



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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February 16, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024 the following resolution regarding support for a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-81

DATE: February 13, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS the poverty risk profile for Prince Edward County created by Vital Signs states that 10.1% - 13.5% of County residents are living on low income;



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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Prince Edward County joins the Town of Orangeville to calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

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

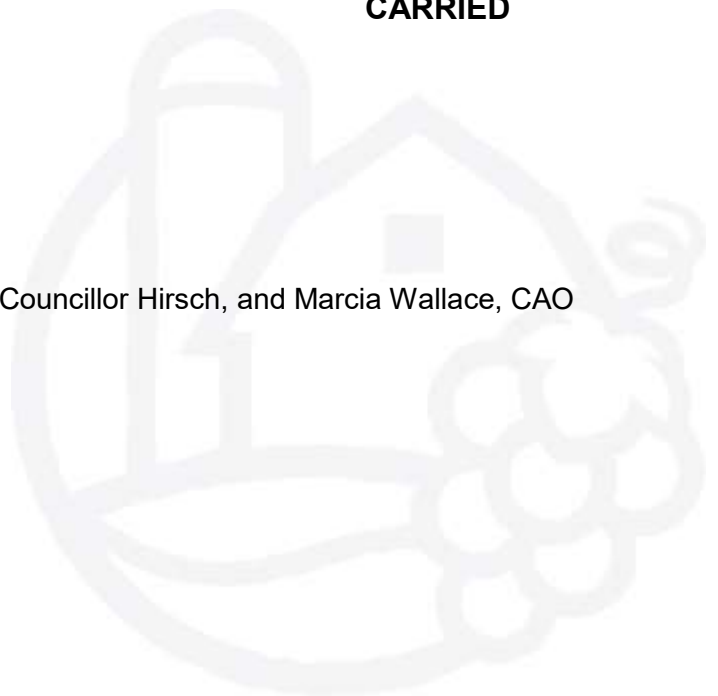
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Hirsch, and Marcia Wallace, CAO





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February 16, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its regular meeting on February 12th, 2024, passed the following motion endorsing the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

Resolution #: R-21-12-02-24
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Barr
Seconded by: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford endorse the resolution received from Prince Edward County regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements Fire Underwriters Survey requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca.

Your truly,

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman
Clerk

January 22, 2024

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46

DATE: January 16, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor Nieman

SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

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





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Please find below a motion of support for the recent motion shared by Renfrew County. We would also like to bring to everyone's attention a motion that we recently passed and forwarded on.

This is an issue that seems to be affecting many small communities and in these tight economic times an important factor to keeping residents in their homes and our water systems safe.

Resolution No. 38-02-2024

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: L. Cook

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands supports the resolution put forth by the County of Renfrew to advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine of the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

Carried

Resolution No. 29-02-2024

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: M. Erskine

where they do not have sufficient financial resources to meet the ongoing demands of everyday living. This has created a situation where residents who are struggling to pay their daily expenses lack the financial resources to maintain the critical infrastructure required to sustain the water and wastewater systems that service their homes. It is critically important that the other levels of government recognize this fact and provide funding assistance that can be accessed based on operational and financial need. Whereas the current housing accelerator fund provides financial support for small communities and water and distribution systems are considered eligible under the program guidelines, And whereas one of the primary criteria for this funding is the ability to prove that the funds will accelerate the development of housing stock on the water or distribution system, And whereas many smaller communities are not experiencing the level of growth necessary to meet the requirements of the program for growth in housing stock, And whereas the water and wastewater systems in those communities represents a higher cost to operate per capita than the systems in larger built-up areas, And whereas the cost of maintaining those systems on a user-pay basis is creating undo financial hardship for the limited number of residents on those systems Therefor be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands requests that the Province of Ontario implement a funding stream for water and wastewater systems that primarily utilizes operational and financial need as a criteria. And furthermore that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Ford, the Ministry of Housing, the Ministry of the Environment and Michael Mantha, MPP

Carried



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February 22, 2024

RE 6.2 Clearview Township Support Resolution Cemetery Administration Management & 6.3 Tay Township Support Resolution Cemetery Administration Management Support

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

Resolution No. 2024-003: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.2 and 6.3 listed for January 10, 2023 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas Puslinch Council supports the Resolutions from Tay Township and Clearview Township regarding Cemetery Administration Management, that staff be directed to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED



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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Ontario Municipalities



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File: C00.2023

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Sent by Email

RE: Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on December 11, 2023, passed a resolution regarding Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support as follows:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

And Whereas over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

And Whereas municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

And Whereas cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

And Whereas the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

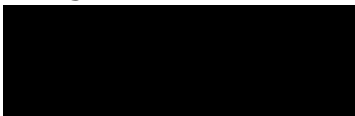
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amend the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries; Page 6 of 7
- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost.

And that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

For reference, please find attached the Staff Report LS-032-2023 that provides background for the above resolution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar
MPP Simcoe Grey, Brian Saunderson
Ontario Municipalities



Staff Report

To: Mayor and Council

From: Sasha Helmkey, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

Date: December 11, 2023

Subject: Report # LS-032-2023 – Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receives Report LS-032-2023 (Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support) dated December 11, 2023; and,

Whereas under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

And Whereas over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

And Whereas municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

And Whereas cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

And Whereas the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

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- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost.

And that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario municipalities.

Background

Under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed.

Over the last decade there appears to be a trend where cemeteries in Ontario are being transferred, whether through abandonment or a mutually agreed upon transfer, to the care and control of municipalities. This is often seen when there is a breakdown in existing cemetery boards and/or when churches cease operations. For many existing private cemetery boards their board members and volunteers are aging and are unable to assist with the operations and maintenance of the cemetery any longer. Finding new members proves to be difficult for these boards to continue. In addition to aging board members, there are other issues that are contributing to the increase in cemetery transfers:

- high maintenance costs
- inaccuracy of records
- lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery

- increased regulatory processes that require ongoing training for selling of interment rights, and the financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.

