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Apr 25, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford
Legislative Building
1 Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
M7A 1A1

Dear Hon. Doug Ford:

Re: Motion in Support of Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

This is to confirm that at the April 24, 2023 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

WHEREAS municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe; and

WHEREAS Bill 5, the *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election; and

WHEREAS over 40 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5; and

WHEREAS Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of West Lincoln Council express its support for Bill 5, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*;

FURTHER that this resolution be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and local area MPPs.

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5136.

Yours Truly,



Joanne Scime
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

cc. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
AMO
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP
Jennifer (Jennie) Stevens, MPP
Wayne Gates, MPP
Jeff Burch, MPP



CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 9.2.
Title: Support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Whereas municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

Whereas a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe; and

Whereas Bill 5, the *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election; and


Whereas over 20 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5; and

Whereas Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Sault Ste. Marie City Council express its support for Bill 5, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*;

Further that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Ross Romano, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and MPP Stephen Blais (Orleans).

Carried



Matthew Shoemaker

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An Overview for Bill 5*: The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

The Issue at Hand

Municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace. In fact, if a claim of egregious (the most severe) harassment is substantiated; the maximum penalty that can be imposed is three months without pay. But the councillor can retain their position, return to the workplace and seek re-election.

This differs from any other workplace in the province, where not only are workplaces mandated to have violence and harassment in the workplace policies (Bill 168), these policies outline consequences for egregious violation which includes termination.

Why this Bill is so important

The Bill was introduced as a private members bill, as a response to a sitting councillor in Ottawa who was able to seek re-election, even with outstanding claims of egregious sexual harassment (investigation by the integrity Commissioner was underway). Other instances of councillors perpetrating harassment include Brampton, Barrie and Mississauga. Since this advocacy effort has started, there are further instances cited in many other municipalities across the province of Ontario.

What will the Bill do?

The Bill has three primary components:

1. Require councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent.
2. Permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies.
3. Restrict councillors—whose seat has been vacated—from seeking immediate subsequent re-election.

The Consequences of Doing Nothing

When councillors are able to perpetrate harassment without being held to account, a toxic message is sent to the community.

It means that as an elected official:

1. You are immune to the communal standards of treatment we have come to expect from the population at large, and;
2. You can abuse your power, unchecked, and continue to have the privilege of serving the population that elected you.

A fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is SAFE. This is currently not the case. As such, despite the most recent municipal elections in October, 2022, councillors currently can perpetrate the most egregious acts of harassment and keep their jobs.

This has an immeasurably negative impact on communities.

1. Community members and/or municipal staff may not feel safe meeting with their local ward councillor.
2. If a person is harassed, they may not see the point of filing a complaint with the Integrity Commissioner—if suitable action cannot be taken.
3. There is no deterrent for councillors when it comes to perpetrating harassment when they know they can still keep their job.
4. It stifles diversity of voice at the local decision making table—when personal safety is at risk, quality people may be deterred from seeking election.
5. When councillors who have perpetrated harassment to staff or fellow councillors can retain their position, no matter how serious, it creates and protects toxic workplaces, which in turn has an adverse effect on mental health in the workplace and throughout the community.

To learn more check out:
thewomenofontariosayno.com



* In reference to Bill 5, once passed, it will be applicable to ALL municipalities in Ontario at the same time.

6. Lack of accountability supports current systems of privilege and immunity of a certain segment of the population, which is not optimal for healthy communities.
7. It sends the message that if you have power, you are different, and superior to the average citizen.

History of the Bill

Private Members' Bills do not often get passed. They usually deal with an issue of public interest. In this instance, the Bill has received all party support. It was introduced as Bill 260, then the legislature was prorogued when the Federal Election was called. It was then reintroduced as Bill 10, but died when the provincial election was called. It has since been introduced as Bill 5 and it is slated for its second reading in May, 2023. This Bill needs support from every avenue to become law.

The Bill will amend:

1. *Municipal Act, 2001*
2. *The City of Toronto Act, 2006*

How you can help:

1. **Share, Like and Follow** on Social Media: @womenofontariosayno.
2. **Deliver a presentation** to a municipal council in Ontario requesting support (materials provided). This is a unique approach to advocacy, but is appropriate to approach local councils, as it is their workplace.
3. **Provide social media content**- send us a video as to why you or your organization/business supports Bill 5. Better yet—capture the reaction of those who are unaware of this gap in legislation and see if they are comfortable providing their reaction on a video or a quote. It is hard to believe we need to advocate for this.
4. **Showcase your organization or community groups' logo** on our website to add credibility and legitimacy to the advocacy effort.
5. **Meet, write, or call your local MPP** and express that this legislation matters to you, your organization, and their constituents in the community.

6. **Share information** with your networks.
7. **Email the Ontario Human Rights Commission** and request a public inquiry into the issue:

legal@ohrc.on.ca

8. Make a financial contribution to ensure **this never happens to another person in any community in Ontario ever again**. Check out the gofundme page to help support a full-time advocate to speak with all MPPs in the province.

www.gofundme.com/f/basic-human-rights-in-ontario

9. Feel empowered to have the hard conversations. So much of grassroots change occurs at our dinner table, speaking with a neighbour, or your local councillor. Start talking about the issue. Express the change you want to see and never feel ashamed to advocate for basic human rights. We often feel we have to be experts in legislation to advocate for it. We are all experts in how we want to be treated. Let this be your guide.

Be part of the change

Make sure your municipality is in support! Below is a growing list of municipalities since September 2022 that have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5:

- Town of Collingwood
- Town of Adjala-Tosoronto
- Township of Ramara
- Town of Midland
- Township of Oro-Medonte
- City of Woodstock
- Town of New Tecumseth
- Essa Township
- Township of Clearview
- City of Barrie
- Township of Springwater
- City of Ottawa
- Town of Wasaga Beach
- Township of Tiny
- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
- Town of Penetanguishene
- Township of the Archipelago
- City of Orillia
- Town of Midland
- City of London
- Municipality of Kincardine
- City of Kenora

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The Shain Reports on Psychological Safety in the Workplace – A Summary

Prepared for the Mental Health Commission of Canada | April 2010



A rapid and profound legal transition is underway, and it is affecting every Canadian workplace. In a 2009 report, *Stress at Work, Mental Injury and the Law in Canada*, Dr. Martin Shain illuminates a dramatic evolution of the employee-employer relationship, stressing that employers who fail to understand the shifting legal terrain are at serious risk of liability.

For decades, Canadian employers have been required by law to protect employees' physical safety and health in the workplace. **But for the first time in Canadian history, employers are under pressure of an emerging legal duty to create and maintain not only a physically safe workplace, but also a psychologically safe work environment.** Dr. Shain defines a psychologically safe workplace as "one that does not permit harm to employee mental health in careless, negligent, reckless or intentional ways." Simply, it is "one in which every practical effort is made to avoid reasonably foreseeable injury to the mental health of employees."

