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**VIA EMAIL**

April 29, 2021

City of Burlington, Kevin Arjoon  
Town of Milton, Meaghen Reid  
Town of Halton Hills, Valerie Petryniak  
Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, April 21, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION: FN-16-21 – Authority to Negotiate and Place a Debenture Issue**

1. THAT the Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer be authorized to negotiate the terms and placement of capital project financing in an amount not to exceed \$20,120,000 in Canadian currency as outlined in Report No. FN-16-21 re: "Authority to Negotiate and Place a Debenture Issue".
2. THAT the Regional Chair and Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer be authorized to engage the services of BMO Nesbit Burns Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc., National Bank Financial Inc., RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Scotia Capital Inc. and/or TD Securities Inc. as fiscal agents and enter into all agreements and ancillary documents necessary to secure the terms and issuance of a market debenture issue for all or part of the \$20,120,000.
3. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. FN-16-21 to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville for their information.

Included please find a copy of Report No. FN-16-21 for your information

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Milne", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Graham Milne  
Regional Clerk  
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**Regional Municipality of Halton**

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**The Regional Municipality of Halton**

Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Keshwer Patel, Commissioner, Finance and Regional Treasurer
Date:	April 21, 2021
Report No:	FN-16-21
Re:	Authority to Negotiate and Place a Debenture Issue

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**REPORT****Executive Summary**

- Halton Region facilitates all debenture financing transactions on behalf of the Region and the Local Municipalities
- The aggregate debt financing requirements for all of Halton Region is estimated to be \$20,120,000 in 2021

## Background

The purpose of this report is to request Regional Council's authority to issue debentures in the capital markets in an amount not to exceed \$20,120,000 in 2021.

## Discussion

### Debenture Requirements

As shown in the following table, the combined debt requirement in 2021 for the Region and the Local Municipalities is estimated at \$20,120,000, and represents the maximum amount of debt that would be issued in 2021.

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>2021 Total Debenture Requirements</b>
Halton Region	\$ -
Town of Oakville	1,100,000
City of Burlington	6,685,000
Town of Halton Hills	-
Town of Milton	12,335,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,120,000</b>

### Fiscal Agents

The Region's fiscal agents are comprised of Canadian banks which collectively represent our debt syndicate group when issuing debentures in the capital markets. All members of this group provide economic research and analysis which assists in determining the timing of issuing debt. The lead/co-lead manager roles have the responsibility of facilitating and managing the debenture issuance process on behalf of the Region.

After an extensive review, it is being recommended that the Region increase our fiscal agent members to include two additional banks. The primary reason for this change is to increase the support and research available to assist with the Region's issuance of debt in the capital markets and to increase the management base of eligible banks able to fulfill the lead/co-lead roles for our market debenture issues.

Total fees related to our debenture issuance will not change as a result of adding banks to our syndicate group as the debt syndicate commission fee structure is uniform across the municipal sector and therefore the same for all respective debt issues regardless of the number of fiscal agents in the syndicate group. In addition, increasing our syndicate group has the potential to make our debt issuance process more efficient which could ultimately lead to lower borrowing costs for our capital financing needs.

### Market Outlook

Global growth prospects have improved as the various COVID-19 vaccines are administered throughout many countries in the world. Specific countries are ahead of expectations in vaccinating their populations and may lead the recovery. Although the vaccines are providing major optimism for a turnaround in the pandemic, renewed waves and new variants of the virus continue to pose threats to the global recovery. Many unknowns remain, such as the efficacy of some vaccines to certain strains of the virus as well as lack of overall access by some countries. Regardless, the International Monetary Fund has increased its global growth forecast by 0.3% and now expects 5.5% growth in 2021. However, it does acknowledge that exceptional uncertainty remains around the pandemic and various near term outcomes are still possible.

The United States is gaining momentum as infections decline and vaccinations hover around 2 million per day. Additional fiscal stimulus passed will also increase U.S. consumption and output growth further. Global yield curves have steepened, largely reflecting the improved U.S. growth outlook.

The Canadian economy has proven to be more resilient to the second COVID-19 wave and lockdown measures. Although any service related businesses, including travel, continued to struggle, data for other parts of the economy point to a significant ongoing recovery. GDP grew by 9.6% in the fourth quarter of 2020 and growth in the first quarter of 2021 is now expected to be positive rather than a contraction that was forecast earlier this year. Consumers and businesses adapted to the recent lockdown measures and the housing market proved to be exceptionally strong. Significantly higher oil prices have also helped the economy. Despite the stronger near-term growth prospects, there is still considerable slack in the economy. More transmissible variants of the virus remain a significant concern and could cause a very uneven recovery. Inflation remains near the bottom of the 1-3% band, but is expected to move higher in the coming months.

While interest rates have moved higher since the beginning of 2021, they are still at historically low levels. The market debenture issue will be planned for the first half of 2021. The Region's last debenture issue was in June 2020.

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

Based on Halton Region's pay-as-you-go financing strategy, the Region's 2021 Budget does not require debenture financing for capital projects in 2021. As outlined in the 2021 Budget and Business Plan, the Region's annual projected debt level is expected to decline substantially over the next 10 years and will remain well within its borrowing capacity.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew Buist  
Director, Capital and Development  
Financing



Keshwer Patel  
Commissioner, Finance and Regional  
Treasurer

Approved by



Jane MacCaskill  
Chief Administrative Officer

If you have any questions on the content of this report,  
please contact:

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Attachments: None



**VIA EMAIL**

May 6, 2021

City of Burlington, Kevin Arjoon  
Town of Milton, Meaghen Reid  
Town of Halton Hills, Valerie Petryniak  
Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, April 21, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION:      LPS39-21 - Update 3: Mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Coverings in Certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region**

1. THAT Regional Council approve the extension of By-law No. 47-20 until December 31, 2021, substantially in the form of the draft amending by-law appended to Report No. LPS39-21 as Attachment #2.
2. THAT Report No. LPS39-21 be forwarded to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville for their information.

Included please find a copy of Report No. LPS39-21, together with by-law 12-21 for your information.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Milne", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Graham Milne  
Regional Clerk  
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**The Regional Municipality of Halton**

Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Bob Gray, Commissioner, Legislative and Planning Services and Corporate Counsel
Date:	April 21, 2021
Report No:	LPS39-21
Re:	Update 3: Mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Coverings in Certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. THAT Regional Council approve the extension of By-law No. 47-20 until December 31, 2021, substantially in the form of the draft amending by-law appended to Report No. LPS39-21 as Attachment #2.
2. THAT Report No. LPS39-21 be forwarded to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville for their information.

**REPORT****Executive Summary**

- On July 15, 2020, Regional Council adopted By-law No. 47-20 – Directed at Persons & Operators to require mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Coverings in certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region, as described in Report No. LPS59-20 re: “Mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Coverings in Certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region.”
- On September 16, 2020, Regional Council enacted amendments to By-law No. 47-20, as described in Report No. LPS78-20 re: “Update: Mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Coverings in Certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region.”
- Regional Council requested an update at the October 21, 2020 Regional Council Meeting regarding By-Law No. 47-20. At that meeting 2020 Regional Council enacted an amendment to By-law No. 47-20, as described in Report No. LPS90-20 re: “UPDATE 2: Mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Coverings in Certain

Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region” extending the application of By-law No. 47-20 until May 31, 2021.

- This report recommends that Regional Council extend the application of By-law No. 47-20 until December 31, 2021.

## Background

On March 17, 2020, the Province declared an emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and on March 21, 2020, the Regional Chair declared an emergency in Halton Region.

On July 15, 2020, Regional Council adopted LPS59-20 re: “Mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Coverings in Certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region” and enacted By-law No. 47-20.

On September 16, 2020, Regional Council adopted LPS78-20 re: “Update - Mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Covering in Certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region.” Report LPS78-20 contained administrative amendments to By-law No. 47-20 and the addition of Enclosed Common Areas, including in condominiums and apartment buildings to the definition of Public Place.

On October 21, 2020, Regional Council adopted LPS90-20 re: “UPDATE 2: Mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Coverings in Certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region” extending the application of By-law No. 47-20 until May 31, 2021.

## Discussion

On March 17, 2020, the Province declared an emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and on March 21, 2020, the Regional Chair declared an emergency in Halton Region.

On July 15, 2020, Regional Council adopted LPS59-20 re: “Mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Coverings in Certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region” and enacted By-law No. 47-20 which required Persons to wear non-medical masks/face coverings in certain enclosed Public Places and Operators of a Public Place to adopt a non-medical mask/face covering policy.

On September 16, 2020, Regional Council adopted LPS78-20 re: “Update - Mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Covering in Certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region” which contained administrative amendments to By-law No. 47-20 and the addition of Enclosed Common Areas, including in condominiums and apartment buildings to the definition of Public Place.

On October 21, 2020, Regional Council adopted LPS90-20 re: "UPDATE 2: Mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Coverings in Certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region" extending the application of By-law No. 47-20 until May 31, 2021.

Staff recommend an extension of By-Law No. 47-20 until December 31, 2021. For further details, please see the Consolidated Version of the By-law attached as Attachment #1 and the Amending By-law attached as Attachment #2.

### CONCLUSION

After consultation with Public Health and the Medical Officer of Health, Regional Staff recommend an extension of By-law No. 47-20 to December 31, 2021.

### FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from the receipt of this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Jody Johnson  
Director, Legal Services



Bob Gray  
Commissioner, Legislative and Planning  
Services and Corporate Counsel

Approved by



Jane MacCaskill  
Chief Administrative Officer

If you have any questions on the content of this report,  
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Attachments: Attachment #1 – CONSOLIDATED CHANGES – Halton Region Mask By-law No. 47-20  
Attachment #2 – AMENDING BY-LAW - Halton Region Mask By-law No. XX-21



## Consolidated Version - Amended by By-law No. XX-21

## THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

## BY-LAW NO. 47-20

A TEMPORARY BY-LAW TO REQUIRE THE WEARING OF NON-MEDICAL MASKS/FACE COVERINGS IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON.