Township Owned Cemeteries

The Township of Clearview currently owns and operates nine (9) cemeteries within its geographic boundaries. Out of these nine cemeteries, four (4) are considered active meaning that there are still interment rights to be sold, or burials to take place. Below is a chart outlining these cemeteries and their status:

Cemetery Name	Address	Status
Batteau Hill Cemetery	2670 County Road 124, Duntroon	Inactive
Bethel Union Cemetery	2249 Creemore Avenue, New Lowell	Inactive
Dunedin Union Cemetery	9 Turkeyroost Lane, Dunedin	Active
Duntroon Pioneer Cemetery	2870 County Road 124, Duntroon	Inactive
Lavender Cemetery	827103 Mulmur/Nottawasaga Townline, Creemore	Active
Old Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery	6130 Highway 26, Sunnidale Corners	Inactive
Second Line Nottawasaga Cemetery	2279 County Road 42, Stayner	Active
Stayner Union Cemetery	7661 Highway 26, Stayner	Active
Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery	12358 County Road 10, Sunnidale Corners	Inactive

For the Dunedin and Stayner Union Cemetery, the Township looks after the maintenance and burials through a third-party contractor. The maintenance and burials for the Lavender Cemetery are conducted through the Board. For the Second Line Nottawasaga Cemetery all the interment rights have been sold, but there remains one burial to be completed. The cost to maintain an active cemetery is expensive. Although burial costs and the installation of markers, etc. are cost recovery through the purchaser, grounds maintenance is not.

Inactive cemeteries still require consistent grounds maintenance, which includes any monument restoration for health and safety, and record searches for the public register.

Comments and Analysis

When analyzing the number of cemeteries that Clearview Township currently owns and operates, maintenance and administration is a large undertaking. To add any additional cemeteries by way of transfer or abandonment will only compound the issues the Township is already facing. In the past year, the Township has been approached by two separate entities regarding possible cemetery transfers. When a board or cemetery transfers ownership to the municipality, the issues are transferred with it. Municipalities are not immune to the same concerns. It becomes a strain on municipal resources, financially, administratively, and operationally.

Administrative Impact

From an administrative perspective the management of four active cemeteries is both time consuming and complex. No interment is the same, and providing good customer service takes time especially for those making arrangements while also dealing with grief. Administrative tasks include but are not limited to: interment right sales and mapping, burial contracts and scheduling, monument placement, historical record searches, plot and monument staking, fees and charges review, family transfers of interment rights and annual reporting to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO).

- **Incomplete records**

Often the records accepted by the Township from a dissolved cemetery board or church are incomplete and disorganized. This is no fault of the previous board members, as they are also often operating with limited resources. However, it does make it difficult to manage the cemetery post-transfer when records are sparse. Understanding which plots are occupied and by who is critical to the sound management of a cemetery. Unfortunately, this is not made possible in all cases because of incomplete records. In addition, records received during a transfer usually are maintained under different records management standards and are often organized and named inconsistently. Adaptation to Township records keeping practices takes time.

- **Lack of human resources**

Cemetery management is a highly regulated professional field, with the responsibility of which is often placed on public sector employees who may have limited knowledge of cemeteries in general. With reduced resources within municipalities especially rural ones, the management of cemeteries often becomes a secondary responsibility to another position. There is also a lack of affordable training available for municipal employees who are required to abide by regulations set out by the FBCSA and the BAO.

- **Increased regulatory processes**

Annual reporting requirements of the BAO can be extensive and complex. This includes monitoring the number of interments, the transfers to the Care and Maintenance Fund (C&M), and how the C&M fund can be used. There are also regulations pertaining to maintaining a public register, how sales are to be conducted and strict guidelines on Cemetery By-law approvals, and expansions including the erection of columbaria structures.

- **Inconsistent cemetery regulations**

Cemeteries can have many different regulations related to plot size, number of burials allowed in a given plot, monument size, what types of flowers/shrubs are allowed to be installed near a headstone etc. The transfer of different cemeteries having inconsistent regulations can make it difficult to adapt management practices in order to maintain original cemetery operational standards.

Operational Impact

Similarly, from an operational perspective the grounds maintenance of cemeteries, whether active or inactive, is both time consuming and complex. A key issue when analyzing the maintenance component of cemetery management is the lack of financial resources to support the operation. Cemetery maintenance includes, but is not limited to: grass cutting (whipper snipping around monuments), tree and shrub maintenance, monument and corner stone maintenance, water pipe and washroom monitoring, and general upkeep of cemetery grounds (removal of debris, etc.).

- **High maintenance costs**

As with many services, there are rising costs to contend with. Municipalities have adopted different models to address the maintenance of such, with third party contractors being commonly used or it becomes the responsibility of an internal department such as Parks & Recreation. Regardless the model, the costs have increased significantly over the last decade with equipment purchases/upgrades, insurance requirements for third-party contractors, and the time it takes to cut the grass and whipper snip around monuments. To put it into perspective, the Stayner Union Cemetery with the expansion is 25 acres with monuments to manoeuvre around during ground care. Other considerations for maintenance includes monument restoration and ensuring that they are not deteriorated to the point where they are unsafe. This is important for older cemeteries where restoration hasn't been provided in the past and there are many deteriorating monuments.

- **Cost of cemetery management software**

Cemetery Management Software can help municipalities manage cemetery records, including plot sale contracts, interment rights certificates, and regulatory reporting.

However, these software solutions are often expensive and require a large amount of staff time to implement especially with incomplete data and records. These software solutions range in price from \$5,000 to \$100,000 with annual maintenance costs. This investment in software can be a large budget request and one that would need to be supported from taxation with the limited funds in cemetery general accounts.

- **Inadequate Care and Maintenance funds**

When the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA) was enacted, it stipulated that a care and maintenance fund for a cemetery shall be established. A cemetery operator is required to make contributions to the fund from the sale of in-ground graves, crypts, tombs, niches, scattering rights and monument installation. The contribution is prescribed under the FBCSA and differs dependant on the interment type. The idea is that the fund (income earned from the fund - interest) pays for maintenance costs after a cemetery has stopped making sales. In reality, this concept does not produce enough funds to maintain a cemetery. Looking at the Stayner Union Cemetery as an example, for the very basics (grass cutting and whipper snipping) the interest from the care and maintenance fund does not provide enough monies to maintain the cemetery for the 7 months it's required. In addition, the care and maintenance fund is also to be utilized for the stabilization, maintenance and security of markers. Cemeteries are not self funding, and maintenance of such is becoming a larger budget concern.

Support Request

Cemetery transfers and abandonments have been an ongoing concern for Clearview Township for many years. When you look at the large geography of the Township there are many cemeteries within the boundaries that have the potential to be transferred. To gauge the concern of other municipalities on this issue, staff addressed it at a Simcoe County Clerks group discussion. Many neighbouring municipalities expressed that they were dealing with the same issues and have also been approached by different external entities on possible transfers.

As result of the discussion, it was agreed that to assist with the real concerns with transfers and abandonments of cemeteries, it's vital that the Province provide assistance to adequately support this infrastructure. Support can be provided in many different forms, with staff making the following recommendations for the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the BAO:

- Amend the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;

- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost.

There is not one solution to solve all the issues, but at the very least it's important to identify the concerns and have open and real discussions at the provincial level on what support can be provided.