In the *Stress at Work* report, prepared for the Mental Health Commission of Canada, Shain explains that a growing number of case law precedents, legislation changes and tribunal deliberations support a trend toward envisioning the duty to provide a psychologically safe workplace as an implicit term of the employment contract. The law is imposing increasingly restrictive limitations on management rights by requiring that the organization and management of work must lead to no lasting harm to employee mental health that impacts their ability to function at work or outside of work. The overall implications are highly similar in unionized and non-unionized contexts.

While Shain's 2009 report highlights this emerging legal duty, only one year later he is able to illuminate considerable further development, highlighting ways in which the duties are coming into focus as legal and tribunal findings continue to accumulate. Shain's April 2010 update report is titled *Tracking the Perfect Legal Storm*:

Converging systems create mounting pressure to create the psychologically safe workplace. According to Shain:

A perfect legal storm is brewing in the area of mental health protection at work. This storm brings with it a rising tide of liability for employers in connection with failure to provide or maintain a psychologically safe workplace.

Remedies available to employees are multiplying and for the first time it appears that real redress for harm to psychological health is within the reach of many, if not most, workers. Shain summarizes the rapid and dramatic nature of the change:

From a time no more than ten years ago, when only egregious acts of harassment and bullying resulting in catastrophic psychological harm could give rise to legal actions for mental injury, we have arrived at a point where even the negligent and chronic infliction of excessive work demands can be the subject of such claims under certain conditions.

In a rapidly transforming uncertain legal environment, understanding the trajectory of change will be managers' key to responding effectively. This document outlines the most critical aspects of Shain's two reports, explains why managers must pay attention, and illustrates how they can begin to make changes that will not only protect their employees, but also enhance the competitiveness of their entire organization.

As a professor at the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health in the Faculty of Medicine, Shain is positioned well to understand the dramatic implications of mental injury at work. Employees (and their families), employers and society at large all face the consequences.



At the individual level, personal suffering can be severe, and there can be no doubt that mental health concerns are widespread. Seven million Canadians – approximately one in five – will experience a mental health problem this year, and many of these problems will relate in some way to the workplace. If addictions are included, the total is about one in three, and adding stress and burnout raises the figure considerably higher again.

Businesses face problems with loyalty and retention and rising costs from higher turnover, lower productivity and increased disability leave. In a recent major Canadian study, 82% of responding organizations ranked mental health conditions in their top three causes of short-term disability (72% for long-term). In fact, the average responding organization reported spending more than \$10.5 million annually on absence claims. **Overall, it is estimated that between \$2.97 billion and \$11 billion could be saved every year in Canada if mental injuries to employees attributable in whole or in part to negligent, reckless and intentional acts and omissions of employers, their agents and fellow employees were to be prevented.**

Employers are at the front line of the endeavour to protect mental health at work, but this should not be seen as a burden. In fact, a psychologically safe workplace provides a serious boost to competitiveness. Paying attention to psychological safety at work is simply good business. Employers who set a strategic direction of improving mental health are rewarded with dramatic cost and effectiveness benefits, enjoying significant and sustainable enhancements in:

1. **productivity** – happy and psychologically healthy employees work harder and more efficiently
2. **recruitment and retention** – today’s top-quality employees expect a workplace that supports their personal and professional growth
3. **costs due to disability and absenteeism** – there is a strong link between mental health, physical well-being and injury prevention
4. **conflict reduction** – better mental health among employees means fewer grievances and complaints and a stronger corporate reputation

5. **operational success** – mentally healthy workplaces are characterized by higher levels of employee motivation, commitment, innovation and creativity, as well as fewer errors, better decision making and improved planning.

A focus on psychological safety is a critical part of an overall corporate social responsibility and risk management strategy. And from a less formal perspective, employers simply cannot ignore the benefits of having mentally healthy and loyal employees who want to come to work each day, and the satisfaction of being able to play a role in maximizing their potential.

The challenge for employers is developing long- and short-term strategies for making workplace mental health a priority. The following section further explores the ongoing transformation outlined in Shain’s reports, highlighting specific areas of legal risk that managers must understand when shaping their strategies. This is followed by a list of steps employers can take now to begin making changes that will protect workers *and* enhance the financial bottom line.

In *Tracking the Perfect Legal Storm*, Shain elaborates upon the increasing momentum toward a broadening duty of workplace psychological safety. He says, “there is a trend in the law to condemn more and more mentally injurious conduct as unacceptable and to define it as having the potential to give rise to legal action.” Remedies by the courts include financial awards and/or remedial orders against employers, requiring them to alter conditions of work that contribute to mental injury or harm. Overall, financial rewards for damages have increased in size over the past five years by as much as 700%.

The duty to provide and maintain a psychologically safe workplace is developing in different ways across Canadian jurisdictions and within various legislative and regulatory bodies, but a common thread is the increasing insistence of judges, arbitrators and commissioners upon more civil and respectful behaviour in the workplace and avoidance of conduct that a reasonable person should foresee as leading to mental injury. In addition to restricting management rights, adjudicators are also becoming more proactive in detailing how organizations must operate in order to meet this goal. Shain explains that “the failure to provide or maintain a psychologically safe workplace is already the



object of legal actions from at least seven sources that together may be characterized as a perfect legal storm.” An examination of the seven institutional/ jurisdictional components of the “perfect storm” illuminates a momentum of profound change to the employment relationship, and highlights areas of risk.¹

1 Human Rights Tribunals and Commissions

A provincial human rights tribunal found that employers who discover that an employee is suffering from clinical depression have a duty to accommodate that employee to a reasonable degree, *even in the absence of medical evidence*. Employers must pay particular attention to signs of mental disorder that would trigger concern in a reasonable person. Failure to do so may be characterized as discriminatory and an assault upon personal dignity. Damages may be awarded. A provincial appeal court held that the general duty to accommodate applies even when the complainant does not declare his or her existing mental disability before being hired.

2 Workers Compensation Law

The traditional refusal to accept claims for compensation of mental injury resulting in whole or in part from “gradual onset stress” (chronic stress) appears to be changing. A provincial court of appeal found that allowing compensation for mental injury *only if it was an acute reaction related to sudden traumatic workplace events* treats those suffering from mental disability differently from those suffering from physical disability. The standard of proof to meet the threshold of compensability for *physical* accidents is simply that they arose out of and in the course of employment, while in the case of *mental* injury there was an added criterion that limits compensation to those who have suffered from an acute reaction to a sudden and unexpected traumatic event. This higher standard of proof in legislative provisions has been characterized as discrimination based on mental disability, and has been the target of a successful *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* challenge. A provincial court of appeal also recently held that the mental injury resulting from chronic stress can be compensable if caused by events or situations that are unusual and excessive according to the norms of the industry or occupation in question. Mental injury as a result of both acute and chronic

stress is also being compensated through awards made to victims of heart attacks and their families when fatal or debilitating heart attacks are precipitated by abusive and mentally injurious acts or omissions.

3 The Law of Torts (Common Law)

The tort law governing non-union environments is framing more stringent requirements for how work should be organized and managed to avoid reasonably foreseeable harm to employee mental health. Courts are on the brink of extending the reach of the torts of negligent and intentional suffering to govern the employment relationship as a whole, not just at the point where it is being dissolved, making the quality of the employment relationship *in its entire course* a target for legal intervention.

