million homes (180,000 in York Region) over the next ten years as well as streamlining the planning process and, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be requested to:
  - a. Provide York Region confirmation that it will be made whole financially to pay for necessary infrastructure and community services to support building more homes faster (in York Region's case between \$497 million to \$1.6 billion over the next ten years that would otherwise require one-time property tax increases of between 2.3% and 7.3% and one-time water and wastewater rate increases of between 4.9% and 14.3%).
  - b. Provide a specific timeline for an exact funding formula for York Region to be made whole.
  - c. Enact accountability mechanisms to ensure Development Charge savings are passed along to home purchasers.
  - d. Reinstate Housing Services as eligible for funding under the Development Charges Act, 1997.
  - e. Define Affordable Housing as outlined in Attachment 1 resulting in greater overall affordability, and consult with municipalities prior to finalizing a definition of Attainable Housing.
2. Members of the Development and Homebuilding Industry (Building Industry and Land Development Association and Ontario Home Builders Association) be invited to the York Region Housing Affordability Task Force to discuss opportunities outlined in this report and Attachment 1, and other opportunities and challenges to building more homes faster.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report and appendices/attachments to the Federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, local Members of Parliament, the Premier, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, Minister of Transportation, local Members of Provincial Parliament, local municipalities, the Building Industry and Land Development Association, and Ontario Home Builders Association to consider the solutions and opportunities outlined in this report and Attachment 1 to build homes faster and address affordability.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#).

Please contact Paul Freeman, Chief Planner at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71534 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

**Christopher Raynor (he/him)** | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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# 33 THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

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Municipal Clerk/  
Director of Legislative Services  
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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

March 2, 2023

David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier  
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

**Re: Town of Cobourg Resolution – Homeless and Unsheltered Persons**

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At a meeting held on February 27, 2023, the Municipal Council of the Town of Cobourg approved the following Resolution #045-23:

**Homeless and Unsheltered Persons**

*Moved by Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty*

*Seconded by Councillor Adam Bureau*

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on February 27, 2023, Council considered a Delegation Action from the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 21, 2023, regarding Homelessness and Unsheltered Residents with an understanding and appreciation of the impacts and importance of the issue of homelessness has to the local community; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg acknowledges that there are complex issues which can be presented through the challenges of homelessness and a lack of transitional and affordable housing, which are most significantly felt at the local level on a daily basis; and therefore have a measurable and detrimental impact on the well-being of all citizens of the Town of Cobourg; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg does not have the resources, capacity or tools to address these complex challenges without the partnership of the designated service providers being the County of Northumberland, and the Province of Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges that homelessness in the Town of Cobourg is a social, economic and health crisis; and

FURTHER THAT Council requests the support of the County of Northumberland as the regional service manager and facilitator of the Community Safety and Well-Being Taskforce by including Cobourg representatives and people with lived experience on it in an effort to address the local issues of homelessness in the Town of Cobourg; and



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FURTHER THAT Council requests a need for immediate action from the Province of Ontario to develop, resource and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario; and,

FURTHER THAT Council invites the delegates to submit their presentations to the Northumberland County Social Services Standing Committee and County Council and member municipalities; and

FURTHER that a copy of this motion be sent to all Northumberland County Lower-Tier municipalities for support; and

FURTHER THAT that a copy of this motion be sent to Premier Doug Ford, MPP David Piccini, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Health, HKPR Board of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all 444 municipalities in Ontario.

**045-23**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [blarmer@cobourg.ca](mailto:blarmer@cobourg.ca) or by telephone at (905)-372-4301 Ext. 4401.

Sincerely,

Brent Larmer  
Municipal Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
Returning Officer  
Legislative Services Department





## The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

<b>Moved By</b>	Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty	<b>Resolution No.:</b>
<b>Last Name Printed</b>	BEATTY	045-23
<b>Seconded By</b>	Councillor Adam Bureau	<b>Council Date:</b>
<b>Last Name Printed</b>	BUREAU	February 27, 2023

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***Recorded vote requested by Councillor Adam Bureau***

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Councillor Adam Bureau	X		
Councillor Aaron Burchat	X		
Councillor Brian Darling	X		
Councillor Miriam Mutton	X		
Councillor Randy Barber	X		
Mayor Lucas Cleveland		X	
Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty	X		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	



## GEORGINA

### Legislative Services Department/Clerk's Division

**February 15, 2023:**

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0096**

Moved by Councillor Neeson

Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is one of Ontario's largest watersheds, home to First Nations since time immemorial, and situated in the growing Greater Toronto Area communities of Simcoe County, York Region, Durham Region, and the cities of Barrie and Orillia;

WHEREAS the watershed faces threats due to eutrophication, largely from phosphorus runoff and other contaminants into the lake and its tributaries;

WHEREAS the lake is a significant source of drinking water, as well as being integral for local recreation, tourism, agriculture and other key economic drivers;

WHEREAS the previous Conservative federal government funded a "Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund" of \$65 million over 10 years between 2007-2017, but that fund has not been renewed by the current government;

WHEREAS during the 2019 federal election, the Hon. Chrystia Freeland MP committed \$40 million over 5 years towards Lake Simcoe;

WHEREAS during the 2021 federal election, the Liberal Party of Canada committed to "Implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including an historic investment of \$1 billion over 10 years. This plan will provide essential funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe...";

WHEREAS the Conservative Party of Canada also committed to re-funding the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund in the 2019 and 2021 general elections with an investment of \$30 million over five years;

WHEREAS further to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's mandate letter, which directs the Minister to "...establish a Canada Water Agency and implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including a historic investment to provide funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe...";

WHEREAS the 2022 federal budget included a new "Freshwater Action Fund" with a one-year commitment of \$19.6 million to help watersheds across the country, including Lake Simcoe, but any details and next steps are still to be announced;



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Georgina:

1. Supports federal funding for Lake Simcoe that represents a significant percentage of the overall Freshwater Action Plan Fund, with funding and details beginning in the 2023 that would honour Minister Freeland's commitment to Lake Simcoe of \$40 million over 5 years;
2. Asks that such federal funding be used to undertake:
  - a. Shoreline mitigation and restoration, including in the tributaries of the Holland River, Maskinonge River, Black River, Pefferlaw River and the Holland Marsh;
  - b. The assistance of the federal government to achieve up to or more than 40 percent high quality natural cover;
  - c. Projects to ameliorate contaminated sites in the watershed such as the Thane Smelter Site in the Town of Georgina;
  - d. Upgrades to help retrofit and improve the environmental efficiency of municipal infrastructure such as wastewater and stormwater facilities;
  - e. Purchasing and conservation of more natural heritage sites such as forests and wetlands under the auspices of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA); and
3. That a copy of this resolution, along with a letter from the Mayor, be sent to the federal Minister of Finance; the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change; the President of the Treasury Board; the Members of Parliament for York-Simcoe, Newmarket-Aurora, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, Barrie-Innisfil, Simcoe North, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and Durham; and to all Lake Simcoe-region municipalities and the LSRCA, with a request for their endorsement."

**Carried Unanimously**





**GEORGINA**

**Office of the Mayor**

**March 1, 2023**

**The Hon. Chrystia Freeland  
Minister of Finance, Deputy Prime Minister  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6**

**RE: Lake Simcoe – Freshwater Action Plan – Federal Funding Motion**

Dear Deputy Prime Minister,

At its regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, the Town of Georgina approved the following resolution:

*Moved by: Councillor Neeson*

*Seconded by: Regional Councillor Davison*

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is one of Ontario's largest watersheds, home to First Nations since time immemorial, and situated in the growing Greater Toronto Area communities of Simcoe County, York Region, Durham Region, and the cities of Barrie and Orillia;

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WHEREAS during the 2021 federal election, the Liberal Party of Canada committed to "Implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including an historic investment of \$1

billion over 10 years. This plan will provide essential funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe...";

WHEREAS the Conservative Party of Canada also committed to re-funding the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund in the 2019 and 2021 general elections with an investment of \$30 million over five years;

WHEREAS further to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's mandate letter, which directs the Minister to "...establish a Canada Water Agency and implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including a historic investment to provide funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe...";

WHEREAS the 2022 federal budget included a new "Freshwater Action Fund" with a one-year commitment of \$19.6 million to help watersheds across the country, including Lake Simcoe, but any details and next steps are still to be announced;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Georgina:

1. Supports federal funding for Lake Simcoe that represents a significant percentage of the overall Freshwater Action Plan Fund, with funding and details beginning in the 2023 that would honour Minister Freeland's commitment to Lake Simcoe of \$40 million over 5 years;
2. Asks that such federal funding be used to undertake:
  - a. Shoreline mitigation and restoration, including in the tributaries of the Holland River, Maskinonge River, Black River, Pefferlaw River and the Holland Marsh;
  - b. The assistance of the federal government to achieve up to or more than 40 percent high quality natural cover;
  - c. Projects to ameliorate contaminated sites in the watershed such as the Thane Smelter Site in the Town of Georgina;
  - d. Upgrades to help retrofit and improve the environmental efficiency of municipal infrastructure such as wastewater and stormwater facilities;
  - e. Purchasing and conservation of more natural heritage sites such as forests and wetlands under the auspices of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA); and
3. That a copy of this resolution, along with a letter from the Mayor, be sent to the federal Minister of Finance; the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change; the President of the Treasury Board; the Members of Parliament for York-Simcoe, Newmarket-Aurora, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, Barrie-Innisfil, Simcoe North, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and Durham; and to all Lake Simcoe-region municipalities and the LSRCA, with a request for their endorsement."

*CARRIED.*

This resolution speaks to the importance of funding support for the Freshwater Action Plan Fund to protect and enhance Lake Simcoe. The Town of Georgina calls on the Federal Government to honour this funding commitment to ensure continued initiatives that will benefit the health and protection of Lake Simcoe and its watershed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



**Margaret Quirk**  
Mayor, Town of Georgina

CC:

The Hon. Steven Guilbeault  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

The Hon. Mona Fortier  
President of the Treasury Board

MP Scot Davidson, York Simcoe  
MP Tony Van Bynen, Newmarket-Aurora  
MP Doug Shipley, Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte  
MP John Brassard, Barrie – Innisfil  
MP Adam Chambers, Simcoe – North  
MP Jamie Schmale, Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock  
MP Erin O'Toole, Durham

Mr. Rob Baldwin  
CAO, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

*Lake Simcoe Watershed Municipalities*  
*Attn: Municipal Clerk:*

City of Barrie  
City of Kawartha Lakes  
Township of Brock  
Township of Scugog  
Township of Uxbridge  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury  
Town of Innisfil  
Town of New Tecumseth  
Township of Oro-Medonte  
Township of Ramara  
Town of Aurora  
Town of East Gwillimbury  
Town of Newmarket  
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville



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## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOONBEAM RESOLUTION

**NUMBER:** 042-2023  
**DATE:** March 2, 2023  
**PROPOSED BY:** Jessica Gibson Demers  
**SECONDED BY:** Nadine Morin

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**WHEREAS** an announcement in the media was made that the English Public School Boards Association, the largest school association in the province, is asking for the end of the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews;

**AND WHEREAS** this announcement potentially threatens the future closure of schools in many single school municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** access to education and the presence of a school in a community is an essential service and has a direct link to the quality of life in a community;

**AND WHEREAS** schools play a key role in improving services and quality of life in a community and are viewed as activity centres where children have access to education, health services, recreation and culture;

**AND WHEREAS** schools are an important factor in the retention and attraction of residents in a community and is essential in order to resolve labour shortages and allow economic development and growth in small rural municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** demographics in many areas are currently shifting and changing quickly as we work on meeting needs of many Ontario residents during a housing crisis;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council is requesting provincial government through the Minister of Education to extend the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews in order to allow municipalities, townships, neighborhoods or subdivisions the opportunity to prosper, develop and grow without being hindered by school closure because of current low enrollments that could quickly change.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Guy Bourgooin and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried  Defeated  Differed

Éric Côté

**President Officer**

**Registered vote requested by:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Côté, Éric		
Della-Pieta, Jacques		
Gibson Demers, Jessica		
Le Saux Néron, Hélène		
Morin, Nadine		

**Certified by:** Biggitt Eremul  
**Clerk**

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Conservation and Parks

Environmental Assessment  
Modernization Branch

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March 3, 2023

Good morning/afternoon,

Ontario is taking action to streamline and modernize its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment process that is too slow, unnecessarily burdensome and costly, to build Ontario while continuing to protect the environment. As part of this plan, we are making practical changes that would ensure strong environmental oversight while reducing delays to get shovels in the ground on projects that matter most to Ontario communities.

Today, on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, I am writing to let you know that the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) has been amended as part of the ministry's work on EA modernization.

Over the last three years, our modernization efforts have focused on ensuring strong environmental oversight while reducing delays on infrastructure projects that matter most to Ontario communities. This process includes considering input from stakeholders and Indigenous communities and streamlining requirements for low-risk municipal infrastructure projects, while maintaining strong environmental oversight and protection.

In 2019, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks invited the proponents of class environmental assessments to review their assessment process and to propose changes to reduce duplication and better align assessment requirements with risk. We started consulting with municipalities, government agencies and Indigenous communities on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA in 2020. I want to thank all who have offered feedback on the proposed amendments, through submitting comments, participating in webinars and correspondence. We have considered all comments received during the consultation, in addition to conducting our own analysis before the minister decided on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA.

After careful consideration, the decision was made to approve many of the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA, including amendments proposed by the ministry. Various changes were made to the Municipal Class EA to update project schedules to better align the level of assessment with the environmental impact of the project. By looking at smarter, more modern ways of doing business, we're making sure important public services and infrastructure projects can get off the ground faster without unnecessary costs and delays.



Amendments to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment  
Page 2.

Based on input received from Indigenous communities and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (formerly the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport) regarding the need to ensure the protection of archaeological resources and burial sites, an archaeological screening process will be required for various project types that are now eligible for exemption. The exemption will be conditional on the completion and outcome of the screening. The archaeological screening process consists of three questions with links to various tools and criteria developed under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Proponents must carry out the specified research and consultation to accurately respond to each question, including consultation with Indigenous Communities, municipal governments, and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, and may require the assistance of a licensed archaeologist. A project that the screening process applies to would not be exempt unless the archaeological screening process is completed as required, project documentation maintained and all mitigation measures that are identified through the screening process are implemented.

Please see Appendix 1 of the Municipal Class EA for more information on the new archaeological screening process.

Detailed information on the approved amendments to the Municipal Class EA, including the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' reasons for making the amendments, can be found at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-5069>. The changes are effective as of the date of posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario, March 3, 2023.

Proponents authorized to proceed with projects through the Municipal Class EA are required to proceed in accordance with the transition provisions set out in the amended Municipal Class EA, as it came into effect on March 3, 2023. Municipalities should review the amended Municipal Class EA to determine the impact on their project.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Deneault, Project Officer, by e-mail at: [Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca](mailto:Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca) and the Environmental Assessment Modernization Team at: [EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca](mailto:EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



Annamaria Cross  
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Please note that the following resolution was passed by the County of Huron Council at their meeting held on February 1, 2023:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson  
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve forwarding Call to Action Letters to the following for support:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Member of Parliament
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

**OFFICE OF THE WARDEN**

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February 1, 2023

Sent via email.

**Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act**

Please note that on February 1, 2023 Huron County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

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- Member of Parliament
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, to require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community, we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost 50 years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the

impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen McNeil".

Glen McNeil  
Warden, Huron County  
On behalf of Huron County Council



March 6, 2023

To All Ontario Municipalities

**Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

“Whereas Chatham-Kent has faced multiple double digit increases to insurance premiums over the past years;

And Whereas the costs on insurance are having a significant impact on municipal budgets in Chatham-Kent and around the Province;

Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider, or legislative changes to address insurance costs to municipalities.

And administration report back to Council regarding the result of this engagement and any recommended Council resolutions to support improvements to municipal insurance in Ontario.

Further that administration be directed to forward this motion to all other municipalities in Ontario seeking support and collaboration on this issue.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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March 9, 2023

Sent via email.

**Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act**

Please note that on March 2, 2023 Malahide Township Council ("Malahide") passed the following motion:

**No. 23-101**

**Moved By: Scott Lewis**

**Seconded By: Chester Glinski**

**THAT the City of Port Colborne correspondence in support of the Corporation of the County of Huron regarding Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act be supported;**

**AND THAT the Council of the Township of Malahide approve forwarding a Call to Action Letter for support.**

**Carried**

Malahide supports the recent calls from Huron County and other municipalities for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada. Malahide's support in this letter is in addition to the comments provided by Malahide in an earlier letter to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat (re: Federal Cannabis Act Review, letter dated November 17, 2022).

In conclusion, and to reiterate, Malahide strongly recommends further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Respectfully,

Dominique Giguère  
Mayor

On behalf of Malahide Township Council



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March 9, 2023

Sent Via Email (minister.edu@ontario.ca)

Honourable Stephen Lecce  
Minister of Education  
315 Front Street West, 14th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 0B8

Dear Honorable Lecce,

**Re: Ontario School Board Elections**

At the regular Electronic Council meeting held on February 28, 2023, the following resolution was passed:

**MOVED BY BANFIELD, SECONDED BY HALLS  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council of the Township of East Garafraxa support the resolution passed by the Council of the Town of Petrolia regarding School Board Elections; and

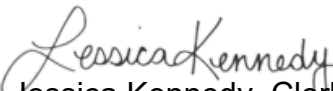
That staff be directed to forward the resolution to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, and all Ontario Municipal Councils.

**CARRIED**

A copy of the Town of Petrolia resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Trusting you find this satisfactory.

Sincerely,

  
Jessica Kennedy, Clerk  
Township of East Garafraxa  
JK:sp

Enclosure

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



January 25, 2023

Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education  
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton  
County of Lambton  
Municipalities of Lambton County and Ontario

*Via email*

During the December 12, 2022, regular meeting of council, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Bill Clark      Seconded: Debb Pitel

WHEREAS in the Province of Ontario, municipalities are responsible to conduct the election process on behalf of the school boards; and

WHEREAS an extensive amount of resources, time and management to advertise, co-ordinate and complete these trustee elections is placed on the municipality; and

WHEREAS municipalities do not receive any compensation or re-imbusement for use of orchestration of the school board trustee elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia request that staff forward this motion to the Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Bob Bailey, Ontario Municipal Councils and the County of Lambton requesting that school boards become responsible for conducting their own trustee elections or at minimum municipalities be compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee elections;

Carried

Kind regards,

*Original Signed*

Mandi Pearson  
Clerk/Operations Clerk

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March 10, 2023

Sent to: [info@dsayr.ca](mailto:info@dsayr.ca)

Dear Anna Francescangeli:

**RE: Proclamation, Lighting, and Flag Request – World Down Syndrome Day**

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I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim March 21, 2023 as World Down Syndrome Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue and yellow from March 17 to March 21, 2023 to recognize World Down Syndrome Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

In addition, the community flag pole located at Peace Park on Cane Parkway will fly your flag on March 17 to March 19, 2023 to recognize World Down Syndrome Day. Please note that the flag must be dropped off at the Town of Newmarket Operations Centre at 1275 Maple Hill Court by 4:00 PM on March 15, 2023. ATTN: Nick Evans. Alternatively, you can leave it in the drop off box at the front of the building after 4:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Simon Granat", written over a horizontal line.

Simon Granat



March 10, 2023

Sent to: info@dsayr.ca

Dear Anna Francescangeli:

**RE: Proclamation, Lighting, and Flag Request – World Down Syndrome Day**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize World Down Syndrome Day as March 21, 2023

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue and yellow on March 17 to March 21 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

In addition, the community flag pole located at Peace Park on Cane Parkway will fly your flag on March 17 to March 19, 2023.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Taylor".

John Taylor  
Mayor



**Simon Granat**  
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February 28, 2023

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Dela Fotoohi:

**RE: Flag Raising Request – Women, Life, Freedom – March 20, 2023**

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I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will fly your flag at the flag pole located at Peace Park on Cane Parkway from March 20 to March 23, 2023 to recognize Women, Life, Freedom. Please note that the flag must be dropped off at the Town of Newmarket Operations Centre at 1275 Maple Hill Court by 4:00 PM on March 16, 2023. ATTN: Nick Evans. Alternatively, you can leave it in the drop off box at the front of the building after 4:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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Simon Granat  
Legislative Coordinator



February 28, 2023

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Dela Fotoohi

**RE: Flag Raising Request – Women, Life, Freedom – March 20, 2023**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize Women, Life, Freedom by flying your flag at the community flag pole located at Peace Park on Cane Parkway on March 20, 2023

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor  
Mayor



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March 10, 2023

Sent to: [veshani.sewlall@cancer.ca](mailto:veshani.sewlall@cancer.ca)

Dear Veshani Sewlall:

**RE: Lighting Request – Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Campaign – April 18, 2023**

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I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in yellow on April 18, 2023 to recognize the Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Campaign. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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Simon Granat  
Legislative Coordinator