WHEREAS subsection 11(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (the “Act”), provides the general authority for municipalities to pass by-laws for the “health, safety and well-being of persons”;

AND WHEREAS the spread of COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020;

AND WHEREAS an emergency was declared in the Province of Ontario on March 17, 2020, pursuant to Order in Council 518/2020 for the purposes of section 7.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and has been extended pursuant to section 7.0.7 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, due to the health risks to Ontario residents arising from COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS on March 23, 2020, the Regional Chair declared a state of emergency in support of the Province’s efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, made pursuant to subsection 4(1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has enacted Ontario Regulation 263/20 under subsection 7.0.2(4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to permit certain businesses to reopen for attendance by members of the public, subject to conditions, including the advice/recommendations/instructions of public health officials;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has enacted Bill 195, *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, which continues orders made under sections 7.0.2 and 7.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* in relation to COVID-19. While the Provincial declaration of emergency has ended, the new act will provide the Province with the necessary flexibility to address the ongoing risks and effects of the COVID-19 outbreak;

AND WHEREAS physical distancing (keeping distance from one another and limiting activities outside the home; when outside the home, staying at least 2 metres away from other people whenever possible) is difficult to maintain in enclosed public places;

AND WHEREAS a by-law requiring persons to wear a non-medical mask/face covering in enclosed public places is deemed a necessary, recognized,

practicable, and effective method to limit the spread of COVID-19, and thereby help protect the health, safety and well-being of the Halton Region community;

AND WHEREAS a by-law requiring the Operator of an enclosed Public Place that is open to the public to adopt a policy to require persons entering the enclosed Public Place to wear a non-medical mask/face covering is deemed a necessary, recognized, practicable, and effective method to limit the spread of COVID-19, and thereby help protect the health, safety and well-being of the Halton Region community;

AND WHEREAS section 425 of the Act provides that any person who contravenes any by-law of the Region is guilty of an offence;

AND WHEREAS section 444 of the Act provides that the Region may make an order requiring a person who contravened a by-law or who caused or permitted the contravention or the owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred to discontinue the contravening activity;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT:

- a) every person must wear a Non-Medical Mask / Face Covering when inside an enclosed Public Place within the geographic area of the Region of Halton;
- b) such a Non-Medical Mask / Face Covering shall cover their mouth, nose and chin.

- 2. THAT every person that is the parent or guardian accompanying a child that is five (5) years old or older in an enclosed Public Place shall ensure that the child wears a Non-Medical Mask / Face Covering. For clarity, every person aged five (5) years old or older shall wear a Non-Medical Mask or Face Covering in an enclosed Public Place.
- 3. THAT a “person” shall include any occupant within an enclosed Public Place and shall include, but not be limited to, any owner, operator, employee and worker in the enclosed Public Place and any customer, patron or other visitor in the enclosed Public Place, subject to the exemptions below.
- 4. THAT no person shall be required to provide proof of any of the exemptions set out below in Section 6.

## 5. THAT:

- a) the Operator of an Public Place that is open to the public, shall adopt a policy as required under this By-law to ensure that no member of the public is permitted entry to, or otherwise remains within, any enclosed space within the Public Place, unless the member of the public is wearing a Non-Medical Mask/Face Covering, in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin;
- b) the Operator of the Public Place shall, upon request, provide a copy of the policy for inspection by any person authorized to enforce this By-law.

## 6. THAT this By-law and the policy shall have the following exemptions from the requirement to wear a Non-Medical Mask/Face Covering in enclosed Public Places within Halton Region:

- i. the person is under the age of five (5) years old;
- ii. the person has an underlying medical condition where wearing a Mask or Face Covering would inhibit the person's ability to breathe in any way;
- iii. the person may experience a negative impact to their emotional well-being or mental health;
- iv. the person has a developmental disability which inhibits their ability to wear a Non-Medical Mask or Face Covering;
- v. the person has a disability whereby the wearing of a Non-Medical Mask or Face Covering would limit their ability to reasonably communicate with others or otherwise present a hardship for a person or persons assisting the individual;
- vi. the person is unable to place or remove a Non-Medical Mask or Face Covering without assistance;
- vii. persons temporarily removing their Non-Medical Mask / Face Covering when necessary for receiving services (such as having a meal), or while actively engaging in an athletic or fitness activity; and
- viii. employees and agents of the person responsible for the Public Place within an area designated for them and not for public access, or within or behind a physical barrier; in



both instances where a physical distance of at least 2 metres can be maintained at all times between the patron(s) and the employee(s).

7. THAT no person shall be discriminated against for not wearing a Non-Medical Mask / Face Covering due to an exemption.
8. THAT this By-law and the policy, subject to the above exemptions, shall require that employees wear a Non-Medical Mask / Face Covering when working in the enclosed space within the Public Place.
9. THAT this By-law and the policy shall not require employees or members of the public to provide proof of any of the exemptions set out above.
10. THAT the Operator shall conspicuously post at all entrances to the Public Place clearly visible signage containing the following text:

**ALL PERSONS ENTERING OR REMAINING IN THESE PREMISES SHALL WEAR A NON-MEDICAL MASK OR FACE COVERING WHICH COVERS THEIR NOSE, MOUTH AND CHIN AS REQUIRED UNDER THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON BY-LAW 47-20.**

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO WEAR A NON-MEDICAL MASK / FACE COVERING IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN HALTON REGION:**

- i. the person is under the age of five (5) years old;
- ii. the person has an underlying medical condition where wearing a Non-Medical Mask or Face Covering would inhibit the person's ability to breathe in any way;
- iii. the person may experience a negative impact to their emotional well-being or mental health;
- iv. the person has a developmental disability which inhibits their ability to wear a Non-Medical Mask or Face Covering;
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- vi. the person is unable to place or remove a Non-Medical Mask or Face Covering without assistance;
- vii. persons temporarily removing their Non-Medical Mask / Face Covering when necessary for receiving services (such as having a meal), or while actively engaging in an athletic or fitness activity; and
- viii. employees and agents of the person responsible for the Public Place within an area designated for them and not for public access, or within or behind a physical barrier; in both instances where a physical distance of at least 2 metres can be maintained at all times between the patron(s) and the employee(s).

Please be respectful of the rights of individuals who are exempt from wearing a mask in conformity with the exemptions provided in the By-law.

To report an incident of noncompliance, contact the Halton Regional Police Service COVID19 Hotline: 905-825-4722.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CALL 311.**

- 11. THAT the Operator shall ensure that all persons working at the Public Place are trained in the requirements of the policy and this By-law.
  - 11.1 This By-law may be enforced by an Officer.
  - 11.2 Any person or Operator who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine and such other penalties as provided for by the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended.
  - 11.3 An Officer may enter on land at any reasonable time and in accordance with the conditions set out in sections 435 and 437 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine whether or not the following are being complied with:
    - a. an order or other requirement made under this By-law; or
    - b. an order made under section 431 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

- 11.4 An Officer, for the purposes of the inspection under section 11.3 and in accordance with the conditions set out in section 436 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, may:
- a. require the production for inspection of documents or things relevant to the inspection;
  - b. inspect and remove documents or things relevant to the inspection for the purpose of making copies or extracts;
  - c. require information in writing or otherwise as required by an Officer from any person concerning a matter related to the inspection; and,
  - d. alone or in conjunction with a person possessing special or expert knowledge, make examinations or take tests, samples or photographs necessary for the purposes of the inspection.
- 11.5 An Officer may undertake an inspection pursuant to an order issued by a provincial judge or justice of the peace under section 438 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, in, accordance with the conditions set out in that section, where they have been prevented or is likely to be prevented from carrying out an inspection under section 11.3
- 11.6 All contraventions of any provision of this By-law are designated as multiple offences and continuing offences pursuant to subsections 429(2) and (5) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- 11.7 Upon conviction of an offence under this By-law pursuant to Part III of the Provincial Offences Act, a person or operator shall be liable to a fine in accordance with section 429 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- 11.8 Where a person or Operator has been convicted of an offence, the court in which the conviction has been entered and any court of competent jurisdiction thereafter may, in addition to any other remedy and to any penalty imposed by this By-law, make an order:
- a. prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person or operator convicted; and,
  - b. requiring the person or operator convicted to correct the contravention in the manner and within the period that the court considers appropriate.
12. Intentionally Deleted.

13. THAT the following definitions shall apply in this By-law:

- (a) **“Enclosed Common Areas”** includes lobbies, elevators, laundry rooms, and mailrooms.
- (b) **“Local Municipality”** means the Corporations of: The City of Burlington, The Town of Oakville, The Town of Milton or The Town of Halton Hills.
- (c) **“Municipality”** means the Region or a Local Municipality.
- (d) **“Non-Medical Mask/Face Covering”** means a mask, balaclava, bandana, scarf, cloth or other similar item that covers the nose, mouth and chin without gapping;
- (e) **“Officer”** means:
  - (i) a police officer,
  - (ii) a constable appointed pursuant to any Act,
  - (iii) a municipal law enforcement officer referred to in subsection 101 (4) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, while in the discharge of his or her duties, including a municipal law enforcement officer from a Local Municipality;
  - (iv) a by-law enforcement officer of any Municipality or of any local board of any Municipality, while in the discharge of his or her duties, including any by-law enforcement officer from a Local Municipality;
  - (v) an officer, employee or agent of any Municipality or of any local board of any Municipality whose responsibilities include the enforcement of a by-law, an Act or a regulation under an Act, while in the discharge of his or her duties, or
  - (vi) a person designated under subsection 1(3) of the *Provincial Offences Act*.
- (f) **“Operator”** means a person or organization which is responsible for or otherwise has control over the operation of a Public Place;
- (g) **“Public Place”** means all places that the public has access to within the following:
  - a. premises or any portion thereof which are used as a place of business for the sale or offering for sale of goods or services;
  - b. churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, or other places of worship;

- c. community centres including indoor recreational facilities;
- d. libraries, art galleries, museums, aquariums, zoos and other similar facilities;
- e. community service agencies providing services to the public, including municipal administrative buildings;
- f. banquet halls, convention centres, arenas, stadiums, and other event spaces;
- g. premises utilized as an open house, presentation centre, or other facility for real estate purposes;
- h. Enclosed Common Areas of hotels, motels and other short-term rentals, such as lobbies, elevators, meeting rooms or other common use facilities;
- i. concert venues, theatres, cinemas, casinos, and other entertainment facilities;
- j. public transportation and private transportation services (such as taxis, private limousine services, Uber, Lyft and other similar ride programs); and
- k. Enclosed Common Areas of an apartment or condominium building, including the lobby, elevator, laundry room, and mailrooms.

14. THAT despite Section 13(g) above, the following premises are not a Public Place for the purposes of this By-law, even if they would otherwise fall within the definition of a Public Place:

- a) Schools, post-secondary institutions, and child care facilities, correction centres and jails;
- b) hospitals, independent health facilities and offices of regulated health professionals;
- c) staff-only areas within a Public Place;
- d) court facilities and professional offices where clients receive purchased services (such as lawyer or accountant office) that are not open to members of the public except by appointment;

- e) indoor areas of a building accessible to only employees; and
- f) indoor/outdoor day care and day camps;.

15. THAT this By-law shall not be interpreted so as to conflict with a Provincial or Federal statute, regulation, or instrument of a legislative nature, including an order made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and/or the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*.

16. THAT this By-law comes into force seven (7) days after the date of enactment (being 12:01am on September 23, 2020).

17. THAT this By-law shall be deemed to no longer be in effect, and revoked at 11:59pm on December 31, 2021, unless extended by Regional Council.

READ and PASSED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

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REGIONAL CHAIR

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REGIONAL CLERK

Report No. LPS78-20

## THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

## BY-LAW NO. XX-21

A TEMPORARY BY-LAW TO REQUIRE THE WEARING OF NON-MEDICAL MASKS/FACE COVERINGS IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON.

WHEREAS subsection 11(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (the “Act”), provides the general authority for municipalities to pass by-laws for the “health, safety and well-being of persons”;

AND WHEREAS the spread of COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020;

AND WHEREAS an emergency was declared in the Province of Ontario on March 17, 2020, pursuant to Order in Council 518/2020 for the purposes of section 7.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and has been extended pursuant to section 7.0.7 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, due to the health risks to Ontario residents arising from COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS on March 23, 2020, the Regional Chair declared a state of emergency in support of the Province’s efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, made pursuant to subsection 4(1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has enacted Ontario Regulation 263/20 under subsection 7.0.2(4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to permit certain businesses to reopen for attendance by members of the public, subject to conditions, including the advice/recommendations/instructions of public health officials;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has enacted Bill 195, *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, which continues orders made under sections 7.0.2 and 7.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* in relation to COVID-19. While the Provincial declaration of emergency has ended, the new act will provide the Province with the necessary flexibility to address the ongoing risks and effects of the COVID-19 outbreak;

AND WHEREAS physical distancing (keeping distance from one another and limiting activities outside the home; when outside the home, staying at least 2 metres away from other people whenever possible) is difficult to maintain in enclosed public places;

AND WHEREAS a by-law requiring persons to wear a non-medical mask/face covering in enclosed public places is deemed a necessary, recognized,

practicable, and effective method to limit the spread of COVID-19, and thereby help protect the health, safety and well-being of the Halton Region community;

AND WHEREAS a by-law requiring the Operator of an enclosed Public Place that is open to the public to adopt a policy to require persons entering the enclosed Public Place to wear a non-medical mask/face covering is deemed a necessary, recognized, practicable, and effective method to limit the spread of COVID-19, and thereby help protect the health, safety and well-being of the Halton Region community;

AND WHEREAS section 425 of the Act provides that any person who contravenes any by-law of the Region is guilty of an offence;

AND WHEREAS section 444 of the Act provides that the Region may make an order requiring a person who contravened a by-law or who caused or permitted the contravention or the owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred to discontinue the contravening activity;

AND WHEREAS Regional Council amended By-law No. 47-20 on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020;

AND WHEREAS Regional Council amended By-law No. 47-20 on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to permit the amendment noted below

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT section 17 is deleted and replaced with the following:

THAT this By-law shall be deemed to no longer be in effect, and revoked at 11:59pm on December 31, 2021, unless extended by Regional Council.

2. THAT all other provisions of By-law No. 47-20 shall remain in force and effect.
3. THAT this By-law comes into force on the day it is passed.



READ and PASSED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2021.

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REGIONAL CHAIR

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REGIONAL CLERK

Report No. LPS39-21

## THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

## BY-LAW NO. 12-21

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 47-20, AS AMENDED, BEING A TEMPORARY BY-LAW TO REQUIRE THE WEARING OF NON-MEDICAL MASKS/FACE COVERINGS IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON.

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AND WHEREAS the spread of COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020;

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practicable, and effective method to limit the spread of COVID-19, and thereby help protect the health, safety and well-being of the Halton Region community;

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AND WHEREAS Regional Council amended By-law No. 47-20 by the passage of By-law No. 59-20 on October 21st, 2020;

AND WHEREAS Regional Council shall further amend By-law No. 47-20 to permit the amendment noted below.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT section 17 is deleted and replaced with the following:

"THAT this By-law shall be deemed to no longer be in effect, and revoked at 11:59pm on December 31, 2021, unless extended by Regional Council."

2. THAT all other provisions of By-law No. 47-20, shall remain in force and effect.
3. THAT this By-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

READ and PASSED this 21st day of April, 2021.

  
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REGIONAL CHAIR  
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REGIONAL CLERK

Report No. LPS39-21



Ministre de l'Environnement et  
du Changement climatique



Minister of Environment  
and Climate Change

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H3

May 3, 2021

His Worship Rick Bonnette  
Mayor of Town of Halton Hills

rickb@haltonhills.ca

Dear Mayor Rick Bonnette:

Thank you for your letter of February 9, 2021, concerning the GTA West Project (the Project) proposed by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation. In your letter, you support the request that I designate the Project by order under the *Impact Assessment Act* (the IAA).

After careful consideration of information provided by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, advice from federal authorities, input from provincial ministries, the views of potentially affected municipalities and Indigenous groups, the concerns expressed in your letter and other known public concerns, and advice from the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency), I have decided that the Project warrants designation pursuant to subsection 9(1) of the IAA.

In making my determination, I took into account that the Project may cause adverse direct or incidental effects on the critical habitat of federally listed species at risk, and that there is uncertainty on whether effects on these species can be mitigated through project design or the application of standard mitigation measures. I also took into consideration public concerns related to these potential effects.

My Order, response to the request with reasons, and the Agency's Analysis Report are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site (Reference number 81381): <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/81381>.

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Further questions can be directed to the attention of Sean Carriere, Acting Regional Director of the Agency's Ontario Region, by email at [iaac.designationontario.aeic@canada.ca](mailto:iaac.designationontario.aeic@canada.ca).

Sincerely,



The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.

Acton  
Georgetown  
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Town of Halton Hills  
Office of the Mayor

February 9, 2021

**VIA EMAIL:** [Jonathan.Wilkinson@Canada.ca](mailto:Jonathan.Wilkinson@Canada.ca)

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson  
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Wilkinson:

**Re: GTA West – Request for designation under s.9 of the Impact Assessment Act**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Town of Halton Hills to request that the GTA West Project and associated transmission infrastructure be designated for a federal Environmental Assessment pursuant to s.9(1) of the Impact Assessment Act (IAA).

I am making this request in support of a February 3, 2021 letter to you from Laura Bowman, Staff Lawyer for Ecojustice, on behalf of Environmental Defence. As noted in Laura Bowman's letter, there is also support from Ontario Nature, Transport Action Ontario, Sierra Club Peel, Halton Environmental Network, Oakvillegreen, Sustainable Vaughan, and Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust.

The GTA West Project is a transportation and transmission corridor being planned to be developed on some of the most fertile agricultural land in Halton Hills. It will bisect numerous natural heritage features and watercourses adversely affecting their ecological functions. In addition to the adverse physical effects on the natural environment, it will introduce additional greenhouse gases and air pollution at a time when all governments need to be responding to the climate change emergency. This project will result in adverse environmental effects within federal jurisdiction as well as adverse and incidental effects and meets the criteria for public concern.

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Since the start of the GTA West project twenty years ago, the Town of Halton Hills has consistently expressed opposition and offered to partner with the proponent, the provincial government, on alternative solutions. And despite that an expert advisory panel was hired by the proponent to advise on alternatives and that ultimately that panel recommended against the project, the project has continued to proceed. Designating this project for a federal Environment Assessment will finally bring about a transparent review of the adverse effects and evaluation of possible alternatives.

I would be pleased to provide additional information and discuss with you the specific concerns of the Town of Halton Hills with this project. I respectfully ask that you designate the GTA West project for a federal EA pursuant to the Minister's power under s.9(1) of the Impact Assessment Act.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely



Mayor Rick Bonnette  
Town of Halton Hills

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The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada  
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Ted Arnott, Wellington - Halton Hills  
Michael Chong, MP, Wellington - Halton Hills  
Andrea Horwath, MPP Hamilton Centre, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario  
Mike Schreiner, MPP Guelph, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario  
Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party  
Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton  
Mayor Allan Thompson, Town of Caledon  
Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, City of Vaughan  
Chair, Gary Carr, Halton Region  
Lisa Kohler, Executive Director, Halton Environmental Network  
Laura Bowman, Staff Lawyer, Ecojustice  
Chris Mills, Acting CAO, Town of Halton Hills



Dear Mayor and Council,

Gravel Watch Ontario acts in the interests of residents and communities to protect the health, safety, quality of life of Ontarians and of the natural environment in matters that relate to aggregate resources. Today, we share our comments (attached) which we have submitted to the Ontario government. It addresses several issues that concern you and communities across the province. They include the following:

- Cumulative impacts on communities of extraction industries, specifically of aggregate i.e., rock, gravel, sand, and clay;
- Preservation of prime farmland and of water resources necessary for food sustainability and renewable industries;
- Local planning to preserve natural capital through good policy, and practices;
- Resilience in the face of the twin threats of COVID-19 and climate change.

Gravel Watch Ontario recognizes the obligation of communities to protect our agricultural lands, water resources and natural environment, all of which are essential for building a climate-resilient Ontario for future generations. Gravel Watch Ontario has commented on government planning and aggregate policies for over 15 years and works with our members to ensure that policies regulating gravel



extraction do not result in permanent loss of farmland or rural landscape amenities and do not damage the integrity of the water resources supplied by the rural landscape.

We thank you for your significant work on these, offer the attached to assist you, ask you to link us to local community groups facing aggregate issues, and invite you to continue this dialogue.

Sincere wishes for good health.

Bryan Smith, President

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Date: April 19, 2021

To: [greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca](mailto:greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca)

From: Gravel Watch Ontario, [info@gravelwatch.org](mailto:info@gravelwatch.org)

Re: Consultation on Growing the Size of the Greenbelt, ERO number 019-3136

## OVERVIEW

The following is a submission by Gravel Watch Ontario (GWO; [www.gravelwatch.org](http://www.gravelwatch.org)) in response to the request for feedback on the Consultation on Growing the Size of the Greenbelt ERO 019-3136. Gravel Watch Ontario is a province-wide coalition of citizen groups and individuals that acts in the interests of residents and communities to protect the health, safety, quality of life of Ontarians and the natural environment in matters that relate to aggregate resources.

Gravel Watch Ontario recognizes the obligation to protect our agricultural lands, water resources and natural environment, all of which are essential for building a climate resilient Ontario for future generations. Gravel Watch Ontario has commented on government planning and aggregate policies for over 15 years and works with our members to ensure that policies regulating gravel extraction do not result in permanent loss of farmland or rural landscape amenities and do not damage the integrity of the water resources supplied by the rural landscape.

The consultation on ways to grow the size of Ontario's Greenbelt is especially timely as the COVID 19 pandemic has highlighted the critical need for food security from local sources during crisis periods and as one of the key factors in the subsequent economic recovery. Ontario has some of the best agricultural land in Canada, much of which is not protected by current land-use planning policies. These lands are a finite, non-renewable resource, and the foundation of one of the province's largest economic sectors, agri-food. Expansion of the Greenbelt will provide permanent protection of the farmland, water sources and natural ecosystems within the proposed Plan area as well as an opportunity for Ontario to become a world leader in farmland conservation. To mitigate the impact of the leapfrogging of development and aggregate extraction beyond the four Provincial Plans, Gravel Watch Ontario believes that more restrictive development policies are required throughout the province.

Overall, Gravel Watch Ontario supports the proposed expansion of the Greenbelt as outlined in the Initial Study Area of the Paris Galt Moraine and Urban River Valleys.

Gravel Watch Ontario agrees with the province that the Paris Galt Moraine is a valuable groundwater system that must be protected. The moraines continue to be under pressure for aggregate development, water takings (including below-water-table extraction), growth as well as the impacts of a changing and variable climate.

Recently an interim licence approval was granted for aggregate extraction of 750,000 tonnes of dolostone per year (for +25 years) in an ecologically rich area of the Paris Galt Moraine in Rockwood, Ontario (Hidden Quarry). Studies have shown that the quarry will impact both municipal and private wells and a provincially significant wetland. Gravel Watch Ontario is concerned that the quarry will serve as a precedent for unlimited extension to adjacent properties and an expansion into a mega quarry site.

In determination of the boundary for the expanded Greenbelt, GWO believes that the following points must be addressed:

- That the Greenbelt boundaries be significantly expanded to include more of Ontario's agricultural land
- That below-water table aggregate extraction be prohibited in the Greenbelt (refer to Bill 71, Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act, 2019)
- That there be broader moraine protection across the province (i.e. The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act) in addition to the Greenbelt Plan
- That the Moffat Moraine (part of the Paris, Galt and Moffat Moraines ANSI) be included in the Initial Study Area and mapping
- That the Greenbelt Plan policy 4.3.2 (2) (Non-Renewable Resource Policies) which restricts municipal official plans and zoning bylaws from containing provisions that are more restrictive than the policies of the Greenbelt Plan be removed and replaced with 1.4.1 (How to Read This Plan) which states that if the plans, regulations or standards are more restrictive than this Plan, the more restrictive provision shall prevail
- That provincial policy leadership is required to analyze the extent to which the cumulative effect of aggregate extraction negatively impacts groundwater recharge in the moraine areas
- That the province assess the cumulative impacts of water taking and/or permitting in the Greenbelt Plan Study Areas and across the province
- That the outwash gravel deposits adjacent to the moraine that store and transmit groundwater recharged in the moraine to river valleys, and the river valleys that contain the high-baseflow streams fed by discharge from the moraine be included in the mapped area
- Clarification is needed as to how the identification and future protection of the designated areas relate to either the Natural Heritage System or the Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan
- Clarification is needed as to how the identification and future protection of the water features relates to existing source water protection policies. For example, how does Greenbelt designation of river valleys compliment and reinforce the source water protection area for the Eramosa River Valley

- In keeping with the directives of the consultation proposal that stipulates the provincial government will not remove lands from the Greenbelt, we request that the government cancel plans to build Highway 413 (GTA West) and the Bradford Bypass (Holland Marsh Highway)

The above relates to the overall protection of the agricultural land base and the connectivity of the natural heritage and water resource systems that sustain ecological and human health and form the environmental framework in south-central Ontario. As requested in the consultation document, we have outlined in detail our answers to your specific questions below.

## **QUESTION 1**

### **What are your thoughts on the initial focus area of the Study Area of the Paris Galt Moraine?**

The Initial Focus Area of the Paris Galt Moraine indicates that the government has a clear understanding of the need to expand the Greenbelt and to protect water resource systems for future generations. Recent investigative studies show that the contributions of the moraine to groundwater recharge and discharge extend well beyond the physical land form and that they influence water flow, temperatures, quality and associated terrestrial and aquatic habitats in the water system. It has been pointed out in submissions by the City of Guelph and the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) that the current mapping fails to consistently include all the glacial outwash areas next to the moraine that provide the groundwater flow linkages between the moraine features and the rivers which are sustained by moraine recharge (i.e. the Eramosa River and other streams identified by the GRCA in their submission).

Both urban development and rural land-use practices such as below-water-table aggregate extraction continue to be at risk to the integrity of the hydrologic and ecological functions of the moraine. The cumulative impacts of both aggregate extraction and water taking must be considered in relation to growth and development.

GWO recommends that a Moraine Protection Act for all moraines in the Province of Ontario be established in addition to the policies of the Greenbelt Plan. We also recommend that the mapping of the Initial Study Area include outwash areas and spillways.

GWO is concerned that the Greenbelt Plan may provide less protection from aggregate extraction than current municipal plans due to the wording of Section 4.3.2 (2) of the Plan. The Grand River Conservation Authority, the Township of North Dumfries, the City of Cambridge and the Region of Waterloo oppose any extension of the Greenbelt Legislation at this time. The Region of Waterloo requests enhanced municipal consultation prior to establishment of final mapping associated with the proposed Greenbelt expansion. They advise that unless policies (language and framework) are

revised, they oppose any extension. Their response to the Province's Consultation on Growing the Size of the Greenbelt is as follows:

*"The Greenbelt Plan does not limit municipalities from adopting policies that are more stringent than the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan, except in relation to agricultural uses and mineral aggregate resources. On those topics, the policies of the Greenbelt Plan prevail and municipalities cannot adopt policies that are more stringent."*

*"The Regional Official Plan also prohibits aggregate extraction in Core Environmental Features. The Greenbelt Plan does not include this prohibition."*

*"Given that a large share of the region's groundwater recharge areas also overlap with some of the region's largest aggregate deposits, Regional staff have consistently recommended a precautionary approach when considering the extraction of mineral aggregate resources. As noted above, some of these policies are more stringent than the requirements in the Greenbelt Plan."*

## QUESTION 2

**What are the considerations in moving from a Study Area to a more defined boundary of the Paris Galt Moraine?**

We agree with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture that the province clarify how defining a boundary to bring the Paris Galt Moraine into the Greenbelt will have regard for other provincial policy directives such as emphasizing a watershed-based approach to water-resource planning and giving recognition to the moraine's role in hydrological functions.

Development of a Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Plan in addition to the Greenbelt Plan would address and protect the features and functions of a more defined Moraine Study Area. GWO recommends that these Moraine Plans be applied province-wide and that:

- they must prohibit below-water-table extraction in clear, straightforward language
- aggregate extraction is not permitted in natural core areas (as in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan)

The province must adhere to Section 1.4.1 of the Greenbelt Plan and not have exception for mineral aggregate resources.

## QUESTION 3

**What are your thoughts on the initial focus area of adding, expanding and further protecting Urban River Valleys?**

Both public and private lands must be included to provide protection, avoid fragmentation and act as corridors for wildlife. We do agree with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture that including the Urban River Valleys in the total Greenbelt land area should not be used in order to balance the loss of protected agricultural lands to development and aggregate extraction.

**QUESTION 4****Do you have suggestions for other potential areas to grow the Greenbelt?**

We believe that Ontario's Greenbelt should be expanded to include more agricultural land. In addition to the Greenbelt Plan, the moraines require a broader province wide Conservation Plan with more restrictive aggregate policies that include no below water table extraction.

Identifying 'food belts' in various regions of the province and by branding the goods produced there encourages Ontarians to grow and buy locally which will contribute to Ontario's economy and promote tourism comparable to the evolution of the Niagara Region's vineyards.

GWO supports Ontario Nature in that the following water resource areas should be protected:

- All moraines within the GGS, given their vital role in providing clean drinking water and mitigating floods;
- Private lands within urban river valleys, since it is primarily private lands, not public lands, that are threatened with urbanization and development;
- Coldwater streams, wetlands and headwaters of river systems since they improve water quality, provide critical habitat for fish and other wildlife and afford many further benefits such as flood control, carbon storage, groundwater recharge and recreational opportunities;
- Former glacial Lake Algonquin and Iroquois Shorelines and Plain since they feature significant groundwater discharge zones and are the headwaters of many cold water streams; and
- The Lake Simcoe Basin and Northern Simcoe County where many important ecological and hydrological features are vulnerable to land speculation and intensive development.

**QUESTION 5****How should we balance or prioritize any potential Greenbelt expansion with the other provincial priorities?**

As noted by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, it is important to acknowledge that less than 5% of Ontario's land base can support any agricultural production. From 2011 to 2016, the Census of Agriculture indicated that Ontario lost 319,700 acres of Ontario farmland. That's 175 acres of farmland per day. The current system is resulting in incremental loss of agricultural lands due to the prioritization of aggregate extraction, development and growth, over farmland preservation.

Several studies have suggested that enough aggregate supply is available currently to fuel economic growth for at least 50 years. Rather than continue to prioritize the extraction of new sources of aggregate, it would be in the province's best interest to create incentives to maximize reuse and reprocessing of aggregate materials under

safe and appropriate industrial conditions. A recent study completed by The National Farmers' Union, McMaster University and Gravel Watch Ontario revealed that 77% of aggregate extraction occurs on prime agricultural lands. Given that agricultural lands are a key economic driver in Ontario, they must be protected and prioritized from invasive industrial development such as mining, pits and quarries. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture stated that the 'interim use' of aggregate extraction as considered by the aggregate industry, undermines Ontario's food sustainability and arguably permanently alters agricultural land. This finite, non-renewable resource must be permanently protected.

Aggregate extraction below the water-table results in a permanent water surface when extraction is finished. This situation results in direct exposure of the groundwater system to contamination from airborne sources and spills, as well as removes the possibility of rehabilitation of the site to resumed agricultural use. Prior to the late 1980's, Section 3.16 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Guidelines Policy did not permit mineral extraction on Class 1 to 3 agricultural lands unless agricultural rehabilitation of the site was carried out. Gravel Watch Ontario believes that in conjunction with growing the Greenbelt consultation, below water table aggregate extraction should be prohibited on and full rehabilitation of all extraction sites to agricultural use is necessary. More effective and extensive monitoring and transparent reporting of existing pits and quarries is required.

## **QUESTION 6**

### **Are there other priorities that should be considered?**

We must consider that while the Greenbelt Plan protects the countryside, it also offers green space for urban dwellers. A key consideration is the positive contribution of urban residents to rural economies through recreational uses, purchases of goods and services, visits to restaurants, farmers' markets, fairs, festivals and bed and breakfast establishments. From field to fork, the agri-food sector contributes \$47.3B to Ontario's economy and supports over 860,000 jobs.

With its general hummocky nature, sand and gravel deposits and permeable soils, the Paris Galt Moraine provides and purifies water at no cost to citizens. Establishing a Moraine Conservation Act is an opportunity to address water management concerns in a fiscally responsible manner now before the situation becomes dire. Failing to properly protect the moraine and in turn preserve the region's source of fresh water will lead to massive investments for infrastructure to provide water for the region. Furthermore, local business, farmers and industry depend upon this water source for local jobs and prosperity.

## CONCLUSION

Gravel Watch Ontario is optimistic that the outcome of this consultation process will lead to the permanent protection of the Paris-Galt Moraine. It is essential at this time that the province moves forward with the permanent protection of Ontario's agricultural lands, natural heritage and water resources through both the Greenbelt Plan and a Moraine Conservation Act with more restrictive aggregate policies. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Greenbelt expansion in the Initial Study Area. Gravel Watch Ontario looks forward to continuing to work with the province during the next stages of this consultation and we welcome any questions you may have.

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April 30, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier  
Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Brantford City Council Meeting held April 27, 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

**Request - Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities**

WHEREAS COVID-19 restrictions have had significant impacts; and

WHEREAS many forms of socializing, recreation and sport have been curtailed; and

WHEREAS the game of golf can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of The City of Brantford recommends:

- A. THAT The Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities which can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; Will Bouma, MPP, Brantford-Brant, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Big City Mayors; and the list of other Municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tanya Daniels".

Tanya Daniels  
City Clerk  
[tdaniels@brantford.ca](mailto:tdaniels@brantford.ca)

cc MPP Will Bouma, Brantford-Brant  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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May 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

Attn: Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council Meeting held Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

**Motion 20**

*Moved by Mike Vasey, Seconded by Netty McEwen that Council support item 'p' of correspondence from the City of Brantford regarding a request for the Province of Ontario to withdraw its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities.*

**Motion 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](mailto:ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak  
Clerk  
[ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca)

Cc: (via e-mail)  
Bob Bailey, MPP  
AMO  
All Ontario Municipalities



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April 30, 2021

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The Honourable Doug Downey, MPP, Attorney General  
20 Bell Farm Road  
Barrie, ON L4M 6E4  
(sent via email [doug.downey@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.downey@pc.ola.org))

Dear Minister Downey:

**Re: NATIONAL 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS HOTLINE**

On behalf of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie, I wish to advise you that City Council adopted the following resolution at its meeting held on April 26, 2021:

**21-G-098 NATIONAL THREE DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS HOTLINE**

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the motion calls for the federal government to consolidate all existing suicide crisis numbers into one three-digit hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the City of Barrie recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the City of Barrie endorses this 988 crisis line initiative.
2. That a letter demonstrating Barrie's support be sent to Todd Doherty, MP Caribou-Prince George, John Brassard, MP, Barrie-Innisfil, Doug Shipley, MP, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, MPP, Barrie-Innisfil, the Honourable Doug Downey, MPP, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, [wendy.cooke@barrie.ca](mailto:wendy.cooke@barrie.ca) or (705) 739.4220, Ext. 4560.

Yours truly,

Wendy Cooke  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services

WC/bt

cc:

- The Honourable Patty Hajdu, MP, Minister of Health
- John Brassard, MP, Barrie-Innisfil
- Doug Shipley, MP, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte
- Todd Doherty, MP, Caribou-Prince George
- Andrea Khanjin, MPP, Barrie-Innisfil
- The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC)
- All municipalities in Ontario



*A People Place, A Change of Pace*  
**SHELBURNE**  
ONTARIO, CANADA

April 27, 2021

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

Dear Premier Ford:

On behalf of my Council, I am urging your government to *immediately* implement and fund the necessary policies to provide adequate paid sick day benefits for Ontario's workers.

It is a widely accepted fact that workplaces are a significant source of COVID-19 transmission throughout our province. Sadly however, too many Ontarians are still going to work when they are sick for fear that they will lose pay should they stay at home. This is entirely counterproductive to our collective efforts to contain this deadly virus and is contributing to the high case counts that we continue to see throughout Ontario.

The federal Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is not nearly sufficient to rely upon as our only line of defense on this front. While it offers some help, this program is temporary, not fully accessible to all workers, and the delays involved in applying fail to adequately cover the crucial first few days of an illness. We can do better Mr. Premier.

I am confident that a "Team Ontario" approach to this issue will find the kind of tailored solution needed to meet the needs of workers within our province. A universal Ontario paid sick day policy must ensure accessible and timely supports to allow workers to stay home when they are sick, get tested, self-isolate and follow all necessary COVID-19 control measures without fear of income-loss and financial hardship. We owe this to our workers who have given so much over this past year.

It's time for action Mr. Premier.

Respectfully yours,

Wade Mills

Mayor, Town of Shelburne



## The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

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The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Federal Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
K1A 0A6  
Via email: [Patty.Hajdu@pal.gc.ca](mailto:Patty.Hajdu@pal.gc.ca)

May 11, 2021-05-11

Re: Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline

Please be advised that on May 4, 2021, The Township of Burpee & Mills passed the following motion to support The Town of Caledon letter endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

THAT The Township of Burpee and Mills hereby supports the letter by the Town of Caledon, attached hereto in support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline.

AND FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to local members of Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried: Ken Noland

cc The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Ontario - [christine.elliott@ontario.ca](mailto:christine.elliott@ontario.ca)  
MP Carol Hughes - [carol.hughes@parl.gc.ca](mailto:carol.hughes@parl.gc.ca)  
MPP Michael Mantha - [mmantha-qp@ndp.on.ca](mailto:mmantha-qp@ndp.on.ca)  
Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission – [iscott@telesat.com](mailto:iscott@telesat.com)  
All Ontario Municipalities



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVINResolutionDATE: April 27, 2021 NO. 2021-109MOVED BY Heather OlmsteadSECONDED BY Sandy Cross

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Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and

That this resolution be sent to the Honourable Vic Fedeli, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario."

CARRIED 

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Coun Cross</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>Coun Maxwell</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>Coun Olmstead</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>Mayor Pennell</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVINResolutionDATE: April 27, 2021 NO. 2021-110MOVED BY Dan MaxwellSECONDED BY Heather Olmstead

**"WHEREAS** the role of Ontario's 441 fire departments and their approximate 30,000 full, part-time, and volunteer firefighters is to protect Ontarians and their property; and

**WHEREAS** according to the Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management's latest data, in Ontario there was over 11,000 number of loss fires, 9,500 no loss fires, 784 injuries, 91 fatalities, and over \$820 million dollars of estimated loss in 2018; and

**WHEREAS** fire emergencies only make up a portion of the total calls for help received by fire and emergency service departments as they respond to nearly every public emergency, disaster, or 9-1-1 call; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario's fire department infrastructure deficit continues to grow annually and is almost entirely borne by the municipality and local taxpayers with the majority having populations under 25,000; and

**WHEREAS** due to antiquated structures and equipment that do not meet current industry standards the safety of the Ontario public and Ontario firefighters is being jeopardized;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin resolves as follows:

1. **THAT** the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters; and
2. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, local MPP, local MP, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and all Ontario Municipalities."

CARRIED DIVISION VOTE

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<u>Mayor Pennell</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWN OF PERTH**

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April 30, 2021

Honourable Premier Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queens Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

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

**Re: Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment**

The Town of Perth is requesting that further consideration be given to having the province be financially responsible for the replacement costs associated with all major capital equipment in hospitals, as municipalities across the province are facing major shortfalls in meeting their financial obligations. As set out in their asset management plans and cannot afford to directly absorb the financial responsibility for the replacement costs of the hospitals' major capital equipment without jeopardizing their financial sustainability.

As well, if the province is unwilling to assume the full responsibility for funding local hospitals completely, the Town of Perth requests that the province must develop a legislative framework as to how counties and municipalities should best address the financial shortfalls facing hospitals throughout Ontario, specifically the funding of major capital equipment;

Sincerely,

  
John Fenik  
Mayor of Perth

cc: Ontario Municipalities  
AMO – [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

*Aged to Perfection!*



# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

May 3, 2021

Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

VIA EMAIL

## **Re: Planning Act Timelines**

Dear Hon. Steve Clark,

At its meeting held on April 12, 2021, Council for the Town of Amherstburg passed the following:

Resolution # 20210412-120

***"That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of the City of Kitchener's resolution regarding Planning Act Timelines."***

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence from the City of Kitchener for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Fowkes".

Tammy Fowkes  
Deputy Clerk, Town of Amherstburg  
(519) 736-0012 ext. 2216  
[tfowkes@amherstburg.ca](mailto:tfowkes@amherstburg.ca)

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Chris Lewis – MP, Essex, Ontario  
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All Ontario Municipalities

March 31, 2021

Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto ON M5G 2E5

Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding Planning Act Timelines:

“WHEREAS the City of Kitchener, like many Ontario municipalities, is experiencing significant growth; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has conducted extensive work through its Development Services Review to remove red tape and improve public engagement; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to make a decision within a prescribed timeline; and,

WHEREAS the passing of Bill 108 in 2019 reduced the timelines for processing development applications before they can be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for a non-decision from those outlined in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 as follows:

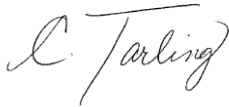
- from seven months (210 days) to four months (120 days) for Official Plan amendments;
- from five months (150 days) to three months (90 days) for Zoning By-law amendments; and
- from six months (180 days) to four months (120 days) for Plans of Subdivision; and

WHEREAS the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the local MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling  
Director of Legislated Services  
& City Clerk

c: Honourable Tim Louis, M.P.  
Honourable Raj Saini, M.P.  
Honourable Marwan Tabbara, M. P.  
Honourable Bardish Chagger, M.P.  
Honourable Bryan May, M.P.  
Honourable Amy Fee, M.P.P.  
Honourable Catherine Fife, M.P.P.  
Honourable Belinda Karahalios, M.P.P.  
Honourable Mike Harris, M.P.P.  
Honourable Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P.  
Bill Karsten, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Rosa Bustamante, Director, Planning, City of Kitchener  
Ontario Municipalities



April 28, 2021

Minister Stephen Lecce

Minister of Education

Sent via email to: [minister.edu@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.edu@ontario.ca)

**Re: Bus Stops on Dead End Roads**

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Dear Minister:

At the last regular Council meeting of the Township of Scugog held April 26, 2021, the above captioned matter was discussed and I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed:

**That** Dead-End Road delegations be received: from parents, [video](#), site [www.durhamdeadendroadkids.ca](http://www.durhamdeadendroadkids.ca) and attached correspondence and;

**Whereas** Dead-End Road kids (cul-de-sacs, private roads) busing being moved from long-time residential to highspeed (some 80km) common stop pickups; percentage of 830,000 Ontario bused students impacted as Student Transportation Services (STS) citing buses shouldn't access private roads, do 3-point-turns, or back up; kids expected to walk 1-2km twice daily (caregivers 4x) in morning dark, on narrow road shoulders, with no "bus stop ahead" warning signage;

**Whereas** Parents report employment/housing at risk. Must leave work to drop off/pick up children to avoid safety hazards of kids walking on highways unsupervised; secondary school youth reporting education at risk as missing class/affecting grades; children with disabilities not helped like double amputee who needs stop moved 160ft; parents told it's their "responsibility to get kids to bus safely";

**Whereas** Parents being told busing policy is schoolboard's, but they say it's STS's, who say it's Governance Committee or Ministry of Transportation, but Ministry of Education say it's "transportation consortia who administer policy"; and trustee, governance say cannot change policies, so parents appealing to police, press, & councils re dangers then; oncoming car killed 12-yr-old Cormac and injured sister while waiting at newly relocated bus stop at the base of a hill;

**Whereas** STS have advised road improvements are responsibility of municipalities, yet municipalities don't own needed land, nor have \$ millions to create 77m bus turnarounds, meanwhile;



**Whereas** Ontario Transportation Funding is \$1 billion; Jan 27/20 Ministry said they'd improve student transportation, review funding formula; and given STS gets their funding by scoring well in reviews, and given Ministry establishing "Student Transportation Advisory Group" to hear STS sector expertise, experience and ideas;

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Scugog requests:**

**THAT** exceptions to allow 3-point turns or backing up where necessary, to provide safer service to dead-end and private road kids, that policies be amended to reflect; when not possible;

**THAT** exceptions to allow indemnification agreements to access private land for bus turnarounds to keep bus stops safer and closer to prescribed 800m distance; when not possible;

**THAT** "Bus Stop Ahead" warning signage be required to notify oncoming traffic, prior to STS moving common stop to main roadway;

**THAT** STS be comprised of solutions like mini-buses, vans, taxis, or public transit, worked into funding formula so doesn't negatively impact STS funding stats;

**THAT** Kid KPI "Key Performance Indicator" be included for Ministry "Effectiveness & Efficiency Follow Up Reviews", establishing benchmarks for responsive-problem-solving for kids & parents' busing concerns, and this be an STS factor to receive funding;

**THAT** Province provide "Parent Portal" for ongoing busing feedback of their STS, so families and kids can review/provide comments, especially during Ministry STS reviews and revisions to funding;

**THAT** Province have GPS tracking software to notify parents when children picked up/dropped off, and

**THAT** this motion be distributed to Premier Doug Ford, Honorable Stephen Lecce (Minister of Education), Honorable Caroline Mulroney (Minister of Transport), Durham MPP Lindsey Park, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, all Durham MPPs, Durham Region, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA), and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Should you require any further information in regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Coleman, Director of Public Works and Infrastructure Services at 905-985-7346 ext.149.

Yours truly,



Becky Jamieson  
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

Attachments

cc: Carol Coleman, Director of Public Works and Infrastructure Services  
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April 22, 2021

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### Guest Column\*

With spring underway, Hydro One is reminding communities across Ontario to prepare for the potential risk of localized flooding. The Community Relations team is here to support your community in the event of a flood.

### AMO Matters

Every year at the AMO Conference the PJ Marshall Awards recognize municipal excellence and innovation in capital projects, operating efficiencies and new approaches to service delivery. If you have something you are proud to share, the deadline for 2021 submissions is May 28, 2021.

### Eye on Events

This year's AMO conference program features issues that matter to you: broadband, long-term care reform, community paramedicine, housing and neighbourhood revitalization, policing, CAs, CBAs, speeches by the Premier, opposition leaders, and Ministers, along with 3 Ministers' forums and provincial delegation meetings. Register by April 30 to take advantage of the early-bird rate.

Join AMO in discussion with City of Brantford CAO Brian Hutchings and Director of Facilities Management and Security, Lisa Sordo. Learn how Brantford moved from decision to implementation and the anticipated positive impact on employees and the city. Join this free webinar April 23, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST.

AMO has joined with the Loomex Group to offer training that provides tools for elected

officials to build resilience and strength in providing leadership through and beyond COVID-19. This important training has limited capacity - [register today](#).

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## LAS

LAS Home and Auto Insurance program partner Cowan insurance is offering [Private Client services](#) to LAS employees, AMO members, and existing participants in the program. [Read more](#) about this offering and how you can save time and money.

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines is now accepting [O. Reg. 507/18](#) annual energy reports. Reporting is for the energy used in 2019 and due by July 1, 2021. [Ministry information webinars](#) will be on **April 28 (note corrected date)**, May 12 and 26, and June 9 and 23. Got questions? Email [BPSsupport@ontario.ca](mailto:BPSsupport@ontario.ca).

Take advantage of available lighting incentives to reduce energy consumption in your municipal facilities. Contact [Christian Tham](#) today for a no-obligation budget proposal through our turn-key [Facility Lighting Service](#).

LAS has several [virtual or in-person workshops](#) to help staff identify energy savings opportunities in municipal facilities. Led by renowned instructors including Stephen Dixon, you're sure to learn a lot about energy conservation and have fun while doing it. Contact [Christian Tham](#) to book a session for the fall.

Did you know that [Earth Day](#) started on April 22, 1970, making it 51 years young today? This was the start of the modern environmental movement and the theme for 2021 is "Restore Our Earth." In communities across the globe, people are taking action to address climate change. Take a moment to think about what you can do in your community today and the weeks ahead.

Our spring webinar series for the [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) continues. Join us **May 5 at 2:00 pm** to hear from one of our many Arena Product suppliers. With warmer temperatures, now is the perfect time to get your arenas in tip-top shape for the fall. Don't get caught on thin ice; [skate on over to register here](#).

## Municipal Wire\*

Municipal Councils in Ontario are faced with challenges that are fundamental to the future growth of their communities. The Ontario Professional Planners Institute will lead a conversation with council and staff on how delegation of planning approvals could be leveraged. If COVID has taught anything, it is the importance of a planning system that is adaptable and allows local development plans and projects to continue during extenuating circumstances. [Register for this free session](#) on April 23.

[Register today](#) for [Element5's](#) webinar May 12 from 11 - 12pm on "[Affordable and Sustainable Mass Timber Housing Solutions](#)."

Tarion launched a [new consultation](#) that includes a proposal to share information with

municipalities related to Ontario Building Code issues. Feedback can be submitted to [submissions@tarion.com](mailto:submissions@tarion.com) by April 30, 2021.

### Careers

Director, Economics, Justice & International Relations Policy - Cabinet Office (Ontario Public Service - OPS). Diversifying leadership teams is a top OPS priority, with the goal to achieve parity with the Ontario labour force by 2025 for the most underrepresented groups (Indigenous, racialized and persons with disabilities) in leadership positions. Location: Toronto. Job Term: 1 Permanent. Please apply online, only, by Monday, May 3, 2021, by visiting [Ontario Public Service Careers](#).

Treasurer / Deputy Clerk - Township of Melancthon. The Township is a rural community located in the northwest corner of Dufferin County with a population of approximately 3,000. Position reports to the CAO. Applicants are invited to submit in confidence a detailed cover letter and resume by May 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. local time to: Denise B. Holmes, AMCT, CAO/Clerk, Township of Melancthon, 157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario L9V 2E6. Email: [Denise.Holmes](mailto:Denise.Holmes@melancthon.ca).

Manager, Communications & Engagement (Bilingual - English/French) - City of Greater Sudbury. Position Status: Permanent. Please submit your résumé in confidence by May 10, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. by email: [hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca](mailto:hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca), or by fax: 705.688.3979. Any application received after this deadline will not be considered. Please reference the Employment Opportunity number (EX21-258) on your resume.

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## ONLINE TRAINING

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April 29, 2021



### **AMO and the Loomex Group** ***Leading Through Crisis: Strengthening Personal Resilience***

**Second Date Added – September 16, 2021**

As the pandemic wears on, leaders can become worn down. AMO has joined with the Loomex Group to offer training that provides tools for elected officials to build resilience and strength in providing leadership through and beyond COVID-19.

Pandemic fatigue is impacting leaders. Stress is building.

While positive news about vaccines gives new hope, it does not change the fact that people may be struggling - and it could be the case for many months to come. Leaders need opportunities to restore and care for their well-being.

In response to the need for self-care and well-being for those in leadership positions, the Loomex Group are facilitating a one-day, virtual workshop to support the strengthening of personal resilience for municipal leaders.

The Loomex Group facilitators bring a wealth of experience in dealing with high-stress situations and have an acute awareness of the strategies that support resilience.

This virtual and experiential workshop will explore:

- healing exercises facilitated by an Indigenous community leader
- how to cultivate personal resilience and mindful leadership
- crisis communication tools
- supports required to move forward

Registration is limited and on a first come first serve basis.

Date: September 16, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$225 plus HST\*

Register: [Here](#)

\*Cancellation fees in effect

Please submit any questions to AMO Events: [events@amo.on.ca](mailto:events@amo.on.ca)

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### In This Issue

- Request for delegations at AMO 2021 now open.
- AMO 2021 Early Bird registration - Deadline only 1 day away.
- City of Brantford Work from Home Model - Presentation materials and more!
- *Leading Through Crisis: Strengthening Personal Resilience* - 2nd date added.
- AMO 2021 - Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities.
- How do you stay fit while working from home?
- Discounted tires for municipal fleets.
- LAS webinar: Arena equipment.
- Affordable mass timber housing solutions - Element5 webinar.
- Careers: Simcoe County and City of Welland.

### Eye on Events

Delegation meetings are a key feature of the AMO Conference. To request delegation meetings as part of your AMO 2021 Conference experience, visit the Conference [website](#) and click on the “Delegations” tab. Don’t forget, you must be a registered delegate to participate in delegation meetings.

One day left to take advantage of the reduced conference registration rate under our early bird offer! Register by the [April 30 deadline](#).

Following AMO’s session with City of Brantford CAO Brian Hutchings, and Director of Facilities and Security, Lise Sordo, there was a high demand for more information. If you are considering modernizing your approach to work, you can [access presentation materials and more information](#) to help.

AMO has added a 2nd date for its *Leading Through Crisis: Strengthening Personal Resilience* training. On September 16, 2021, AMO and the Loomex Group is offering training that provides tools for elected officials to build resilience and strength in providing leadership through and beyond COVID-19. This important training has limited capacity, [register today](#).

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### LAS

[Our latest blog](#) by digital program partner, Beacon, reminds us that small steps in balancing our mental and physical health while working from home can make a big difference in our overall wellness.

Crews are getting ready for a busy summer, make sure their vehicles stay safe with a



good set of tires. The LAS [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) offers discounted tires through Michelin and Goodyear, and installation and other services through Kal Tire and Tirecraft. [Contact Tanner](#) for more information.

They've been quiet lately, but recreation facilities will start coming back to life soon. [Join our webinar on May 5](#) to hear from Athletica, the approved supplier of arena products under the [Municipal Group Buying Program](#). Make sure your arenas are ready for the post-pandemic world.

### **Municipal Wire\***

[Register today](#) for [Element5's](#) webinar May 12 from 11 - 12pm on "[Affordable and Sustainable Mass Timber Housing Solutions](#)."

### **Careers**

[Community Paramedicine Program Manager - County of Simcoe](#). Employment Status: Full-Time (Temporary Contract until March 2024). Reference Code: 1214. Closing Date: May 5, 2021. Reports to: Deputy Chief, Operations. View the job description and submit your application online at Simcoe County [Career Opportunities](#).

[Chief Administrative Officer - City of Welland](#). Welland, a city of approximately 52,000 residents in the heart of Ontario's Niagara region, about an hour from Toronto and 30 minutes from the U.S. border, has a long history as one of Canada's strongest manufacturing hubs. Interested candidates are invited to send their resume in confidence to Organization Consulting Limited at [WellandCAO@oclsearch.ca](mailto:WellandCAO@oclsearch.ca) or contact Robert Johnston, President, at 416.385.9975. Closing date is May 19th.

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## DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

May 3, 2021

### AMO Digital Partner Webinars:

#### One-stop Shop for Citizen Services and Digital Mental Health Support

##### Building a One-Stop Shop for Citizen Services

**Monday, May 17 @ 12pm ET – [REGISTER HERE](#)**

Municipalities across Canada are adopting a 'one-stop shop' approach for citizens by consolidating their services. This approach provides for a smarter and more connected experience for citizens. This means they can access programs, receive bills and service delivery.

Join AMO with our partner [eSolutionsGroup](#) and learn how you can start building a smarter municipality. Plus, you'll get a demo of eSolutionsGroup's [Citizen Portal](#), which integrates to your systems, so that your citizens can access municipal services in one convenient location.

##### What's New and What's Changed at MindBeacon

**Wednesday, May 26 @ 12pm ET – [REGISTER HERE](#)**

Over the past year AMO's [digital mental health partner](#), MindBeacon, has added a number of enhancements to their Workplace Mental Health Program. They continue to focus on providing accessible, affordable, and clinically validated mental health solutions. The mental health landscape is changing almost as fast as the global COVID-19 pandemic although [MindBeacon](#) is treating Canadians to achieve healthier minds from the affects of this pandemic.

Join us to learn:

- How Service Navigation can help your employees navigate available support when they don't know where to go.
- How MindBeacon's continuum of care can help your employees on their mental health journey.
- The Big Question: How does the MindBeacon Workplace Mental Health Program different from the Ontario Government sponsored program.
- How over 17,000 Ontarians have benefited from MindBeacon therapy since the start of the pandemic.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Ruder at (416) 971-9856 x411 or by email at [nruder@amo.on.ca](mailto:nruder@amo.on.ca).

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May 3, 2021

## AMO Policy Update – Long-Term Care Commission Report Overview and Digital Ontario

### Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission Releases Report

The Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission has publicly released a final report fulfilling their mandate to examine the pandemic response for long-term care in Ontario. The [322-page report](#) contains the following:

- the state of long-term care before COVID-19, including the longstanding challenges concerning staffing, quality of resident care, oversight, funding, and infrastructure
- the deficiencies in Ontario's pandemic preparedness
- the COVID-19 crisis in long-term care and its devastating impacts
- best practices and promising ideas that can be adopted and expanded to improve long-term care, and
- final recommendations that build on the interim recommendations provided in October and December 2020.

The Commissioners' overall conclusion was that there was a lack of planning for a pandemic and that the response to COVID-19 was insufficient. The government is being urged to make changes to protect against outbreaks of infectious disease and any future pandemics.

AMO was active in the inquiry providing both testimony and written submissions to the Commissioners. A response to the government about this report, and the recent Auditor General's Report, will be developed and communicated to AMO members after further analysis of the recommendations and implications. The report provides the foundation for a critically needed discussion on how to effectively transform long-term care in Ontario.

### Building a Digital Ontario

The Ontario Government introduced its first Digital and Data Strategy, [Building a Digital Ontario](#), on Friday, April 30th. This Strategy is the result of over two years of consultation and includes over two dozen new and established initiatives to equip people and businesses to succeed and, is to play a role in keeping Ontarians safe and secure, connected, and supported in the digital world. This strategy is an extension of [Ontario Onwards: Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government](#).

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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### In This Issue

- PJ Marshall Awards - Call for submissions for 2021.
- Applications open for Ontario Community Environment Fund.
- AMO 2021 Conference: Path to Economic Recovery Panel announced.
- Human Rights and Equity: The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders.
- LAS webinar: Waterworks supply.
- Energy Reporting Portal now open.
- West Lincoln resolution concerning *Beds of Navigable Waters Act*.
- Careers.

### AMO Matters

Every year at the AMO Conference the PJ Marshall Awards recognize municipal excellence and innovation in capital projects, operating efficiencies and new approaches to service delivery. If you have something you are proud to share, the deadline for 2021 submissions is May 28, 2021.

### Provincial Matters

The Ontario Community Environment Fund provides grants to projects that protect and restore the environment. Municipalities and other eligible groups may apply for grants by 5 p.m., June 23, 2021.

### Eye on Events

AMO is pleased to announce the 2021 Path to Economic Recovery Panel including the Honorable Peter Bethlanfalvy, Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board, well-known economist and writer, Armine Yalnizyan and Diane J Brisbois, President and CEO of the Retail Council of Canada returns for this years panel. This panel is one of the many outstanding 2021 program offerings. Register today!

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### LAS

Keeping water supplies safe and reliable is one of the most important and expensive tasks for many municipalities. Our NEW waterworks supply contract makes procuring the necessary products, equipment, and systems easier and less expensive. Join our webinar on May 19 to learn more. Part of the Municipal Group Buying Program.

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**Municipal Wire\***

The West Lincoln resolution requests the amendment of the *Beds of Navigable Waters Act* such that affected lower and upper tier municipalities are also required to be served with notice when an application for natural severance is filed with the Courts.

**Careers**

Policy Specialist (CAO's Office) - Region of Halton. Division: Strategic Policy & Government Relations. There are 2 positions available: 1 full-time permanent; 1 temporary full-time for up to 12 months. Posting Expires: May 7, 2021. Posting No.: CAO-198-21. Please apply online at Halton Job Postings.

Commissioner, Corporate Services & CFO - City of Mississauga. Mississauga is Canada's sixth largest city with over 90,000 businesses and 72 Fortune 500 headquarters. We are in an exciting period of significant urban transformation. Req ID: 16322. Vacancy Type: Permanent. Closing Date: May 12, 2021. Please apply directly through Mississauga Jobs.

Manager, Human Resources - The Nation Municipality / Gérant des Ressources humaines - Municipalité de La Nation. Reports to Chief Administrative Officer. To view the job description for this position, please see The Nation Employment Opportunities. Resumes will be accepted until May 14th, 2021 at noon (12 p.m.) and should be addressed to Josée Brizard, CAO Clerk, The Nation Municipality, 958 Route 500 West, Casselman, ON K0A 1M0, or email: Josée Brizard.

Controller - The Nation Municipality / Contrôleur - Municipalité de La Nation. Reports to the Treasurer. To view the job description for this position, please see The Nation Employment Opportunities. Resumes will be accepted until noon (12 p.m.) on May 14, 2021 and must be sent to Josée Brizard, Director General/Clerk, The Nation Municipality, 958 Route 500 O, Casselman, ON K0A 1M0, or email: Josée Brizard.

Manager, Housing Programs - County of Simcoe. Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time. Reports to: Director, Social Housing. Reference Code: 1242. Closing Date: May 14, 2021. To view the job description and submit your application online, please visit Simcoe County Career Opportunities.

Manager of Operations - Municipality of Kincardine. Reports to: Director, Infrastructure & Development. This position oversees the public works operations and provides leadership for the fleet management program. Qualified candidates are invited to submit their application online at Kincardine Career Opportunities no later than May 17, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Chief Administrative Officer - Norfolk County. Rural by nature, prosperous by design, Norfolk County is located one hour south of Toronto. To explore this opportunity please apply via email by May 19, 2021 or sooner to [careers@waterhousesearch.ca](mailto:careers@waterhousesearch.ca) quoting project NC-CAO. To speak to our Executive Recruiter or to receive a detailed position description please contact Jon Stungevicius at 416.214.9299 x1, or Amy Oliveira at 416.214.9299 x4.

Manager, Development Services / CBO - Municipality of Kincardine. Reports to: Director, Infrastructure & Development. This position administers and enforces the Ontario Building Code, the Property Standards By-law and any other related By-Law respecting the safety of buildings. Qualified candidates are invited to submit their

application online at [Kincardine Career Opportunities](#) no later than May 21, 2021.

Integrity Commissioner - City of Ottawa / Commissaire à l'intégrité - Ville d'Ottawa.

The appointment will be on a part-time, as required basis, for a one-year term with the possibility of a five-year term extension. Details on the mandate, duties and role of the position can be found at [Ottawa Integrity Commissioner](#). A letter of interest and a current resume may be submitted by mail or email in confidence by May 31, 2021, at 4 pm to the attention of: M. Rick O'Connor, City Clerk, 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1. Email: [integrityrecruitment@ottawa.ca](mailto:integrityrecruitment@ottawa.ca).

Chief Administrative Officer - Region of Niagara. Niagara Region is one of Canada's most world-renowned destinations. It is home to a culturally and economically diverse urban and rural population of more than 430,000. Please [click here](#) to access the detailed CAO Position Profile. Please submit your resume and related information online to [Kartik Kumar](#), Legacy Executive Search Partners, by 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 4, 2021.

Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Innisfil. Please visit [Town of Innisfil](#) to learn more about the Town. To apply for this position, please submit your application and related materials to [cmorrison@boyden.com](mailto:cmorrison@boyden.com) and state the title of the position in the subject line of your email.

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### In This Issue

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- PJ Marshall Awards - Call for submissions for 2021.
- AMO 2021 Conference: Women's Leadership Forum.
- Women's Networking Session hosted by the Honourable Jill Dunlop.
- Human Rights and Equity: The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders.
- Don't forget to request your delegation meetings!
- June date added: *Leading Through Crisis: Strengthening Personal Resilience*.
- Space available for AMO's Land Use Planning workshops: May 27 & June 3.
- What's new and what's changed at MindBeacon.
- The Blue Box Regulation Update blog.
- LAS webinar: Waterworks supplies.
- Time to report your annual energy use.
- OMWA Water 101 for Councillors & Senior Staff webinar.
- IESO launches engagement on Gas Phase-out Impact Assessment.
- Intelligent Public Sector Showcase: May 26 - 28.
- Careers: Ministry of Finance and Windsor.

### AMO Matters

AMO has submitted feedback on Health Canada's draft guidance on personal production of medical cannabis. The submission is informed by AMO's Personal and Designated Medical Cannabis Staff Working Group.

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### Eye on Events

Moderated by Nam Kiwanuka, host of TVO's *The Agenda in the Summer*, join this year's esteemed panelists for the second annual Women's Leadership Forum: the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC OOnt, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; the Honourable Jean Augustine PC CM OOnt CBE; and Elizabeth May OC, Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands. Register today!

This year's AMO 2021 Conference Women's Networking Session will be hosted by the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues. Join this 1 hour session on Tuesday August 17.

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Join this 3 hour workshop to learn the fundamentals of planning and your important role as an elected official in decision making. [Register here](#).

MindBeacon, [AMO’s digital mental health program partner](#), has made a number of enhancements to its Workplace Mental Health Program. [Join us for a webinar on May 26](#) at noon where MindBeacon will share its new program to support a greater number of Canadians looking for mental health therapy.

### **LAS**

The Blue Box Regulation offers an opportunity to fix the broken blue box system that cannot keep up with the record amounts of recycling litter, but the program has not yet been finalized. [Read our latest blog](#) to see how this may affect your municipality.

[Join our webinar](#) on May 19 at 10am to learn how our \*NEW\* Waterworks Supply category can help your water and wastewater treatment plants run smoothly. From pumps to meters and everything in between, you can now buy the products and equipment you need under the [Municipal Group Buying Program](#).

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### **Municipal Wire\***

The Ontario Municipal Water Association is providing *Water 101 for Councillors & Senior Staff*: a [free one-hour webinar](#) on May 28, 11 am, to help leaders understand their legal and ethical responsibilities as owners of public drinking water systems.

Phasing out gas generation is being discussed among municipalities. Register for the [IESO’s May 27 webinar](#) as they seek input on the scope of an assessment around possible impacts to the electricity system.

AMO members have free access to this dynamic event until May 20th. Use code AMO to register or contact [pratishtha@iotevents.ca](mailto:pratishtha@iotevents.ca). Visit: [intelligentcities.ca](http://intelligentcities.ca).

### **Careers**

[Senior Policy Advisor - Ministry of Finance](#). Location: Cannabis Policy Unit (CPU), Toronto. Additional Information: 1 Permanent, Full Time. Please apply only online at [Ontario Public Service Careers](#) quoting Job ID 162968, by Tuesday, May 25, 2021. Please follow the instructions to submit your application.

[City Engineer & Corporate Leader, Environmental Protection & Infrastructure Services](#)

- City of Windsor. A thriving city, surrounded on three sides by water, the City of Windsor is one of Ontario's best kept secrets, sitting within a day's drive of over half of the North American population. Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer. To apply for this position, please submit your application and related materials to Richard Rankin and state the title of the position in the subject line of your email.

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