4 Employment Contract

Employment contracts are no longer envisioned as strictly commercial agreements for the exchange of labour and wages. The employment contract is evolving as judges allow that it contains an implied duty to protect employee mental health, deemed to be included in the requirement that employers act in good faith *at all stages of the employment relationship*. This has been interpreted as meaning that harassment resulting in injury to an employee’s mental health was a breach of the employment contract itself. Additionally, the emergence of class action suits in employment law appears to represent genuine potential to attach claims for mental injury to suits for unpaid overtime. Many employers will be interested to learn that a judge has found that certain overtime policies create *systemic* problems that contribute to a *culture of overwork* that affects every employee. Creating *by policy* a work environment in which overwork is encouraged represents a breach of the duty of good faith.

5 Labour Law

Arbitrators now routinely import implied terms for the protection of mental health into collective agreements. This labour law shield offers an impressive array of remedies to employees with claims of harassment and other forms of abuse. Labour law is also evolving as it struggles with balancing the rights of employees with mental disorders and the needs of employers to manage and direct work. Such cases raise the question of the extent to which an employee

¹ Case details appear in the full reports.



living with a mental illness retains sufficient capacity to appreciate the impact he or she is having on coworkers. To what degree do such employees bear some responsibility for actively participating in the creation and maintenance of an equitable and psychologically safe work environment? “Hybrid” solutions giving direction to both the employee and employer are one method used to address these complex situations.

In a further development, an arbitrator has held that the same precautionary principles apply to the protection of both mental and physical health. If a threat to physical safety is identified, workers are not only allowed but required to remove themselves or be removed from the location of the danger. Similarly with psychosocial risks, any perceived hazard must be investigated, during which the worker must be removed from the source of threat.

6 Occupational Health and Safety Law

Occupational health and safety law across the country is becoming more consistent in its application to psychological safety through various amendments to governing legislation. In Ontario, harassment and violence have been added to the legislation as areas to which the general duty of due diligence applies. Every reasonable effort must be made to prevent harm to the mental health of employees.

7 Employment Standards

Quebec has led the country in placing protection from harassment at work and regulation of harm to mental health in general in the context of employment standards. Quebec case law also leads in detailing the boundary between frivolous and serious claims of mental injury.

A relatively recent development in the realm of employment standards is legislation dealing with accessibility and treatment of those with mental disorders. The intent of the legislators is to apply the same principles of respect for dignity, autonomy and integration to the employment relationship as apply to customer and client relations.

Beginning the Change to a More Psychologically Healthy Workplace

Large and small organizations can take readily achievable steps immediately to begin protecting workplace mental health. A good overall strategy includes:

1. designating an individual or group to lead the process of change and ensure accountability
2. a focus on prevention and early intervention to stop problems before they become more serious
3. assessing psychosocial risk within the organization
4. communicating a strategic vision throughout the organization, especially to managers/supervisors, human resources, union representatives and health and wellness teams
5. developing and implementing appropriate policies and programs for workplace psychological health
6. assessing the results of policies and programs and adjusting accordingly
7. focusing the recruitment, selection, training and promotion processes to a greater degree on individuals’ abilities to relate to others in psychologically healthy ways.

There is also a wealth of things managers, supervisors and others can do tomorrow to begin making positive change. *Stress at Work* makes it clear that common workplace mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety and burnout (the focus of much of the legal attention) can be precipitated or aggravated by management actions such as the chronic and consistent:

- Imposition of unreasonable demands
- Withholding of adequate levels of important information by choice or neglect
- Refusal to allow the exercise of reasonable discretion over the day-to-day means, manner and methods of work
- Failure to acknowledge or credit contributions and achievements
- Failure to recognize and acknowledge the legitimate claims, interests, and rights of others

Easily achievable workplace modifications to reverse sources of stress like those above can have powerful effects. A list of organizations providing helpful tools



appears below. Managers may want to consider starting with the innovative tool *Guarding Minds at Work (GM@W)*, Canada's first formal framework for helping employers address risks to mental health embedded in the ways in which work is organized and managed. Funded by Great-West Life's Centre for Mental Health in the Workplace and originally inspired by Shain, GM@W is a free, web-based risk assessment and strategy implementation process developed by a team of researchers at Simon Fraser University led by psychologist Dr. Joti Samra. Implementing the GM@W process is a powerful step toward meeting the legal requirements to create and maintain a psychologically safe workplace.

Conclusion – A Precautionary Tale

Managers must create a strategic vision in support of psychological safety and communicate this vision explicitly through policy and operation and implicitly by example. The employment relationship should be conducted according to the precepts of psychological safety if the stress, disruption, costs and inefficiencies of employee claims of mental injury are to be avoided. This means taking every reasonable precaution to avoid foreseeable harm to employee mental health. The legal evolution outlined by Dr. Shain has been rapid, and employers cannot risk becoming a test case for a new legal concept. Every indication points to an intensification of the “perfect storm,” making it more important than ever for employers to take proactive measures to avoid future problems as the law reaches more deeply into the activities of private and public organizations.

Find the Shain Reports Online at the Mental Health Commission of Canada Website

The Shain reports are available at:

www.mentalhealthcommission.ca

Stress, Mental Injury and the Law in Canada: A discussion paper for the Mental Health Commission of Canada (2009) [“The Shain Report”]

Tracking the Perfect Legal Storm: Converging systems create mounting pressure to create the psychologically safe workplace (2010)

Resources for Mental Health in the Workplace

A Leadership Framework for Advancing Workplace Mental Health

www.mhccleadership.ca

Tools for senior leaders. Includes videos of corporate, small business, government and union leaders talking about workplace mental health. The framework touches on business benefits, corporate social responsibility, risk management, recruitment and retention.

Guarding Minds at Work

www.guardingmindsatwork.ca

Guarding Minds at Work is Canada's first formal framework for helping employers assess and address risks to mental health that are embedded in the ways in which work is organized and managed. It provides a no-cost comprehensive set of tools for assessing and addressing psychosocial risk in the workplace. The online resources include surveys, automated scorecards, audit forms, evidence-based recommendations and evaluation methods.

Great-West Life Centre for Mental Health in the Workplace

www.gwlcentreformentalhealth.com

A public resource that includes a diversity of ideas and strategies from a variety of sources including top researchers as well as from promising practices from the business community. Includes videos, action plans, worksheets, forms, publications and strategies.

Working Through It

www.gwlcentreformentalhealth.com/wti

A collection of videos and supporting handouts by and for individuals who struggle with mental health concerns in the workplace.

The Health Communication Unit - Workplace Health Promotion

www.thcu.ca/Workplace/Workplace.html

A health promotion site focused on the workplace. Includes a planning framework, policy development guidelines and slide decks.

Workplace Mental Health Promotion

www.wmhp.cmhaontario.ca

A resource of the Canadian Mental Health Association -- Ontario. A research-based website with practical tools to improve the health of individuals and organizations. Focus is on creating mentally healthy workplaces that promote positive mental health and mental well-being for employees.