Clearview's Strategic Plan

The above initiative supports the following strategic pillars:

- Governance

Financial Implications

It is difficult to identify an exact dollar amount that can be attributed to a cemetery transfer/abandonment to the municipality. Every transfer is different and depends on a multitude of factors beginning with the cemetery status (active/inactive), acreage, care and maintenance fund (if any), maintenance of records, etc. What is being recommended by staff by way of support from the province is not meant to erase the costs entirely, but rather, to alleviate the financial burden in some capacity.

Report Appendices

Not applicable.

Approvals

Submitted by:	Sasha HelmKay, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
Reviewed by:	Krista Pascoe, Deputy Clerk
Financial Implications Reviewed by:	Kelly McDonald, Treasurer
Approved by:	John Ferguson, CAO

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December 21, 2023

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

sent via email Todd.McCarthy@pc.ola.org

Dear Hon. Todd McCarthy,

Re: Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request – Tay Township

Tay Township Council passed the following resolution during the December 20, 2023 Council Meeting regarding the Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request:

Whereas under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

And Whereas over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

And Whereas municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

And Whereas cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

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And Whereas the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

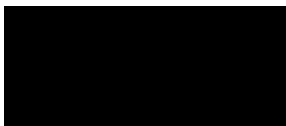
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Tay requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

And that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Jill Dunlop and all Ontario municipalities.

Sent on behalf of Tay Township Council.

Yours truly,



Katelyn Johns, MPPA
Municipal Clerk

Cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities/MPP, and all Ontario municipalities.



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL**February 22, 2024**

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Northumberland County Resolution –
'Support for Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify
the Definition of Employer'**

At a meeting held on February 21, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2024-02-21-109 adopting the below recommendation from the February 6, 2024 Corporate Support Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Lucas Cleveland
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and Township of Larder Lake regarding 'Support for Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of Employer', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and attached motion from the City of Greater Sudbury; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honorable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development), and the Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), and all Ontario Municipalities.

Council Resolution # 2024-02-21-109**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.



**The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland**

555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Mather".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County



Council Resolution

Moved By L. Cleveland Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2024-02-21- 109
 Seconded By O. Ankwiliga

Council Date: February 21, 2024

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the four Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held February 6 and 7), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:


Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
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| - | | Social Services Committee, Item 7.a, 'Correspondence, '310 Division Street, Cobourg' – Held by Councillor Cleveland | |
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And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
 Councillor's Name

Deferred _____
 Warden's Signature

Carried 
 Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
 Warden's Signature



Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: February 6, 2024

Agenda Item: 7.b

Resolution Number: 2024-02-06-077

Moved by: S. Dibb

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: February 21, 2024

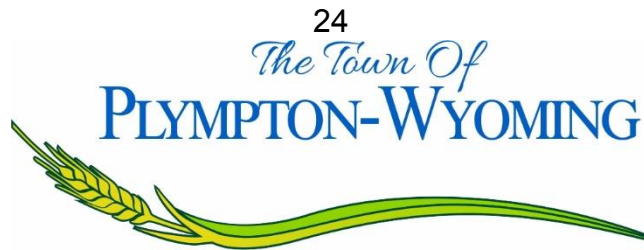
"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and Township of Larder Lake regarding 'Support for Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of Employer', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and attached motion from the City of Greater Sudbury; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honorable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development), and the Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature



The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca
DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

January 15th 2024

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 10th 2024, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the City of Greater Sudbury re. Amendment to the Occupational Health & Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'.

Motion 14

Moved by Councillor Bob Woolvett

Seconded by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the City of Greater Sudbury re. Amendment to the Occupational Health & Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Bob Bailey, MPP – Sarnia-Lambton
Association of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario's Big City Mayors
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario
Council of Ontario Construction Associations
Ontario Chamber of Commerce
All Ontario Municipalities

December 12, 2023

Sent Via Email

Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"

The following resolution was passed by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023:

CC2023-303: WHEREAS in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (the "City") entered into a contract with a contractor experienced in road construction projects to complete a project on Elgin Street in the City's downtown core;

AND WHEREAS the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the "Act");

AND WHEREAS an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

AND WHEREAS the City was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

AND WHEREAS after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found the City to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in dismissal of the City's appeal;

AND WHEREAS the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume plenary oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor; AND WHEREAS the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

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AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, France Gelin, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,



Brigitte Sobush
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

- c. Members of City Council
Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE
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January 11th, 2024

****Sent Via Email****

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 9th, 2024, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Resolution: 4

Moved by: Councillor Kelly

Seconded by: Mayor Quinn

BE IT RESOLVED, that Larder Lake Council hereby supports the City of Greater Sudbury regarding an amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "Employer" And

FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

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

Sincerely,

Crystal Labbe
 CAO/ Clerk Treasurer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
 - Patricia Hull
 - Paul Kelly
 - Lynne Paquette
- Mayor Quinn*

Motion #: 4

Resolution #: 4

Date: January 9, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that Larder Lake Council hereby supports the City of Greater Sudbury regarding an amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "Employer" And

FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, the Association of Municipalities OF Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Reginal Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
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Because:
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Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

[Signature]

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Resolution # RC24016	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS By-Law 1070-96, being a By-Law to continue and regulate a Fire Department for the Corporation of the Municipality of Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 1070-96, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

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

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

AND WHEREAS on January 24, 2024, Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa received the 2024 Wawa Fire Service Review by The Loomex Group that identifies and evaluates Wawa's current and anticipated fire protection needs, Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

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

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

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield	YES	NO
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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: _____

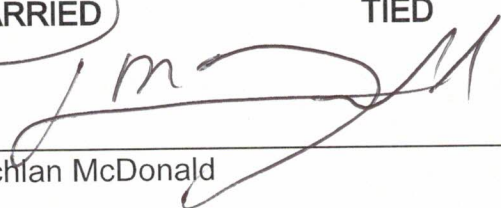
DEPUTY MAYOR – JIM HOFFMANN	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

Resolution Number 2024-046
Title: Support Resolution - Fire Apparatus Life Span
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Moved by Councillor Jaworski
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Long

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry hereby supports the resolution passed by the County of Prince Edward and the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities
AND FURTHERMORE that this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and the County of Prince Edward.

CARRIED **TIED** **DEFEATED** **POSTPONED**



Mayor Lachlan McDonald

From: Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund (MOI) <HEWS@ontario.ca>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 2:50 PM
To: Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund (MOI) <HEWS@ontario.ca>
Subject: HEWSF Questions & Answers

CAUTION: This email originated outside of the Town of Newmarket. **DO NOT** click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and trusted content.

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Thank you for expressing your interest in the new Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) and participating in the webinars. Our team has prepared a list of questions asked by you during the three webinar sessions and answered them to best support you in preparing the applications.

Please find the list of questions and answers attached here.

To find more information on the program, please visit the Program webpage here:
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/housing-enabling-water-systems-fund>.

In addition, the Program Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions document can be found here: [Application Guide: Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund - Forms - Central Forms Repository \(CFR\) \(gov.on.ca\)](#).

If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out at HEWS@ontario.ca.

We look forward to reviewing your applications.

Thank you.

HEWSF Team

Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) Questions and Answers

Application Information:

- 1. Does the application require a resolution from council identifying the project as the preferred project for the funding?**

A Council Resolution is not required as part of the application package. For a completed application package, it should include the following: completed and validated application form, provincial land-use planning information, map in KML format, and any required supporting materials per the responses provided in the Technical Schedule. Optional supporting documents, for example, Environmental Assessment (EA) may also be submitted.

Applicant Eligibility:

- 2. Can the project be developer led but as a partnership with the Municipality? If yes, can the request include the developer's share of the infrastructure work?**

The applicant must be a municipality (upper, lower, single tier) that owns water, wastewater and stormwater assets. The municipality can utilize funding from a developer to fund the 27% minimum recipient contribution, however, a developer is ineligible to be a part of joint projects/applications. A municipality can only submit a joint application with another municipality.

Eligible Asset Type:

- 3. Will a new UV system for our water treatment be eligible for this funding? Additionally, would eligible asset include new pumps to increase capacity etc.?**

UV systems for water treatment would be eligible as well as new pumps to increase capacity. Applicants need to keep in mind the housing enabling infrastructure focus of the program when completing their application.

- 4. Would a Wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and related conveyance infrastructure be considered eligible for funding as one project, even though the sewers will be constructed under a separate contract to the facility? Both constructed at the same time.**

A wastewater treatment plant and related conveyance infrastructure would be considered eligible as one project as long as the contracts are obtained in a transparent, fair and competitive manner per the program guidelines, they can be separate contracts.

Eligible Project Type:

- 5. What if there is the need to improve one part of the water supply system to increase the force main (which is the actual piece to help the growth of water systems within a community)?**

A project can be standalone or component of a larger project and must meet all program outcomes, conditions and eligibility.

- 6. Will projects that have been tendered/awarded but not actually started yet being eligible? Can we tender before funding is awarded?**

Projects that have been tendered but not awarded are eligible. Physical construction or land disturbance of any kind must not occur until after provincial approval of the project and until Duty to Consult and EA requirements have been deemed to have been met by the Province in writing.

- 7. Would a project be considered eligible if it has not yet started construction as of January 29, but is expected to start construction before April 19?**

Applications will be reviewed once the intake closes in April 19 and successful projects will be notified in summer 2024. Projects that proceed before the Province has notified that the applicant is successful in receiving funding and written confirmation that all Duty-to-Consult (DTC) and Environmental Assessment (EA) requirements have been met will be ineligible for funding.

- 8. What exactly is identified as projects being in the planning phase? Does this include projects identified in infrastructure master plans?**

Projects identified in infrastructure master plans can be considered eligible only if that project is in the process of or completed design and planning at the time of application. However, the project must also meet all other provincial regulatory requirements and program conditions.

9. Can the submitted one project up to a provincial max of \$35M include eligible asset costs from a combination of water (distribution system), wastewater (pump station and linear) and stormwater (management facilities) project? Will this be considered all under one project submission?

Applicants must select only one primary project asset type but may bundle more than one eligible project asset type. For example, a project may have both water and wastewater components. Bundled projects must demonstrate that each component of the project is inter-related and meets eligibility requirements.

Note: The project must meet all necessary provincial regulatory requirements (i.e., Duty-To-Consult, Environmental Assessment), funding limits and program conditions.

10. Can a single project include multiple tenders, for phased work within a continuous area?

One single project may include multiple tenders; however, all of the work must be inter-related.

11. If a project involves the expansion of both a water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant under one tender, is the entirety eligible?

As part of eligibility, projects can be standalone or a component of a larger project. Applicants can bundle more than one eligible project asset types and must demonstrate that each component of the project is inter-related and meets eligibility requirements. Additionally, all of the work within the submitted project must be inter-related.

12. What does the program mean when it says that projects with more than one asset type in same/different locations have to be under “one system” or part of a continuous area?

Applicants are allowed to bundle more than one eligible project asset type; however, such projects must demonstrate that each component of the project is inter-related and meets eligibility requirements.

Additionally, “one system” can include one or more asset under an individual asset type in same/different locations, however, the projects should be inter-related. For e.g., a project may include the expansion of lagoon systems and the rehabilitation of pump stations in the same or two different locations, both of which fall under a wastewater asset system. However, the projects must be inter-related and meet all program conditions and eligibility.

13. Would complete or substantially complete subdivision plans count towards the planning and design being done for a project? Or does the design and planning need to be specific for the upgrades needed to the water system?

The planning and design phases of a project is separate from the planning approvals process.

Applicants are required to submit land use planning documents (e.g., Official Plan, Zoning, Draft/Final copy of Plan of Subdivision) as part of their application. Additionally, the status of the proposed housing development (e.g., what proportion of units enabled by the project have proceeded to the Plans of Subdivision and/or Plans of Condominium stage) and expected date of completion of the housing development must also be included in the application.

14. Do all the necessary Environmental Assessment studies need to be completed to be eligible for this funding. If they are not completed does this make a project ineligible?

It is not necessary to have all the Environmental Assessment (EA) studies completed. However, priority will be given to those projects that are more advanced in planning and design (e.g., Stage 4 of Environmental Assessment). Additionally, project approval will be assessed and prioritized based on program requirements, applicant eligibility, application completeness, assessment criteria and the overall demand of funds in the program.

Note: For each Class EA Schedule there will be specific phases that they have to complete. For example, for Class EA Schedule B project, phase 2 of design and planning must be complete or substantially complete.

15. Are new projects eligible for this program?

Net new projects are eligible for the program. However, the project has to meet all program conditions, must begin construction by September 30, 2024, and end construction no later than March 31, 2027.

16. If the anticipated housing units are expected to be enabled beyond 2027 as new developments are built, are projects still eligible?

As part of eligibility, projects must enable housing development. Although, the project has to begin and end construction of the water infrastructure by September 30, 2024, and March 31, 2027, housing impact may continue beyond project development, as long as it enables housing growth.

17. In the number of existing housing units in a municipality as of Jan 1st, 2024 (Baseline) is that zero or depends on subdivision?

The Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) will support the repair, rehabilitation and expansion of core water, wastewater, and stormwater projects to promote growth and enable housing. Projects will be evaluated based on net new housing developed. Therefore, applicants are not required to consider baseline information.

Technical merit for the housing-enabling component will include the following:

- Total number of new housing units enabled (by year) by the municipality
- Comparison of housing units to remaining gap to achieve housing targets (if applicable)
- Cost per housing unit created (calculated as provincial contribution to the total project cost divided by number of housing units enabled)

18. How would a project count new housing units enabled when it is not servicing a specific development, but expands the overall municipal capacity to enable future growth?

Eligible projects in this program should meet the following project outcome:

- Enable growth and housing opportunities.

- Increased access to potable water; and
- Increased treatment and/or management of wastewater and stormwater.

Applicants are not required to provide exact numbers for new housing developed, but forecasts that will result from potential growth through the rehabilitation/repair, renovation and expansion of the water infrastructure.

Evaluation/Assessment:

19. Is the creation of serviced lots considered as creation of new housing units for eligibility?

For projects to be eligible, they should enable housing development such as an increase in housing units created. The creation of new residential lots in a plan of subdivision, could demonstrate progress towards supporting new housing units. However, the creation of new residential lots may not be considered the development of a residential unit.

20. How does the program support municipal servicing to housing lots in a subdivision? Presumably the land that is being subdivided is currently privately owned, and investments on private land are not eligible for HEWS Fund. Does some of that sub-divided land become municipal property (i.e., the roads, the land over the water pipes)?

Privately-owned drinking water systems (e.g., year-round, non-municipal residential systems) are not eligible for this program. The water/wastewater/stormwater infrastructure installed in a new residential development by a developer would also not be eligible since the installation of servicing is typically the responsibility of the developer.

21. Are applicants required to report on actual housing units created once the project is complete?

Applicants are required to include any or all supporting document related to the project lifecycle and actual housing units in their Final Report. Any other reporting requirements requested by the Ministry will be provided as part of the TPA.

22. If a proposed project unlocks a large greenfield area for new development, can the project use secondary plans, zoning to provide potential estimates of New Housing Units created?

An applicant could provide a plan of subdivision, draft approved plan to demonstrate the number of new residential units developed.

23. How are applicants required to track/calculate housing units based on population projection?

The Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) will support the repair, rehabilitation and expansion of core water, wastewater, and stormwater projects to promote growth and enable housing. Projects will be evaluated based on net new houses developed. Therefore, it is not mandatory to include population projections in the application.

Financial and Funding Matters:

24. How will the program utilize the DC Act for the application of the fund to the capital cost share for existing developments?

Our government recognizes that development charges (DCs) are an important tool that some municipalities use to help pay for the costs of housing-enabling infrastructure such as water and wastewater services. The DCA provides the authority and the rules for municipalities to levy a DC and it also establishes the process for determining what costs are eligible to be recovered by DCs.

The DCA and related regulation also establish the rules regarding the treatment of grants or other contributions provided to municipalities to support new infrastructure, including in situations where the capital costs would have been funded by development charges. Under these rules, if a capital grant has been made for the purpose of funding new infrastructure, the capital costs eligible for DCs must be reduced by the amount of the grant – but only to the extent that the grant was intended to benefit new development.

However, if a clear intention for the grant has not been expressed at the time the grant was made, then the grant would be applied to both existing development and new development in proportion to their increase in the need for the service to reflect their level of benefit from the new infrastructure.

The rules in the DCA align with the principle that growth should pay for growth, while ensuring that municipalities are not double-dipping for capital costs being funded by grants or contributions from other levels of governments.

25. Is an applicant allowed to use Development Charges (DC) partially or in full to fund the recipient portion of funding?

Eligible applicants may combine (i.e., stack) other federal and municipal funding (including development charges revenue) to fund the 27% minimum recipient contribution. Applicants are responsible for determining if federal funding can be used towards the project being submitted to the Province. Provincial stacking will not be permitted, with the exception of funding received from the Building Faster Fund (BFF) and the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF).

26. Can an applicant indicate a contribution for e.g., 50% of the project cost to achieve a higher housing starts per \$ ratio?

For this program, the Province will fund a maximum of 73% (up to \$35 million) with the municipality required to fund all remaining eligible project costs (27%).

For the housing component, the HEWSF will primarily assess projects on the following:

- Total number of new housing units enabled (by year) by the municipality
- Comparison of housing units to remaining gap to achieve housing targets (if applicable)
- Cost per housing unit created (calculated as provincial contribution to the total project cost divided by number of housing units enabled)



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February 23, 2024

Kiran Saini, Deputy Clerk
Town of Newmarket
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Sent Via Email Only

Re: Resolution regarding Notice Policy and Procedure By-law Update

The Township of Douro-Dummer is in support of the request to the Provincial Government to begin to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirement for Provincial Acts and Regulations.

At the regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Douro-Dummer, held on February 20th, 2024, Council received a request from the Town of Newmarket asking for support regarding Notice Policy and Procedure By-law Update. In response, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution Number 040-2024

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the letter from the Town of Newmarket regarding the Notice Policy and Procedure By-law Update be received and supported. Carried

Amending the Legislation Act to include an alternative definition of "newspaper" will allow for the importance of notice to be carried out for those municipalities that are not able to comply with the current regulations.

If there is anything further that you require, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Martina Chait-Hartwig

Martina Chait-Hartwig
Clerk

Cc: dave.smithco@pc.ola.org



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

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February 26, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

4800 South Service Road
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Attention: Town of Lincoln

RE: Correspondence Endorsement – Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters)

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 20, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 7, 2024, regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters) with the following motion:

Moved: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded: Councillor Charrois

Resolved that Council endorse the Town of Lincoln's resolution regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06(2) & 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters).

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

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

Cc: Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



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February 7, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca

Ella Flynn
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming
546 Niagara Street, P.O. Box 250
Wyoming, ON N0N 1T0

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters)

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 5, 2024, received and supported correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming dated December 1, 2023, regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters) with the following motion:

Resolution No: RC-2024-06

Moved by Councillor JD Pachereva; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

THAT Council support and endorse the resolution within the correspondence received re: Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

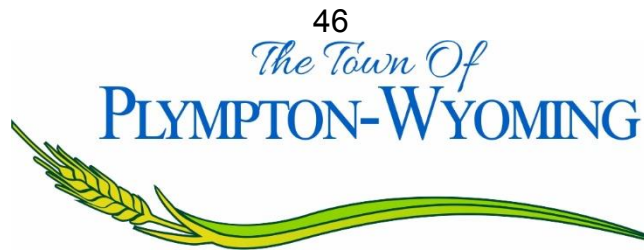


Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk

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JK/dp

Cc: Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



Lianne Rood
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

December 1st 2023

Sent via e-mail: Lianne.Rood@parl.gc.ca

Re: Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the *Income Tax Act* (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters)

Dear Ms. Rood,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on November 29th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the attached resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the *Income Tax Act* (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters).

Motion 13

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded by Councillor Bob Woolvett

That Council support item 'R' of correspondence from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Tax Credit for Volunteer Fire Fighters.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Sent via e-mail
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The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) – resolutions@amo.on.ca
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Resolution # RC23265	Meeting Order: 10
Moved by: <i>Cathy Fannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>J. Mal</i>

WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and;

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and;

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario 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)	Melanie Pilon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann	
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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 Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.5.

Resolution Number 24-031

Title: Request for Support. Resolution requesting the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of tax credits for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue respondents

Date: Friday, February 23, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Lundy

Seconded by: Councillor MacLeod

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of The Archipelago hereby supports the Municipality of Wawa's November 7, 2023 resolution in support of Bill C-310 and amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act to increase the amount of tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3000 to \$10,000; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MPP of Parry Sound Muskoka Graydon Smith, MP of Parry Sound Muskoka Scott Aitchison, the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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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



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February 26, 2024

Via Email

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

Dear Premier Ford,

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

At their last regular meeting on Wednesday February 21, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following:

"Resolution #2024-52
Moved by: Paul Sowrey
Seconded by: Jim Cushman

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

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

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

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue

Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

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

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

c.c. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
All Ontario Municipalities

From: De Lima, Janai <Janai.DeLima@york.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 4:18 PM
To: dtimm@king.ca; Lisa Lyons <llyons@newmarket.ca>; Clerks <clerks@newmarket.ca>;
clerks@richmondhill.ca; clerks@townofws.ca
Subject: Town of Aurora Official Plan Update Circulation

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Good Afternoon,

The Town of Aurora Council adopted their new Official Plan, on January 30, 2024 and it has been forwarded to York Region for consideration as the approval authority.

We are circulating this document for your information and to seek any additional input you may have.

The Updated Official Plan:

- Outlines the goals, objectives, visions, and policies intended to guide land use and development in the Town of Aurora to the horizon year of 2051.
- Outlines policies to guide and manage physical growth and development within the Town of Aurora based on existing and anticipated conditions and forecasts.

Some of the key changes and enhancements in the Plan include:

- Policies to promote and prioritize the provision of affordable housing
- Directing growth to newly characterized strategic growth areas
- Focus on gentle intensification within existing residential neighbourhoods
- Policies for climate change resilience, natural heritage protection and cultural heritage preservation
- Prioritization of active transportation including improvement of sidewalks and cycling infrastructure

Please use the following link to access the Town's adopted version of the Official Plan, along with associated map Schedules: [January 2024 Aurora OP.pdf \(aurora.ca\)](#)

In an effort to meet the legislated review timelines for Planning Act applications, we ask that you provide your comments no later than **Friday March 15, 2024**. Please reach out to me if there are additional concerns or questions.

For more information, and to stay updated on this Official Plan process, visit the Town of Aurora's Official Plan Review page at [Engage Aurora](#).

Thank you,
Janai

Our working hours may be different. Please do not feel obligated to reply outside of your scheduled working hours. Let's work together to help foster healthy work-life boundaries.

Janai De Lima (she/her) | **MCIP, RPP, MBA** | Senior Planner, Long Range Planning, Corporate Services

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February 27, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
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Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs
and Housing
VIA EMAIL:
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RE: 6.3 The Association of Municipalities of Ontario Policy Update regarding Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on February 7, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-037:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.3 listed for February 7, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); the County Clerk, MPP Arnott, MPP Rae, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).

CARRIED

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



Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca), MPP Matthew Rae
Matthew.Rae@pc.ola.org, the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca)



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Corporate Services

January 26, 2024

Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried.

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell
Town Clerk

From: [Clerk General Line](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - 2024 to 2027 Economic Development Action Plan
Date: February 27, 2024 12:44:51 PM

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On February 22, 2024 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council approve the 2024-2027 Economic Development Action Plan (Attachment 1).
2. Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute any agreements necessary, together with all such further ancillary documents that may be required, to implement the programs outlined in the 2024-2027 Economic Development Action Plan, on business terms satisfactory to the Commissioner of Corporate Services and in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.
3. 2024-2027 Economic Development Action Plan be circulated to local municipalities, local Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade, ventureLAB and Toronto Global.

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

Please contact Jonathan Wheatle, Director, Economic Strategy at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71503 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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

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Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No.

94

Title: Enbridge Gas Inc.

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Moved by J. DeMarsh

Seconded by J. Flieler

WHEREAS access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Municipality of Tweed;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Municipality of Tweed supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of Tweed recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification;

AND FURTHER, that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of Tweed supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Ric Bresee, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com.

Carried

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.2.
Resolution Number 2024-036
Title: Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #5 and #24
Date: February 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP - Request for Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Long Term Care, Stan Cho; our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Todd Kasenberg
Mayor of Municipality of North Perth

RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Kasenberg,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Fife".

Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2022, the Till Death Do Us Part Act, passed second reading in the Ontario legislature after being [introduced for the third time in September 2022](#). The bill was then referred to the Ontario Legislature's Social Policy Committee. You can view highlights of the second reading debate here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYRlgQgDe2k>

I have been pushing for the Standing Committee on Social Policy to schedule a time to begin the work of reviewing Bill 21 since November 2022. **Today marks 286 days since the Act passed second reading at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.** Unfortunately, the Bill has yet to be called to committee.

Bill 21, which was formerly Bill 153 and 95, respectively, had passed second reading and was sent to the Justice Committee in December 2019, but was wiped off the order paper when Premier Ford prorogued the house in 2021. It was reintroduced early 2022 but did not have time to progress before the election.

Since I first introduced this Bill in 2019, the number of people who've reached out to my offices with heartbreaking stories of couples entering long-term care who are torn apart has skyrocketed. Simply put, Ontario seniors deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age. Of note, Nova Scotia passed similar legislation, titled the [Life Partners in Long-Term Care Act](#) in 2021.

Following many meetings with stakeholders, it's clear that "care campuses" which offer different levels of care (independent, assisted living and long-term care) are the progressive model for investing in quality care for Ontario's aging population. Care campuses are an essential element to keeping couples together as they often age at different rates. This level of choice has been brought to my attention as especially important to rural and northern municipal leaders across Ontario. The care campus model for seniors housing that builds different levels of care has unique financial savings that will be critical as we grapple with a rapidly aging province.

We need the Bill to be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy as soon as possible. We know that couples who are separated across Ontario cannot wait any longer for this legislative change to be made.

Here are the links to recent media coverage of the Till Death Do Us Part Act, which provide more specific insights into the lived experiences of older adults who are separated from their spouses:

- [CTV News Kitchener: Ontario seniors separated in long-term care pushing for the right to remain together](#)
- [CityNews Kitchener: Waterloo MPP appeals for seniors bill to be brought forward](#)
- [Waterloo Region Record: Cambridge senior calls for end to separating couples in long-term care](#)

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February 28, 2024

Sent via email – fred.simpson@townofmono.com

Fred Simpson,
Clerk
Town of Mono

Re: Resolution - Declaration of Road Safety Emergency

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated January 17, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the February 12, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-008). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-008, being a resolution from the Town of Mono declaring a road safety emergency to address traffic safety measures, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Transportation
Minister of Finance
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities



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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

WHEREAS the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

WHEREAS libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

WHEREAS Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.3.
Resolution Number 2024-037
Title: Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #9
Date: February 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Lachance
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Municipality of Shuniah on November 14, 2023, regarding Unnecessary Noise - Engine Brakes;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Sarkaria; our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

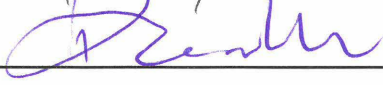


COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 399-23

Date: Nov 14, 2023

Moved By: 

Seconded By: 

WHEREAS excessive noise resulting from the operation of moving vehicles falls under the jurisdiction of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8. ("Highway Traffic Act") which is enforced by provincially appointed officers;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Shuniah, have received complaints from residents regarding noises associated with the use of engine retarder brakes on heavy vehicles;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation recommends the use of engine braking in certain circumstances, such as the downgrade located on Spruce River Road to avoid overheating brakes, and as a form of backup brake if brakes fail;

AND WHEREAS a higher engine noise is typically emitted for a short period of time (e.g., ten (10) to thirty (30) seconds), depending on the vehicle's speed and vehicles may make a loud "chattering" or "jackhammer" exhaust noise when this braking system is engaged;

AND WHEREAS this noise can be amplified if the vehicle has no muffler or an improper muffling system;


AND WHEREAS noise emissions from commercial vehicles form part of the Ministry of Transportation's inspection process;

AND WHEREAS installation of "courtesy" signs that request the drivers to limit the use of loud compression style brakes are difficult to enforce and there is evidence of these types of signs not being beneficial;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to enhance enforcement for deficient muffler systems to address concerns around excessive and unnecessary noise from engine brakes.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP Kevin Holland, MP Marcus Powlowski, MPP Lise Vaugeois, and MP Patty Hajdu.

Carried **Defeated** **Amended** **Deferred**


Signature

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.4.
Resolution Number 2024-038
Title: Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #10
Date: February 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer on November 15, 2023, regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act;
AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Associate Minister of Housing, Rob Flack; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



November 16, 2023

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

Re: Motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act

At their Regular Meeting of Council on November 15, 2023, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act:

Whereas the Ontario government has acknowledged an affordable housing and housing supply crisis, communicating a targeted approach to build 1.5 million homes by 2031; and

Whereas nearly one-third of Ontario households rent, rather than own, according to the most recent 2021 Census of Population; and

Whereas the Ontario government has reported that Ontario broke ground on nearly 15,000 purpose-built rentals in 2022, a 7.5 percent increase from 2021 and the highest number on record, with continued growth into 2023; and

Whereas the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, provides for the maximum a landlord can increase most tenants rent during a year without the approval of the Landlord and Tenant Board; and

Whereas the Ontario government recently strengthened protections for tenants with the intention of preserving affordability, by holding the rent increase guideline for 2024 to 2.5 percent, well below the average inflation rate of 5.9 percent; and

Whereas the rental increase guideline protection does not apply to rental units occupied for the first time after November 15, 2018, leaving an increasing number of tenants susceptible to disproportionate and unsustainable rental increases compared to those benefiting from legislated increase protection;



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Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer requests provincial consideration for amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, to ensure that all tenants benefit from protections intended to preserve affordability;

That a copy of this Resolution be sent to:

- Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Honourable Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- And all Ontario Municipalities.

Thank you,

Owen Jaggard

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CC:

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.5.
Resolution Number 2024-039
Title: Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #15
Date: February 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward on November 17, 2023, regarding Guaranteed Livable Income;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Children, Community and Social Service, Ryan Williams; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament; our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

November 17, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023 the following motion regarding urging the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a guaranteed livable income was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-568

DATE: November 14, 2023

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Maynard

WHEREAS on November 23, 2021 Prince Edward County was certified as a 'Living Wage' Employer at the "support" level, through the Ontario Living Wage Network;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario livable wage for Hastings & Prince Edward, in 2022 was determined to be \$19.05, which is \$3.55 more than the Provincial minimum wage rate of \$15.50; and this rate is paid to all staff including students in 2023;

AND WHEREAS our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1,376;

AND WHEREAS the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax);

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the 2023 Vital Signs Report, up to 3,500 residents (10.1% to 13.5%) are living on low income (less than \$36,000 a year after taxes) and PEC's median income lags behind Ontario by \$7,500/year;

AND WHEREAS the median rent for one bedroom in Prince Edward County in accordance with the County Housing Plan for 2023 \$1,513 a month;

AND WHEREAS rent is considered affordable, when it is no more than 30% of gross annual income and the number of people receiving government benefits has increased to a level above the provincial average in Prince Edward County. Extrapolated, a full 30% of County residents are deemed to be low-income and unable to afford either market real estate or rental housing prices;

AND WHEREAS as of March 31, 2023, there are 1,089 households on the Prince Edward - Lennox and Addington Social Services wait list for subsidized housing in Prince Edward County;



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AND WHEREAS, in accordance with the County Food Collective, Food bank use is up 26% in Prince Edward County and as many as 6,000 residents experience food insecurity over a year's time;

AND WHEREAS on July 25, 2023 Council expressed support for a more generous Canada Child Benefit targeting low-income families struggling with food insecurity and urged Federal government expedite its 2021 election promise to roll-out Canada's first national school food policy, and endorsed the Coalition for Healthy School Food mission to work with partners across Canada to advocate for a universal cost-shared healthy Canada-wide school food program on September 26, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the 2017 Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) study/survey identified the general affordable workforce housing as a primary obstacle in our workforce attraction;

AND WHEREAS the collected data of housing and poverty statistics, and continuing to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result is important in establishing a livable income;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County join other municipalities across Ontario, including Belleville, Napanee to urge the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a Guaranteed Livable Income program; and

THAT this resolution be sent to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Parsa, M.P.P., Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Ryan Williams, Bay of Quinte M.P.P., Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte M.P.P, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition of Ontario and Pierre Poilievre Leader of the Official Opposition of Canada requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

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

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Maynard and Marcia Wallace,
 CAO

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.6.
Resolution Number 2024-040
Title: Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #16 & 25
Date: February 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Lachance
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward on November 17, 2023, and the support Resolution passed by Loyalist Township on November 27, 2023, regarding Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to Expand the Use of Permit-by-Rule; AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

November 17, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023 the following motion regarding support for the Province to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, storm water management systems, and certain water taking activities was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-569

DATE: November 14, 2023

MOVED BY: Councillor Maynard

SECONDED BY: Councillor Roberts

WHEREAS the Municipality, in support of the Quinte Conservation Authority, actively supports the Source Water Protection Program, as part of local efforts to implement the Clean Water Act, 2006 and its regulations to protect local municipal drinking water sources;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is proposing to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities;

AND WHEREAS In 2018, Bill 68, the Open for Business Act was passed, whereby it legislated that less complex activities that pose low-risk to the environment should not be required to go through the approval process and instead, should self-register on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR);

AND WHEREAS Quinte Conservation Authority has outlined in their October 24, 2023 report to their Board, that the activities proposed to move to the EASR may pose too much risk to drinking water, and can pose threats to human health and the environment;

AND WHEREAS Quinte Conservation Authority noted the source water protection concern generally lies in the fact the Ministry will no longer undertake an up-front detailed review of applications related to the specified activities, thereby potentially weakening regulatory oversight;

AND WHEREAS the specified activities, which have the potential to cause significant adverse impacts to the natural environment and human health will no



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longer be subject to public and site-specific scrutiny prior to commencing operation in Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County supports the concerns outlined by Quinte Conservation Authority and urges the Provincial government to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities; and

THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte M.P.P. and Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and

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

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Maynard and Marcia Wallace, CAO



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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.7.
Resolution Number 2024-041
Title: Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #7
Date: February 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Lachance
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

WHEREAS under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a Judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

AND WHEREAS over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

AND WHEREAS municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

AND WHEREAS the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

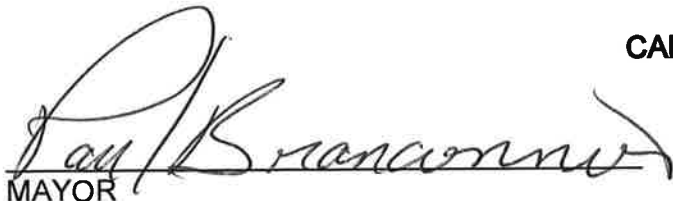
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;

- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Todd McCarthy; BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, Jim Cassimatis; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; our local member of Provincial Parliament; and, all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.8.
Resolution Number 2024-042
Title: Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8
Date: February 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Township of Asphodel-Norwood on December 12, 2023, regarding Rising Municipal Insurance Costs;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.

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MAYOR

December 22, 2023

Sent via E-mail
david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

David Piccini, MPP
Northumberland-Peterborough South
117 Peter St
Port Hope, ON L1A 1C5

Re: Rising Municipal Insurance Costs

Dear MPP Piccini,

At its regular meeting held December 12, 2023, the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood considered the above-noted matter and passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are experiencing higher insurance rates at each renewal with limited access to insurance providers willing to quote on municipal insurance needs;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Asphodel-Norwood's annual insurance premiums have increased from \$150,280 to \$299,729 from 2020 to 2024, representing an accumulated increase of 99.5% over this period;

AND WHEREAS these annual increases are unsustainable and divert funds from critical municipal services as one of the most significant constraints in limiting yearly tax levy increases;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood directs staff to send a letter to the MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South calling for action to reduce insurance costs;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Trusting you will find the foregoing satisfactory, but please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Melanie Hudson, Acting Clerk
Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Cc: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.9.
Resolution Number 2024-043
Title: Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8
Date: February 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Lachance
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

WHEREAS municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortages, which will only be exasperated over the next three (3) to five (5) years, which will cause the levels of service that municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles, calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades, David Piccinni; our local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Council Resolution

Date: February 27, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024- 81

10.1.7-In Support to Resolution passed by the Municipality of Wawa Fire Apparatus

Moved By: Councillor *GRANT*

Seconded By: Councillor *MORETON*

WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to service operational needs;

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin is in support of the attached resolution as passed by the Municipality of Wawa and directs the Fire Chief to prepare a letter to give to the clerk as follows; attention to the Fire Underwriters Survey requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, The Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Affairs and Housing, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) MPP Vic Fedeli and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Results: *Carried*

Recorded Vote:

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



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March 1, 2024

Sent to: jacqueline.burke@sickkids.ca

Dear Jacqueline Burke:

RE: Lighting Request – March 22, 2024 – National Poison Prevention Week

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in yellow on March 22, 2024 to recognize National Poison Prevention Week. 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



March 1, 2024

Sent to: jacqueline.burke@sickkids.ca

Dear Jacqueline Burke:

RE: Proclamation Request – March 22, 2024 – National Poison Prevention Week

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize National Poison Prevention Week on March 22, 2024 by illuminating the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in yellow on March 22, 2024 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



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March 1, 2024

Sent to: aaron.niles@forces.gc.ca

Dear Captain Aaron Niles:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – April 1, 2024 – Royal Canadian Air Force Centennial

I am writing to advise that your proclamation and lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim April 1, 2024 as the Royal Canadian Airforce Centennial. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in Air Force Blue on April 1, 2024 to recognize the Royal Canadian Air Force Centennial. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Legislative Coordinator



March 1, 2024

Sent to: aaron.niles@forces.gc.ca

Dear Captain Aaron Niles:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – April 1, 2024 – Royal Canadian Air Force Centennial

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize April 1, 2024 as the Royal Canadian Air Force Centennial.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in Air Force Blue on April 1, 2024 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

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March 1, 2024

Sent to: bsander@cdha.ca

Dear Brittney Sander

RE: Lighting Request – April 4, 2024 – National Dental Hygienists Week

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on April 4, 2024 to recognize Dental Hygienists Week and Oral Health Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Simon Granat
Legislative Coordinator



March 1, 2024

Sent to: bsander@cdha.ca

Dear Brittney Sander:

RE: Lighting Request – April 4, 2024 – National Dental Hygienists Week

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize National Dental Hygienists Week as April 4 to 10, 2024 and Oral Health Month by illuminating the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in purple on April 4, 2024 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor