



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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(Sent by Email)

February 28, 2025

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: Member Motion Item 26.7
Creation of a City of Toronto "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" Campaign - by
Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie (Ward All)**

City Council on February 5, 2025, adopted [Item MM26.7](#) as amended and, in so doing, has forwarded the Item to all Ontario municipalities and encouraged them to join Toronto in a "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" campaign.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Przewdziecki".

for City Clerk

S. Przewdziecki/mp

Attachment

c. City Manager

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 26

MM26.7	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Creation of a City of Toronto “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” Campaign - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

City Council Decision

City Council on February 5, 2025, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the City Manager, and relevant Divisions to develop a comprehensive, multifaceted “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” campaign in response to the potential 25-percent tariffs announced by the Trump Administration, such campaign to encourage Toronto residents and businesses to join the City of Toronto's divisions and its agencies and corporations in purchasing locally made Canadian goods and services in order to protect local jobs in Toronto and Ontario where the proposed punitive tariffs would result in hundreds of thousands of job losses if imposed on Canada.
2. City Council direct the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Manager, in consultation with the Chief Procurement Officer and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, to accelerate the development of local procurement approaches as set out in Sidewalks to Skylines: A Ten-Year Action Plan for Toronto’s Economy to strengthen local businesses and protect local jobs.
3. City Council request the Federal Government to develop a standard recognizable label to be placed on all Canadian goods in clear, readable fonts that clearly shows percentages of Canadian content and any and all foreign content.
4. City Council forward the Item to all Ontario municipalities and encourage them to join Toronto in a “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” campaign.

City Council Decision Advice and Other Information

City Council considered the following Items together:

MM26.7 headed “Creation of a City of Toronto “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” Campaign - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie”; and

MM26.13 headed “Affirming Our Canadian Independence - by Councillor Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti”.

Summary

With recent threats from President Donald Trump to impose a 25 percent tariff on Canadian products and services, it is important that municipalities, businesses, and residents across Canada stand up for our country, our economy, and our businesses.

The City of Toronto, Canada's largest municipality, has an opportunity to encourage residents, businesses, and cities across Canada to create and participate in a "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" campaign to ensure that we support local products, local businesses, and local growth.

This motion requests that the City Manager and relevant City Divisions develop a comprehensive "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" campaign that will encourage spending to further develop our own local economies through the purchasing of local goods and services when available.

Background Information (City Council)

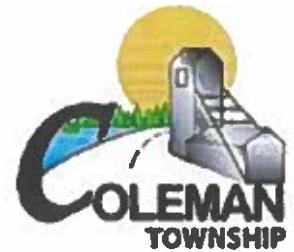
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<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-252857.pdf>

Communications (City Council)

(February 2, 2025) E-mail from George Bell (MM.Supp)

**Resolution
Regular Council Meeting**



Agenda Number: 15.2.
Resolution Number 25-054
Title: 25-R-22 Northern Highway Safety Plan
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025

Moved by: M. Lubbock
Seconded by: S. Cote

WHEREAS THE TransCanada Highway is the road system meant to move goods and people across the country, but it is no longer equipped to do that safety in Northern Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Coleman hereby support the Northern Highway Safety Plan proposed by MPP Guy Bourgouin, MPP Lise Vaugeois and MPP John Vanthof which includes the following;

Immediate Actions:

- Require all new drivers to be tested by MTO-certified inspectors instead of third-party companies.
- Return highway maintenance operations to the MTO while working with northern contractors.
- Increase staff at inspection sites, weigh scales, and OPP traffic enforcement.
- Expedite the 2+1 highway pilot project and use excavated material to build additional rest stops and parking areas.

Short-Term Improvements:

- Mandate snow tires for all passenger vehicles in Northern Ontario.
- Ensure driving schools comply with the MELT training system and improve MELT to include winter driving training.
- Address the abuse of “self-insurance provisions” and ensure fair payment for tow truck operators and service providers.
- Require all commercial vehicles to have dash cams.
- Increase the use of traffic cameras and photo radar to reduce speeding.
- Promote rail transport to reduce commercial truck traffic on northern highways.
- Upload connecting links back to the provincial highway system for consistent maintenance.
- Upgrade and expand rest stops with heated washrooms to meet traveler needs.
- Provide compensation to municipalities for damage to local roads caused by highway detours.

Long-Term Solutions:

- Widen and pave all shoulders on Highways 11 and 17.
- Convert Highways 11 and 17 into divided four-lane highways where possible or implement a continuous three-lane system if the 2+1 project proves successful.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation; the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing; all Provincial Leaders; the Temiskaming Municipal Association; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

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Christopher W. Oslund
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer



January 24, 2025

MPP Guy Bourgouin *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*
MPP Lise Vaugeois *Thunder Bay-Superior North*
MPP John Vanthof *Timiskaming Cochrane*

NORTHERN HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

Introduction

Safety on the TransCanada Highways 11 and 17 continues to be the number one concern for most residents of Northern Ontario because they are our main streets. We use these highways to get to work, school, hockey, and medical appointments, but we share them with thousands of cross-country commercial trucks. As a result, Northern MPPs have had a lot to say over the years about the state of highways in the North and for good reason.

Years ago, the problem was proper and consistent winter maintenance. The Liberal government in power at the time claimed everything was fine, so MPP Vanthof's office created the Northern Road Report to show that it wasn't. The Minister of Transportation (MTO) demanded that the report be taken down, but in the end the Northern Road Report helped prove that even when contract requirements were being met, people were still being put at risk. As a result, the government of the day was forced to make changes to the system.

MPP Bourgouin introduced legislation to make maintenance standards the same across the TransCanada system, so that 11 north of North Bay would be maintained to the same standard as south. The legislation was defeated, but the government did create a separate standard for the northern portion of the TransCanada highway. MPP Bourgouin has also introduced other pieces of legislation regarding driver training and not being able to pass on double solid lines. This was defeated, but he remains committed to finding ways to solve safety issues the same as his fellow Northern MPPs. Similarly, MPP Vaugeois introduced a motion that driver testing be taken back by the MTO which would have been an effective way for the government to control the standard of drivers on the roads. All three members have been vocal in the legislature regarding highway safety throughout their careers.

We are once again facing a highway safety crisis, one that we believe requires a plan designed by Northerners for Northerners. It contains clear goals that we can push government of whatever stripe to implement for all our families.

Current Situation

Currently some poorly trained commercial vehicle drivers and the companies they work for are putting all other drivers at undue risk. Incidents have been easy to track on social media. Investigative reports on the problems in commercial truck training and licensing, and from the Auditor General of Ontario identified this problem as far back as 2018. We, Northern MPPs have mentioned this issue many times in the legislature. The response from the government has been that these are the safest roads in North America, and that they are looking into the matter.



January 25, 2025

MPP Guy Bourgouin *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*
MPP Lise Vaugeois *Thunder Bay-Superior North*
MPP John Vanthof *Timiskaming Cochrane*

Regardless of political stance, we hope that we can all agree that one of the basic jobs of any government is to ensure that people who are issued a driver's license are capable of safely driving the vehicle for which they are licensed. There are over a hundred companies in Ontario who recruit, train, and license their own drivers and they can issue Ontario licenses to them. These are among the worst offenders. Of course there are still good driving schools, and companies that provide excellent training programs to their new drivers, but not all of them. Change needs to happen in the immediate and long term, and we are proposing a plan to address these needs. First, there needs to be immediate action by the Ministry to ensure that only properly-trained drivers are graduating by appointing employees of the MTO to conduct driving tests for all new commercial vehicle drivers before they can receive a license.

Immediate Ask

- Have all new drivers tested by MTO certified inspectors, not third-party private companies. If their student drivers can't pass a legitimate road test, then these driving schools will be forced to change how they conduct business.

Short-Term

- Return the management of highway maintenance operations to the MTO, while working with contractors and providers throughout the North.
- Increase staffing at scales and inspection sites, as well as OPP Traffic enforcement to ensure the laws currently in place are being followed.
- Expedite the 2+1 pilot project and the construction of rest stops. Use the fill that is dug out to rebuild sections of the highway to create parking pull offs.

Medium-Term

- Make snow tires mandatory for all passenger vehicles registered in Northern Ontario.
- Ensure that driving schools comply with the current MELT training system.
- Reform issues within MELT itself and expand requirements to include winter driving training.
- Address the current abuse of "self insurance provisions" and ensure tow truck operators and other service providers can get paid for services from these schemes.
- Require that all commercial motor vehicles have dash cams.
- Increase the number of cameras and photo radar to slow down traffic.
- Emphasize rail to move goods so not as many loads must travel on the highway.
- Return connecting links to the provincial highway system so that maintenance is uniform.
- Better equip and increase the availability of rest stops with heated, maintained washrooms.
- Direct the cost of repairing damage to municipal roads caused by detour traffic from highway closures to the MTO.

Long-Term

- Widen and pave all shoulders on Highways 11 and 17.
- Make Highway 11 and 17 a divided four-lane highway wherever possible.
 - If the 2+1 pilot proves successful, a continuous three lane would be a good intermediate step. The TransCanada Highway is the road system meant to move goods and people



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This plan is designed to be a living document. The goals here have been suggested by industry stakeholders, drivers, municipalities and others. We are open to suggestions, ideas, and constructive criticism. Please send us your comments. By working together, we are hoping to make the highway safer for all our families.

MPP Guy Bourgouin
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SEND A LETTER TO THE MINISTER

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2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Amendment

On February 27, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council endorse amendments to the list of infrastructure projects from the 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan to conform with the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022*.
2. Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities, conservation authorities (Toronto and Region and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authorities), the Director of the Central Region Office, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Building Industry and Land Development Industry (BILD).



The Regional Municipality of York

Committee of the Whole
Environmental Services

February 13, 2025

FOR DECISION

Report of the Commissioner of Public Works 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Amendment

1. Recommendations

1. Council endorse amendments to the list of infrastructure projects from the 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan to conform with the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022*.
2. Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities, conservation authorities (Toronto and Region and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authorities), the Director of the Central Region Office, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Building Industry and Land Development Industry (BILD).

2. Purpose

This report requests Council endorse the amended 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan (2022 Master Plan) to conform with the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022*. Upon Council endorsement, staff will notify agencies, Indigenous communities, partners, public and other stakeholders of amendment completion. The amendment will be posted on the Region's website in alignment with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

Key Points:

The 2022 Master Plan is a long-term servicing plan identifying infrastructure and programs required to support projected growth to 2051.

- Changes to the water and wastewater servicing strategy for the Towns of Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket were required to conform with the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022*

- An update to the Region's 2022 Development Charges (DC) Bylaw and Background Study is anticipated to be tabled with Council in the second quarter of 2026, and expected to reflect cost impacts of the amended Plan
- Timely construction and occupancy of the 80,000 units assigned to local municipalities to meet housing targets ensures efficient use of existing infrastructure and creates fiscal opportunity for future infrastructure projects
- The next Regional capacity assignment is expected to be in Fall 2025

3. Background

2022 Master Plan was based on information available at the time of its completion

The Region has a long history of planning to ensure growth needs are met over time. The 2022 Master Plan endorsed by Council [May 2022](#) outlined over \$4.5 billion in water and wastewater infrastructure projects to 2051. When the Plan was finalized, the Region continued to await provincial approval of the Individual Environmental Assessment for the Upper York Water Reclamation Centre needed to add capacity to the north. This project continued to be considered as an essential part of the preferred servicing strategy for the Towns of Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket.

Infrastructure projects in the 2022 Master Plan are prioritized in the 10-year Capital Plan in accordance with principles of the Region's [Fiscal Strategy](#). Significant investments in the Capital Plan are well underway, with 176 active projects, as presented to Council in [May 2024](#).

***Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act* mandates delivery of a Lake Ontario servicing solution for Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket**

In November 2022, the Province passed the [More Homes Built Faster Act 2022 \(Bill 23\)](#) to support the long-term strategy to increase housing supply in Ontario. As part of Bill 23, the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022* was enacted, legislating the Regions to work in partnership to plan and develop the York Region Sewage Works Project. The legislation directed this Project to service the Towns of Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket using the York Durham Sewage System (YDSS) to convey wastewater to the Duffin Creek Plant.

[York Region Sewage Works Project](#) introduces 22 new wastewater projects as part of three phases of work to accommodate projected growth through the YDSS. It also has downstream impacts in the regional network that will benefit all local municipalities. Projects will be advanced in central YDSS and the downstream Primary System including Duffin Creek Plant to increase capacity. Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks issued a letter in April 2024 indicating satisfaction with the Project and Indigenous Consultation Reports. The Minister's satisfaction letter enabled all identified projects to advance to implementation, subject to

continued engagement with impacted and interested Indigenous communities and the Ministry, as well as regular progress reporting.

Amending the 2022 Master Plan supports the 2026 Development Charges Bylaw

Growth-related infrastructure is mainly funded through DCs. As directed by Council in [December 2023](#), a Region-wide update of the 2022 DC Bylaw (for all services) will be moved up from its original expiration date in 2027 to 2026. This advanced Region-wide update is to help address funding challenges associated with accelerated growth expectations arising from local municipal housing targets.

A critical input to the 2026 DC Background Study is infrastructure timing and costs established through Master Plans. Water and wastewater growth projects represent approximately 36% of total DC-recoverable costs (before financing) in the 2022 DC Bylaw. Amending the 2022 Master Plan provides foundational work to support this update. This is reflected in the 2025 10-year Capital Plan, which includes \$4.6B in water and wastewater capital expenditures anticipated to be funded by \$2.3B in DCs, as reported to Council in [October 2024](#). The first phase of York Region Sewage Project has been incorporated into the 2025 10-year Capital Plan and financed through the Region's debt capacity. Phase two and a portion of Phase three of the Project is also included in the 2025 10-year Capital Plan, with financing or funding plans to be determined. Alternative funding opportunities are being explored, including provincial and/or federal funding or developer financing to take on the risk of development charge collection uncertainty.

4. Analysis

An amendment to the 2022 Master Plan keeps the Plan current and is consistent with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment framework

Master Plans are typically updated every five years when a full review of assumptions is necessary to keep in step with growth projections, capacity used and legislative changes. As most of the assumptions remain valid, a full Master Plan update is not required at this time. Amending the infrastructure plan with the new projects provides consistency with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment framework. The Amendment (see Attachment 1) serves to maintain the Plan as a single comprehensive blueprint for future Regional infrastructure projects and to aid local municipalities in development of more localized infrastructure plans. It also serves as a communication tool, informing interested parties, including developers, of the Region's water and wastewater infrastructure needs to 2051.

Water servicing strategies in the 2022 Master Plan are fundamentally unchanged

To support growth to 2051, the high-level servicing strategies remain largely consistent with the 2022 Master Plan. Drinking water supplies from existing sources and water supply agreements with Toronto and Peel remain in place along with ongoing investments in the YDSS, including

Duffin Creek Plant. This strategy enhances system-wide resilience, reduces water age, lowers energy consumption, and improves water balance.

Growth in the northern communities was planned to be partially serviced by Lake Simcoe sourced drinking water, with intent to return treated water to Lake Simcoe through the Upper York Water Reclamation Centre. With the new direction for a Lake Ontario wastewater solution through the YDSS and Duffin Creek Plant, a review of the water servicing strategy was undertaken. Projects have been advanced and expanded to bring Lake Ontario sourced drinking water to the northern communities that are aligned with new timing of York Region Sewage Works projects. The recalibrated water projects will enhance system resiliency not just for Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury, but for Richmond Hill and Markham as well. They leverage major investments now being made to upgrade treatment in the Yonge Street Aquifer system. This additional Lake Ontario drinking water supply will meet growth forecasts within the current permitted intra-basin transfer limits. Limits will continue to be monitored for compliance.

The previously proposed projects to support water servicing to East Gwillimbury from Lake Simcoe have been recalibrated and pushed to a later date in the Plan. This will be further evaluated in the future, as system needs evolve. In the longer-term water servicing to East Gwillimbury and other northern communities from Lake Simcoe could accommodate unforeseen changes in growth forecasts and asset performance, while maintaining water quality and quantity.

Amendment adds a sewer project to support housing targets in City of Markham and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville identified by Minister's Zoning Orders

Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO) issued in 2021 and 2022 for lands straddling Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville require additional Regional wastewater infrastructure to accommodate the additional population. At the time the Minister issued the MZOs, servicing needs were not fully known. With this upcoming amendment, staff now have a better understanding of proposed servicing needs and have added the McCowan Sewer Extension in the amended Master Plan. In [September 2024](#), Council authorized staff to enter into an agreement with the McCowan Sewer Landowners to fund the Environmental Assessment for an additional four kilometres of sewer infrastructure.

Adaptive approach is paramount to mitigate risks to service 30 years of growth

Growth forecasts underpinning any long-range plan are inherently uncertain, and as a result water and wastewater servicing needs will undoubtedly change over the 30-year period of the Master Plan. Risks include higher-than-expected inflation, slower growth or dampened housing market, expedited growth in unserved areas, and climate change impacts. The Region will mitigate these risks by adapting plans to the greatest extent possible as conditions change. This will require mechanisms, such as developer financial commitments, that give greater certainty about where infrastructure will be located and when it will be built. This will help to avoid locking in long-term solutions that may be unsuitable as conditions change. Overall, the goal will

continue to be system-wide servicing solutions that provide long-term benefit to growing communities.

Amending the 2022 Master Plan is consistent with York Region's Vision

Recommendations in this report are consistent with the York Region Vision for strong, caring, safe communities, which can be achieved through planning for future Regional water and wastewater servicing to our growing communities. Through coordination with land use planning approvals, the provision of water and wastewater services achieve complete communities and assists with the sequencing of growth within communities.

5. Financial Considerations

Water and wastewater projects are implemented through the Council-approved Capital Plan, which is aligned with the Region's Fiscal Strategy

This report identifies potential financial implications beyond the current budget year, including resources and long-term operating needs that may be required and brought forward through subsequent reports or future budget processes.

Implementation of water and wastewater projects is executed through the 10-year Capital Plan, which is updated annually as part of the Regional Budget process to ensure growth spending is affordable. The Region's Fiscal Strategy guides development of the Capital Plan by ensuring sustainable debt and reserves levels. It also promotes the discipline of putting funds aside to support state-of-good-repair needs for existing infrastructure.

The 2022 Master Plan had a high-level cost estimate of \$4.5 billion for infrastructure needed to 2051 (in 2020 dollars). The 2022 Master Plan amendment supported by the York Region Sewage Works Project identifies \$4.8 billion over the period to 2051 (Class 5 cost estimate with accuracy range of -50% to +100%), eliminating \$1 billion in costs planned for the Upper York Sewage Solution and also includes elements that were already in the 2022 Master Plan for expansion of the central YDSS and Primary System. The net impact, with cost escalation from 2020 estimates, could increase cost of infrastructure needs by at least 25 percent of the \$4.5 billion plan, which is expected to be evaluated as part of the 2026 DC Bylaw work.

Growth-related water and wastewater projects are financed through long-term debt repaid from future DC collections. Aligning the timing of new infrastructure construction with the actual pace of growth helps ensure the Region's debt remains at sustainable levels and minimizes the operational risks and costs associated with underused infrastructure.

Development progress directly impacts ability to bring on new growth infrastructure projects in the Capital Plan

The 10-year Capital Plan in the 2025 budget includes significant costs of phases 1, 2 and 3 of the York Sewage Works Project. The DC revenue needed to fund the program depends on achieving a robust level of development, which is not certain. In addition, if the Region financed these projects on its own, the additional borrowing would cause debt levels to rise beyond sustainable levels. To enable the capital plan to be executed as planned, the Region is asking developers to share the risk of advancing phases 2 and 3 by providing project financing until DCs are received. A benefit of this approach is that when developers provide financing, infrastructure investments can move ahead in line with their timing for house construction.

6. Local Impact

Amendment enables servicing capacity for 2.02 million residents and 990,000 jobs by 2051

Local municipalities rely on the regional water and wastewater services to support their collective growth needs. At the end of 2023, approximately 80,000 units of available capacity in the existing YDSS system was assigned to local municipalities to allow development to proceed to building new homes. Additional water and wastewater infrastructure planned through the 2025 Capital Plan will enable an additional 70,000 units to meet provincially assigned housing targets in the near-term. The amended Master Plan will enable servicing capacity to meet a current population growth target of over 2 million people and 990,000 jobs in York Region.

Staff continue to work with the local municipalities and BILD to address ongoing growth servicing needs

Throughout the Fall 2024, Region staff met with local municipalities and BILD to inform them of the new additions to the project list. No significant concerns were raised during the consultation sessions. Staff continue to work with the local municipalities and BILD to support their growth development needs. As the YDSS is shared by eight of the nine municipalities, a collective understanding of growth forecasts will remain necessary to appropriately plan for region-wide servicing needs. Through an established capacity working group, staff will continue to engage and consult with local municipalities to achieve the overall goal of system-wide servicing solutions that provide long-term benefit to growing communities. The next Regional capacity assignment is anticipated to be Fall 2025.

7. Conclusion

To ensure consistency with the York Region Sewage Work Project developed through the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022*, the infrastructure plan in the 2022 Master Plan has been amended. This alignment introduces additional costs to the

existing 30-year infrastructure plan that are expected to be incorporated in the 2026 Region-wide DC Bylaw. The timing and implementation of all projects are subject to change in accordance with the Region's Fiscal Strategy through the annual Capital Plan process. This work supports the overall goal of system-wide servicing solutions that provide long-term benefit to growing communities.

For more information on this report, please contact Wendy Kemp, Director Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Asset Management at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75141. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

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January 28, 2025

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Attachment 1 - Amendment to the 2022 York Region Water and Wastewater Master Plan
16537058



AMENDMENT TO THE
**2022 YORK REGION
WATER AND WASTEWATER
MASTER PLAN**





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1. INTRODUCTION

York Region's 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan set out an infrastructure program to 2051. It included the Upper York Sewage Solution to manage additional wastewater flows from the towns of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora. A proposed water reclamation centre in the Lake Simcoe watershed was an element of the Upper York solution and was included in the Upper York environmental assessment. The Water and Wastewater Master Plan was approved by Regional Council in May 2022.

In late 2022, the province passed Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*. Passage of Bill 23 enacted the new *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022* (referred to elsewhere in this document as the *SGH Act*). The *SGH Act* deemed the Upper York Sewage Solution environmental assessment be withdrawn. It required York Region and Durham Region to "do everything in their powers" to enlarge, extend and improve the existing York Durham Sewage System to convey sewage from Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket to the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (referred to elsewhere in this document as the Duffin Creek plant) as an alternative to the solution set out in the 2022 Master Plan. The Duffin Creek plant, located on Lake Ontario, is co-owned by York Region and Durham Region.

The *SGH Act* had two main impacts on the 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan:

- Wastewater plans had to be updated to reflect *SGH Act* direction to take flows south to the Duffin Creek plant
- Plans to draw additional drinking water from Lake Simcoe had to be deferred in favour of delivering it from Lake Ontario

In response to the legislation, York Region in October 2023 submitted the York Region Sewage Works report, a proposed approach to providing the required Lake Ontario-based solution for wastewater, to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Based on consultation with Indigenous communities and interested stakeholders, including residents, municipalities and agencies, the Region submitted a final report in March 2024. The final report, available at york.ca/SewageWorks, provides further details of the proposed approach, including a map.

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A letter from the Minister in April 2024 expressed satisfaction with the report, enabling 28 projects outlined in the report to advance to design, as the *SGH Act* exempted them from the environmental assessment process and incorporated an alternative consultation and approval process.

The 2022 Master Plan was then amended to reflect new servicing principles required by the *SGH Act* and laid out in the report, as well as new timelines needed to meet projected growth. This document explains the changes to wastewater and water projects in the Master Plan at a high level. It:

- Updates the servicing strategy and infrastructure plan to reflect approved York Region Sewage Works projects and other revisions
- Provides supporting information in the table starting on page 14 for projects with environmental assessment work
- Refines the scope of work to help inform the Region's Development Charges Bylaw update in 2026

Ontario municipalities set out their development charges at regular intervals through a bylaw supported by a background study. The Region's 2026 Region-wide Development Charges Bylaw and Background Study will reflect the updated cost estimates from the Water and Wastewater Master Plan amendment, as well as adjustments for inflation.

2. AMENDING THE MASTER PLAN

This section summarizes changes to the 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan required to meet the needs of growth out to 2051 in alignment with the *SGH Act* and other provincial guidance. It also provides an update on works completed from the 2022 plan, as well as those no longer required.

The table starting on [page 14](#) provides details of all projects in the Water and Wastewater Master Plan, including projects added since 2022, projects that have changed since 2022, and projects expected to continue as planned. This section and the maps on [pages 22](#) and [23](#) reflect project labels used in the table.

A. ENGAGEMENT

The York Region Sewage Works report, which was submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in March 2024 and which forms the basis for this amendment, was developed through engagement and consultation with interested parties and Indigenous communities.

The Minister's letter in April 2024 enabled the York Region Sewage Works project to move ahead subject to continued dialogue with the Ministry, continued engagement with impacted and interested Indigenous communities and regular progress reporting.

In October 2024 the Region posted a notice of amendment of the Water and Wastewater Master Plan on its website and provided a link for interested parties to sign up for updates on the amended plan. The Region conducted information sessions with local municipalities and developers in late 2024 to discuss the amended plan and get their feedback.

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B. CHANGES TO WASTEWATER PROJECTS

To align with the *SGH Act* and Minister's letter of satisfaction with the York Region Sewage Works report, the Master Plan has been amended to provide an integrated plan for servicing growth in the towns of Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury by conveying wastewater south to the Duffin Creek plant on Lake Ontario. The amended servicing solution requires shorter timelines to meet projected growth than originally planned.

The plan reflects the York Region Sewage Works outlined in the March 2024 report to the Minister. It introduces new wastewater projects to be carried out in three phases, as described in Section i below. Section ii explains changes to scope and timing to align a number of projects already in the Master Plan with the amended approach.

i. York Region Sewage Works: new projects

New projects address the need to expand and improve the portion of the York Durham Sewage System north of Bloomington Road to convey increased sewage flows southward. This will involve three phases:

- **Phase 1:** delivering new sections of trunk sewer, and related sewer infrastructure, and upgrading two pumping stations (WW25)
- **Phase 2:** delivering further new trunk sewer sections and adding two new sewage pumping stations and related sewer infrastructure (WW26)
- **Phase 3:** delivering the final section of new trunk sewer and adding two new sewage pumping stations and related sewer infrastructure, and upgrading two pumping stations (WW27)

For more details, refer to the map on [page 23](#) and table starting on [page 21](#).

ii. Recalibrated projects

To convey and treat the increased flows, the following major projects included in the 2022 Master Plan have been recalibrated:

- Expanding the York Durham Sewage System. A gravity sewer in the original plan will be enlarged and the project will move ahead sooner than originally planned (WW5).
- Expanding and upgrading the Duffin Creek plant. Project scope has been expanded to treat a larger wastewater volume and timing has been advanced (WW12)

A smaller project associated with the sewage system expansion has also been updated.

For more details, refer to the map on [page 23](#) and table starting on [page 18](#).

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iii. Projects no longer required or incorporated into new projects

The following projects have been replaced by the projects described in Section 2.b.i above:

- Constructing and subsequently expanding the Upper York Water Reclamation Centre and related infrastructure (WW21 and WW22)
- Building a new sewer to divert flows from the Newmarket pumping station to the Sharon trunk sewer (WW17)

For more details, refer to the map on [page 23](#) and table starting on [page 20](#).

The following projects are no longer listed as active projects in the table because they have been incorporated into the projects described in Section 2.b.i above

- Expanding the East Gwillimbury sewage pumping station (WW18)
- Building an East Queensville sewage pumping station and forcemain (WW20)
- Twinning the Yonge Street Sewer to increase capacity (WW15)

iv. North Markham trunk sewer extension

In response to Minister's Zoning Orders, the addition of four kilometres of sewer infrastructure along McCowan Road in north Markham has also been included in the amended Master Plan. This is identified as project WW8 on the map on [page 23](#). Section 3.c.vi below outlines potential financial arrangements.

C. CHANGES TO WATER PROJECTS

High-level servicing strategies for water remain largely consistent with the 2022 Master Plan, with drinking water supply from existing sources and agreements with the City of Toronto and Peel Region remaining in place.

The water strategy was nonetheless reviewed as a result of the new wastewater solution requiring treatment in the Lake Ontario watershed. As originally planned, drinking water demand created by growth in Newmarket and East Gwillimbury would be met from Lake Simcoe, with wastewater to be treated at the new water reclamation centre in the same watershed.

The amended Water and Wastewater Master Plan will bring Lake Ontario-sourced drinking water through the York Water System to northern towns to align with the return of wastewater to the Duffin Creek plant on Lake Ontario. To achieve this, water projects have been expanded and their timing adjusted to align with the revised size and timing of wastewater projects:

- A watermain project along Bloomington Sideroad and Bayview Avenue was advanced and enlarged in alignment with changes to wastewater servicing (W14)
- The York East Water Servicing project will be delayed as it depends on the North Markham Water Servicing project, which will now go ahead after the Bayview-Bloomington watermain project (W13)

This recalibration will enhance system resiliency not just for Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury, but for Richmond Hill and Markham as well. The projects also leverage major investments now being made to upgrade treatment in the Yonge Street Aquifer system. For more details, refer to the map on [page 22](#) and table starting on [page 15](#).

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As outlined on [page 30](#) of the 2022 Water and Wastewater Master Plan, the Region in 2010 received approval from the Great Lakes states and provinces under an international agreement governing the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence basin to transfer up to 105 million litres of water a day from Lake Ontario to the Lake Simcoe/Lake Huron watershed with return flow to Lake Ontario. Under the amended master plan and as outlined in the York Region Sewage Works report in March 2024, Lake Ontario drinking water supply is projected to be within the current permitted transfer limits. The Region will continue to monitor flows for compliance.

The previously proposed projects to support an expanded Lake Simcoe solution, including a connection between Lake Simcoe and the north end of the York Water System, were retained but have been recalibrated and moved to later dates in the Master Plan to allow for further evaluation when long-term system needs are more certain. An expanded Lake Simcoe solution could accommodate unforeseen changes in such factors as growth forecasts and asset performance, while maintaining water quality and quantity.

D. 2022 MASTER PLAN PROJECTS COMPLETED BY 2025

v. Projects in the 2022 Master Plan that were completed by 2025:

- Constructing a gravity sewer from Richmond Hill - Langstaff Gateway to the Richmond Hill wastewater collector (WW7)
- Optimizing the existing capacity of the Duffin Creek plant outfall (WW10)
- Building a new sewage pumping station and connecting sewer to the York Durham Sewage System as an interim servicing strategy (WW16)

For more details, refer to the map on [page 23](#) and table starting on [page 19](#).



3. IMPLEMENTATION

Infrastructure master plans are executed through 10-year capital plans set out each year in the York Region budget. This is a reminder of the importance of affordability and the need to balance capital spending priorities.

A. REGIONAL FISCAL STRATEGY

The goal of the budget is to keep the Region financially sustainable while providing expanded service to people and jobs as the Region grows and keeping existing assets in a state of good repair. This is achieved through the Regional Fiscal Strategy, which carefully manages the timing of capital investments, the funding of reserves for future needs, and the prudent use of borrowing.

The Fiscal Strategy informs the 10-year capital plan, requiring capital planning to take into account the Region's development charges collection forecast, actual versus projected growth, debt outlook and other factors affecting the Region's fiscal capacity.

B. IMPLEMENTATION RISKS

Risks that might affect implementation currently include:

Cost uncertainty. The construction industry remains volatile as high demand for materials and skilled labour, coupled with global supply chain disruptions, continue to drive up costs and make project planning unpredictable. Accuracy of cost estimates is highly dependent on how far a project has advanced. With progress through regular milestones – conceptual master plan, condition assessment, design and construction – and as more information is available, cost estimates and delivery schedules may have to be revised.

Resources. The amended master plan involves different projects from those originally envisioned and a shorter timeline. The Region will be challenged to deliver the plan without adding staff to accommodate the changes. In addition, contractors who are needed to deliver projects face growing challenges because of limited staffing resources, particularly in the skilled trades.

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Funding and financing. Development charges are fees collected when new development is built. These fees fund a significant share of the cost of growth-related infrastructure. As there is a timing gap between when the Region has to invest and build the growth-related infrastructure to when the related growth happens, the Region often finances these investments with debt that is repaid as development charges are collected. This creates a strong link between the development charges collections outlook and the debt forecast. However, the timing of development charges collections to fund such investments can take a longer period to recover due to statutory deductions to consider the benefits that the new infrastructure would provide to future growth, beyond the planning horizon of the development charges bylaw.

Two factors are currently putting pressure on the Region's debt forecast:

- The development charges collections forecast has been adjusted lower, largely reflecting slower-than-expected construction activity in recent years and over the earlier years of the 10-year capital plan. This is despite the Region having made 80,000 units of water and wastewater capacity available to local municipalities to help drive development
- At the same time, growth-related spending in the capital plan has increased and been accelerated into earlier years. The change in servicing strategy outlined in this amendment has contributed to both a larger plan and its acceleration

The impact of these factors is a 10-year capital plan that the Region cannot finance on its own.

Uncertainty in growth forecasts. Infrastructure construction must be carefully aligned with expected growth. When actual growth differs from forecast, the Region can be left with untapped capacity, as has happened in some areas. Regional Council has endorsed pacing infrastructure investments to actual growth where possible.

Other priorities in the capital budget. All investments outlined in the 10-year capital plan, not just water and wastewater, affect the allocation of available funds and pacing of projects. Other critical work includes widening roads, paying the Region's portion of the Yonge North Subway Extension, adding electric buses and other vehicles to the Region's fleets, building community housing, and renewing existing assets. As noted above, all projects are subject to uncertainty around costs, especially in the current economic environment. Renewal projects face additional uncertainty as more data becomes available on condition of existing assets.

Regulatory and policy uncertainty. Policy shifts around development charges and land use planning at the provincial level have contributed to uncertainty around future project scope, timing and funding, while potential regulatory changes to address such emerging concerns as cyanobacteria, microplastics and per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) would further increase costs. In addition, Appendix A.7 of the 2022 Master Plan set out potential Great Lakes-based servicing solutions for a number of communities in the Greenbelt that at the time were restricted by a provincial growth plan from accessing such servicing. The Greenbelt restrictions were not included when the growth plan was later merged into the Provincial Policy Statement, and it is uncertain whether they will be incorporated into other provincial direction. Pending clearer provincial direction, infrastructure plans for the affected Greenbelt communities remain unchanged at the time of this amendment.

Climate change adaptation and mitigation. The increase in severe weather events and other climate phenomena translates into greater risks to vulnerable infrastructure. Retrofits and new requirements for growth-related infrastructure to increase resilience are likely to be needed, putting more pressure on the capital plan. Similarly, investments to mitigate climate impacts by reducing use of fossil fuels typically require increased capital spending.

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C. MANAGING AND MITIGATING RISKS

As the points above underscore, growth forecasts underpinning long-term plans are inherently uncertain, and water and wastewater servicing needs will undoubtedly change over the course of the Master Plan. At the same time, costs and budget pressures continue to escalate. This section discusses how the Region plans to manage and mitigate risks.

i. Adaptive management

The Region will work to adapt its approaches and plans as needed and, to the extent possible, avoid locking in costly long-term solutions that may be unsuitable as conditions change.

It will also draw on approaches being developed nationally and globally to support adaptation in managing climate risks. These new approaches focus on long-term planning that lays out potential scenarios and identifies strategies that are either effective in all scenarios or can adapt to changing circumstances.

ii. Coordinating and monitoring

Ongoing discussion with the existing Capacity Working Group, which brings together local municipalities and other stakeholders, will continue to provide insights into land use planning and development approvals. Monitoring development pace and system capacity in coordination with Regional partners clarifies growth patterns and helps to phase projects more efficiently and effectively. An important goal for the Region is to work with local municipalities on a consolidated growth forecast to ensure continuing alignment between its capital plans and their needs.

As annual budgets are developed, the Region's staff will update capital spending plans and monitor actual growth and development charge collections against forecast. That information will inform the 10-year capital plan so that it continues to align with the Regional Fiscal Strategy. If the outlook is positive, the capital plan can be sustained or even increased. Conversely, higher costs and/or lower than expected revenues would call for the pacing of projects to be adjusted, with priorities set using a risk-based framework.

iii. Planning and procurement

The Region is investigating a portfolio approach to planning major works that involves coordinating projects that require similar activities and construction resources (for example, tunneling). The goal is to secure the needed resources and deploy them efficiently across the portfolio. This could also increase interest on the part of bidders by providing greater certainty about work volume and sequencing in an individual contract.

The Region is also exploring greater knowledge-sharing during the design phase of projects. In this model, Regional staff would engage early with the construction industry to leverage their knowledge with the goal of enhancing infrastructure constructability.

Public Works staff are also working with the Region's Procurement Office on broader efforts to attract and secure bidders on capital projects. This will include posting a quarterly bid forecast and hosting a Project Fair in early 2025 to outline and promote upcoming projects.

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iv. Making better use of existing infrastructure and tapping unused capacity

The Region constantly pursues innovative solutions to help unlock existing capacity at a relatively low cost. These include reducing inflow and infiltration into wastewater systems, encouraging water conservation, offering demand management programs, and optimizing and maintaining systems to allow “infrastructure stretching” (greater use of infrastructure than originally planned without significant impacts on service levels).

The Region is also addressing water and wastewater unused capacity in some areas, which occurs when infrastructure has been put in place but the development it is intended to service has not moved ahead. As noted, an estimated 80,000 households of existing capacity was available to developments in 2023 and the majority have not advanced to construction at the end of 2024. Leveraging the unused capacity, especially to meet housing targets, would make better use of existing infrastructure and create fiscal room for future projects. The Region is working on a developer-focused strategy aimed at unlocking this unused capacity.

v. Climate change response

The Region is using machine learning to analyze inflows and infiltration to understand changing weather patterns, which will be key to addressing climate impacts cost-effectively. This data will also inform a review of current engineering design standards and operational practices.

vi. Developer financing

As noted, the current 10-year capital plan includes major costs over the next 10 years for phases 1, 2 and 3 of projects outlined in the York Region Sewage Works report. If the Region financed all of this work on its own, the additional borrowing would cause debt levels to rise beyond sustainable levels. The Region is therefore asking developers to share the risk of advancing phases 2 and 3 by providing project financing until development charges are received.

In addition, the four-kilometre extension of sewer infrastructure along McCowan Road in north Markham required by Minister’s Zoning Orders, described in Section 2.b.iv, will require additional funding as it is not included in current capital plan or Development Charges Bylaw. Owners of development lands in the area have committed to funding the required environmental assessment and to working with the Region and affected municipalities on a prepaid development charge agreement for any needed works the assessment identifies.

A benefit of such approaches is that when developers provide financing, infrastructure investments can move ahead in line with their timing for housing construction. Wider use of developer financing may help to better align the building of infrastructure with the development it will serve. This would help reduce the risk of localized overcapacity, which is discussed in the previous section.

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vii. Advocacy

The Region continues to advocate with the provincial and federal governments for:

Funding for growth-driven water and wastewater investments. While population growth is largely shaped by provincial and federal policies, it can't be achieved without building more housing – which in turn must be serviced by municipal water mains, sewers and other costly infrastructure. Municipalities, which have limited debt capacity, are challenged to finance these investments on their own and need predictable long-term funding solutions, including provincial and federal support, to help pay for these large infrastructure investments.

Balanced approaches to **regulation**. Approaches to water and wastewater regulatory standards and compliance should be informed by evidence and risk-based, so that the needs of public health, environmental protection and municipal financial capacity are in balance. The process should also take into account the time and resources needed to achieve compliance.

Greater **policy certainty**. The Region continues to advocate for ongoing clarity in provincial and federal policy direction, as disruption or delays at the municipal level are costly and time-consuming for staff, developers, contractors and other interested parties. The goal should be leveraging the expertise and resources of each partner appropriately to meet agreed-upon goals, making and communicating decisions in a timely fashion, and providing municipalities with the stability needed to plan and implement their programs cost-effectively.

4. AMENDED LONG TERM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Table 4.1 Growth-related Water Projects

MP ID	Project description	Estimated expenditures 2025-2051 (000's)	Planned implementation timeframe	Environmental Assessment (EA) Process	Municipality partially or fully serviced by this project								
					Town of Aurora	Town of East Gwillimbury	Town of Georgina	Township of King	City of Markham	Town of Newmarket	City of Richmond Hill	City of Vaughan	Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
W1	Toronto Water Supply - Cost-Shared Works Continue implementation of Toronto cost-shared capital projects for the gradual increase of water supply to York Region in accordance with Servicing Agreement.	\$54,900	2025-2051	Various	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
W2	Peel Water Supply - Cost-Shared Works Continue implementation of Peel cost-shared capital projects for the gradual increase of water supply to York Region in accordance with Servicing Agreement.	\$14,900	2025-2051	Various	X	X		X		X	X	X	
W3	East Woodbridge Pumping Station Decommissioning Decommission East Woodbridge Pumping Station subject to the outcome of a repurposing study.	\$1,260	2032-2041	Schedule A+*									
W4	West Vaughan Water Servicing Phase 1: Introduce a pressure district interconnection in the Woodbridge service area before the expansion of storage capacity - Phase 2. Phase 2: Expand storage capacity in Woodbridge and Kleinburg service areas to support growth in western parts of Vaughan.	\$25,020	2025-2041	Schedule A* Schedule B								X	
W5	York Peel Feedermain Upgrade Install pressure reducing valves along connection points to the York-Peel Feedermain to maintain acceptable pressures within Pressure District 6 distribution system as flows from Peel supply increase to meet demands in the overall York Water System.	\$5,010	2025-2031	Schedule A*	X	X		X		X	X	X	
W6	Northeast Vaughan Water Servicing Phase 1: Construct a Pressure District 8 pumping station, a Pressure District 8 elevated tank and a Pressure District 9 pumping station along with connecting watermains to service growth in northeast Vaughan in accordance with the completed Class Environmental Assessment study. Phase 2: Construct a new Pressure District 8 elevated tank as demands increase in northeast Vaughan.	\$108,040	2025-2031	Class EA completed in 2019								X	
W7	Vaughan Storage Expansion Phase 1: Construct the first phase of a Pressure District 6 reservoir to support growth in the York Water System. Phase 2: Construct a Pressure District 9 elevated tank and connecting watermain to accommodate growth in northeast Vaughan and construct the second phase of the Pressure District 6 reservoir as demands in the overall York Water System increase.	\$61,020	2032-2051	Schedule B								X	

*Projects identified as Schedule A and Schedule A+ are exempt from the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

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Table 4.1 Growth-related Water Projects (continued)

MP ID	Project description	Estimated expenditures 2025-2051 (000's)	Planned implementation timeframe	Environmental Assessment (EA) Process	Municipality partially or fully serviced by this project								
					Town of Aurora	Town of East Gwillimbury	Town of Georgina	Township of King	City of Markham	Town of Newmarket	City of Richmond Hill	City of Vaughan	Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
W8	Nobleton Water Servicing Implement works to increase Nobleton well supply capacity in accordance with the completed Class Environmental Assessment study.	\$26,950	2025-2041	Class EA completed in 2021				X					
W9	North Richmond Hill Pumping Station Decommissioning Decommission North Richmond Hill Pressure District 8 Pumping Station subject to the outcome of a repurposing study.	\$1,480	2025-2041	Schedule A+*									
W10	Richmond Hill Langstaff Gateway Provincial Urban Growth Centre Water Servicing Install water system connections to Pressure District 6 to service the proposed urban growth centre in accordance with the completed Class Environmental Assessment study.	\$2,830	2025-2031	Class EA Completed 2015					X		X		
W11	North Markham Water Servicing Implement Pressure District 7 infrastructure to support Markham urban expansion and facilitate the introduction of York East Water Servicing project (W13). Subject to the Class EA outcome, this project is expected to be completed as follows: Phase 1: Construct a new storage facility and connecting watermain. Phase 2: Construct a new pumping station and connecting watermain.	\$150,350	2032-2041	Schedule B in Progress					X				
W12	Stouffville Water Servicing Phase 1: Optimize Stouffville Zone 2 booster pumping station capacity before introduction of a new storage facility (Phase 2). Phase 2: Construct a new elevated tank and connecting watermain to support growth in Stouffville Zone 2 service area.	\$15,330	2032-2051	Schedule B									X
W13	York East Water Servicing Phase 1: Construct a new pumping station at the Pressure District 7 reservoir site (W11), an Aurora Central reservoir and associated watermains to bring additional Lake Ontario supply to the north water system as demand increases. Phase 2: Construct a new pumping station at the Aurora Central reservoir site and associated watermain to accommodate growth in the eastern parts of the north system as demand increases.	\$148,530	2042-2051	Schedule B	X	X				X			
W14	Bloomington - Bayview Watermain Construct a new watermain to bring additional Lake Ontario supply to accommodate growth in Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury while connecting critical facilities in Aurora Central.	\$101,200	2025-2031	Schedule B	X	X				X			

*Projects identified as Schedule A and Schedule A+ are exempt from the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

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Table 4.1 Growth-related Water Projects (continued)

MP ID	Project description	Estimated expenditures 2025-2051 (000's)	Planned implementation timeframe	Environmental Assessment (EA) Process	Municipality partially or fully serviced by this project								
					Town of Aurora	Town of East Gwillimbury	Town of Georgina	Township of King	City of Markham	Town of Newmarket	City of Richmond Hill	City of Vaughan	Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
W15	Aurora East Booster Pumping Station Upgrades Increase capacity of Aurora East Booster Pumping Station including pipe upgrades to support growth in Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury.	\$12,300	2025-2031	Schedule A*	X	X				X			
W16	Orchard Heights Reservoir Inlet Upgrade Phase 1: Increase Orchard Heights Pumping Station capacity to support growth and operational needs in Aurora and Newmarket water systems. Phase 2: Upsize Orchard Heights Reservoir inlet piping to facilitate increase of Lake Ontario supply into Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury as demand increases.	\$3,790	2025-2041	Schedule A*	X	X				X			
W17	Eagle to Kirby Pumping Station Watermain Construct a watermain connecting the existing Yonge Street watermain to Glenway Reservoirs to facilitate filling and utilization of available storage capacity in Newmarket Central as demand increases.	\$11,950	2025-2031	Schedule A+*		X				X			
W18	Newmarket West Water Servicing Increase Kirby Pumping Station capacity and construct a new storage facility along with associated watermain to service growth in the Newmarket West Pressure District.	\$40,180	2025-2031	Schedule B		X				X			
W19	Yonge Street Watermain Construct a watermain on Yonge Street from Gladman Road to Green Lane to accommodate intensification along Yonge Street corridor and allow interconnection of Newmarket Central and Holland Landing Pressure Districts.	\$46,130	2042-2051	Schedule A+*		X				X			
W20	Green Lane Leslie Street Watermain Phase 1: Construct a watermain on Green Lane from Yonge Street to Leslie Street to accommodate growth in Newmarket and East Gwillimbury. Phase 2: Construct a watermain on Leslie Street from Mulock Drive to Green Lane to bring additional Lake Ontario supply to eastern parts of Newmarket and East Gwillimbury.	\$35,400	2025-2041	Schedule A+*		X				X			
W21	East Gwillimbury Water Servicing Phase 1: Construct a watermain on Woodbine Avenue from Mount Albert Road to Queensville Sideroad to accommodate employment growth along Woodbine Avenue corridor in East Gwillimbury. Phase 2: Construct a watermain on Queensville Sideroad from Second Concession to Leslie Street to accommodate growth in East Gwillimbury.	\$35,010	2032-2051	Schedule A+*		X							

*Projects identified as Schedule A and Schedule A+ are exempt from the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

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Table 4.1 Growth-related Water Projects (continued)

MP ID	Project description	Estimated expenditures 2025-2051 (000's)	Planned implementation timeframe	Environmental Assessment (EA) Process	Municipality partially or fully serviced by this project								
					Town of Aurora	Town of East Gwillimbury	Town of Georgina	Township of King	City of Markham	Town of Newmarket	City of Richmond Hill	City of Vaughan	Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
W22	Queensville Elevated Tank No. 2 Construct a new elevated tank and watermain along Leslie Street from Green Lane to the new storage facility to accommodate growth in eastern parts of Newmarket and East Gwillimbury.	\$35,580	2042-2051	Schedule B		X				X			
W23	Holland Landing Storage Expansion Construct a new elevated tank and connecting watermain in Holland Landing Pressure District to accommodate growth in East Gwillimbury while allowing replacement of the existing Holland Landing East Elevated Tank.	\$10,340	2032-2041	Schedule B		X							
W24	West Park Heights Pumping Station and Watermain Construct a new pumping station, assumed to be located adjacent to the existing West Park Heights Reservoir in Keswick, and associated watermain to allow integration of York and Georgina Water Systems.	\$47,950	2042-2051	Schedule C		X	X						
W25	Georgina Water System Upgrades Expand Georgina Water Treatment Plant to its ultimate permitted capacity of 50 million litres per day and upgrade Georgina Water System disinfection system to allow integration with York Water System (W24).	\$21,810	2042-2051	Class EA completed 1998		X	X						

Demand management and supporting programs

Program	Water For Tomorrow Program	\$26,540	2025 - 2051	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Program	Water Master Plan Update	\$7,990	2025 - 2051	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Program	Water System Capacity Assessment	\$66,190	2025 - 2051	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

5. AMENDED LONG TERM WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Table 5.1 Growth-related Wastewater Projects

MP ID	Project description	Estimated expenditures 2025-2051 (000's)	Planned implementation timeframe	Environmental Assessment (EA) Process	Municipality partially or fully serviced by this project								
					Town of Aurora	Town of East Gwillimbury	Town of Georgina	Township of King	City of Markham	Town of Newmarket	City of Richmond Hill	City of Vaughan	Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
WW1	Peel System Cost-Shared Works Continue implementation of Peel cost-shared projects for diversion of York sewage flows to Peel wastewater system in accordance with Servicing Agreement.	\$5,270	2025-2051	N/A								X	
WW2	West Vaughan Sewage Servicing Phase 1: Increase Humber Sewage Pumping Station capacity along with construction of a gravity sewer along Highway 27, Highway 7 and connecting to the Humber Sewage Pumping Station. Phase 2: Construct a gravity sewer from the Kleinburg Water Resource Recovery Facility to the north end of West Vaughan Sewage Servicing - Phase 1 gravity sewer to service growth in Vaughan while allowing the decommissioning of Kleinburg Water Resource Recovery Facility.	\$529,530	2025-2041	Class EA Completed 2013								X	
WW3	Northeast Vaughan Wastewater Servicing Phase 1: Construct a gravity sewer along Keele Street from south of Rutherford Road, east crossing Langstaff Road and then south connecting to the existing York Durham Sewage System. Phase 2: Construct a gravity sewer along Jane Street from Teston Road to just south of Rutherford Road and other upgrades to convey flows generated in northeast Vaughan areas to the existing Langstaff Collector and York Durham Sewage System.	\$136,350	2025-2031	Class EA completed 2019								X	
WW4	York Durham Sewage System Conveyance Optimization Install a flow gate at the Bathurst Collector to optimize the capacity of York Durham Sewage System by attenuating flows during wet weather conditions.	\$4,650	2025-2031	Schedule A*					X		X	X	
WW5	York Durham Sewage System Expansion (South) Continue to expand York Durham Sewage System to support long term growth including: A new gravity sewer parallel to the existing Markham Collector as identified in the approved York Region Sewage Works Project Report. A new relief sewer to divert flows from the Central Collector sewershed to the proposed Richmond Hill Langstaff sewer to accommodate growth in the Richmond Hill Langstaff sewershed and, Twinning of a section of existing Steeles Collector Sewer as sewage flows increase in the Leslie Street Sewage Pumping Station Drainage Area.	\$668,670	2032-2051	Markham Collector Exempted Central Collector relief sewer Schedule B Steeles Collector Twinning Schedule B					X		X	X	
WW6	Leslie Street Sewage Pumping Station and Forcemain Phase 1: Increase Leslie Street Sewage Pumping Station capacity to accommodate growth in the Leslie Street Sewage Pumping Station Drainage Area. Phase 2: Construct a new forcemain from the station to the York Durham Sewage System.	\$65,250	2032-2051	Schedule A+*					X		X	X	

*Projects identified as Schedule A and Schedule A+ are exempt from the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

5. AMENDED LONG TERM WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Table 5.1 Growth-related Wastewater Projects (continued)

MP ID	Project description	Estimated expenditures 2025-2051 (000's)	Planned implementation timeframe	Environmental Assessment (EA) Process	Municipality partially or fully serviced by this project								
					Town of Aurora	Town of East Gwillimbury	Town of Georgina	Township of King	City of Markham	Town of Newmarket	City of Richmond Hill	City of Vaughan	Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
WW7	Richmond Hill Langstaff Gateway Provincial Urban Growth Centre Wastewater Servicing (under warranty) Construct a gravity sewer to convey flows from Richmond Hill - Langstaff Gateway Regional Urban Centre to the Richmond Hill Collector as recommended by the completed Class Environmental Assessment.	\$5	N/A	Class EA Completed 2015					X		X		
WW8	North Markham Trunk Sewer Delivery of wastewater works to accommodate growth in the North Markham Expansion Area subject to the outcome of the Class Environmental Assessment study in progress: Phase 1: Construct a gravity sewer assumed to run along McCowan Road from Major Mackenzie Drive to 16th Avenue. Phase 2: Extension of McCowan gravity sewer from Major Mackenzie Drive to 19th Avenue.	\$168,396	2032-2051	Schedule B					X				
WW9	Primary Trunk Sewer Construct a gravity sewer from the terminus of the Southeast Collector at Valley Farm Road to the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant as recommended by the York Region Sewage Works Project Report.	\$550,610	2025-2031	Exempted	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
WW10	Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Outfall Effluent Strategy (COMPLETE) Delivery of works to optimize the existing Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant outfall capacity in accordance with the approved Class Environmental Assessment Study.	\$0	N/A	Class EA completed 2019	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
WW11	Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Stage 1 and 2 Chlorine Chamber Expansion Construct a new chlorine contact chamber to increase the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant disinfection capacity to accommodate growth.	\$21,070	2025-2031	Schedule A*	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
WW12	Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Growth Expansions Delivery of works to optimize and expand Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant capacity including a new outfall in accordance with approved York Sewage Project Report.	\$1,003,950	2025-2041	Exempted	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
WW13	Nobleton Wastewater Servicing Implement works to increase capacity of the Nobleton wastewater system in accordance with completed Class Environmental Assessment study.	\$56,670	2025-2041	Class EA completed 2021				X					

*Projects identified as Schedule A and Schedule A+ are exempt from the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

5. AMENDED LONG TERM WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Table 4.2 Growth-related Wastewater Projects (continued)

MP ID	Project description	Estimated expenditures 2025-2051 (000's)	Planned implementation timeframe	Environmental Assessment (EA) Process	Municipality partially or fully serviced by this project								
					Town of Aurora	Town of East Gwillimbury	Town of Georgina	Township of King	City of Markham	Town of Newmarket	City of Richmond Hill	City of Vaughan	Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
WW14	King City Wastewater System Upgrades Phase 1: Optimize King City Sewage Pumping Station capacity to accommodate interim growth in King City. Phase 2: Increase King City sewage pumping capacity along with construction of a forcemain to accommodate long term growth in King City.	\$47,880	2025-2051	Schedule B				X					
WW15	Yonge Street Sewer Twinning Increase conveyance capacity of Yonge Street Sewer to accommodate growth and allow rehabilitation of existing sewer. NO LONGER REQUIRED	\$0	N/A										
WW16	York Durham Sewage System Interim Servicing Implement servicing strategies including Henderson Pumping Station and Upgrades to Aurora Sewage Pumping Station to accommodate interim growth in Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket.	\$1.5	2025-2031	Class EA Completed 2019	X	X				X			
WW17	Newmarket Diversion Sewer Construct a new sewer to divert flows from the Newmarket Pumping Station to the Sharon Trunk Sewer as flows increase due to growth. NO LONGER REQUIRED	\$0	N/A	N/A									
WW18	East Gwillimbury Sewage Pumping Station Expansions Increase capacity of West Queensville, Second Concession and Holland Landing Sewage Pumping Stations to service growth in East Gwillimbury. INCORPORATED INTO NEW PROJECTS	\$0	N/A	N/A									
WW19	Holland Landing Lagoon Decommissioning Decommission Holland Landing Lagoons in the Town of East Gwillimbury.	\$1,100	2025-2031	Schedule A+*		X							
WW20	East Queensville Sewage Pumping Station and Forcemain Construct a new sewage pumping station just south of Queensville Sideroad and west of Highway 404 along with forcemain connecting to the West Queensville Sewage Pumping Station to service growth in parts of Queensville. INCORPORATED INTO NEW PROJECTS	\$0	N/A	N/A									

*Projects identified as Schedule A and Schedule A+ are exempt from the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

5. AMENDED LONG TERM WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Table 4.2 Growth-related Wastewater Projects (continued)

MP ID	Project description	Estimated expenditures 2025-2051 (000's)	Planned implementation timeframe	Environmental Assessment (EA) Process	Municipality partially or fully serviced by this project								
					Town of Aurora	Town of East Gwillimbury	Town of Georgina	Township of King	City of Markham	Town of Newmarket	City of Richmond Hill	City of Vaughan	Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
WW21	Upper York Water Reclamation Centre Construct a new Water Reclamation Centre in East Gwillimbury to accommodate growth and allow decommissioning of Holland Landing Lagoons as recommended in the Individual Class Environmental Assessment completed in 2014 (pending approval). This project will provide an overall benefit to the Lake Simcoe watershed through the integral phosphorus offsetting program component of Upper York Sewage Solutions. NO LONGER REQUIRED	\$0	N/A	N/A									
WW22	Upper York Servicing Infrastructure Expansions 1 and 2 Expand the Water Reclamation Centre subject to a future Class Environmental Study to accommodate growth in East Gwillimbury and Newmarket. NO LONGER REQUIRED	\$0	N/A	N/A									
WW23	Keswick Wastewater Servicing Increase capacity of Keswick Water Resource Recovery Facility as recommended in the completed Class Environmental Assessment.	\$34,270	2032-2041	Class EA completed 2006			X						
WW24	Sutton Wastewater Servicing Increase capacity of Sutton Water Resource Recovery Facility as recommended by the completed Class Environmental Assessment study along with expansion of High Street and Woodrider Bend Sewage Pumping Stations.	\$61,640	2032-2041	Class EA completed 2010			X						
WW25	North YDSS Expansion Phase 1 - NEW Enlarge and improve the York Durham Sewage System to convey sewage flows from Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury for treatment at Duffin Creek Plant in accordance with York Sewage Project Report. Phase 1 works includes the delivery of Leslie Street Trunk Sewer Phase 1 - from Bloomington Road to 19th Avenue, Bloomington Interceptor Sewer, Aurora Sewage Pumping Station Gravity Sewer Twinning, 2nd Concession Gravity Sewers and Newmarket Sewage Pumping Station upgrades.	\$896,300	2025-2031	Exempted	X	X				X			
WW26	North YDSS Expansion Phase 2 - NEW Enlarge and improve the York Durham Sewage System to convey sewage flows from Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury for treatment at Duffin Creek Plant in accordance with York Sewage Project Report. Phase 2 works includes the delivery of Leslie Street Trunk Sewer Phase 2 - from St. Johns Sideroad to Bloomington Road, new Aurora East Sewage Pumping Station with gravity sewer and forcemain, as well as the new Queensville East Sewage Pumping Station with connecting forcemain.	\$940,480	2025-2031	Exempted	X	X				X			
WW27	North YDSS Expansion Phase 3 - NEW Enlarge and improve the York Durham Sewage System to convey sewage flows from Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury for treatment at Duffin Creek Plant in accordance with York Sewage Project Report. Phase 3 works includes delivery of the new Newmarket East Sewage Pumping Station and connecting forcemains, 2nd Concession, Holland Landing and Queensville West Sewage Pumping Station upgrades, new Mulock Sewage Pumping Station with connecting forcemains, and Leslie Street Trunk Sewer Phase 3.	\$802,220	2032-2041	Exempted	X	X				X			

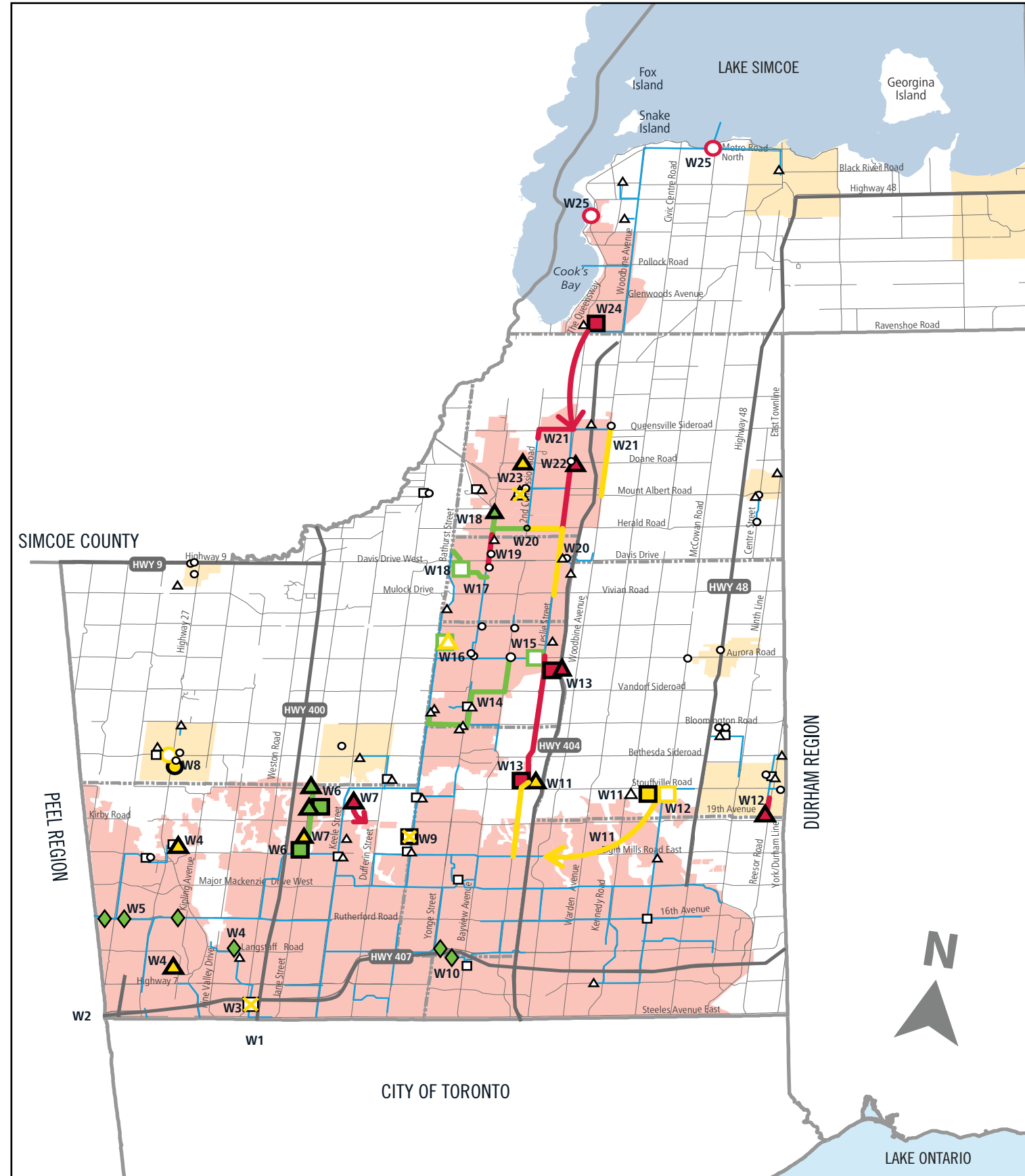
5. AMENDED LONG TERM WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Table 4.2 Growth-related Wastewater Projects (continued)

Program	Demand management and supporting programs	Estimated expenditures 2025-2051 (000's)	Planned implementation timeframe	Environmental Assessment (EA) Process	Municipality partially or fully serviced by this program								
					Town of Aurora	Town of East Gwillimbury	Town of Georgina	Township of King	City of Markham	Town of Newmarket	City of Richmond Hill	City of Vaughan	Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Program	Inflow and Infiltration Reduction	\$95,110	2025 - 2051	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Program	Wastewater Master Plan Update	\$7,990	2025 - 2051	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Program	Wastewater System Capacity Studies	\$71,280	2025 - 2051	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Program	North YDSS Expansion Program Management	\$17,500	2025 - 2041	N/A	X	X				X			

6. AMENDED LONG TERM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

WATER PROJECTS	
W1	Toronto Water Supply - Cost-Shared Works
W2	Peel Water Supply - Cost-Shared Works
W3	East Woodbridge Pumping Station Decommissioning
W4	West Vaughan Water Servicing
W5	York Peel Feedermain Upgrade
W6	Northeast Vaughan Water Servicing
W7	Vaughan Storage Expansion
W8	Nobleton Water Servicing
W9	North Richmond Hill Pumping Station Decommissioning
W10	Richmond Hill Langstaff Gateway Provincial Urban Growth Centre Water Servicing
W11	North Markham Water Servicing
W12	Stouffville Water Servicing
W13	York East Water Servicing
W14	Bloomington - Bayview Watermain
W15	Aurora East Booster Pumping Station Upgrades
W16	Orchard Heights Reservoir Inlet Upgrade
W17	Eagle to Kirby Pumping Station Watermain
W18	Newmarket West Water Servicing
W19	Yonge Street Watermain
W20	Green Lane Leslie Street Watermain
W21	East Gwillimbury Water Servicing
W22	Queensville Elevated Tank No. 2
W23	Holland Landing Storage Expansion
W24	West Park Heights Pumping Station and Watermain
W25	Georgina Water System Upgrades



LONG TERM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

New Infrastructure

- Projects 2025 - 2031
- Projects 2032 - 2041
- Projects 2042 - 2051

Infrastructure Expansion

- Projects 2025 - 2031
- Projects 2032 - 2041
- Projects 2042 - 2051
- Decommission
- Alignment to be Determined

Existing Infrastructure

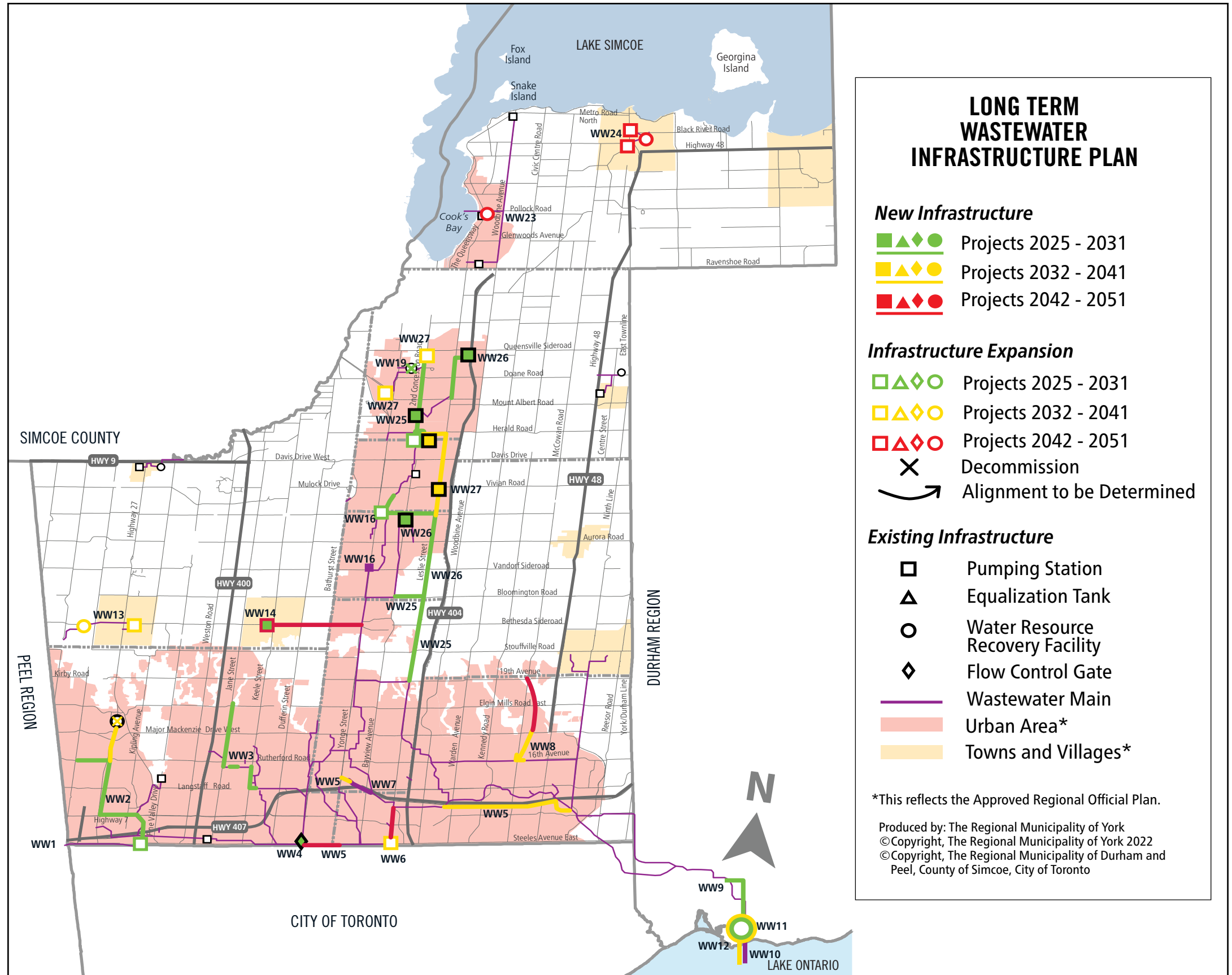
- Pumping Station
- Equalization Tank
- Water Resource Recovery Facility
- Flow Control Gate
- Existing Watermain
- Urban Area*
- Towns and Villages*

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7. AMENDED LONG TERM WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

WASTEWATER PROJECTS	
WW1	Peel System Cost-Shared Works
WW2	West Vaughan Sewage Servicing
WW3	Northeast Vaughan Wastewater Servicing
WW4	York Durham Sewage System Conveyance Optimization
WW5	York Durham Sewage System Expansion
WW6	Leslie Street Sewage Pumping Station and Forcemain
WW7	Richmond Hill Langstaff Gateway Provincial Urban Growth Centre Wastewater Servicing
WW8	North Markham Trunk Sewer
WW9	Primary Trunk Sewer
WW10	Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Outfall Effluent Strategy
WW11	Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Stage 1 and 2 Chlorine Chamber Expansion
WW12	Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Growth Expansions
WW13	Nobleton Wastewater Servicing
WW14	King City Wastewater System Upgrades
WW15	Yonge Street Sewer Twinning NO LONGER REQUIRED
WW16	York Durham Sewage System Interim Servicing
WW17	Newmarket Diversion Sewer NO LONGER REQUIRED
WW18	East Gwillimbury Sewage Pumping Station Expansions INCORPORATED INTO NEW PROJECTS
WW19	Holland Landing Lagoon Decommissioning
WW20	East Queensville Sewage Pumping Station and Forcemain INCORPORATED INTO NEW PROJECTS
WW21	Upper York Water Reclamation Centre NO LONGER REQUIRED
WW22	Upper York Servicing Infrastructure Expansions 1 and 2 NO LONGER REQUIRED
WW23	Keswick Wastewater Servicing
WW24	Sutton Wastewater Servicing
WW25	NEW North YDSS Expansion Phase 1
WW26	NEW North YDSS Expansion Phase 2
WW27	NEW North YDSS Expansion Phase 3



AMENDMENT TO THE
2022 YORK REGION
**WATER AND WASTEWATER
MASTER PLAN**

JANUARY 2025



From: [Regional.Clerk](#)

Subject: Regional Council Decision - Township of King Resolution – Strengthening Enforcement Against Illegal Land Use
Date: March 3, 2025 3:54:49 PM

On February 27, 2025 Regional Council received and supported your resolution below, dated January 28, 2025.

Whereas the Township of King, as a rural community in Ontario, places a high priority on preserving its natural landscapes, agricultural heritage, and environmentally sensitive areas to ensure sustainable land-use planning and maintain its community integrity; and

Whereas illegal land use, including unauthorized development, unapproved land alterations, and other non-compliant activities, poses significant threats to the township’s agricultural viability, water quality, and ecosystem health, in addition to undermining public trust in land-use governance; and

Whereas municipalities often incur significant costs associated with investigating, enforcing, monitoring, and remediating illegal activities, which are difficult to recover under current legislative and legal frameworks; and

Whereas existing penalties under the Planning Act are insufficient to deter violations, as they do not adequately reflect the economic gains derived from illegal land use activities; and

Whereas the Township of King recognizes the need for enhanced collaboration between municipal and provincial authorities, including stronger legislative tools, increased resources for enforcement, and streamlined processes, to uphold the principles of responsible land stewardship and to protect public trust; and

Whereas empowering municipalities with more timely and additional proactive enforcement measures, such as immediate penalties for non-compliance, would address systemic delays and create a more efficient and effective framework for resolving land-use violations; and

Whereas municipalities currently face delays in halting illegal land use due to limited enforcement authority under the Planning Act; and

Whereas lengthy Provincial Offences Court proceedings currently hinder municipalities' ability to address straightforward cases of non-compliance promptly and efficiently; and

Whereas granting municipalities the power to issue immediate and enforceable stop-work orders for illegal activities would enhance their ability to protect agricultural and environmentally sensitive lands promptly; and

Whereas providing municipalities with authority to impose immediate financial penalties for non-compliance would strengthen their capacity to enforce planning by-laws and deter ongoing violations;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Township of King urges the Government of Ontario to prioritize these legislative amendments to the Planning Act to safeguard Ontario's agricultural lands, natural heritage, and community well-being:
 - a. Make fines proportionate to the economic gain derived from violations to eliminate financial incentives for illegal land use by amending Section 67 (Offences and Penalties) of the Planning Act to increase fines for individuals to \$50,000 and corporations to \$100,000 and include a \$50,000 fine for each day the illegal land use continues. Apply escalating penalties for repeat offenders or for violations in areas of high environmental sensitivity (e.g., Greenbelt or conservation lands).
 - b. Allow municipalities to recover costs associated with investigating, enforcing, monitoring, and remediating illegal activities from violators by granting municipalities the ability to include all charges, fines, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions, and court-imposed fines as a lien against the property under the Municipal Act, 2001, which can be registered on title of a property under Section 128 of the Land Titles Act.
 - c. Empower enhanced enforcement by providing municipalities the ability to impose an Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) by changing the Planning Act. The intended outcome of this action would be to help avoid court proceedings and encourage compliance to avoid financial penalties. It would have the added benefit of helping to relieve the already overburden Provincial Courts of Part III Offences and enable more efficient and timely resolution of land-use violations.
2. That the Township Clerk send a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. Doug Downey, Minister of the Attorney General, all local area municipalities in York Region, including York Region itself, and to the Towns of Bradford West Gwillimbury and Caledon, for their information and support.

Regards,

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

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Township of Champlain

Resolution
Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.3.
Resolution Number 2025-071
Title: Canada Metal Processing Group - Announcement on steps to respond to U.S. tariff threats on the steel sector
Date: February 27, 2025

Moved By: Paul Emile Duval
Seconded By: Michel Lalonde

Whereas maintaining a healthy domestic steel manufacturing industry and its customer base, who transform steel into steel products, is critical to the economic stability of an independent and autonomous sovereign nation; and

Whereas Steel is a foundational industry to produce core products and infrastructure for essential industries e.g., defence, energy supply both fossil fuels and green energy, majority of industrial manufacturing e.g., automotive, transport, heavy equipment and essential for housing and infrastructure construction; and

Whereas the Heico Companies' Canada Metal Processing Group ("MPG Canada") operates three businesses (Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco, and Infasco) over 6 manufacturing sites in Quebec and Ontario and employs approximately 1600 individuals. The organization operates a state-of-the-art electric arc furnace (EAF) steel plant and billet caster, a two-strand rod mill, a rod processing facility, two wire mills, a bolt manufacturing facility, a nut manufacturing facility and a steel fastener coating facility. MPG Canada strives to offer the best customer experience by delivering high-value and sustainably engineered steel products across North America; and

Whereas, in the face of U.S. tariff threats, and as the Canadian Steel Producer Association (CSPA) members have been advocating, MPG Canada calls on the Canadian government to be prepared to react quickly to safeguard the long-term viability of Canadian steel product manufacturers, and the collective job security of its employees.

Be it resolved that the Township of Champlain supports The Canada Metal Processing Group ("MPG Canada") in its request to the Canadian Government to immediately:

- Prepare to implement matching retaliatory tariff measures without any consultation delay;
- Provide support for workers and businesses during this economic crisis;
- Prevent the ever-increasing unfairly traded imports from other countries into Canada and protect the domestic industry by instituting broad Section 53 surtaxes, without any possible exemptions;
- Promote buying Canadian steel, with its much lower carbon intensity than imports; and
- Work in collaboration with the U.S. to create an aligned North American steel trade market for melted and poured North American steel.

Be it further resolved that this Resolution be circulated to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada),
- The Hon. Melanie Joly (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada),
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith (Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Canada),
- Premier of Ontario,
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade,
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),

- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA),
- Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus,
- The Hon. Francis Drouin, MP - Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- Member of Provincial Parliament, MPP – Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- The Canadian Steel Producer Association, • MPG Canada,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and
- All of Ontario's municipalities.

Carried

Certified True Copy of Resolution

Alison Collard 
Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2025/02/28)
Verify with verifio.com or Adobe Reader.

Alison Collard, Clerk

Date:

Canton de Champlain
Résolution
Réunion régulière du Conseil

No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 15.3.
No. du point 2025-071
Titre: Canada Metal Processing Group - Annonce des mesures à prendre pour répondre aux menaces tarifaires américaines sur le secteur de l'acier
Date: le 27 février 2025

Proposée par: Paul Emile Duval

Appuyée par: Michel Lalonde

Attendu que le maintien d'une industrie sidérurgique nationale saine et de sa clientèle, qui transforme l'acier en produits sidérurgiques, est essentiel à la stabilité économique d'une nation souveraine indépendante et autonome ; et

Attendu que l'acier est une industrie fondamentale pour la production de produits de base et d'infrastructures pour des industries essentielles telles que la défense, l'approvisionnement en énergie, qu'il s'agisse de combustibles fossiles ou d'énergie verte, la majorité des industries manufacturières telles que l'automobile, le transport, l'équipement lourd, ainsi que la construction de logements et d'infrastructures ; et

Attendu que le Groupe de transformation des métaux Canada (« MPG Canada ») de Heico Companies exploite trois entreprises (Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco et Infasco) sur six sites de fabrication au Québec et en Ontario et qu'il emploie environ 1 600 personnes. L'organisation exploite une aciérie à four électrique à arc (FEA) ultramoderne et une coulée de billettes, un laminoir à barres à deux brins, une installation de traitement des barres, deux laminoirs à fil, une installation de fabrication de boulons, une installation de fabrication d'écrous et une installation de revêtement d'attaches en acier. MPG Canada s'efforce d'offrir la meilleure expérience à ses clients en livrant des produits sidérurgiques de grande valeur et de conception durable dans toute l'Amérique du Nord ; et

Attendu que, face aux menaces de tarifs américains, et comme les membres de l'Association canadienne des producteurs d'acier (ACPA) l'ont préconisé, MPG Canada demande au gouvernement canadien d'être prêt à réagir rapidement pour protéger la viabilité à long terme des fabricants canadiens de produits d'acier et la sécurité d'emploi collective de ses employés.

Qu'il soit résolu que le Canton de Champlain appuie le Canada Metal Processing Group (« MPG Canada ») dans sa demande au gouvernement canadien de réagir immédiatement :

- Se préparer à mettre en œuvre des mesures tarifaires de rétorsion correspondantes sans délai de consultation ;
- Soutenir les travailleurs et les entreprises pendant cette crise économique ;
- Empêcher l'augmentation constante des importations déloyales d'autres pays vers le Canada et protéger l'industrie nationale en instituant de larges surtaxes au titre de l'article 53, sans aucune exemption possible ;
- Promouvoir l'achat d'acier canadien, dont l'intensité en carbone est bien inférieure à celle des importations ; et
- Travailler en collaboration avec les États-Unis pour créer un marché nord-américain aligné pour l'acier nord-américain fondu et coulé.

De plus, qu'il soit résolu que la présente résolution soit diffusée auprès de :

- Le très honorable Justin Trudeau (Premier ministre du Canada),
- L'honorable Mélanie Joly (ministre des Affaires étrangères Canada),
- L'honorable Nate Erskine-Smith (ministre du Logement, de l'Infrastructure et des Collectivités Canada),
- le premier ministre de l'Ontario,
- Le ministre du Développement économique, de la Création d'emplois et du Commerce de l'Ontario,
- le ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement de l'Ontario,

- Fédération canadienne des municipalités (FCM),
- Association des municipalités de l'Ontario (AMO),
- l'Association des municipalités rurales de l'Ontario (ROMA),
- le Caucus des gardiens de l'Est de l'Ontario,
- L'honorable Francis Drouin, député de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- Membre du Parlement provincial, MPP - Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- L'Association canadienne des producteurs d'acier,
- MPG Canada,
- L'Association des municipalités de l'Ontario, et
- Toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario

Adoptée

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Alison Collard, greffière Date :



Source: *Canada Metal Processing Group*

February 24, 2025 10:32 ET

Canada Metal Processing Group announces steps to respond to U.S. tariff threats on steel sector

BROSSARD, Quebec, Feb. 24, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Canada Metal Processing Group (MPG Canada) and its subsidiaries, Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco, and Infasco, are announcing the difficult but necessary steps to respond to the current challenging market environment and the threat of incoming tariffs from the United States on steel and steel derivatives. These measures will help maintain the majority of MPG Canada's footprint and workforce while reacting to the impact that these threats are already having on the company's demand for its products destined directly and indirectly, via our Canadian customers, to U.S. customers.

In light of lower anticipated demand and production volume, due to U.S. tariff threats and trade challenges in Canada with increasing imports, the measures include a workforce reduction of 140 production and office employees in Ontario and Quebec, implementation of cost savings actions, and the cancellation or pause of some projects. These steps will enable MPG Canada to remain competitive to service our customers and protect the business in the short-term.

"This was an extremely difficult decision for our company, and not one that was made lightly, but necessary for the business in the current environment," said MPG Canada President Matt Walker. "Our employees are the backbone of our operations. They work hard, day in and day out, to create steel products which are recognized for their quality and good customer service while being an integral part of the Canada-U.S. supply chain."

Soft market in 2024, weak North American macroeconomic demand linked to a U.S. election year, the increased challenge of unfair trade imports into Canada, and now the imminent threat of 25% U.S. tariffs on steel sector and 25% on all Canadian products into the U.S., are having serious impacts on the demand for MPG Canada products.

"While it is impossible at this juncture to predict how long these actions by the United States will last, the Canadian government must be prepared to react quickly to safeguard the long-term viability of Canadian steel product manufacturers, and the collective job security of our employees," said Walker. "Maintaining a healthy domestic steel manufacturing industry and their customer base, who transform steel to steel products, is critical to the economic stability of an independent and autonomous sovereign nation. Steel is a foundational industry to produce core products and infrastructure for essential industries e.g., defence, energy supply both fossil fuels and green energy, majority of industrial manufacturing e.g., automotive, transport, heavy equipment and essential for housing and infrastructure construction."

In the face of U.S. tariff threats, and as the Canadian Steel Producer Association (CSPA) members have been advocating, MPG Canada calls on the Canadian government to immediately:

- Prepare to implement matching retaliatory tariff measures without any consultation delay.
- Provide support for workers and businesses during this economic crisis.
- Prevent the ever-increasing unfairly traded imports from other countries into Canada and protect the domestic industry by instituting broad Section 53 surtaxes, without any possible exemptions.

- Promote buying Canadian steel, with its much lower carbon intensity than imports.
- Work in collaboration with the U.S. to create an aligned North American steel trade market for melted and poured North American steel

About Canada Metal Processing Group

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March 4, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Fort Frances Re: Sovereignty of Canada

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 25, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution from the Town of Fort Frances, regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.

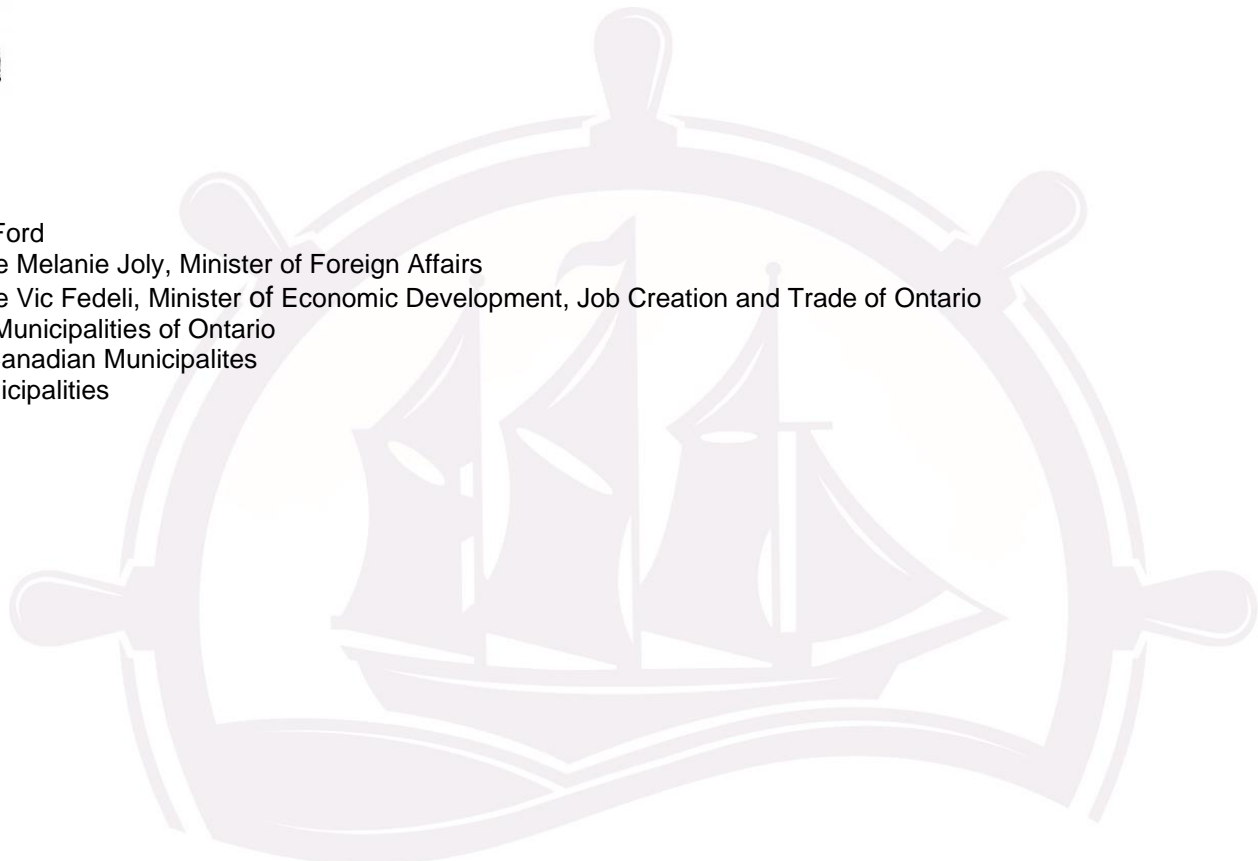
The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Madden".

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

Ec: Premier Doug Ford
The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario
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FORTFRANCES

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 2025

Oral Motion

“THAT Council supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.”

Moved by Wendy Brunetta, Seconded by Steven Maki, Motion Carried by Council.

WHEREAS President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions, and by more than a century and a half of multicultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect, and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Fort Frances categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Fort and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.



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February 27, 2025

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The Honourable Sylvia Jones
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford and Honourable Sylvia Jones:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Fort Erie Re: Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 25, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution from the Town of Fort Erie regarding Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy.

Please find the correspondence attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

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- Wayne Gates
- Jennie Stevens
- Jeff Burch
- Sam Oosterhoff

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Honourable and Dear Sir and Madam:

Re: Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its Special Council meeting of February 11, 2025 passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie submitted a letter to the Minister of Health dated August 7, 2024, advocating for the continuation of the Douglas Memorial Urgent Care Centre as a primary care safety net in the community, which has not received a response, and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has appointed Dr. Philpott as the Chair of the New Primary Care Action Team to develop a strategy to address the shortage of primary care physicians with a mandate to attach all Ontarians to primary care in the next five years (2030), and

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie has a population of 36,000 residents, with over 8,000 who are unattached to a primary care physician, demonstrating a need for a primary care safety net locally, and

Whereas the Douglas Memorial Urgent Care Centre provides a first point of contact with our health care system for Niagara residents without a primary care physician, which will continue beyond the opening of the South Niagara Hospital in 2028, and

Whereas the Council for the Town of Fort Erie passed a resolution on October 21, 2024 requesting a continuation of funding for Douglas Memorial operations, without reduction of any funding to Niagara Health for construction and operation of the new South Niagara Hospital, and that the Premier support that resolution, and

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The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

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Now, therefore, be it resolved,

That: The Town of Fort Erie Mayor and Council requests a response from the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health regarding submissions by the Town of Fort Erie, including letter dated August 7, 2024, the Town of Fort Erie Rural Ontario Municipalities Association presentation to the Ministry of Health, Parliamentary Assistant, Anthony Leardi, the resolution passed by the Town Council on October 21, 2024, and the Niagara Health resolution that the Town of Fort Erie presented to the Niagara Health Board on January 28, 2025, and

That: The Town of Fort Erie Mayor and Council requests that the Province of Ontario put a moratorium on the closure of urgent care centres and the implicit removal of primary care health services from the Town of Fort Erie and all small and rural communities in Ontario until Dr. Philpott's mandate is complete to ensure that all Ontarians are attached to a primary care physician, and;

That: This resolution and the information it references be forwarded to Niagara's local MPPs and all candidates seeking election in Niagara and circulated to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario municipalities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



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Attachments:

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health Letter – August 7, 2024
 The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier and The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health Letter – October 22, 2024
 Rural Ontario Municipalities Association presentation to the Ministry of Health, Parliamentary Assistant, Anthony Leardi –
 January 21, 2024
 NH Board Resolution – January 28, 2024



Office of the Mayor

WAYNE H. REDEKOP

August 7, 2024

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Minister of Health
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Honourable and Dear Madam:

Re: Urgent Care Centre, Fort Erie

I appreciate the challenges that you and your Ministry face as you endeavour to ensure that every resident of Ontario has timely, effective and meaningful access to primary health care. I also appreciate the interest that you have taken in the specific issues that challenge us in Fort Erie as we attempt to establish a model that will address the need of our residents to access primary care.

The Town of Fort Erie Council recently passed a resolution calling on you and Niagara Health for a commitment to continue the operation of the Urgent Care Centre at Douglas Memorial, in Fort Erie, following the opening of the South Niagara Hospital as our primary care safety net until a viable and sustainable alternative is in place in the community. I attach a copy of that resolution. This resolution has also been supported by the City of Niagara Falls, the City of Port Colborne and the Niagara Region.

The Town administration has been working with local family physicians, other health care providers, Bridges (the local Community Health Centre), the Indigenous community, Niagara Health, the Niagara Ontario Health Team and Ontario Health West to identify the specific service needs of our residents, the resources that we can rely on to meet our residents' needs and establish the model that will ensure that the primary health care, diagnostic and associated services are in place for the long term. As the community continues to grow, the Town is taking necessary steps to ensure that all residents will be rostered with a family physician, including continued support for a local Physician Recruitment Incentive program. As you can imagine, this is a significant investment and a moving target that is elusive for municipalities across Ontario. Fort Erie estimates that over 7,000 residents are unattached to a primary care physician and all of our 34,000 residents rely on the Urgent Care for primary care health issues. Hence the absolute importance of the Urgent Care Centre at Douglas Memorial continue its operation as our primary care safety net.

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In July 2023, Niagara Health reduced the hours of operation of the UCC in Fort Erie (and Port Colborne) from 24 hours to essentially 10 hours (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.). This has jeopardized the access to primary care not only of unrostered patients, but for all residents of our community after available family physician working hours. The implications seem predictable: greater pressure on the Emergency Departments in Niagara Falls and Welland, lower acuity health issues using Emergency and EMS as a first point of contact, greater demand on Emergency Medical Services and offload delay pressures, delayed medical attention by those with transportation or other logistical challenges which make it difficult to seek medical service at a distance. All of these have financial impacts that erode the ability of the hospital system to provide the services required by residents. I believe that it is unlikely that the new South Niagara hospital will eliminate these concerns.

Insofar as Niagara Health is responsible for the operation of our UCC at Douglas Memorial, we understand the need to maintain a fruitful working relationship with it. Accordingly, NH has participated in our Community Health Care Services Committee and in meetings with other health care providers as we search for the model for primary care that will meet our community's needs. Regretfully, NH has recently decided that it will no longer participate in the committee or any meetings in which the Town of Fort Erie is represented for reasons best known to it. Furthermore, it removed the invitation to Fort Erie's Chief Administrative Officer and Health Services Coordinator to attend a recent meeting (Aug 2nd) with Ministry representatives, Ontario Health West, Niagara Health, the Niagara OHT and other health service partners, without an explanation to the attendees. This was very embarrassing and concerning to us and brings into question NH's ability to gain public trust and confidence as our publicly funded hospital, but more significantly, it raises community concern about its ability to understand the dynamic between operation of the UCC and our quest to find a long-term primary care solution for our residents.

We look forward to your consideration to commit to the continuation of the Urgent Care Centre beyond 2028, as our primary care safety net or until a viable and sustainable alternative is in place.

Yours very truly,



Wayne H. Redekop
Mayor

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Attach

c.c C. McQueen, Chief Administrative Officer

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Town of Fort Erie - Resolutions
Regular Council

Agenda Number: 16.2.
Resolution No. 14
Title: Councillor McDermott
Date: Monday, May 27, 2024

Moved by: Councillor McDermott
Seconded by: Councillor Christensen

Whereas Niagara Health has received approval from the Provincial Government to build a new South Niagara Hospital in Niagara Falls that will provide a range of emergency and acute care services, and

Whereas the shortage of primary care physicians in Fort Erie results in over 7,000 residents being unattached (unrostered) to a family physician, and

Whereas the Fort Erie Urgent Care Centre at Niagara Health's Douglas Memorial site provides a primary care "safety net" for the community and serves as a first point of health care contact for both attached and unattached residents who cannot receive time-sensitive primary health care, and

Whereas the Provincial Government is attempting to reduce EMS offload delays and eliminate hallway medicine arising from low acuity patients who would be better served by primary care physicians or an Urgent Care Centre providing access to the primary care "safety net", and

Whereas the viability of the health care and hospital systems in Niagara are dependent on all residents having time-sensitive access to primary health care;

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Town of Fort Erie advocate to the Minister of Health and Niagara Health for a commitment to continue the operation of Urgent Care Centre at Douglas Memorial in Fort Erie following the opening of the South Niagara Hospital as the primary care safety net until a viable and sustainable alternative is in place in the community, and further

That: This resolution be sent to the Niagara Region and Niagara's local area municipalities for their support and endorsement.

Carried



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October 22, 2024

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Honourable and Dear Sir and Madam:

Re: Request Provincial Funding Remain Available to Support Fort Erie's Primary Care Initiative

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its Council meeting of October 21, 2024 unanimously passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Douglas Memorial Hospital was built primarily with funds left by the estate of William Douglas on his death in 1929; and

Whereas the Douglas Memorial Hospital ("the Hospital") opened for operation in 1931; and

Whereas the Hospital operated in the black during all of its years of operation (1931- 1998) as a full-service hospital under the management and guidance of its own Board of Trustees; and

Whereas the Health Services Restructuring Commission ("HSRC") recommended in 1998 that Douglas Memorial continue operation as a hospital within the new Niagara Health System ("NHS"), with acute and chronic care beds, emergency and ambulatory services and a range of diagnostics; and

Whereas despite the creation of a standing committee of the NHS Board for Fort Erie, pursuant to recommendation of the HSRC, to assure local input into Board decision making and that no decision to eliminate any inpatient or emergency services would be made unless approved by such standing committee, the NHS embarked on a systematic reduction or elimination of various services at the Hospital until the adoption by the NHS of its "Hospital Improvement Plan" ("HIP") in 2008; and

Whereas pursuant to the HIP the NHS eliminated emergency and all other health care services at the Hospital in 2009, with the exception of a 24-hour Urgent Care Centre ("UCC"), chronic care beds, palliative care beds and some diagnostics, without the approval of the Hospital standing committee; and

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Whereas in July 2023 Niagara Health (“NH”), as it is now designated, reduced the hours of operation of the Hospital UCC to 12 hours, although the public only has access to the UCC from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily; and

Whereas NH has recently adopted a 3 hospital model for the future of hospital services in Niagara that intends to completely close the Hospital, resulting in no urgent, chronic or palliative or diagnostic services in Fort Erie once the new South Niagara Hospital is opened in or about 2028; and

Whereas the most recent population data available indicates that Fort Erie’s current population is 36,200, far greater than projected during deliberations with respect to Niagara Region’s new Official Plan, adopted in July 2022; and

Whereas the Niagara Region’s population is growing at a rate far greater than anticipated by the Province or NH, particularly when projections were being made for the hospital needs of South Niagara when planning for the new South Niagara Hospital; and

Whereas there are over 7,000 Fort Erie residents unattached to a primary care physician, necessitating a primary care “safety net”, such as a UCC or alternative to avoid first point of health care contact at local emergency departments; and

Whereas the UCC at Douglas Memorial forms that primary health care “safety net” in the absence of sufficient primary care physicians or service providers in Fort Erie; and
Whereas the removal of UCC services, chronic care beds, palliative care beds and diagnostics from the Hospital will result in an unreasonable and unnecessary hardship for current and future residents of Fort Erie and will foreclose the use of the Hospital as a safety valve for NH patients anywhere in Niagara in the event the new South Niagara Hospital is unable to meet the demands that the increasing population of Niagara will place on it; and
Whereas a prudent approach to managing the hospital and health care needs of Niagara, particularly South Niagara and Fort Erie, would recognize the value of retaining a fully-operational UCC, with diagnostics and clinics, as well as chronic care and palliative care beds at the Hospital; and

Whereas there is no indication that NH has any intention of changing course on its 3 hospital model for Niagara despite requests by the Town of Fort Erie to continue the services available at the Hospital; and

Whereas the residents of Fort Erie need and deserve equitable primary health care services, including 24-hour Urgent Care and associated services;

Now therefore be it resolved,

1. **That** the Council for the Town of Fort Erie requests that the Minister of Health commit to funding all necessary services at the new South Niagara hospital without the removal or reallocation of operational funding from the Douglas Memorial for the UCC and other current health services, and further

2. **That** the Council for the Town of Fort Erie requests that the Minister of Health direct any and all funding from the Province of Ontario for the operation of the UCC (primary care), chronic care beds and palliative care beds, and all diagnostic and associated services at Douglas Memorial remain in Fort Erie for use by Niagara Health as part of a revised hospital model for Niagara or an alternative model operated by a qualified designated health care services entity working in collaboration with the Town of Fort Erie should NH close Douglas Memorial as a hospital site, either before or following the completion and opening of the new South Niagara Hospital, and further
3. **That:** the Mayor and Town of Fort Erie staff enter into discussions with the Minister of Health and Niagara Health and such other health care providers as deemed appropriate to ensure the continued operation of primary care and other current services at Douglas Memorial, with or without the involvement of NH, and further
4. **That:** the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford, be requested to support this initiative, and further
5. **That:** a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford; the Ontario Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; the Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Justin Trudeau; the federal Minister of Health, Mark Holland; the four MPPs and MPs who represent Niagara; the Niagara Region and the other 11 local area municipalities in Niagara for support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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2025 ROMA PRESENTATION
TOWN OF FORT ERIE



**Presentation to:
Anthony Leardi, Parliamentary Assistant
to the Minister of Health
January 21, 2025**



Overview

- A leader in community Health Care
- Investing in our community
- Community profile
- Our Issue
- Our Challenges
- Current Impacts on access
- How the Province can help
- Progress with Niagara Health
- Indigenous Health Services



A Leader in Community Health Care

Community Collaboration

- Creation of a Community Health Care Services Committee with representation from Regional Public Health, Niagara Health System, Primary Care Physicians, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (initially established in 2003, first of its kind in Ontario)
- Conversion of former fire hall into medical clinic (underway)

Physician Recruitment

- Promoted establishment of family group practice in clinics
- Secured 4 new physicians in past 5 years – 2 new physicians in 2022/23
- 1 new physician recruitment pending
- Recent policy changes allowing streamlining and credentialing for certified physicians is removing barriers to repatriate or relocate practices to Canada.
- Attended UK/Ireland repatriation recruitment with Niagara Region



Physician Retention

- Facilitating a local family physicians network (Community of Practice)
- For over 20 years have provided physician retention incentives to address planned retirements



Education

- Partnership funding – Rural Medicine Week, Student Assistance Programs, Clerkships

Programs

- Nurse Practitioner, Mental Health, Memory Clinic
- Mobile clinics – Cancer Screening, Dental Services, REACH Mobile Bus



■ Investing in our Community

- Community Health and Wellness has been a Council priority since 1999/2000 and took on critical importance in 2008 when Douglas Memorial Hospital was converted to an Urgent Care Centre.
- Council's 2023 – 2026 Corporate Strategic Plan was unanimously supported with an enhanced focus to secure and enhance essential health care services in Fort Erie when new South Niagara Hospital opens (2028).
- Since 2012, the Town has invested over **\$2.7 million** in health- related services, as well as contributions to the Community Health & Wellness Reserve (**since 2019 - \$885,000**).
- Council committed **\$3 million** to the South Niagara Hospital and **\$150,000** toward Hospice Niagara's 10 bed hospice residence to be built in Fort Erie.



■ A Growing, Diverse Community



- Fort Erie has a population of approximately 36,000 persons. It has the perfect mix of rural and urban settings – a lot of green space but within close proximity to international airports and larger city centres.
 - Approximately 5% of our population identifies as Indigenous (First Nations, Metis, Inuit).
 - Over 156 new businesses have opened since the start of the pandemic (March 2020)
 - Strategically situated on the Canada/USA border, from a trade standpoint, Fort Erie is important as one of North America's busiest gateways. Presently about 14% of all Canada-US trade crosses at Fort Erie with access to a U.S. population of over 44 million within a daily trucking distance, including 9 marine ports of entry/exit.
- From an immigration standpoint, Fort Erie plays an important role in welcoming newcomers, working with many service providers and the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre in providing settlement programs and services.
- Thousands of visitors are attracted to the beautiful sandy beaches in Fort Erie. Our Bay Beach Master Plan improvements make the experience at our most popular beaches even better and accessible. More than 86,000 annual visitors come to the beach and tens of thousands of others come for the boating, fishing, bird-watching and cycling opportunities.
- Fort Erie continues to be identified as a strategic location for investment by Invest Ontario and Niagara Economic Development.



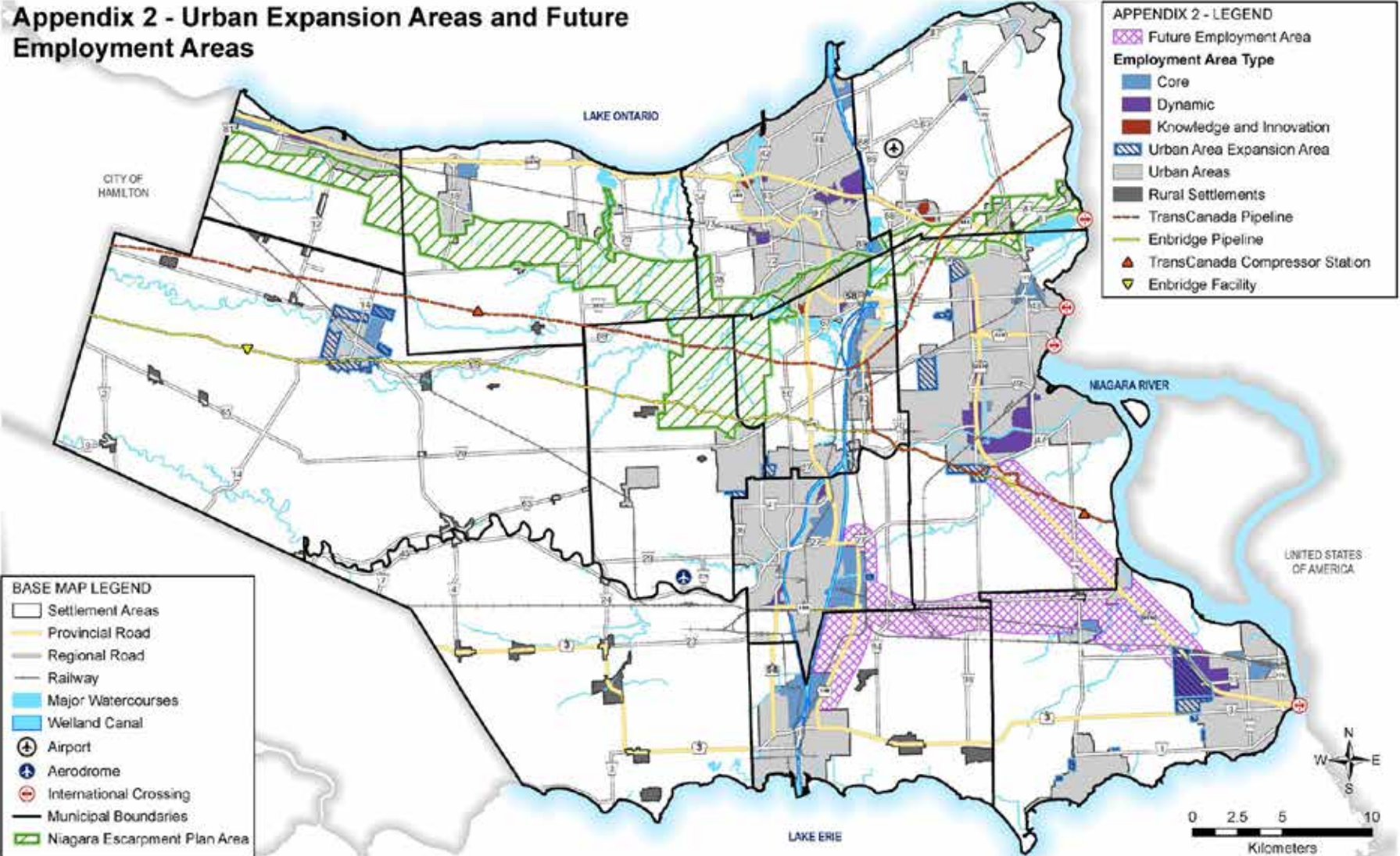
Our Issue:

- Currently, 8,000 Fort Erie residents are not rostered to a family physician in Fort Erie or not receiving care at all. *
- First point of care for unattached and many attached residents is Fort Erie Urgent Care Centre; however, service hours were reduced from 24 hour care to 10 hour care (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.), effective July 5, 2023.
- Fort Erie Urgent Care has served the community as appropriate first point of contact for lower acuity health issues (for both attached and unattached residents - 36,000) and it is considered a primary health care “**safety net**”.
- Niagara Health plans to close the Fort Erie Urgent Care in 2028, with the opening of the new South Niagara Hospital. Without a first point of contact “safety net” for low acuity health conditions, residents will go to the emergency department or call EMS.
- Primary Care was identified as a priority by the province, leading to the appointment of Dr.Philpott to address this issue.

*Ministry of Health Statistics, 2024



Appendix 2 - Urban Expansion Areas and Future Employment Areas



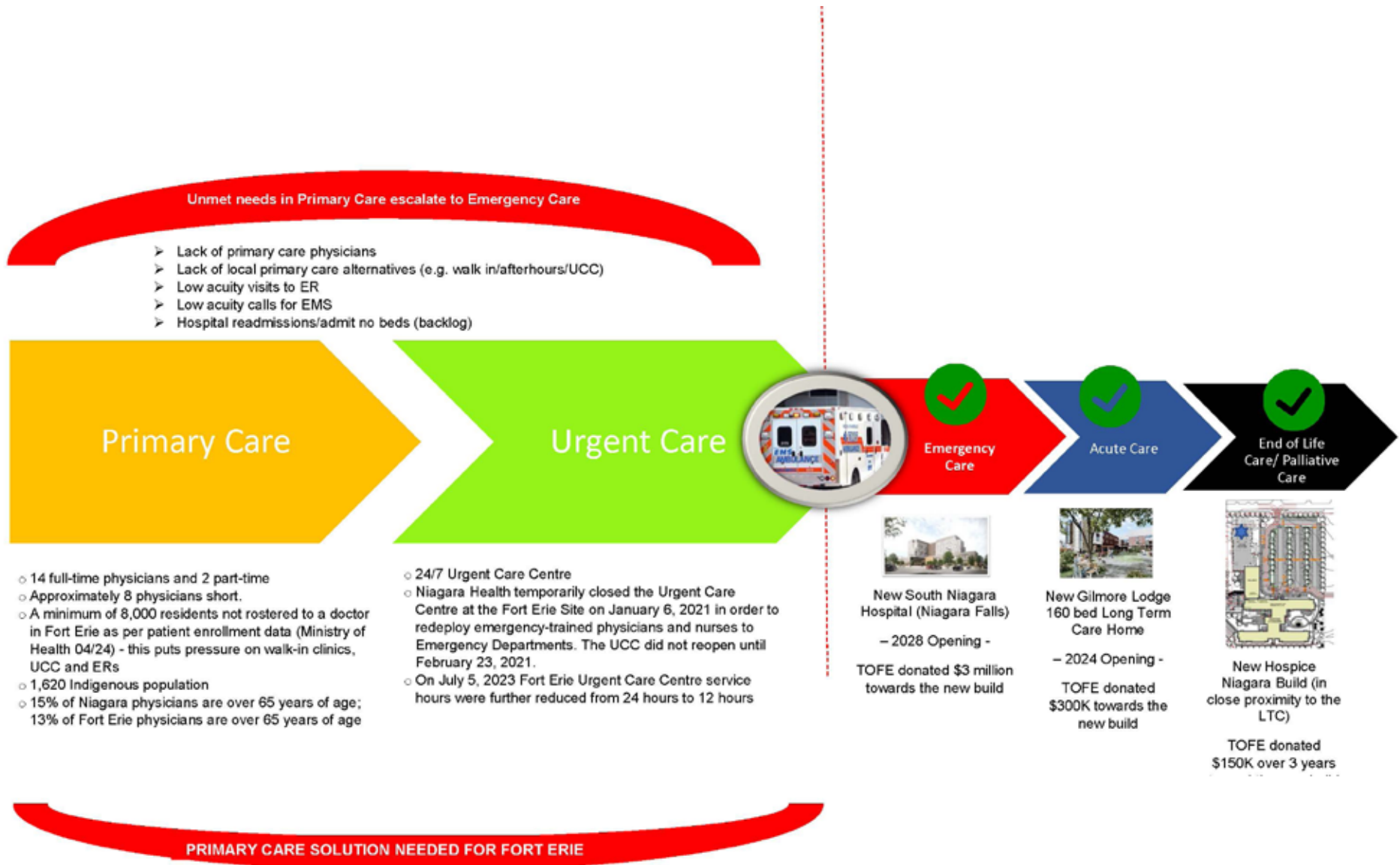
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■ Our Challenge:

- **Douglas Memorial Urgent Care Centre (UCC) needs to be available 24/7 post 2028 (when South Niagara Hospital opens) OR until an alternate plan to secure primary care services is in place for our growing community.**
- Town is working with local health service partners, Niagara Ontario Health Team, local family physicians and Community Health Centre (CHC) to collaborate on an EOI Interdisciplinary Care Team (ICT) submission as an interim measure to address primary care physician shortages. Fort Erie UCC remains as a critical primary care “safety net” to avoid emergency room crowding.
- Fort Erie is prepared to support Niagara Health as a credible and sustainable health care provider to oversee a local health service solution after 2028. Such a solution breaks down health care silos, facilitates continuity of care, and reduces pressures on hospitals (e.g. ED overcrowding; EMC offload delays) by addressing primary care access in the community.



Current Impacts on Access



■ Statement by the Minister

- The release of the “Your Health: a Plan for Connected and Convenient Care” includes a statement by the Minister of Health, as follows:



“Our goal is to make health care more convenient for Ontarians by connecting you to care closer to home ... we will continue to prioritize making it easier for you and your family to connect to the care you need... we are focused on connecting you to the care you need, when and where you need it.”

With the recent appointment of Dr. Philpott, the Minister also added

“There’s no one I trust more than Dr. Philpott with her considerable experience to keep moving us forward and get us across the finish line of connecting everyone in the province to more convenient primary health care within the next five years. Doing so will have enormous benefits for people’s health and wellbeing, as well as the province’s health care system by reducing pressures on emergency departments.”

■ Progress with Niagara Health:

- Niagara Health publicly stated that they are not in the primary care business.
- They confirmed plans to cease operations of the Fort Erie Urgent Care Centre upon the opening of the South Niagara Hospital.
- They plan to allocate primary care spending dollars from Fort Erie Urgent Care Centre to operations at South Niagara Hospital.
- Niagara Health has excluded town staff from local health services discussions and has withdrawn their participation on the Fort Erie Health Services Committee.



■ How the Province can help:

- Request that Niagara Health restore and continue Urgent Care hours/operations in order to provide continued services to our residents and with consideration to meet the primary and incidental health care needs for the growth that our community continues to experience.
- Provide Niagara Health with the required operational funding for the new South Niagara Hospital so that current primary care funding for the UCC remains in our community to address primary care needs.
- Work with Town, Niagara Health, the Indigenous community and local physicians to develop a funded Fort Erie Health Services Model that will provide essential, sustainable and reliable first point of contact primary care health services to all residents (attached and unattached) beyond 2028.



■ How the Province can help:

- Continue to review/update the new practice agreement for family physicians to remove barriers that would discourage a collaborative primary care facility model (e.g. distance between members/clinics, funding caps) and increase incentives or create attractive conditions for family physicians to work after hours at UCCs.
- Address health care as “one envelope” of funding vs. fractured health funding envelopes (primary care, hospitals, EMS, public health, home and community care, etc.)
- Continue to advocate for additional seats on health and medical professional training programs - opportunities for post-secondary training in Fort Erie (FEIA/ Sheridan/Niagara College).



Indigenous Health Services

Challenges:

- Indigenous community and clients already experience access to care issues. The potential closure of the Douglas Memorial Hospital and access to urgent care present more barriers to access.
- Mainstream and conventional models of health services offered through Niagara Health System (NHS) and the Ministry of Health (MOH) do not meet specific needs of Indigenous community and clients.
- Lack of physicians especially those familiar with holistic medicines.
- Lack of addiction services/harm reduction services that align to Indigenous healing journey.
- Child care pressures.
- Housing pressures.
- Transportation accessing programs out of Town is a barrier for many.



Indigenous Health Services

Success with Indigenous-led Services:

- Wellbriety -12 week program based on Medicine Wheel Teachings that connects addiction and recovery services offered at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre facilitation in circles that begin the healing journey using a holistic approach with a mental health component (Niagara Health System does not provide support for this model). While main stream addiction services is well-intentioned, it can be more dangerous for Indigenous people to participate in these programs and lead to additional health crises.
- Under the Rainbow Childcare Centre is open to all Fort Erie residents and currently has a large wait list due to its popular programming.
- Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre has undertaken training their own ECE workers to compliment the Childcare Centre and Head Start program.
- Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre is represented on the Town's Community Health Care Services Committee and other municipal committees, and brings thoughts and ideas that help plan for the future of the community and Indigenous Health Services.



What the Province can do to help

- Support the Town's request to continue operation of the Urgent Care Centre (UCC) beyond 2028 as a local primary care access for the Indigenous community as part of Fort Erie's primary health care "safety net". The Town's request has also been supported by the Niagara Region, City of Niagara Falls, and City of Port Colborne.
- Encourage the inclusion of the Ministry of Health and Niagara Health System in facilitating health services specific to Indigenous Health.
- Encourage the acceptance of addiction services/harm reduction with more of an Indigenous lens that will assist with the healing journey.
- Consider support for the expansion of child care services at Under the Rainbow, provided through the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.



Thank you for providing us with this opportunity to share with you the commitment that the Town continues to make in addressing community health care needs and discuss with you the importance of all Fort Erie residents having equitable access to comprehensive, community-based, innovative health care.

Mayor Wayne H. Redekop
Councillor Joan Christensen
Councillor George McDermott
Chris McQueen, Chief Administrative Officer





Proposed Resolution for the Niagara Health Board of Directors

Whereas, the Town of Fort Erie has clearly stated its position that the community requires a primary health care “safety net”, currently provided at the Douglas Memorial Urgent Care Centre, that should responsibly continue operation in Fort Erie until a viable alternative is in place.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that,

That the Niagara Health Board of Directors instruct Niagara Health representatives to re-engage with the Town of Fort Erie Health Services Committee to assist with local health and community service discussions; and

That Niagara Health commit to include the Town of Fort Erie Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, Community Health Services Coordinator and/or Director of Community Services in all discussions regarding local health services that impact the Town of Fort Erie; and

That the Niagara Health Board of Directors advocate to the Minister of Health to commit to the operational funding for all necessary services at the new South Niagara hospital without the removal or reallocation of operational funding from Douglas Memorial Urgent Care Centre (primary care services) to allow the continuation of the UCC and other current health services beyond 2028 or until a sustainable alternative is established; and

That the Niagara Health Board of Directors advocate to the Ministry of Health to direct all existing provincial funding for the operation of the Douglas Memorial UCC (primary care), chronic care beds and palliative care beds, and all diagnostic and associated services to remain in Fort Erie for use by Niagara Health as part of a revised hospital model for Niagara or an alternative model operated by a qualified designated health care services entity working in collaboration with the Town of Fort Erie should Niagara Health close Douglas Memorial as a hospital site, either before or following the completion and opening of the new South Niagara Hospital; and

That the Niagara Health Board notify the Town of Fort Erie of its decisions with respect to the above resolutions.



Hon. Justin Trudeau
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March 5, 2025

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Federation of Canadian
Municipalities –
VIA EMAIL:
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RE: Resolution No. 2025-051 – Federal and Provincial Call to Action to Buy Canadian

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on February 20, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-051:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items 6.8 and 6.9 listed for FEBRUARY 20, 2025 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas United States President Donald Trump, continues to indicate that he will issue executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada; and

Whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and

Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and



Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 to \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch endorse the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and

That the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

That council call on the federal and provincial government to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

February 6, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
 Prime Minister of Canada
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 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
 Via fax

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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 Via email

Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM
 Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 24 Clarence Street
 Ottawa, ON K1N 5P3
 Via email

Re: United States Imposition of Tariffs on Canada

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Hanover, at their regular meeting of February 3, 2025, adopted the following resolution with respect to the above noted matter:

“Whereas United States President Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective February 4, 2025; and

Whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and

Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 to \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Hanover endorse the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and

That the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

That council call on the federal and provincial government to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Vicki McDonald.

Vicki McDonald
Clerk

/tp

cc: Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
All Ontario Municipalities



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January 29, 2025

All Municipalities in Ontario
Via Email

Re: Sovereignty of Canada

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, January 20, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding Sovereignty of Canada.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0010.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0010

Title: Sovereignty of Canada

Date: January 20, 2025

Moved by: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded by: Councillor J. Brass

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS incoming President Trump has suggested that with the use of "economic force" such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS residents of our community, known as Canada's Most Patriotic Town, have demonstrated passion for and loyalty to our nation by opposing past "Buy America" trade measures; by celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary by simultaneously flying over 57,000 Canadian flags and along with other activities, by annually hosting popular Canada Day festivities throughout our municipality; and

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867; and


AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Ford and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.



Mayor Ann Lawlor



March 4, 2025

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

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Re: Tariffs on Canadian Production

Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 25, 2025 passed the following resolution:

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Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Whereas the recent threats of an imposition on tariffs on Canadian production will have a substantial effect on the items produced in the County of Essex and purchased in the Town of LaSalle;

And Whereas there has only been a 30-day reprieve granted;

And Whereas, a tariff on Canadian steel and aluminum has been threatened;

And Whereas, these tariffs were going to be applied by another country and therefore can be deemed as being external to the Province and Country;

And Whereas, the interprovincial trade has been deemed by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) to represent 18% of Canada's GDP.

And Whereas, the CFIP released a report that said removing interprovincial barriers could boost the economy by up to \$200 billion annually;

And Whereas, items produced, grown, and manufactured in Essex County are sent across Canada;

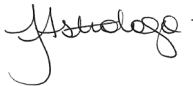
And Whereas, persons in the Town of LaSalle purchase goods manufactured in many provinces and from across the country, and these goods are in many cases subject to interprovincial barriers.

Be It Resolved that, the Town of LaSalle calls upon both the Provincial and Federal Governments to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers to ensure that items produced in the County of Essex and that Canadian items purchased in the Town of LaSalle are no longer subject to these interprovincial trade barriers.

Carried.

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

Yours Truly,



Jennifer Astrologo
Director of Council Services/Clerk
Town of LaSalle
jastrologo@lasalle.ca

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca
All Ontario Municipalities

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS
RESOLUTION**

Regular Meeting

Resolution: 2025-28
Date: February 12, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Lennox
Seconded By: Councillor Annable

THAT the Council of the Township of North Dundas supports resolution No. 254/2024 from the Township of South Stormont passed on December 18, 2024 requesting that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead; AND FURTHER that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support, as well as the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Transportation.

Carried

Good day,

Please be advised that Council of the Township of South Stormont passed the following resolution on December 18, 2024:

Resolution No.: 254/2024

Moved By: Councillor Reid McIntyre

Seconded by: Councillor Jennifer MacIsaac

**Whereas rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;
And whereas preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;
And whereas roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums; preventing car crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Township of South Stormont requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead;
And further that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support, as well as the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Transportation.
Result: CARRIED**

Kind regards,



Ashley Sloan, AMP

Deputy Clerk

Marriage Officiant

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March 6, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier's Office, Room 281
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Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A1
Delivered via email: premier@ontario.ca

RE: U.S Tariffs on Canadian Goods.

Supporting the letter from Peterborough County dated February 5, 2025.

Please be advised that, at its regular meeting of Council held on February 11, 2025, The Corporation of the Township of Central Frontenac supported a resolution from Peterborough County, regarding U.S Tariffs on Canadian Goods.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Motion #: 26-2025

THAT Council authorize staff to create a letter of support for the following correspondence received, #14 b;

AND FURTHER THAT the letters of support be sent to All Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Premier and the associated Provincial Ministers.

Kind Regards,

Cathy MacMunn AMCT ACST
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
cmacmunn@centralfrontenac.com

cc. Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, & All Municipalities of Ontario

CM/am



February 5, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian Goods

Please note at their Regular meeting held on February 5, 2025, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 19-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis
Seconded by Warden Clark

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and



Whereas municipalities have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the County of Peterborough supports the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

And that the CAO be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary purchasing policy that integrates and addresses these concerns;

And that County Economic Development & Tourism Division be directed to implement a "Buy Local Peterborough County, Buy Canadian" campaign to encourage residents and businesses to purchase locally made and Canadian goods and services.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver



- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers.
- All local MPs and MPPs,
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Yours truly,

Holly Salisko
Administrative Services Assistant – Clerk's Division/Planning
hsalisko@ptbocounty.ca

From: [Sawden, Vanessa](#)
To: [Sawden, Vanessa](#)
Cc: [La Chapelle, John](#)
Subject: York Region's Sign Bylaw Public Information Meeting – Thursday, March 27, 2025
Date: March 6, 2025 12:01:58 PM
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VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

YORK REGION'S SIGN BYLAW

This email is to advise of an upcoming Virtual Public Information Meeting for York Region's Sign Bylaw.

York Region is reviewing its Signs on Regional Roads Bylaw and is inviting residents to a **Virtual Public Information Meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.** to provide their input through an interactive online tool. This feedback will help shape amendments to the current bylaw.

The virtual public information meeting will last about one hour and will include a presentation on the current sign bylaw, the existing legal and safe sign locations and areas for future improvement.

Virtual Public Information Meeting details:

- Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025
- Time: 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information and to register, visit york.ca/SignBylaw

If you have questions about this public information meeting, please contact:

- John La Chapelle, Manager, Corridor Control and Incident Management, at John.LaChapelle@york.ca

For general inquiries, please contact Public Works at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75000 or via email at transportation@york.ca

For after-hours emergencies, please contact York Region's Roads and Traffic Operations Centre at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75200.

Please communicate this information with your colleagues as appropriate.

Best,

Vanessa

Vanessa Sawden (she/her) | Communications and Engagement Associate
Sustainability, Communications and Innovation, Public Works

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Let's work together to help foster healthy work-life boundaries.*

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16. Other Business

16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor DiPaola

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

a) That Richmond Hill Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary

- b) That Richmond Hill Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;
- c) That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure and program delivery needs;
- d) That this initiative be in addition to the efforts made by OBCM and AMO in addressing the funding shortfall of municipalities in a targeted and individualized manner to ensure funding sources are sustainable for all services provided by municipalities including mental health and homelessness.
- e) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister of Canada and local Members of Parliament (MPs), and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) following the Provincial Election on February 27, 2025
- f) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried Unanimously

March 4, 2025

email: KStevenson@ptbocounty.ca

Keri Stevenson
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
The County of Peterborough
470 Water Street
Peterborough, ON
K9H 3M3

Re: Support Resolution – U.S. Tariffs on Canada/Purchasing Policies

Dear Ms. Stevenson,

Please be advised that at its meeting held the 25th day of February 2025 the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2025 – 033 – Support Resolution – U.S. Tariffs on Canada/Purchasing Policies

Councillor John Boyko – Councillor Brian Henry –

That the Township of Selwyn supports the County of Peterborough's Resolution No. 19-2025 which urges the federal and provincial governments to take all necessary actions to protect Ontario's interests in trade negotiations with the U.S. and investigate purchasing policies; and that this motion be copied to those included in the County's motion.

Carried.

I trust you find this in order. Please do not hesitate to contact the Selwyn Township Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Megin Hunter
Office Assistant / Reception

Encl.

cc: The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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The Corporation of the Township of Laird
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Clerk
Jennifer Errington, Dipl.M.A.

Mayor
Shawn Evoy

Right Hon. Prime Minister, Justine Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

March 11, 2025

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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

At the Council meeting held on February 20, 2025, Laird Township Council approved Council Resolution 43-25, supporting the letter submitted by the Town of Newmarket regarding the redistribution of the Provincial Land Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

Motion 43-25

Moved by: Todd Ryall

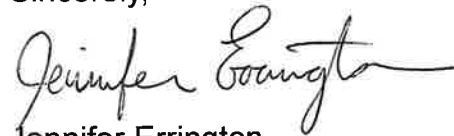
Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Laird supports the Town of Newmarket resolution to request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail at clerk@lairdtownship.ca.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Errington
Clerk Administrator

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Tony Van Bynen, Member of Parliament for Newmarket-Aurora
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Freedom of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



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February 11, 2025

Sent via email

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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

I am writing to advise you that at the Council meeting held on February 10, 2025, the Town of Newmarket Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved:

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

Yours sincerely,

Emily Thomas-Hopkins
 Legislative Coordinator

Copy:

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
 Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Tony Van Bynen, Member of Parliament for Newmarket – Aurora
 Dawn Gallagher-Murphy, Member of Provincial Parliament for Newmarket – Aurora
 All Ontario Municipalities
 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



**Town of Newmarket Council Extract
Council**

Title: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Simon
Seconded by: Councillor Broome

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved:

1. That Newmarket Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and,
2. That Newmarket Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of

the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,

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

Carried

March 7, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Via email: pm@pm.gc.ca

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

Re: Impacts of Tariffs

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its special meeting held on March 6, 2025, supported the following resolution regarding the above noted matter:

Whereas Canada is facing an unfair trade war based on tariffs from the Trump administration;

And Whereas tariffs have the prospect of negatively impacting our citizens, businesses, and community organizations;

And Whereas Chatham-Kent Council is ready and prepared to stand up for our businesses and citizens, and to support Team Canada in this fight;

And Whereas the approaches taken to respond to tariffs need to consider all potential impacts of the decision, including unintended consequences;

And Whereas Council strenuously objects to the ongoing attempts to undermine Canadian sovereignty by the Trump Administration;

And Whereas Council encourages the Federal government to continue work toward negotiations on ending this Trade War;

Therefore, Chatham-Kent Municipal Council directs administration to continue its work to address the impacts of this trade war, to immediately work on the following list of actions, and to work on any other matters that could be relevant to address the impact of these unfair tariffs:

1. Administration continue its work on addressing tariff impacts, including the review of:
 - a. Approaches taken by other municipalities to ensure Chatham-Kent is adopting best practices;
 - b. Supply chains for major purchases and products that may be impacted by tariffs;

- c. Legal options for adjusting contracts and procurement processes to reduce Chatham-Kent exposure to tariffs;
 - d. Employment and support services for citizens whose jobs may be impacted by tariffs;
 - e. Opportunities to advance major projects to assist in economic stimulus;
2. Economic Development continue to:
- a. Connect with local businesses to understand impacts that tariffs are having;
 - b. Enhance existing Buy Local campaigns to help support local businesses and provide citizens with information about their purchasing decisions;
 - c. Be prepared to assist businesses with accessing senior government programs that may become available.
3. Administration be directed to support upper levels of government's "Team Canada" approach, including participating in municipal association work, and preparing advocacy to senior levels of government to address any barriers Chatham-Kent faces, and to advance the needs of our local companies;
4. Administration continue to update the www.Chatham-Kent.ca/TariffSupport webpage to keep citizens updated on the impacts of tariffs and relief programs that become available;
5. Administration report to the Mayor and Council regarding any opportunities for political collaboration between Chatham-Kent and other municipalities, municipal associations and cross-border initiatives;
6. Administration return to Council for any necessary funding requests and with updates on progress on each of the items in this motion.
7. Administration be directed to send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments to consider all means to decrease costs to Canadians.
8. Administration be directed to share this resolution with local MP's, MPP's, AMO, FCM, ROMA, OBCM, Border Mayor Alliance and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

Judy Smith
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Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

**Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury**

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March 12, 2025

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford
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Queen's Park
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premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford

Re: Motion to Request Landlord Tenant Reforms

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2025-79
Moved: Councillor Giordano
Seconded: Councillor Dykie

WHEREAS Ontario has expanded the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) framework to address the housing supply crisis, which includes the need to balance the interests of both tenants and small-scale landlords;

WHEREAS small-scale landlords may face financial strain when tenants withhold rent in bad faith, and delayed dispute resolution systems can result in undue hardship for landlords, while also affecting tenants' security and well-being;

WHEREAS it is crucial to support the development of legal ADUs and secondary rentals while ensuring tenants' rights are respected and upheld;

WHEREAS proposed reforms could include:

- Accelerating dispute resolution for ADUs and secondary rentals at the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) within 30 days, ensuring fairness for both tenants and landlords
- Introducing mediation services to resolve disputes quickly and amicably, reducing reliance on lengthy hearings
- Providing both landlords and tenants with enhanced tools for clear communication, such as standardized rental agreements and better screening practices

- Strengthening protections for tenants against unfair eviction while enforcing stricter penalties for tenants withholding rent in bad faith
- Ensuring law enforcement access to properties only under appropriate circumstances, respecting tenants' rights while supporting landlords in the resolution of unpaid rent issues
- Establishing a hardship relief fund for landlords impacted by unpaid rent, while ensuring tenants are also supported in cases of financial distress
- Offering free or low-cost legal assistance to both landlords and tenants to navigate disputes fairly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council requests the provincial government to look at ways to implement these balanced reforms that protect both small-scale landlords and tenants, ensuring fairness in the rental market; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Attorney General, and all Ontario municipalities to support the creation of balanced protections for both landlords and tenants

CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



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CC: President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Robin Jones - resolutions@amo.on.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - minister.mah@ontario.ca
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General - attorneygeneral@ontario.ca
All Ontario Municipalities



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March 5, 2025

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

Re: Resolution regarding “Buy Local and Canadian”

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 5, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution #: 10

Moved by: B. Metzger

Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

All Township residents be encouraged to “Buy Local and Canadian”;

That a “Buy Local and Buy Canadian” approach for municipal procurement be implemented where feasible and in line with best value principles;

That staff be directed to review current procurement practices and identify opportunities to enhance local purchasing in response to recent U.S. tariffs and economic pressures; and

That staff be directed to prohibit procurement of U.S. goods and services where possible; and

That staff be directed to report back on any opportunities found to modify procurement policies and practices to support “Buy Local and Buy Canadian” where practical.

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: AMO



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March 10, 2025

Sent to: aromano@newmarket.ca

Dear Amanda Romano:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – April 1 – 30, 2025 – Earth Month

I am writing to advise that your proclamation and 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 proclaim April 1 – 30, 2025 as Earth Month. 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 Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in green on April 22, 2025 to recognize Earth Month. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ETH", written in a cursive style.

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



March 12, 2025

Sent to: erika.luoma@autismontario.com

Dear Erika Luoma:

RE: Proclamation, Lighting and Flag Raising Request – April 2, 2025 – World Autism Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize April 2, 2025 as World Autism Day.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in green on April 2, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

In addition, the community flag pole located at the Newmarket Municipal Offices (395 Mulock Drive) will fly your flag on April 2, 2025

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



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March 12, 2025

Sent to: erika.luoma@autismontario.com

Dear Erika Luoma:

RE: Proclamation, Lighting and Flag Raising Request – April 2, 2025 – World Autism Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation, lighting and flag raising 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 April 2, 2025 as World Autism 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 Riverwalk Commons and the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in green on April 2, 2025 to recognize World Autism Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

In addition, the community flag pole located at the Newmarket Municipal Offices (395 Mulock Drive) will fly your flag on April 2, 2025 to recognize World Autism 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 31, 2025 ATTN: Nick Evans. Alternatively, you can leave it in the drop off box at the front of the building after 4:00 PM.

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Emily Thomas-Hopkins
Legislative Coordinator



March 12, 2025

Sent to: bsander@cdha.ca

Dear Brittney Sander:

RE: Lighting Request – April 4, 2025 – National Dental Hygienists Week

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize National Dentist Hygienists Week by illuminating the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in purple on April 4, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
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Dear Brittney Sander:

RE: Lighting Request – National Dental Hygienists Week – April 4, 2025

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 Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in purple on April 4, 2025 to recognize National Dental Hygienists Week. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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.

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

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March 12, 2025

Sent to: alicia@badgut.org

Dear Alicia Seidel:

RE: Lighting Request – April 4, 2025 – IBS Awareness Month

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 proclaim illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in purple on April 4, 2025 to recognize IBS Awareness Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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.

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