Mental Health Works

www.mentalhealthworks.ca

A resource of the Canadian Mental Health Association's initiative on workplace mental health. Information and statistics for both employers and employees. Includes information on free workshops and webinars.

Health Canada

www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/occup-travail/work-travail/index-eng.php

Strategies and resources related to best practices and statistics about workplace health. Includes worksheets, calculators and publications.

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Municipal Council of the County of Oxford
Council Meeting - Oxford County

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

That Oxford County Council expresses support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the municipalities represented by the Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus;

And further, that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP, Stephen Blais, Orleans MPP and all Ontario municipalities.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Chloe Senior



Community Services

Legislative Services

April 26, 2023

File #120203

Sent via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
 Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Change to the Municipal Oath of Office

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 24, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Whereas most municipalities in Ontario have a native land acknowledgement in their opening ceremony; and

Whereas a clear reference to the rights of Indigenous people is the aim of advancing Truth and Reconciliation; and

Whereas Call to Action 94 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada called upon the Government of Canada to replace the wording of the Oath of Citizenship to include the recognition of the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas on June 21, 2021 an Act to amend the *Citizenship Act* received royal assent to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework; and

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

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Mailing Address:

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON L2A 2S6

Office Hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: (905) 871-1600 FAX: (905) 871-4022

Web-site: www.forterie.ca

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office:

"I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Indigenous and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples" ; and further

That: This resolution be forwarded to the The Honourable Steve Clerk, Minister, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Wayne Gates, MPP, Tony Baldinelli, MP, all Ontario municipalities and the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.

A similar resolution was received by the City of Port Colborne supporting the Municipality of Trent Lakes resolution. A copy of which is attached. The Town of Fort Erie has made one amendment by deleting "Aboriginal" and inserting "Indigenous".

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

cschofield@forterie.ca

CS:dlk

Attach

c.c. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario premier@ontario.ca
The Honourable Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha dave.smithco@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Michelle Ferreri, MP Peterborough-Kawartha michell.ferreri@parl.gc.ca
The Association of Municipalities Ontario amo@amo.on.ca
Tony Baldinelli, MP, Niagara Falls tony.baldinelli@parl.gc.ca
Wayne Gates, MPP-Niagara Falls wgates-co@ndp.on.ca
Ontario Municipalities
Jennifer Dockstader, Executive Director, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre ExecutiveDirector@fenfc.org



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April 11, 2023

Municipality of Trent Lakes
760 Peterborough County Road 36
Trent Lakes, ON K0M 1A0

To: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca
The Honourable Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha
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The Honourable Michelle Ferreri, MP Peterborough-Kawartha
michell.ferreri@parl.gc.ca
Curve Lake First Nation
audreyp@curvelake.ca
The Association of Municipalities Ontario
amo@amo.on.ca

Re: Municipality of Trent Lakes – Oath of Office

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

That correspondence received from the Municipality of Trent Lakes regarding Oath of Office, be supported.

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

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
Acting City Clerk

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities

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BY COUNCIL



760 Peterborough County Road 36, Trent Lakes, ON K0M 1A0 Tel 705-738-3800 Fax 705-738-3801

February 28, 2023

Via email only

To: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
doug.fordco@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha
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The Honourable Michelle Ferreri, MP Peterborough-Kawartha
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Curve Lake First Nation
audreyp@curvelake.ca
The Association of Municipalities Ontario
amo@amo.on.ca

Re: Oath of Office

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held February 21, 2023, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2023-119**

Moved by Councillor Franzen
Seconded by Deputy Mayor
Armstrong

Whereas most municipalities in Ontario have a native land acknowledgement in their opening ceremony; and

Whereas a clear reference to the rights of Indigenous people is the aim of advancing Truth and Reconciliation; and

Whereas Call to Action 94 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada called upon the Government of Canada to replace the wording of the Oath of Citizenship to include the recognition of the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas on June 21, 2021 an Act to amend The Citizenship Act received royal assent to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework; and

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Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

Therefore be it resolved that Council request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office: I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples; and further

That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Dave Smith, MP Michelle Ferreri, Premier Doug Ford and Curve Lake First Nation.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
 Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Township of Puslinch
 7404 Wellington Road 34
 Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0
www.puslinch.ca

May 8, 2023

Dear Premier Ford:

The Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 12, 2023, discussed the Municipality of North Perth's Council resolution regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras.

The Township of Puslinch Council shares the concerns raised in the Municipality of North Perth's Council resolution and respectfully requests that the following actions be taken by the Provincial Government:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities.

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 12, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-112: Moved by Councillor Goyda and
 Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receive the consent item 6.13 listed on the April 12, 2023 agenda regarding the request for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council shares similar concerns as outlined in the Council Resolution prepared by the Municipality of North Perth;



Be it resolved that Council of the Township of Puslinch endorse the resolution received from the Municipality of North Perth and direct the Clerk to draft an endorsement letter to be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties and all municipalities of Ontario; and

That Council direct staff to forward the consent item to the OPP for comment and report back to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,
Courtenay Hoytfox
Municipal Clerk



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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
 Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Blazek

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

At the regular meeting of Perth South council held on May 2, 2023 the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Orr

Seconded by Councillor Jaime Martin

That Perth South Council supports the correspondence from the Municipality of North Perth regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras. Carried

The correspondence from the Municipality of North Perth is attached for your information.

Regards,

Lizet Scott

Clerk

Township of Perth South

519-271-0619 x224

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition Parties
MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



**Corporation of the
Municipality of West Grey**

402813 Grey Road 4, RR 2 Durham, ON N0G 1R0
519 369 2200

May 8, 2023

RE: Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that at its meeting held on May 2, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230502-011 as follows:

“THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of Shuniah respecting support of resolution respecting municipalities retaining surplus records from tax sales, council supports the resolution and directs staff to send a letter of support to the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Rick Byers, MPP; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.”

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Eckenswiller".

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: Municipality of Shuniah – Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds Tax Sales Resolution

Cc. Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Rick Byers, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario municipalities



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 138-23

Date: Apr 11, 2023

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council receive and support the resolution from the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales;

AND THAT Council direct the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all other Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Resolution # RC23121	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>M. Hoefield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Jeffrey Opats</i>

WHEREAS several municipalities have shared resolutions seeking Council's support to request that the Ontario Government amend the Municipal Act and include in the Oath of Office a clause that recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples;

AND WHEREAS many municipalities in Ontario have an aboriginal land acknowledgement in the opening of Council Meetings. This supports the recognition of rights of Indigenous people and advances acts of Truth and Reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government amended the wording of the Oath of Citizenship in 2021 to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Trent Lakes has requested municipal support of their Resolution forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs to amend the Oath of Office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing make the following changes to the municipal oath of office: "I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples; and further.;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Dave Smith, MP Michelle Ferreri, Premier Doug Ford and Curve Lake First Nation.

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	DEPUTY CLERK – MANUELA BATOVANJA



May 8, 2023

The Honourable Steve Clark,
 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
 Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
 Sent via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Hon. Steve Clark:

RE: Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on April 25th, 2023, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2023-04-32

“WHEREAS, prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario’s Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS, the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a letter be sent to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Finance, John Jordan, MPP, the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.”

ADOPTED



If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 123 or cao@tayvalleytwop.ca.

Sincerely,

Amanda Mabo

Amanda Mabo, CAO/Clerk

cc: Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
John Jordan, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Municipalities in Ontario



Tay Valley Township

25 years

May 8, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on April 25th, 2023, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2023-04-30

“WHEREAS, almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O.Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS, police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;



AND WHEREAS, the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year and;
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURHTER THAT, this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, John Jordan MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.”

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 123 or cao@tayvalleytwop.ca.

Sincerely,

Amanda Mabo

Amanda Mabo, CAO/Clerk

cc: Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
 Honourable Steven Lecce, Minister of Education
 Provincial Opposition Parties
 John Jordan, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
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**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
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Clerk's Division
The City of Cambridge
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mantond@cambridge.ca**

May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

AND WHEREAS speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

AND WHEREAS barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

AND WHEREAS our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

AND WHEREAS our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

AND WHEREAS s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



May 10th, 2023

Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

ATTENTION: Premier of Ontario

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Resolution – Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held April 25th, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Kelso

Seconded by Councillor Summers

THAT, Council supports the resolution from the Township of Mulmur regarding Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022;

AND THAT, this resolution of support be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the local Members of Parliament, the local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Resolved

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël

Amanda Noël,
Clerk

Encls.

c.c. All Ontario Municipalities
Local MP's and MPP's
Association of Municipalities
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



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April 6, 2023

Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

At the meeting held on April 5, 2023, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution in support of Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator



City of Stratford
Corporate Services Department
 Clerk's Office
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 Stratford, Ontario N5A 6W1
 Tel: 519-271-0250, extension 5237
 Email: clerks@stratford.ca
 Website: www.stratford.ca

April 17, 2023

Via email: ltcminister@ontario.ca

Ministry of Long-Term Care
 6th Floor, 400 University Avenue
 Toronto, ON M5G 1S5

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services

At their April 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution requesting the provincial government to support community driven home care services through the redirect of ministry beds in abeyance funding:

THAT staff be requested to send a letter to the provincial government to endorse the redirect of current ministry beds in abeyance funding towards the support of community care services.

We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Chris Bantock

Chris Bantock
 Deputy Clerk

cc: Premier Doug Ford
 Matthew Rae, MPP
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario
 All Ontario municipalities

The Township of Perth South passed the following motion at their regular meeting on May 2, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Jaime Martin

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bell

That Perth South Council supports correspondence from the City of Stratford regarding the use of long-term care funding to support community care services. Carried

I have attached the correspondence from the City of Stratford for your information.

Regards,

Lizet Scott

Clerk

Township of Perth South

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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
 Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Blazek

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition Parties
MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



May 10, 2023

To Premier Doug Ford:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its meeting held on May 8, 2023 adopted the following:

RESOLUTION: 2023-168

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the resolution dated February 21, 2023 from Sault Ste. Marie regarding Support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse their support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Cathy Conrad
Deputy Clerk



CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 9.2.
Title: Support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Whereas municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

Whereas a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe; and

Whereas Bill 5, the *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election; and


Whereas over 20 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5; and

Whereas Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Sault Ste. Marie City Council express its support for Bill 5, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*;

Further that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Ross Romano, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and MPP Stephen Blais (Orleans).

Carried



Matthew Shoemaker

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An Overview for Bill 5*: The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

The Issue at Hand

Municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace. In fact, if a claim of egregious (the most severe) harassment is substantiated; the maximum penalty that can be imposed is three months without pay. But the councillor can retain their position, return to the workplace and seek re-election.

This differs from any other workplace in the province, where not only are workplaces mandated to have violence and harassment in the workplace policies (Bill 168), these policies outline consequences for egregious violation which includes termination.

Why this Bill is so important

The Bill was introduced as a private members bill, as a response to a sitting councillor in Ottawa who was able to seek re-election, even with outstanding claims of egregious sexual harassment (investigation by the integrity Commissioner was underway). Other instances of councillors perpetrating harassment include Brampton, Barrie and Mississauga. Since this advocacy effort has started, there are further instances cited in many other municipalities across the province of Ontario.

What will the Bill do?

The Bill has three primary components:

1. Require councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent.
2. Permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies.
3. Restrict councillors—whose seat has been vacated—from seeking immediate subsequent re-election.

The Consequences of Doing Nothing

When councillors are able to perpetrate harassment without being held to account, a toxic message is sent to the community.

It means that as an elected official:

1. You are immune to the communal standards of treatment we have come to expect from the population at large, and;
2. You can abuse your power, unchecked, and continue to have the privilege of serving the population that elected you.

A fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is SAFE. This is currently not the case. As such, despite the most recent municipal elections in October, 2022, councillors currently can perpetrate the most egregious acts of harassment and keep their jobs.

This has an immeasurably negative impact on communities.

1. Community members and/or municipal staff may not feel safe meeting with their local ward councillor.
2. If a person is harassed, they may not see the point of filing a complaint with the Integrity Commissioner—if suitable action cannot be taken.
3. There is no deterrent for councillors when it comes to perpetrating harassment when they know they can still keep their job.
4. It stifles diversity of voice at the local decision making table—when personal safety is at risk, quality people may be deterred from seeking election.
5. When councillors who have perpetrated harassment to staff or fellow councillors can retain their position, no matter how serious, it creates and protects toxic workplaces, which in turn has an adverse effect on mental health in the workplace and throughout the community.

To learn more check out:

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* In reference to Bill 5, once passed, it will be applicable to ALL municipalities in Ontario at the same time.

6. Lack of accountability supports current systems of privilege and immunity of a certain segment of the population, which is not optimal for healthy communities.
7. It sends the message that if you have power, you are different, and superior to the average citizen.

History of the Bill

Private Members' Bills do not often get passed. They usually deal with an issue of public interest. In this instance, the Bill has received all party support. It was introduced as Bill 260, then the legislature was prorogued when the Federal Election was called. It was then reintroduced as Bill 10, but died when the provincial election was called. It has since been introduced as Bill 5 and it is slated for its second reading in May, 2023. This Bill needs support from every avenue to become law.

The Bill will amend:

1. *Municipal Act, 2001*
2. *The City of Toronto Act, 2006*

How you can help:

1. **Share, Like and Follow** on Social Media: @womenofontariosayno.
2. **Deliver a presentation** to a municipal council in Ontario requesting support (materials provided). This is a unique approach to advocacy, but is appropriate to approach local councils, as it is their workplace.
3. **Provide social media content**- send us a video as to why you or your organization/business supports Bill 5. Better yet—capture the reaction of those who are unaware of this gap in legislation and see if they are comfortable providing their reaction on a video or a quote. It is hard to believe we need to advocate for this.
4. **Showcase your organization or community groups' logo** on our website to add credibility and legitimacy to the advocacy effort.
5. **Meet, write, or call your local MPP** and express that this legislation matters to you, your organization, and their constituents in the community.

6. **Share information** with your networks.
7. **Email the Ontario Human Rights Commission** and request a public inquiry into the issue:

legal@ohrc.on.ca

8. Make a financial contribution to ensure **this never happens to another person in any community in Ontario ever again**. Check out the gofundme page to help support a full-time advocate to speak with all MPPs in the province.

www.gofundme.com/f/basic-human-rights-in-ontario

9. Feel empowered to have the hard conversations. So much of grassroots change occurs at our dinner table, speaking with a neighbour, or your local councillor. Start talking about the issue. Express the change you want to see and never feel ashamed to advocate for basic human rights. We often feel we have to be experts in legislation to advocate for it. We are all experts in how we want to be treated. Let this be your guide.

Be part of the change

Make sure your municipality is in support! Below is a growing list of municipalities since September 2022 that have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5:

- Town of Collingwood
- Town of Adjala-Tosoronto
- Township of Ramara
- Town of Midland
- Township of Oro-Medonte
- City of Woodstock
- Town of New Tecumseth
- Essa Township
- Township of Clearview
- City of Barrie
- Township of Springwater
- City of Ottawa
- Town of Wasaga Beach
- Township of Tiny
- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
- Town of Penetanguishene
- Township of the Archipelago
- City of Orillia
- Town of Midland
- City of London
- Municipality of Kincardine
- City of Kenora

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May 10, 2023

Re: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Dear Mr. Trudeau

At its Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS, Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) have passed a motion that supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments or in the alternative, OBCM has supported the province ordering Bill 5 for second reading to expedite the matter;

AND WHEREAS the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- a. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
- b. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
- c. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
- d. Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner; and
- e. Prohibiting a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

AND WHEREAS OBCM's motion requests that municipalities and their respective Integrity Commissioners be consulted on the development of any regulations related to the proposed legislation;

AND WHEREAS OBCM believes that municipal elected officials should be held to account in in this way, it also believes that federal and provincial elected officials should take similar actions to hold themselves to account.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge supports the Ontario Big City Mayor's motion on legislative amendments to improve municipal Codes of Conduct and enforcement.

AND THAT this motion be circulated to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Scott Pearce, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Acting President, Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Hon. David Lametti, Minister of Justice

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Scott Pearce, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Acting President

Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

All Ontario Municipalities



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 181-23
~~175-23~~

Date: May 9, 2023

Moved By: *D. Blund*

Seconded By: *R. Pinkie*

THAT Council support the resolutions from the City of Sault Ste Marie regarding Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act;

AND THAT Council directs administration for forward this resolution to the Hon. Doug Ford, ^{Premier} Premier of Ontario, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

RESOLUTION

Date: May 9, 2023

Motion # 132

WHEREAS some proponents of water aerodromes claim federal jurisdiction to bypass provincial and municipal authorities and build massive docks and boathouses under the guise of the Aeronautics Act;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada does not require proponents of water aerodromes to follow the same registration and certification procedures as land aerodromes;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada's current regulations for water aerodromes fail to state that mixed-use docks and structures are not permitted;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada does not require a proponent to be transparent with local authorities about their intentions or submit a building permit and final construction plans;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada does not require a proponent to provide the municipality with a copy of the water aerodrome registration or certification documents;

AND WHEREAS Registration and certification of water aerodromes are done without environmental impact assessments from provincial and municipal authorities;

AND WHEREAS Registration and certification of water aerodromes are done without safety assessments from local authorities;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada's loopholes in the regulations lead to lengthy court battles paid by provincial and municipal jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour supports efforts to raise awareness about the loopholes in current regulations regarding water aerodromes that allow proponents to build massive docks and boathouses without municipal consultation, approval, or adherence to bylaws and regulations.

AND FURTHERMORE, The Council of the Township of Armour endorses the letter from the Three Mile Lake Community Club Inc. and calls on Transport Canada to:

- Amend current legislation regarding water aerodromes to require mandatory consultation and transparency with provincial and municipal authorities prior to construction.
- State that 'mixed-use' docks and structures will not be permitted.

AND FURTHERMORE, the Council of the Township of Armour urges all mentioned in this resolution to **support petition e-4364** to the Minister of Transport, Omar Alghabra.

Petition e-4364 - Petitions (ourcommons.ca)

AND FURTHERMORE, be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to neighbouring municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marcus Powlowski (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Ontario), Graydon Smith MPP.

Moved by:

- Blakelock, Rod
- Brandt, Jerry
- Haggart-Davis, Dorothy
- Ward, Rod
- Whitwell, Wendy

Seconded by:

- Blakelock, Rod
- Brandt, Jerry
- Haggart-Davis, Dorothy
- Ward, Rod
- Whitwell, Wendy

Carried / Defeated

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Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:

Recorded vote requested by:

Recorded Vote:

- Blakelock, Rod
- Brandt, Jerry
- Haggart-Davis, Dorothy
- Ward, Rod
- Whitwell, Wendy

- For**
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- Opposed**
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May 11, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-294

DATE: **May 9, 2023**

MOVED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor St-Jean**

WHEREAS the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and **WHEREAS** recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

WHEREAS every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner, and rural areas see an increased risk of Intimate Partner Violence; and

WHEREAS this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide, and in Prince Edward County, 233 domestic violence investigations in 2022 were led by the OPP, and service provision by Alternatives for Women was provided to over 100 women and their children per year in our community; and

WHEREAS violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities billions of dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward has recognized that issues of violence against women in rural communities are of local importance to the health and wellness of our residents, and has demonstrated this by including it as a pillar in our Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward recognizes that:

- the Renfrew Inquest is important to all rural communities;
- Council is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term consequences of gender-based violence in our community; and



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THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward declares, in accordance with Recommendation #1 of the Renfrew Inquest, that Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women are epidemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to all 444 municipalities of Ontario, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO



May 10, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-293

DATE: **May 9, 2023**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)



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- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters;

THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO





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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

May 9th, 2023

No. 20

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

That Council supports the resolution of the Municipality of Waterloo calling on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms; AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

DIVISION VOTE

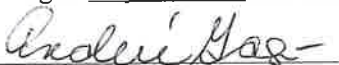
FOR
Donna Clark _____
Jason Corbett _____
Steve Featherstone _____
Dan MacInnis _____
Narry Paquette _____

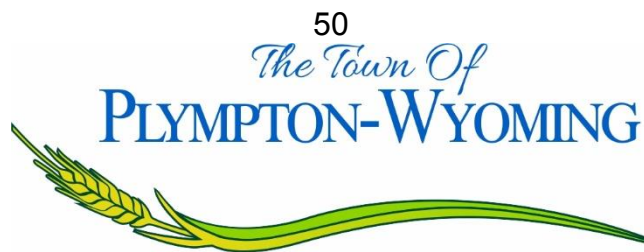
AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 20 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of May 9th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.


Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
minister.mah@ontario.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 11th 2023

Re: Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms

Dear Minister Clark,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 10th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Region of Waterloo regarding Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms.

Motion 13

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey

That Council support item 'M' of correspondence from the Region of Waterloo regarding Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms.

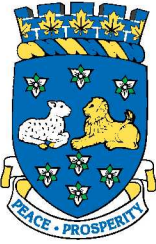
Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, Region of Waterloo
Bob Bailey – MPP, Sarnia-Lambton
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
Ontario Public School Boards' Association
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
All Ontario Municipalities



April 24, 2023

Area Members of Provincial Parliament
Sent via email

Dear Area Members of Provincial Parliament:

Re: Councillor J. Erb Notice of Motion

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on April 19, 2023, approved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all individuals wishing to be a candidate in a municipal or school board election to file Nomination Paper - Form 1 with the municipal clerk;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all candidates who sought election to a municipal council or school board to file Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report Candidate – Form 4 with the municipal clerk;

AND WHEREAS Form 1 requires candidates to provide their qualifying address;

AND WHEREAS Form 4 requires candidates to list the name and home address of any donor contributing over \$100.00

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act specifies that these documents are not protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and requires the municipal clerk to make Form 4 available on a website;

AND WHEREAS there has been concern expressed about those who hold public office and those who support them that they have been the subject of unnecessary attention and excessive scrutiny;

AND WHEREAS the requirement to publish the personal home address of donors to specific candidates may discourage individuals from

engaging in the democratic process to elect municipal and school board politicians.

THEREFORE, BE RESOVLED THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo calls on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms.

AND FURTHER THAT for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published.

AND FINALLY, that this resolution be forwarded to the Area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, and all Ontario municipalities.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, at RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca or 519-575-4581.

Regards,



William Short

Regional Clerk/Director, Council and Administrative Services

WS/hk

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
 Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
 Ontario Public School Boards' Association
 Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
 Ontario municipalities

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**Resolution No.**

328.

Title:

Proposed Resolution Re: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure

Date:

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Moved by

J. Palmateer

Seconded by

J. DeMarsh

WHEREAS poles are essential for deployment of telecommunication and hydro networks across the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the coordination of pole infrastructure between stakeholders is necessary to limit duplication of servicing infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission recently set expediated timelines for large telephone companies to provide competitors with access to poles to roll out networks more efficiently leading to more competition across Canada;

AND WHEREAS provincial and territorial government are being encouraged to coordinate with service providers and other stakeholders to facilitate sound network deployment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Tweed calls on the Province of Ontario to facilitate, coordinate, and regulate pole deployment measures across the Province of Ontario to prevent unnecessary duplication of pole infrastructure;

AND FURTHER, that the Province of Ontario encourage Bell Canada and Hydro One to work together to provide access for poles to better service the infrastructure needs of Ontarians;

AND FURTHER, that this motion be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Ric Bresee, all Ontario Municipalities for support, Bell Canada, Hydro One.

Carried

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No.

329

Title: Proposed Resolution Re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Moved by J. DeMarsh

Seconded by J. Palmateer

WHEREAS escalating insurance costs are one of the Municipality of Tweed's priorities;
AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed's annual insurance premiums have increased from \$161,441.84 (4.21% of taxes) to \$482,027.08 (10.42% of taxes) from 2017 to 2023, representing an accumulated increase of 298.58% over this period;
AND WHEREAS the annual increases to the Municipality of Tweed's insurance premiums have been one of the most significant constraints in limiting yearly tax levy increases over the past seven years;
AND WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are experiencing higher insurance rates at each renewal with limited access to insurance companies willing to quote on municipal insurance needs;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Tweed calls upon the Province to take action to reduce municipal insurance costs;
AND FURTHER, that this Resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Ric Bresee, and all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Carried



Municipality of Huron Shores
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May 12, 2023

Re: Res. #23-11-30 – Municipal Insurance Cost

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #23-11-30 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, May 10th, 2023, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports, in principle, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's resolution regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs;

AND THAT Council direct staff to send a letter of support to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natasha Roberts".

Natasha Roberts

CAO/Clerk
NR/KN

**Municipality of Huron Shores**

7 Bridge Street, PO Box 460

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May 12, 2023

Re: Res. #23-11-29 – School Board Elections

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #23-11-29 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, May 10th, 2023, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports in principle, the Town of Petrolia's resolution regarding School Board Elections;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Michael Mantha, the County of Lambton, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk

NR/KN



May 12, 2023

Glen McNeil
Warden, Huron County
gmcneil@huroncounty.ca

Via Email

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

At a recent Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, Council received a resolution sent by the Corporation of the County of Huron in regards to a call for review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for Cannabis and passed the following resolution:

R-108-23 Moved by Deputy Mayor Webb
 Seconded by Councillor Flagler

That Council hereby supports the resolution from the Corporation of the County of Huron regarding a call for review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

Carried.

The Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen strongly supports the County of Huron's call for review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Corporation of the County of Huron is attached for your reference. Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Bianca Boyington

Bianca Boyington
Deputy Clerk

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

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February 1, 2023

Sent via email.

Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

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

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

THAT:

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT:

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

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

CARRIED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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

Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information

Prepared: January 2023

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Background

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

THAT:

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

Cannabis Act: Information For Municipalities

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

1. Licensed Producers

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

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

- The municipality
- Local fire officials
- Local law enforcement

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

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

2. Personal and Designated Production

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

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

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

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

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

Community Expressed Concerns

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

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

Impact to the Municipality

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

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

Advocacy Efforts to Date

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

See Appendix A.

Recommendations for Further Advocacy

Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information (this report)

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

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

Call to Action Letter

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

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

Further Resources

The Cannabis Act: The Facts

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

The Cannabis Act

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

Cannabis Information for Municipalities

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

Ontario: Cannabis Control Act

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

Correspondence Received by Council

Correspondence to Council, January 2023: Bonnie Shackelton

<https://agendas.huroncounty.ca/agendapublic/AttachmentViewer.ashx?AttachmentID=7134&ItemID=5394>

Appendix A

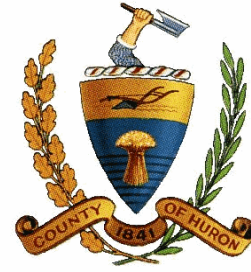
Copy of the letter sent to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat of Health Canada on October 5, 2022

Appendix B

Sample Call to Action Letter

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October, 5, 2022

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

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

THAT:

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

AND FURTHER THAT:

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

AND FURTHER THAT:

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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

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{insert date}

To: {insert recipient}

Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

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

THAT:

{insert motion}

AND FURTHER THAT:

{insert motion}

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Sincerely,



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



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May 15, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

SENT BY EMAIL TO: Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Sylvia Jones MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 3, 2023, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

Resolution #: 3

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Council of the Township of Amaranth urges the Provincial Government to:

1. Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
2. Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Sylvia Jones MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk



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LA CORPORATION DU CANTON DE MOONBEAM RÉSOLUTION

NUMÉRO: 070-2023
DATE: Le 11 mai 2023
PROPOSÉE PAR: Nadine Morin
APPUYÉE PAR: Jacques Della-Pieta

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Moonbeam received correspondence from the Township of Mulmur; and

AND WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member’s Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Moonbeam and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Moonbeam endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Moonbeam expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP’s); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Adoptée Rejetée Différéé

Éric Côté

Président

Vote enregistré demandé par:

Nom	Oui	Non
Côté, Éric		
Della-Pieta, Jacques		

Gibson Demers, Jessica		
Le Saux Néron, Hélène		
Morin, Nadine		

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May 15, 2023

RE: RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 8th, 2023 the Town of Fort Frances Council considered and adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 195

Moved By: Mandi Olson
 Seconded By: Steven Maki

WHEREAS Fort Frances recognizes that challenges of mental health, addictions, specifically opioids, and homelessness are complex issues that have a significant and detrimental impact on the residents of Fort Frances;

WHEREAS addressing and responding to these issues has placed extreme stress on all levels of municipal and non-municipal programs and services, including various not-for-profit organizations and provincially funded health services within Fort Frances and surrounding communities;

WHEREAS mental health, opioids and homelessness trends are, in recent years, at an all-time high and such prevalence is impacting the overall wellbeing of the people of Fort Frances and the surrounding communities;

WHEREAS Fort Frances Council acknowledges that approaches to addressing and responding must include diverse and inclusive approaches to these issues, and should not be viewed as a single solution response;

WHEREAS addressing and responding will require strategies and practices specific and uniquely designed for Fort Frances and surrounding communities;

WHEREAS Fort Frances Council accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with community stakeholders, partners, residents, as well as federal and provincial government and agencies;

WHEREAS challenges of mental health, addictions and homelessness are not unique to Fort Frances; Fort Frances and surrounding communities hold the greatest prevalence of opioid crisis within Ontario;

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

WHEREAS Fort Frances Council acknowledges that a declaration of emergency does not immediately result in a municipality receiving any additional funds or resources from a senior government level.

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Fort Frances ("**Council**") conveys the following comments as submissions to the Commission:

1. THAT **Council** directs staff to send a letter to all municipalities in Ontario, surrounding First Nation communities, MPs and MPPs, requesting letters of support advocating for additional resources to combat the opioid crisis;

And FURTHER THAT these letters be forwarded to Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the federal and provincial government advocating the need for additional resources and support towards the current opioid crisis in Northwestern Ontario.

2. THAT **Council** recommend and support the Northwestern Health Unit establish a north or northwest regional coalition of public health, relevant community agencies, and others as appropriate, in order to amplify regional concerns and investigate potential strategies and resources."

CARRIED

Sincerely,



Gabrielle Lecuyer, AOMC
Clerk

ms/GL



MUNICIPALITÉ DE
CASSELMAN
MUNICIPALITY

May 10th, 2023

Jocelyn Hay

Via email – jocelyn@jocelynhay.com

RE: Jocelyn Hay – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act – request for a letter of support

Please be advised that Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was considered by the Council of the municipality of Casselman at its regular meeting, held on May 9th, 2023, and that Council adopt a resolution to support the Bill which require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies. Furthermore, the Bill allows municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 613-764-3139 Ext 204.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Lajoie
Mayor

Cc: via e-mail

Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario – premier@ontario.ca

Steve Clark, minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – steve.clark@pc.ola.org

Stephen Blais,

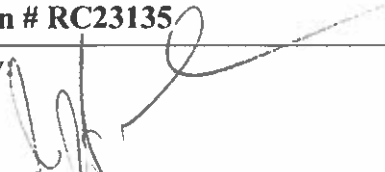



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Resolution # RC23135	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all individuals wishing to be a candidate in a municipal or school board election to file Nomination Paper - Form 1 with the municipal clerk and;

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all candidates who sought election to a municipal council or school board to file Financial Statement – Auditor's Report Candidate – Form 4 with the municipal clerk and;

WHEREAS Form 1 requires candidates to provide their qualifying address and;

WHEREAS Form 4 requires candidates to list the name and home address of any donor contributing over \$100.00 and;

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act specifies that these documents are not protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and requires the municipal clerk to make Form 4 available on a website and;

WHEREAS there has been concern expressed about those who hold public office and those who support them that they have been the subject of unnecessary attention and excessive scrutiny and;

WHEREAS the requirement to publish the personal home address of donors to specific candidates may discourage individuals from engaging in the democratic process to elect municipal and school board politicians;

THEREFORE, BE RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa calls on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms and;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

FURTHER THAT for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100.00 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published and;

FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, and all Ontario municipalities.

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Resolution # RC23133	Meeting Order: 4
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Joseph Opat</i>

RESOLVED THAT the City of Oxford County and the Township of Montague Council expressed support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

THEREFORE RESOLVE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa support the City of Oxford County and the Township of Montague Council for Bill 5 and;

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be circulated to the municipalities represented by the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus and;

FURTHERMORE, that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP, Stephen Blais, Orleans MPP and all Ontario municipalities.

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>



**Regular Meeting of Council
May 9, 2023**

Resolution #118-2023

Motion Details
Moved by Barry McGibbon, Seconded by Mary Kavanagh

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bancroft supports the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions; and

FURTHER DIRECTS THAT: this resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMAH), the Ministry of Finance (MOF), MPP Ric Bresee, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

		RECORDED VOTE	
		YES	NO
CARRIED:	✓		
TABLED:			
DEFEATED:			
RECORDED VOTE (SEE LEFT):			

CHARLES MULLETT, DEPUTY MAYOR	JENNIFER PEPLINSKI, ACTING CLERK
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May 11, 2023

Sent to: jocelyn@mpssociety.ca

Dear Jocelyn Chee:

**RE: Lighting and Proclamation Request – International MPS (Mucopolysaccharidoses)
Awareness Day – May 15, 2023**

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 May 15, 2023 as International MPS (Mucopolysaccharidoses) Awareness Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on May 14, 2023 to recognize International MPS (Mucopolysaccharidoses) Awareness Day. 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 "Simon Granat", written over a horizontal line.

Simon Granat

Legislative Coordinator



May 11, 2023

Sent to: jocelyn@mpssociety.ca

Dear Jocelyn Chee:

**RE: Lighting and Proclamation Request – International MPS
(Mucopolysaccharidoses) Awareness Day – May 15, 2023**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize May 15, 2023 as International MPS (Mucopolysaccharidoses) Awareness Day.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on May 14, 2023 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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
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May 19, 2023

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Cara McCutcheon:

RE: Lighting Request – National Blood Donor Week – June 11 to 17, 2023

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge in red on June 14, 2023 to recognize National Blood Donor 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.

Yours sincerely,

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Simon Granat

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May 19, 2023

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Cara McCutcheon:

RE: Lighting Request – National Blood Donor Week – June 11 to 17, 2023

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize National Blood Donor Week by illuminating the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in red on June 14, 2023 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor