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DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING - Minutes

Monday May 15, 2023, 7:00pm

In-Person (BIA Office) Meeting

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Chris Cambouris (Titan Tek Biz), Vice-Chairperson, called meeting to order at **7:07pm**.

II. Attendance

Present: Patricia Daleman, Chris Cambouris, Nicole Walker, Mike Albano, Norman Paulsen, Matthew Galliford

Regrets: Monica Parker-Galway, Joba Debi, SangWon Bak – Leave of Absence

III. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

- Chris Cambouris (Titan Tek Biz) The BIA recently purchased a refurbished Lenovo Desktop PC from Titan Tek.
- Nicole Walker (Acton Optical) The Agenda includes discussion regarding the art piece “I LOVE ACTON” Heart.
- Patricia Daleman (Board Member) The Agenda includes discussion regarding the 40 hours approved employment of Austin Daleman.

IV. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt April 24, 2023 Minutes.

First: Norman Paulsen (Acton Motors)

Second: Nicole Walker (Acton Optical)

All in favour. YES

Motion Carried

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approval of April 24, 2023, Meeting Agenda.

- *Additions made to the agenda prior to approval: Other Business – Downtown Acton Parkette

First: Mike Albano (Council Liaison)

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Second: Norman Paulsen (Acton Motors)

All in favor. YES

Motion Carried

VI. Coordinator's Report – Matthew Galliford

- Please see BIA Coordinator's Report - Attached after formal minutes: ATTACHMENT 1

VII. Events

- Acton Outdoor (Farmer's) Market – Market will run from Thursday June 1st to October 5th 2023. Over a dozen vendors registered so far. Hannah Warden (Summer Student) is compiling the applications, supporting documentation and payments. She is handling follow ups and creating advertising media.
- Leathertown Festival – Main stage entertainment is booked. Site layout and events areas are in planning stages. Vendors applications and payments are coming in daily; the pre-event deadline is July 14th. We are recruiting volunteers and event sponsors.

VIII. Beautification

- Canada Flags- The quote from Flags Unlimited to purchase 30 Canada Flags and 30 Seasonal Banners was sent out to the Board for review and voting purposes. The purchase of both will put us \$116.65 after tax over the budgeted \$2650.00 for the replacement of Canada Flags only.
Motion put forward to approve the purchase: Nicole Walker (Acton Optical)
First: Chris Cambouris (Titan Tek Biz) Second: Norman Paulsen (Acton Motors) All in favor: YES
- Flowers – Meadowville Garden Centre has contacted us that the hanging baskets have arrived. I have advised them that we will be by soon to make our purchase, bedding flowers will be selected at that time. We are just holding off until we settle our maintenance plan for the flower care.*

*We have been presented with a Lawncare and Flower maintenance plan from Wagon Wheel Landscaping. The quote for \$10,000.00 including taxes includes the complete lawncare of the Main Street North / Mill Street East Parkette, Green P Parking lot on Willow Street North and the Leathertown Parking lot on Willow Street South. Additionally the quote includes the watering and maintenance of all of the hanging flower baskets and planters within the BIA boundaries. All equipment and supplies required are included in the total cost. Grass cutting will be weekly unless determined otherwise, flower watering will be daily unless determined otherwise.

The Board Members in attendance have reviewed the proposed agreement and have tasked Matthew Galliford to work with Wagon Wheel landscaping to refine the contract details to cover both parties interests and to solidify the agreement. The Board Members have requested to have an emergency meeting in person / online this week to vote on the final contract agreement and start the maintenance program as soon as possible.

- Christmas Holiday Décor – Austin Daleman will complete his 40 hours of approved employment by stripping down the old Christmas lights décor. We are still considering the purchase of Seasonal Banner Flags to replace the Christmas lights but have been presented with the opportunity to purchase used Snowflake pole mount lights from St. Catherines BIA. Weston Village BIA are looking into sharing this purchase with us. Matthew will hold off on purchasing the approved Season Banners until we see and potentially purchase the used lights.

IX. Other Business

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- Switch BIA bank account from BMO to Scotia Bank: Date TBD – Dependant on 2022 Audit approval by Town Council. See Treasurer’s Report Below.
- Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Membership – Continue with our annual membership. Pay the annual fee asap.
- Heart Art-Piece Update: The Heart metal sculpture has yet to be given a determined home. Mike Albano is going to further consult with the Town of Halton Hills to look into options for suitable locations to install the art piece. Matthew Galliford has suggested that we work with the Community Development, Tourism and Arts & Culture departments at the Town to support us in finding an appropriate home for the artwork and an acceptable resolution for all parties involved. All further communications regarding the Heart art piece are to be shared between the BIA and the Donators Nancy Wilkes and Nicole Walker of Acton Optical.
- Communication Protocols: Please review the Town of Halton Hills and Acton BIA Code of Conduct documents and the BIA Bylaws.
- AGM Tuesday September 19, 2023 6:30pm: Please suggest agenda items for this meeting.
- *** New Addition** Downtown Acton Parkette: All future parkette events are now required to be an official agenda item for discussion and vote of approval prior to any event / display taking place at the parkette. This includes but is not limited to pop-up events, displays and decoration of the parkette for any purpose.

X. Treasurer’s Report

- Patricia Daleman has presented us the Draft of the Annual Audit Report. It has returned as being fairly presented with a clean opinion form the auditors. This document and all other information pertaining to it are considered confidential information. The audit will be presented to Town Council on Monday May 29th 2023.
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XI. Motion to adjourn.

First: Mike Albano (Council Liaison)

Second: Nicole Walker (Acton Optical)

All in favour. YES

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Next Meeting:

Monday June 12 at 7:00pm OR Monday June 26 at 7:00 – Town Hall BIA Office

Does this date work?

Please let Matthew know at the office so we can set the schedule.

ATTACHMENT 1

Downtown Acton BIA Board of Directors Meeting **Coordinator's Report** **May 15, 2023**

- Confirmed, Quarterly Levy payment was received March 31, 2023 for \$24,454.63
- May 8th – Hannah Warden started her 8-week Jobs Ontario contract with the BIA. We fully rearranged the office and storage space.
- Updating Website and contacts ongoing. Website update is underway, out meeting business owners, ongoing. Hannah has been updating all passwords and accounts.
- April Spring into Acton Photo contest promotion went well. 3 winners were awarded garden starter kits. The winners were: Iain Brennan - Adult Photographer Category, Ben McKenzie-Sutter - Teen Photographer Category, Graham Jones and Everleigh - Family / Kids Category
- The May Mother's Day BIA Bucks Promo was a great success. Three prizes of \$25 BIA Bucks were awarded using a random generated selector to pick the winners: Savannah Ramirez, Jennie Culbert and Joyce Lehman.
- May 5th / 8th responded to a Residential complaint against a commercial property regarding property maintenance. I put the property landowner in contact with the Municipal Enforcement Officer.
- May 10 – Attended a site visit of Acton Early Learning re: parental / landlord concern about potential for vehicles ability to hit the building. Invited by Matthew Roj, Traffic Department. The problem exists on private land, the Town proposed that they relocate 2 of our cement planters to act as a buffer along the Mill Street face of the building. The landlord wants the Town to be fully responsible and offers no maintenance for the flowers eventually planted there. Other suggestions were made by the Works Department and Myself. I have directed the Landlord to Economic Development and the CIP Program to look at other potential solutions. If the BIA were to agree to moving two planters – We Have Not Agreed to This – One planter would be taken from the 4 corners of Mill St E and Elgin Street, there are 3 there, and the second planter would likely be taken from the Mill Street entrance of the Mews Plaza between Elgin and John Streets. Note: All of the cement planters are very old, will need replacing sooner than later and most would not survive being moved without breaking.
- May 11 – Hannah and I attended Acton District School from 8:30 am – Noon for the Jobs and Volunteer information day presentations. Hannah created a great display board explaining who the BIA is and what type of events and projects that we do.
- Purchased a refurbished a Lenovo desktop computer from Titan Tek Inc. for use by the Summer Students and as a back-up to the HP office laptop.
- We have received notice that the retaining wall in the Parkette is on the Public Works roster for replacement within the next few weeks.
- We have a proposal from a local Landscaping Company to look after all lawn flower maintenance for the season including adding nutrients to the water tank for the flowers as needed.
- I am working with the Weston Village BIA to purchase used snowflake decorations from the St. Catherines BIA. We are awaiting further details at this time.



**MINUTES OF THE
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday
April 26, 2023 Via Zoom**

Members Present: Councillor M. Albano, Chair, Councillor D. Keene, J. Bray,
L. McKenzie, W. Farrow-Reed

Regrets: J. Pearce

Staff Present: R. Brown, Deputy Clerk - Administration

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor M. Albano, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary/conflict of interest.

3. RECEIPT OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**3.a Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on
February 22, 2023.**

Recommendation No. HHAAC-2023-0003

THAT the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisor Committee meeting minutes
dated February 22, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Activan and Transportation Update

M. Van Ravens provided the committee with an update on the Specialized Transit Plan that was approved by Council in 2021, containing short- and long-term recommendations to 2031.

M. Van Ravens advised the committee of the good news story of the implementation of permanent service delivery to Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

ActiVan implemented a 33-week pilot project from November 2021- June 2022 to have daily trips to Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. The project was initially for students with ActiVan passes to travel there for a program. It was well received and other ActiVan users also began using the service. The pilot was so successful that the route has been permanently added and leaves four times a day. This route also creates connections to multiple services and travel beyond the Region.

M. Van Ravens also provided updates about pedestrian safety improvements including APS (Automated Pedestrian Signals).

4.b Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Grant

A. Nap provided the committee with an overview of the Accessibility and Energy Efficiency Grant available to commercial properties. The grant will pay 50% of eligible costs up to \$5,000. The committee will be consulted when applications for this grant are received. Information about this grant is available on the [Invest Halton Hills Webpage](#)

A. Nap asked the committee for their input on a potential grant application for 29 Main Street (Georgetown) between Goodfella's Restaurant and the Grant Thornton building. The application would be for the proposed paving of the portion of the laneway on the Grant Thornton side of the walkway. The Goodfella side of the walkway has had shrubs added and the other side is not safe for passage.

The committee commented that they are supportive of the grant if the walkway is wide enough for a wheelchair to safely pass, the material used to pave is safe and the walkway will be maintained either by the property owner or by the Town. A. Nap to bring the comments back to the applicant.

4.c Funding Request - Hillsview Georgetown Welcome Desk Renovation to meet AODA standards

C. Bodrug advised the committee that the current Hillsview Georgetown Welcome Desk is not accessible and therefore needs to be renovated to meet AODA standards. This renovation is not currently in the capital forecast, so staff have applied for grants from both the Federal and Provincial governments under accessibility to try and have the desk renovated this year. Staff were unsuccessful in acquiring funding from the federal Government and are still waiting for a response from the Provincial government. The cost of the project is approximately \$7,000 +HST if staff are unsuccessful in acquiring funding, they will return to the committee to request funding from the Town of Halton Hills accessibility fund.

Recommendation No. HHAAC-2023-0004

THAT the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee approves the concept of the Hillsview Georgetown Welcome Desk Renovation to meet AODA standards pending clarification on funding application results and the submission of a rendering of the proposed renovation.

CARRIED

4.d Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) Update - Draft for Review

R. Brown advised the committee that with the new term of the Council all committees Terms of Reference are being updated in accordance with the Council approved template.

The Terms of Reference presented were a reformat of the previous terms of reference to fit the new template.

Recommendation No. HHAAC-2023-0005

THAT the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that Council adopt the Updated Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED

4.e 5 Year Multi Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP)

R. Brown advised the committee that in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the IASR the Town must update their Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP) every five years.

R. Brown advised that the process of compiling information from the various Town departments to include in the plan has begun. R. Brown will be consulting with the committee throughout the drafting process until a draft for public input is achieved.

The draft will be put out for public comment on the Town's Let's Talk Halton Hills page and through other means deemed appropriate by the Town's communication division.

Councillor Keene recommended that ActiVan Users and Hillsvieiw members be consulted at the public consultation stage.

Once the comment period ends the final draft will be brought back to the committee for approval and for a recommendation to Council to adopt the plan.

5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

- Hillsvieiw Georgetown Welcome Desk Renovation
- Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Update

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



**MINUTES OF THE
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

April 25, 2023

Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on
Tuesday April 25, 2023 Via Zoom

Members Present: Councillor J. Fogal, Chair, Councillor A. Hilson, A. Sommer, R.
(EP – Electronic Participation) Hendry (EP), N. Barros (EP), B. Mandarino, C. Patten, J.
Dougherty (EP), C. Lenz (EP)

Regrets: E. Devries

Staff Present: I. Drewnitski, Transportation Planning Technologist, M. Taylor,
Senior Landscape Architect, K. Okimi, Director of Parks and
Open Space, M. Lawr, Deputy Clerk - Legislation

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor J. Fogal, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or conflict of interest.

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Recommendation No. ACT-2023-0003

THAT the Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee Meeting held on April
25, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Active Transportation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

This item was deferred and will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

b. Trails Management: Adjacent Properties / Informal access points – Conflicts

K. Okimi presented to the Committee regarding informal access points for trails and formal trail entrances. K. Okimi reviewed the current measures that are taken for informal trail access points based on common complaints and asked the Committee for feedback on this process. Staff will continue to monitor informal access points.

c. Trail Projects – General Status Update

M. Taylor provided an update on the following trail projects:

- New Trail map is completed and can be accessed at haltonhills.ca/trails or picked up at any Town facility
- Birchway Place/Fairy Lake Trail is scheduled to be completed mid-May
- Trafalgar Sports Park to Blackcreek Estates Trail is anticipated to be completed by end of May
- Upper Canada College Trail is anticipated to be completed this summer

d. Engineering Update

I. Drewnitski gave the following Infrastructure/Engineering Updates:

- Maple Avenue Active Transportation Improvements – cycle track from Trafalgar to Main Street to be completed this spring
- Bike Routes Implementation
- Queen Street (Highway 7) between Churchill Road and Eastern Avenue – Bike sign improvements – anticipated spring completion
- Guelph and Sinclair intersection and multi-use path (includes bike signals at Guelph and Sinclair) – Estimated for spring completion
- Regional Municipality of Halton AT Projects (RR25 and Trafalgar Road) – Will bring forward an update forward at a future date
- Halton Hills Drive – Anticipating completion at the end of June
- Eastern Avenue infill sidewalk – under consultation with Metrolinx
- Mountainview Road resurfacing – repaving from Maple Avenue to John Street

- Bike Repair Station – Will be installed at Georgetown Library and at Acton Arena

e. Education Update

I. Drewnitski provided an update on the following Education Initiatives:

- Race to Net Zero Event – Staff were out communicating with residents and promoting the Town's Active Transportation initiatives. This event can be included on the application for the next phase of the Share the Road Bicycle Friendly Community application
- Share the Road Stickers – The stickers should arrive in time to be used for Bike Month
- Smart Commute Business visits

f. Encouragement Update

I. Drewnitski provided an update on the following initiatives:

- Bike Month 2023 – Will be hosting various events for Bike Month such as bingo and safe cycling webinars. Staff will be meeting with school board reps for promoting bike month activities and will be promoting Bike Month events through social media.
- Bike to School Week – Dates are to be confirmed. J. Dougherty inquired how volunteers can get involved, I. Drewnitski will follow up with the School Board reps.
- Scavenger Hunt – Locations for scavenger hunt have been confirmed with 6 in Acton and 8 in Georgetown. Participants can earn raffle tickets to win prizes and Communications staff are currently working on an advertising plan.
- Cycling Map – The map is being sent to print this month to have it ready for Bike Month in June.

g. Evaluation & Planning Update

I. Drewnitski provided the following Evaluation and Planning Update:

- Smart Commute Travel Behavior Surveys – Staff are trying to get information from businesses regarding travel behaviour
- Danby Road Bike Counter – Will bring forward an update at a future meeting

5. WORKING GROUPS

Councillor J. Fogal provided the following update on the Bike It Working Group:

- Bike Swap Event – Was hosted on Earth Day weekend and was promoted as part of the Town’s Race to Net Zero event. \$2400 was raised for the Georgetown and Acton foodbanks.
- Bike it to the Market Event – Will be held on June 17th. Volunteers are still needed for this event.
- Loop Rides – Group Loop rides are scheduled for those interested in riding in the Tour of the Hills Event in support of CASHh
- Trail Events – Planning to have a booth set up at the Town Trail Events in May to promote the What3words app

Councillor J. Fogal noted that any members of the Committee are welcome to join the working group or volunteer at events.

6. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

Active Transportation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Next meeting to be held on June 27, 2023 in a hybrid format.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attended: Erin Burke, Suzanne Clarke (Secretary), Sandy Mackenzie, Councillor Norris, Derek Smith (Chair),

Regrets: Cindy Robinson (Treasurer), Mary Beth Trendos, Connie Ward

Staff: Nikki Jackson (BIA Manager) and Bethany Hanman (Events Manager)

Guests: Brian Dean (Burlington BIA), Jackie Dean-Rowley (The Mill Street Cheese Market)

1. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 9:05am by Derek Smith, Chair.

2. Declaration of Quorum: There was none

3. Approval of Agenda – Approved as presented

Motion: To approved the agenda as presented

Moved by: Sandy Mackenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Ron Norris

Motion passed.

It was noted that the Executive will be conducting a budget review do to due updated quotes and additional requests. Due to this, the agenda items impacting the budget and requiring approval will be deferred until the budget review has taken place.

4. Declaration of Interest – None declared

5. New Business:

a) Resignation as Vice Chair, Jamie Watt - Derek Smith

- The board has received and accepted Jamie Watt's resignation

b) Election of new Vice Chair – Derek Smith

- Mary Beth Trendos withdrew her name for this position
- Erin Burke would be interested but would like to find out more before committing
- Will do an email vote if Erin Burke is interested in the role

c) Resignation of Board Member, Jasmine Gaudet - Nikki Jackson

- Jasmine was in a bad accident in October and is just returning to work.
- Cannot commit at time and has resigned from the board
- The board receives and accepts Jasmine's resignation

d) BIA website upgrade – Nikki Jackson

- Need to upgrade Joom!a3 as support discontinuing in August
- Need to upgrade to Joom!a4
- Staff have received a quote from Genuweb
- Genuweb has offered to split the cost ½ this year, ½ in 2024
- This item was not budgeted
- A decision about this recommendation and quote will be made upon budget review

e) Cancellation of Events – Adverse Weather Policy - Nikki Jackson

Motion: To accept the Cancellation of Events-Adverse Weather Policy Downtown Georgetown Business Improvement Area as presented.

Moved by: Sandy Mackenzie

Seconded by: Erin Burke

Motion passed:

- f) Events Manager Bethany Hanman request for FT hours over the summer months – Derek Smith
 - Staff reviewed the recommendation with the Board
 - Deferred until a budget review has taken place

- g) No man’s land – Sandy Mackenzie
 - Land that nobody seems to own
 - Can the Town look into this?
 - Councillor Ron Norris commented that the Town is looking into this, on land that is owned by the estate of the deceased owners, specifically the land beside Shepherd’s Crook. This has been raised as an issue to the Town, by the Shepherd’s Crook as they apply for permanent patio status. The Town is looking into this and working on what they can legally they can do and the next steps.
 - Councillor Ron was not aware of other properties in the Town. He will continue to update the Board as the Town works through the Shepherd’s Crook property.

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - March 21, 2023

Motion to accept minutes of March 21, 2023 as presented.

Moved by: Suzanne Clarke

Seconded by: Sandy Mackenzie

Motion passed.

7. Correspondence – Nikki Jackson

- a) 2022 Halton Region Business Conditions Results Report highlights
 - Business community has identified climate change as a challenge as a result of business and residential growth in the areas
 - Some business owners are beginning to investigate in climate change initiatives
 - 84% of businesses are forecasting steady or higher revenue over the next 12 months
 - Nearly 50% of respondents are hiring additional staff over next year

- a) Town’s War on Graffiti
 - Nikki Jackson reported that there is a Resolution in front of Council re: War on Graffiti
 - The resolution resolves that “a war on graffiti is declared” and that staff will report back to Council on options such as charge back cost on utility boxes with graffiti and communication options for the public to report incidents of graffiti
 - Economic Development staff will report back to BIA staff once Council has voted on this resolution
 - Councillor Ron Norris reported that it is a bigger issue in Acton, than Georgetown

8. Financial Report – Cindy Robinson, Treasurer

- a) Treasurer’s Report for March 2023
- b) Financial Statements (Independent Auditor’s Report) for 2022

Motion to accept the Budget vs Actuals 2023 – FY2023 P&L January - March 2023 as presented.

Moved by: Suzanne Clarke

Seconded by: Sandy Mackenzie

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the 2022 Audited Financial Statements as presented

Moved by: Erin Burke

Seconded by: Derek Smith

Motion passed

9. Manager’s Report – Nikki Jackson, Manager, reported on a few highlights from the monthly report.

- OBIAA conference was very good for networking and learning. Highlights will be in next month’s Manager’s report

- Beautification walk about and budget. Beautification budget will be looked at during upcoming budget review
- Good feedback on Community Police Presentation from membership and would like to see more

10. Business Arising

a) Patio Programs update and feedback – Nikki Jackson

- guest speaker Jackie Dean-Rowley
 - Impact of road closure at 3:00pm
 - Thursday not a good time for road closure afternoon, busy time for retailers
 - Not sure how closing the street will help the businesses
 - Lack of parking during road closure will deter customers not attract
 - Suggestions: different day, not close road so early, one or twice a year, not summer time
 - Market during business hours is good for this business
 - Some signage recommendation- Derek asked to bring to Staff and Beautification

b) email from Lynn Ruggle (Shepherd's Crook)

- Covered under New Business – g) no man land discussion

c) D&O liability insurance and content insurance update - Nikki Jackson

- Budget item – needs to be reviewed at Budget Review meeting

d) Strategic Planning 2023 – Nikki Jackson /Derek Smith

- deferred to next Board Meeting

e) Lease of current office – Suzanne Clarke

- deferred to next board meeting

11. Council Update – Councillor Norris

- Covered under New Business – g) no man land discussion

12. Guest Speaker: Brian Dean (Burlington BIA) – Strategic Planning

- Brian had been asked to speak to the Board about the Burlington's BIA Strategic Planning experience. Below are points from Brian's presentation
 - 430 members
 - 3 staff members
 - \$1m budget
 - 22 years in position
 - Approach to Strat Plan over the years
 - Covid has changed expectations – BIA to bring attention to members
 - Used outside source for Strat Plan
 - Third party helped with Outreach and dialogue, frank and honest discussion
 - Various needs of members
 - Vision, KPI, and workplan
 - 3-year stat plan – difficult to predict out further
 - Report card for work
 - Self funded Strat plan
 - Never received funding from City for Strat Planning
 - Sponsorships – the events have caught the attention of sponsorship, sponsorship is event revenue, not towards the cost of the event
 - Partner and sponsorship some of the events
 - Staffing took
 - ROI – beautification projects – work with Municipality – creating a beautiful and healthy community
 - ROI – networking sessions with memberships, meeting each other
 - Some events inside the business, don't have to focus into public place, can bring into places of business

- Burlington highest development growth – how to capture the service-to-service residences in the downtown core

13. Committee updates - Due to time committee reports were deferred to next Board Meeting.

- a) Marketing and Events Committee – Suzanne Clarke, Committee Chair
- b) Farmers Market – Bethany Hanman, Events Manager
- c) Beautification Committee – Nikki Jackson

14. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 9:00am, via Zoom

15. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 10:42am

Moved by: Councillor Ron Norris

Seconded by: Erin Burke

Motion passed



Cancellation of Events – Adverse Weather Policy

Downtown Georgetown Business Improvement Area

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www.DowntownGeorgetown.com
FB: DowntownGeorgetown

Revised/Approved: April 25, 2023
Next Scheduled Review: TBD

Legal name: Georgetown Central Business Improvement Area

**CANCELLATION OF EVENTS – ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY OF THE
DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA**

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CANCELLATION OF EVENTS – ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY OF THE DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

Definitions

The Event Organiser referred to in this policy is the named representative of the organization responsible for the provision and management of the event. For Downtown Georgetown BIA (DGBIA) events, it is the DGBIA Events Manager.

The DGBIA Events Manager is the officer who has coordinated the event and liaises with municipal staff along with the DGBIA Manager.

The Participating Vendor is any individual contracted to participate at a DGBIA's event by paying a fee to DGBIA or being paid a fee by DGBIA.

Large Events are those held within Downtown Georgetown boundaries, in the public realm, and which require significant management and coordination with the local authority (municipality), emergency services, or similar external agencies. They include but are not limited to:

- Sponsored fundraisers
- Festivals and Events
- Exhibitions/Fairs/Markets/Farmers' Market
- Outdoor concerts
- Large performing arts events

Adverse weather conditions are those which might have implications for:

- The health and safety of visitors, participants, and members of staff involved in the event.
- The potential lasting impact on the site landscape and ecological habitats if the event were to proceed.
- Any relevant accessibility issues regarding visitors reaching and leaving the site.
- Potential reputational damage to the Downtown Georgetown BIA (DGBIA).

Scope of this Policy

This policy does not cover cancellation due to circumstances other than adverse weather conditions. It does not apply to adverse weather incidents which occur immediately prior to or during an event when emergency cancellation and evacuation are required.

CANCELLATION OF EVENTS – ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY OF THE DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

Rationale for this Policy

Large events are within the Downtown Georgetown boundaries. In the event of adverse weather, it is important that the safety of those attending the event, and members of staff involved in arranging and managing the event, is ensured.

In the event of adverse weather conditions, a decision must be made as to whether the event is to be cancelled. It is important that the process by which the decision is taken should allow for consideration of all known risks and involves all relevant parties.

This policy describes the process which should be followed to decide on cancellation and how the decision should be communicated. This policy provides clarity for Downtown Georgetown BIA's staff and board members, as well as participating vendors, as to how decisions to cancel are to be made.

Before confirming a booking or accepting a participating vendor for a large event, the Events Manager must ensure that the participating vendor has read a copy of this policy and signed the form in Appendix One, stating they have read and understood the contents of this policy.

The Cancellation Procedure

In the event of new information becoming available regarding adverse weather conditions during, before, or directly after the event, the BIA Manager and Events Manager must meet to discuss the event. The Events Manager must regularly monitor weather forecasts provided by The Weather Network before the event.

<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca> The Events Manager must also contact the local police and seek their input if they consider the incoming inclement weather a danger to persons and property.

The meeting must be held as soon as reasonably possible after information about adverse weather conditions becomes available and received input from local police and must be held on-site wherever possible.

The meeting must include consideration of the following issues:

- The health and safety of visitors, participants, and members of staff involved in the event.
- The potential lasting impact on the site landscape and ecological habitats if the event were to proceed.
- Any relevant accessibility issues regarding visitors reaching and leaving the site.
- Potential reputational damage to Downtown Georgetown BIA.

A template agenda for the meeting is included in Appendix Two.

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The BIA Manager and Events Manager should at the conclusion of the meeting make a decision regarding the cancellation. The decision to cancel an event must be made at least 24 hours before the planned start of the event. If a decision is made to cancel, the BIA Manager must immediately confirm the cancellation of the event due to adverse weather via email to:

- DGBIA Board Chair
- DGBIA Board of Directors
- Municipality partners
- DGBIA Events Manager

Once the DGBIA Events Manager receives formal notification of the cancellation via email from the BIA Manager, he/she/they will immediately start contacting the participating vendors to notify them about the event cancellation.

The BIA Manager and Events Manager have the sole authority to cancel an event due to inclement weather. In the absence of the BIA Manager or Events Manager, the DGBIA Board Chair will step into the role of the absent staff member and assist in the decision to cancel an event due to inclement weather.

The decision to cancel an event due to inclement weather shall be final and binding for all purposes of the participating vendors. DGBIA will not accept liability for any costs or contingent liabilities associated with cancellations due to forecast or actual adverse weather conditions.

Communication

If a decision is taken to cancel the event then the BIA Manager and Events Manager will as soon as practical develop an appropriate Communication Plan ensuring that event stakeholders are advised and the reasons for cancellation are clearly explained. A template Communication Plan is included in Appendix Three.

The Events Manager should lead in the implementation of the agreed communication plan and the following issues need to be considered:

- Could an alternative date for the event be set?
- What are the key reasons for cancellation?
- What are the most appropriate communication channels to use for those who would be planning to attend the event?
- What are the most appropriate channels to use given the timeframes involved (for example, notice in the local paper for an event a week away, or social media if the event is scheduled for the next twenty-four hours)?

Consideration must be given to the use of the following communications channels:

**CANCELLATION OF EVENTS – ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY OF THE
DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA**

- Participants/Spectators – Facebook/Instagram/Twitter/e-mail/newspapers
- Stewards/Support staff/Contractors – telephone/e-mail
- Municipal partners and staff - e-mail/telephone
- Media Press Release to local media groups - email

**CANCELLATION OF EVENTS – ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY OF THE
DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA**

Appendix One: Pro-forma Agreement of Policy on Booking

Agreement in respect of the Cancellation of Events – Adverse Weather Policy and Procedure

I confirm I have read and agree that my organization and I will abide by the Downtown Georgetown BIA's Cancellation of Events – Adverse Weather Policy and Procedure.

Name of Vendor: _____

Name of Vendor's Business: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Contact email address: _____

Postal address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**CANCELLATION OF EVENTS – ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY OF THE
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Appendix Two: Template Agenda for Cancellation Meeting

Meeting to consider cancellation of event due to adverse weather.

Name of Event: _____

Date of Event: _____

Date of Meeting: _____

Attendees: _____

Reasons to Consider for Cancellation of Event:

Decision (cancel or proceed): _____

Time When Decision Made: _____

Signatures: _____

DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING - Minutes

Monday April 24, 2023, 7:00pm

In-Person (BIA Office) Meeting

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Monica Parker-Galway (Profiles Hair Salon), Chairperson, called meeting to order at **7:02pm**.

II. Attendance

Present: Monica Parker-Galway, Joba Debi (7:05pm), Chris Cambouris (7:07pm), Nicole Walker, Mike Albano, Matthew Galliford, Norman Paulsen

Regrets: Patricia Daleman

Notes: Have both sent letters of leaving the Board. Zina Pallister - Resignation, SangWon Bak – Leave of Absence

III. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

- *None*

IV. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt March 20, 2023 Minutes.

First: Mike Albano (Council Liaison)

Second: Nicole Walker (Acton Optical)

All in favour. YES

Motion Carried

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approval of April 24, 2023, Meeting Agenda.

- Additions made to the agenda prior to approval: Discussion regarding Halton Hills Hydro fees, Royal Canadian Legion Banner update, Quarterly meetings with Town of Halton Hills RE: BIA Updates

First: Norman Paulsen (Acton Motors)

Second: Nicole Walker (Acton Optical)

All in favor. YES

Motion Carried

VI. Coordinator's Report – Matthew Galliford

- Please see BIA Coordinator's Report - Attached after formal minutes: ATTACHMENT 1

VII. Events

- Acton Outdoor (Farmer's) Market – Market will run from Thursday June 1st to October 5th 2023. Over a dozen vendors registered so far including Craft Brewers, Niagara Winery, Hex 1847 Cider, Gourmet Granola, Ice Cream 4U Truck, Mandi's Breads, Country Crops, Life Vine Flowers
- Leathertown Festival – Main stage entertainment is booked. Vendors applications and payments are coming in daily. Planning children's area entertainment. Meeting soon to confirm details and sponsorship of the car show and motorcycle show. Layout of the event to start soon.
- A TASTE OF ACTON Food Event – Chris Cambouris and Nicole Walker have suggested due to feedback that we hold off on this event until the fall or early 2024.

VIII. Beautification

- Flowers – We have met with 5 Garden Centres to get pricing of hanging baskets and bedding plants. Meadowville Garden Centre will contact us as soon as the hanging baskets arrive. Price per basket in a similar basket to previous years \$82.00 each before bulk discount. Bedding flowers will be selected at that time.
- Christmas light decorations proposed plan: We have options and are waiting on quotes for LED Snowflakes for the downtown poles to replace our former lights. We are still planning on light displays at each end of Mill Street – One display at the Parkette, one at the Medical Centre corner lot at Eastern Avenue, a central light display at the Mews Plaza parking lot.

IX. Other Business

- Switch BIA bank account from BMO to Scotia Bank: Date TBD – Waiting on 2022 Audit
Mike Albano nominated Nicole Walker to replace SangWon Bak as a banking signee.
First: Chris Cambouris (Titan Tek Biz) Second: Monica Parker-Galway – Chairperson
All in Favor: Yes, Nicole will be added to our bank signees when we move to Scotia Bank TBD.
- Canada Flags: 30 Traditional Flags & 30 Seasonal Banners have been quoted from Flags Unlimited for \$2766.65. We budgeted \$2650 total for flags in Beautification/Maintenance. The Board has chosen to review the information wait until the May meeting to decide / vote.
- 5Year Strategic Plan: Mike Albano has advised that we hold for now, there may be the potential for Town Staff assistance and possible funds to hire a consultant.
- Upcoming AGM: Date set for Tuesday September 19th 6:30pm – Invite Dignitaries to speak, book Willow Room in the Acton Town Hall Centre.

- Accept Letters of Leave from Board Members: SangWon Bak – Leave of Absence: 6 months to 1 year, Zina Pallister – Resignation due to relocation of Concept Leather Co.
First: Chris Cambouris (Titan Tek Biz) Second : Norman Paulsen (Acton Motors) All In Favor: YES
- *** New Addition 1** Royal Canadian Legion Acton Branch request re: Veterans Banners: The Legion to meet with the Town to get the costs covered for hanging the Veteran Banners.
- ***New Addition 2** Halton Hills Hydro Expenses: Mike Albano has met with Mayor Lawlor to discuss the hydro fees charged to the BIA for the Christmas Lights. We did not used to pay these fees in the past (pre-covid19 era). He has asked if we can get these fees offset by funding from the Town or Halton Hills Hydro.
- ***New Addition 3** Quarterly Meetings requested by the Town of Halton Hills: The Town has requested that BIA's; Acton and Georgetown, meet with Town Department Representatives on a quarterly basis to provide updates and information on BIA business. Mike Albano has offered to be the representative of the Acton BIA, Matthew Galliford has stated that he will prepare the reports and present them at these future meetings and to Council formally.

X. Treasurer's Report

- Awaiting the release of the finalized Annual Audit conducted by KPM.
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XI. Motion to adjourn.

First: Chris Cambouris (Titan Tek Biz)

Second: Nicole Walker (Acton Optical)

All in favour. YES

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Next Meeting:

Monday May 15th at 7:00pm – Town Hall BIA Office

Does this date work?

Please let Matthew know at the office so we can set the schedule.

ATTACHMENT 1

DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Monday April 24, 2023 7:00pm

Coordinator's Report

- Summer Student Application Update – we were approved on Friday April 14. Posting goes up Monday April 24.
- EVENTS: Trick or Treat on Main and Mill Street – Saturday October 28, 2023 - 12pm - 2pm.
Second Annual Zombie Walk – Saturday October 28, 2023 - 4pm at the BIA Office front steps.
- Signage for outside of the Downtown BIA office – Done and in place \$226.00.
- Office and Basement cleaning – Austin D. helped out. All is in the Office / C-Can to be sorted. C-Can is next clean out and establish ownership of what is stored in it.
- OBIAA Conference Registration and Expenses:
Conference Registration - \$941.29 Hotel - \$775.95 Travel - \$206.01 Food - \$105.76
- Updating Website and contacts ongoing. Website update is underway, out meeting business owners. Ongoing
- Monthly Promo Update – Spring Photo contest doing well. Prizes are seed growing kits in 3 entry categories.
- Acton District High School has invited the BIA to participate in a job information day at the school on Thursday May 11 2023, 8:30am. I will have an information table.
- Taste of Acton – Update: Chris and Nicole are working on it.
- Naloxone Training may be pushed to a new date as we are looking into another method of delivering the training. I can apply online to the RED CROSS to become a Trainer and distribute overdose kits.
- Flowers – Work in Progress. We have other more affordable options. Meadowville Garden Centre will contact us when the flowers arrive.
- Working with Community Development and Halton Region Health regarding all Outdoor Market / Leathertown Festival Vendors to ensure full compliance.
- Christmas Decorations – Work in progress – we have affordable new options, waiting on quotes.
- Planning Star Wars Day Photo Op May 4th and Day of Remembrance for missing women May 5th MMIW Red Dress Day
- Continual job of tying up last year's loose ends and surprises:

Sorted out WSIB missed payment from Q4 2017. All money in arrears have been sorted out and calculated. We primarily owe for late payment interest on most Quarterly statement. A balance of \$253.67 will bring the account up to date.

Halton Hills Public Library Board

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Hybrid: Georgetown Branch Boardroom & Zoom

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Betsy Cospers (Chair), Erica Daly, Christina da Rocha-Feeley, Alex Hilson, Bob Inglis, Matt Kindbom, Jane Marshall, Keith Medenblik, Tamara Smith, Alice Strachan, Lisa Teggart

Staff Present: Beverley King, Jodie Mandarin, Lori Mazza Brenton (Recorder), Mary Querques

1. Declaration of Quorum

B. King declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

B. King read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

3. Election of Officers

3.1. Election of Chair

- K. Medenblik nominated B. Cospers for the position of Chair of the Halton Hills Public Library Board. B. Cospers accepted this nomination.
- As there were no further nominations, B. King declared B. Cospers to be the Chair of the Halton Hills Public Library Board, by acclamation.

3.2. Election of Vice Chair

- K. Medenblik nominated M. Kindbom for the position of Vice Chair of the Halton Hills Public Library Board. M. Kindbom accepted this nomination.
- As there were no further nominations, B. King declared M. Kindbom to be the Vice Chair of the Halton Hills Public Library Board, by acclamation.

3.3. Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet

- Each member of the new 2022-2026 HHPL Board filled out the Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet.

As the elected Board Chair, B. Cospers took over the role of meeting Chair.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by M. Kindbom
Seconded by Councillor Inglis
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That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

6. Minutes

6.1. Minutes of December 14, 2022

Moved by T. Smith

That the minutes of December 14, 2022 be approved as presented.

Seconded by M. Kindbom

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CARRIED

7. Consent Agenda

7.1. Report No. LBD-2023-004 – Chief Librarian & CEO Report – January 2023

Moved by A. Hilson

That Report No: LBD-2023-004 re: Chief Librarian & CEO Report – January 2023 be received for information.

Seconded by J. Marshall

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CARRIED

7.2. Report No. LBD-2023-006 – Chief Librarian & CEO Report – February 2023

Moved by A. Hilson

That Report No: LBD-2023-006 re: Chief Librarian & CEO Report – February 2023 be received for information.

Seconded by J. Marshall

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CARRIED

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Delegations/Presentations

None.

10. Business Arising

None.

11. Updates (including sub-committees)

11.1. Advocacy Committee

- B. King provided an overview of the purpose and activities of the Advocacy Committee.
- The need for advocacy was identified in the strategic plan process.
- E. Daly and A. Strachan volunteered to serve on the Advocacy Committee.

11.2. Friends of the Library (FOL)

- B King reported:
 - An update was provided at the February Board orientation.
 - The Friends of the Library last met on February 16.
 - They are interested in long-term fundraising initiatives and staff are working on identifying projects.

- They are looking for one Board member to join them. They meet on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm, but are amenable to changing their meeting time.
- L. Teggart volunteered to be the Board representative for the FOL.

11.3. Council

Councillor Hilson reported that:

- The Town of Halton Hills will see a lot of growth in the next 20 years as the community doubles in size.
- There has been discussion of a third library branch.
- Bill 23 is eliminating development fees that would typically be allocated for community building projects.
- Inflation and limited funding pose a significant financial challenge for the municipality. These challenges may not affect the library in the near future, but it will.

Councillor Inglis reported that:

- Bill 23 is going to impact all communities.
- Vision Georgetown will address the anticipated population growth with expansion plans from Trafalgar Rd to Eighth Line and Tenth Side Road to Fifteenth Side Road.
- There are plans to intensify growth and increase density in favour of encroaching on farmland.
- More than half of Council has changed.
- Council participated in a Net Zero workshop on March 20. For a small community, we're one of the leaders in Canada in terms of our climate change initiatives.

11.4. Community Connections

- B. King provided an overview of the purpose of discussing Community Connections at Library Board meetings.
- The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) has requested \$9.4 million annually for the Ontario Digital Public Library, which would provide a base level of digital resources across the province. There will be a budget meeting on March 23 to decide on this. Over 50 news outlets picked up on the story.
- B. Cospers noted that Mississauga Public Library has purchased advertising space on big outdoor billboards visible from highway 407.
- [TVO's The Agenda](#) had a session on March 16 on the importance of libraries to social infrastructure called: Is This the Era of the Library?
- [CBC's The Current](#) featured a discussion on the concerns about safety and library culture on March 17.
- [CTV's Shelved](#) is a new workplace comedy show highlighting relevant issues impacting public libraries.
- There was discussion on the rise of violence in the community and how that has been impacting the library. The Board indicated interest in having access to the homelessness and empathy training that staff complete.
- It was agreed that if there is ever a health and safety concern, it will be at the top of the agenda.

12. Financial Report

12.1. Month End Report (December 2022)

- The projected year-end variance was 7%. It ended up at 6.3% mainly due to staffing gaps.

12.2. Month End Report (February 2023)

- HHPL is slightly under budget at 4% due to staffing gaps.
- There have been several recent hires. All vacancies should be filled by April.
- Staff have a strategy for dealing with the under expenditure. An internal staff member has been identified to help with advancing strategic development in various areas.

12.3. Report No. LBD-2023-007 re: 2021 Audited Financial Statements

- B. King presented the 2021 audited financial statements.
- As part of the Annual Library Survey, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport requires the year-end financial statements be accepted as presented by the Library Board.

Moved by T. Smith

That Report No. LBD-2023-007 re: 2021 Audited Financial Statements be received;

AND THAT the Library Board accepts the 2021 audited financial statements as presented.

Seconded by A. Hilson

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CARRIED

12.4. Report No. LBD-2023-008 re: 2022 Quarter 4 Metrics Report

M. Querques presented information and statistics regarding library usage from October to December 2022. Highlighted items:

- Over 1,100 new library cards registrations.
- System circulation increased by almost 7%, which equates to providing an additional 31,000 items to the collection.
- In-person visits increased by 54%, which is an average of an additional 1,200 residents visiting the library per week.
- The Board asked if they could be provided with demographic information on the 1,100 new registrations and how to access a calendar of events so they can know in advance about planned events.

Moved by M. Kindbom

That Report No: LBD-2023-008 re: 2022 Quarter 4 Metrics Report be received for information.

Seconded by J. Marshall

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CARRIED

13. New Business

13.1. Ontario Library Service Board Assemblies Appointment

- B. King provided an overview of the [Ontario Library Service \(OLS\) Board Assemblies](#).
- Each library appoints one Board member.

- They meet virtually twice a year; the next meeting is April 20 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for populations over 30,000.
- C. da Rocha-Feeley volunteered to be the OLS representative for the HHPL Board.

13.2. Friends of the Halton Hills Public Library Appointment

- [Friends of the Library](#) appointment was covered at 11.2.

13.3. Report No. LBD-2023-009 re: 2023 Key Agenda Items

- B. King presented for Board consideration a proposed schedule of anticipated reports to be presented in 2023, noting that this is not a comprehensive list and that the schedule can be adjusted throughout the year as needed.

Moved by K. Medenblik

That Report No: LBD-2023-009 re: 2023 Key Agenda Items be received for information.

Seconded by T. Smith

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CARRIED

13.4. Report No. LBD-2023-010 re: Proposed 2023 Board Meeting Schedule

- L. Mazza Brenton presented the revised Board meeting schedule for 2023.
- Meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month and will alternate between the Georgetown and Acton branches.
- In-person attendance is strongly encouraged, but hybrid meetings to allow for virtual attendance will be made available upon request.

Moved by A. Hilson

That Report No. LBD-2023-010 re: Proposed 2023 Board Meeting Schedule be received;

AND THAT The Halton Hills Public Library Board approves the Board Meeting Schedule for 2023.

Seconded by A. Strachan

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CARRIED

13.5. Report No. LBD-2023-011 re: Policy Review Process

- B. King provided an overview of the policy review process.
- Policies are reviewed on a four-year cycle and reviewed by the Board in two steps.
- Staff will develop a new policy called the Policy Development Framework to be presented in April.

Moved by T. Smith

That Report No. LBD-2023-011 re: Policy Review Process be received;

AND THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves the Policy Review Process;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves directing staff to develop a new Policy Development Framework policy.

Seconded by J. Marshall
03/22/23-9

CARRIED

13.6. Report No. LBD-2023-012 re: Endowment Fund Agreement

- B. King reported on the endowment fund agreement with the Community Foundation Halton North (CFHN), a process that started in 2017.
- After extensive consultation with both charitable law and contract law specialists, staff have the final agreement and are seeking the Board's approval so it can be presented to CFHN.

Moved by A. Hilson

That Report No. LBD-2023-012 re: Endowment Fund Agreement be received;

AND THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves the submission of the Endowment Fund Agreement to the Community Foundation Halton North to facilitate the creation of the Halton Hills Public Library Foundation and endowment fund.

Seconded by M. Kindbom
03/22/23-10

CARRIED

13.7. Memo No. LBM-2023-001 re: Board Recruitment and Selection

- B. King provided an update on the Board recruitment and selection process following the 2022 municipal election.
- It was a well-received campaign with over 50 applicants – an unprecedented response.
- At the December 2022 Board meeting, the Board suggested that applicants who were not appointed to the new 2022-2026 term be contacted to see if they would like to be involved with the library in other ways. The current Board agrees that this would be a good idea. Staff will reach out to the Clerks Division to contact candidates not appointed. Staff will initially assess skills to determine how interested individuals could help support the library. It was suggested that current Board members could also complete the same assessment.
- It was suggested that the marketing materials and efforts that were used in the library's campaign be shared with the Town as the other committees and boards did not have as many applicants.

13.8. Report No. LBD-2023-013 re: Tales on the Trails StoryWalk: Credit Valley Conservation Partnership

- J. Mandarino provided information about HHPL's partnership with Credit Valley Conservation and Orangeville Public Library to offer the Tales on the Trails StoryWalk program at Island Lake Conservation and Terra Cotta Conservation areas.
- The first StoryWalk will be piloted during the Maple Syrup Festival in March.
- An official launch with permanent installations is scheduled for June 2023.
- This information will be submitted to Halton Hills Council as a memorandum at the March 27 meeting.

Moved by J. Marshall

That Report No: LBD-2023-013 re: Tales on the Trails StoryWalk: Credit Valley Partnership be received for information.

Seconded by B. Inglis

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CARRIED

13.9. Report No. LBD-2023-014 re: Chief Librarian & CEO Report – March 2023

Highlights noted from the Chief Librarian’s Report – March 2023:

- Earth Week 2023 includes participation in the Town’s Net Zero event on April 22.
- Halton Hills FanFest takes place on April 29.
- Battle of the Books takes place on March 29 and 30 with the Grand Battle on April 27. Board members are encouraged to attend.

Moved by C. da Rocha-Feeley

That Report No: LBD-2023-014 re: Chief Librarian & CEO Report – March 2023 be received for information.

Seconded by M. Kindbom

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CARRIED

14. Health and Safety Report

B. King reported that the Town will be amalgamating the union and non-union Joint Health and Safety committees because they have had challenges getting worker members to join.

15. Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Georgetown Branch, Boardroom

16. Adjournment

Moved by M. Kindbom

That the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by L. Teggart

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CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Signed: _____

Betsy Cosper, Chair
Halton Hills Public Library Board

Signed: _____

Beverley King, Acting Chief Librarian & CEO
Halton Hills Public Library

APPROVED: April 26, 2023

DATED: April 26, 2023

Attended: Erin Burke, Suzanne Clarke (Secretary), Sandy Mackenzie, Councillor Norris. Cindy Robinson (Treasurer), Derek Smith (Chair), Connie Ward,

Regrets: Jasmine Gaudet, Mary Beth Trendos

Staff: Nikki Jackson (BIA Manager) and Bethany Hanman

1. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 9:02 AM by Derek Smith, Chair.
2. Declaration of Quorum: There was none
3. Approval of Agenda – approved as presented
4. Declaration of Interest – none declared
5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a) February 28, 2023

Motion to accept minutes of February 28, 2023 as presented.

Moved by Suzanne Clarke

Seconded by Sandy Mackenzie.

Motion passed.

6. Correspondence
 - a) Community Partnership Program Letter - waiver of fees
 - b) Amico Project Notification Letter was received stating that work will start on Mill Street
 - c) James Street Road Closure (ToHH): Correspondence had been received from the Town of Halton Hills re: road closure due to the Town House development project.

Staff reported that information will be shared with membership via bi-weekly newsletter

7. Financial Report – Cindy Robinson, Treasurer

Motion to accept February 28, 2023 financial statements as presented.

Moved by: Cindy Robinson

Seconded by: Derek Smith

Motion passed.

8. Manager's Report – Nikki Jackson, Manager, reported on a few highlights from the monthly report.

- a) BIA closure - Nikki reported that the Windsor and Ottawa BIA has closed. She did not have any details at this time.
- b) Crime Prevention Meeting: Staff reported arrangements had been made for Cst. James De Dieu, the Community Mobilization Officer in Georgetown, to present to BIA members on improving safety and reducing crime risks. This presentation would be taking place on March 28, 2023

9. Business Arising

a) Patio Programs Update and Feedback.

- Emailed and in person visit with restaurants
- Take out restaurants not interested also do not want road
- Not interested in parking spot closure
- Meeting with ED ToHH staff, including Damian, Erin, and Allison, Derek Smith and Suzanne Clarke to discuss patios.
Next step to Survey restaurants to see if road closure on Thursday in the summer, if interested then survey all membership to see if they are interested. Then determine next steps.

b) D&O Liability Insurance and content Insurance Updates

- It was reported that staff is still working on quotes to bring forward for approval. Derek directed staff to have a recommendation asap in order that a decision could be made by Friday, March 24, 2023. The absence of this insurance puts the directors at risk.

c) Hybrid Board meeting proposal

- Staff represented a report on the cost of hosting hybrid board and committee meetings
- The cost overall cost for the necessary equipment and set up was \$1600
- A discussion of the board determined that the zoom meetings were working well and enabled board members to attend.
- It was determined that the aim would be to have at least one in person meeting a year, possibly June or September

10. Council Update – Councillor Norris

- Councillor Norris reported that he had met with Damian Szybalski, Commissioner of Business, Environment and Culture, a few times to understand his role as the Mayor’s representative on the Board of Management of the Downtown Georgetown BIA

11. Committee updates

- a) Marketing and Events Committee – Suzanne Clarke, Committee Chair

- Suzanne reported that committee is meeting tomorrow and will be re-assessing the priorities of the 2023 work plan
- Suzanne reported that the Executive had met with staff to review the funding of the Palooza event slated for July 14. The event will proceed with the funds allocated in the 2023 budget. Staff are prepared with their planning should additional monies become available from outstanding grant applications

b) Farmers Market – Nikki Jackson, Manager

- Staff reported that to date 90 applications had been received
- April 3rd is the last day for applications
- April 5th the committee will be reviewing any “grey area” applications
- Special theme days and activations are being planned

c) Strategic Plan Committee

- covered under New Business

d) Beautification Committee

- Staff reported that, with the resignation of Jamie Watt, this committee currently only has one member
- Sandy Mackenzie stated that he would like to be a member of this committee, but, at this time, is not in a position to chair
- Staff reported that Suzanne would reach out to other board members and community members to see if they would be interested on sitting on this committee

12. New Business

- a) Acceptance of Resignation of Jamie Watt, Vice Chair - deferred to next board meeting
- b) Election of New Vice Chair - deferred to next board meeting
- c) OBIAA Strategic Planning training program
 - Registered: Nikki, Derek, Suzanne, Mary Beth.
 - Session 1 – April 13, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M. Stage 1: Introduction to strategic planning, community economic development.
 - Session 2 – April 27 Stage 2: Develop vision and mission.
 - Session 3 – May 11 Stage 3: Collect and analyze information; Stage 4: Develop goals.
 - Session 4 – May 25 Stage 5: Performance measure and action plans; Stage 6: Implement and monitor.
- d) Request of Full-Tim hours for summer for Events Manager position - deferred to next board meeting

13. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 9:00am, via Zoom

14. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 10:13am

Moved by Councillor Norris

Seconded by Cindy Robinson

Motion passed

Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Alex Sarchuk, Commissioner, Social and Community Services
Date:	May 24, 2023
Report No.	SS-12-23
Re:	Halton Region Community Investment Fund – 2022 Allocations and Update on 2023 Funding

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report No. SS-12-23 re: “Halton Region Community Investment Fund - 2022 Allocations and Update on 2023 Funding” be received for information.

REPORT

Executive Summary

- The Halton Region Community Investment Fund (HRCIF) enhances the health, safety and well-being of Halton residents by providing grants to non-profit human service agencies.
- In 2022, a total of \$3,833,553 was awarded through 76 HRCIF grants. This includes 57 new grants in 2022 and 19 continuing grants from previous multi-year funding commitments. An overview of 2022 allocations is provided through this report; a full listing of 2022 grants is included as Attachment #1 to this report.
- For the 2023 funding year, 92 applications were received through an initial call for applications. Applications were assessed through review teams comprised of staff from Halton Region and the Halton Regional Police Service and through a consultation with representatives of the Community Safety and Well-Being System Leadership Group.
- Funding of \$1,569,180 has been approved for 22 new programs and initiatives to date in 2023. Seven of these 22 grants were approved for multi-year funding.
- Applications will be accepted on a continuing basis in 2023 to respond to community needs including issues identified through Halton’s Community Safety and Well-Being initiative. Approximately \$847,087 remains for additional

investments in 2023. Regional Council will be informed of additional investments through a year-end report.

Background

About the Halton Region Community Investment Fund

The HRCIF enhances the health, safety and well-being of Halton residents through \$4.0 million in annual Regional funding to non-profit human service programs and initiatives. This includes an increase of \$250,000 through a strategic investment that was approved in the 2023 Regional Budget and Business Plan. Applicants that meet eligibility criteria can apply to two categories of funding:

- **Category One:** grants that support short-term or small capital requests from non-profit and/or charitable organizations. Grants are awarded up to a maximum of \$30,000 for up to one year.
- **Category Two:** grants that support new or established charitable programs and initiatives with up to three years of funding. There is no set maximum on the amount of funding that an applicant can request.

HRCIF proposals must achieve impact within one of the following Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) objectives:

1. **Health** – a community where everyone is supported to reach both physical and mental well-being
2. **Safety** – a community where everyone can go about their daily activities without risk or fear of harm
3. **Well-Being** – a community where everyone is connected and engaged with a vibrant, healthy environment and strong social supports

Funding supports populations who are vulnerable to negative health and social outcomes. This includes funding upstream programs and initiatives to reduce or prevent vulnerability.

HRCIF applicants must ensure equitable and inclusive service delivery to support diverse, equity-deserving or marginalized populations in Halton. Work is underway to enhance equity and inclusion in the HRCIF granting process. To date, this has included best practice research, equity and anti-oppression training for Regional staff and the application of an equity lens to the HRCIF process.

Discussion

Overview of HRCIF funding in 2022

A total of \$3.75 million was allocated from the approved 2022 Regional Budget and Business Plan to 76 HRCIF grants to strengthen the health, safety and well-being of Halton residents. This included 57 new grants approved in 2022 and 19 continuing grants receiving funding through an existing multi-year commitment. The number of multi-year commitments has been reduced by one as previously identified in Report No. SS-09-22 re: “Halton Region Community Investment Fund – 2022 Funding Allocations to Date” because a multi-year grant was not able to proceed, primarily due to staff transitions at the organization. Funds returned from prior year grants were reinvested in 2022 to bring total in-year investments to \$3,833,553. The following table provides an overview of funding allocated to new and existing HRCIF grants in 2022.

HRCIF allocation in 2022	Amount (\$)
Allocated to 57 new grants approved in 2022	2,704,814
Allocated to 19 existing multi-year commitments in 2022	1,128,739
Total HRCIF investments in 2022*	3,833,553

*\$83,553 of the investments were funded by the return of prior year grants

Impact

Programs approved in 2022 addressed a broad range of human service needs and priorities. This included initiatives to strengthen the **health** of priority populations including:

- \$127,245 over two years to Punjabi Community Health Services to support mental health counselling and provide programming on substance use issues and parent/child conflict with a focus on South Asian and Muslim communities;
- \$29,332 to Hope Place Centres to upgrade onsite fitness equipment at the live-in addiction treatment programs to support health and well-being; and,
- \$150,379 over two years to Milton Community Resource Centre to provide access to infant food and supplies and menstrual products to families with low incomes.

Investments in community **safety** included:

- \$29,281 for Kerr Street Community Services to replace kitchen equipment, conduct repairs and develop new safety manuals;
- \$40,000 over two years to EFRY Hope and Help for Women to provide programming to educate girls about the risks of sexual exploitation and support girls who have been exploited to prevent future abuse; and,
- \$186,360 over three years to Restorations Second Stage Homes to provide case management and supports for survivors of human trafficking.

A number of 2022 grants strengthened **well-being**. This included:

- \$30,000 to Bob Rumball Canadian Centre of Excellence for the Deaf to provide sessions that promote health, well-being, education and inclusion for older adults who are deaf;
- \$212,400 over three years to Central West Specialized Developmental Services to provide in-home respite allowing caregivers who are approaching a crisis situation to remove themselves from the home for a defined period of time to enable personal care; and,
- \$98,783 over two years to Halton Multicultural Council to assist newcomers and refugees who are in or at-risk of a crisis and facilitate access to community supports.

An overview of new and continuing HRCIF grants in 2022 is provided in Attachment #1.

HRCIF Grant Audits

As an additional accountability mechanism, independent grant audits were conducted on three HRCIF grant recipients in 2022. Brook Laker & Associates conducted audits to verify both the financial expenses and non-financial deliverables for each grant. The auditor's reports concluded that there is confidence that the information provided by the three audited organizations is reliable. No significant issues were identified through the process. Third party audits continue on an annual basis.

Update on 2023 HRCIF funding

Initial call for application process

An initial call for applications for HRCIF funding was held between September 15, 2022 and November 1, 2022. A total of 92 proposals were received; 40 were submitted to Category One and 52 were submitted to Category Two. Applications were assessed through review teams comprised of staff from Halton Region and the Halton Regional Police Service and through a consultation with representatives of the Community Safety and Well-Being Leadership Group. In keeping with previous granting practices, staff continued to engage with other funders of health and social service programs to ensure funding efforts were aligned.

Overview of 2023 HRCIF grant approvals through the initial call for application process

Funding recommendations for the initial call for applications were developed by the HRCIF Committee and approved by the Commissioner of Social and Community Services. Funding of \$1,569,180 was approved for 22 programs and initiatives through the initial call for application process for 2023 HRCIF funding. Three of these programs were approved for two-year funding with a commitment in 2024 in the amount of \$679,739 and four programs were approved for three-year funding with a commitment in 2025 in the amount of \$491,956. Additional applicants from the 2023 initial call for proposals remain under consideration.

Funding approved through the 2023 initial call for application process is in addition to 26 previously approved multi-year grants. The following table provides an overview of funding allocated for new and existing HRCIF grants in 2023. Approximately \$847,087 is remaining for investments throughout 2023.

Status of HRCIF funding to date in 2023	Amount (\$)
Approved for 22 new grants in 2023	1,569,180
Allocated to 26 existing multi-year commitments in 2023	1,583,733
Available for remaining investments in 2023*	847,087
Total anticipated HRCIF investments in 2023	4,000,000

*Reduced by \$40,688, due to extensions provided to time-sensitive previously approved multi-year grants to ensure appropriate client support.

Impact

Programs approved through the initial 2023 call for application process continue to address a broad range of human service needs and priorities. This includes initiatives to strengthen the **health** of the community including:

- \$90,000 to Distress Centre Halton to provide a free outbound call support service to help Halton residents who are experiencing isolation and/or mental health concerns;
- \$107,359 to Oak Park Neighbourhood Centre to provide individualized financial counselling and year-round tax filing to assist low income Halton residents in accessing provincial and federal subsidy entitlements; and,
- \$475,500 over three years to Central West Specialized Developmental Services to support families who have a child with a concurrent developmental and mental health diagnosis (dual diagnosis). The program will provide navigation supports and strategies to divert from emergency services and out-of-home living environments.

Investments in community **safety** include:

- \$125,580 over three years to Radius Child and Youth Services to support staffing for specialized assessment and treatment programs for children, youth and families who have been affected by abuse and/or neglect;
- \$29,319 to Halton Women’s Place to provide students with age appropriate violence prevention education and workshops to enhance their knowledge of healthy relationships and gender equality; and,
- \$31,971 to EFRY Hope and Help for Women to provide case management to individuals participating in the Halton Drug Treatment Court, a specialized diversion court for offenders who have addiction or substance use issues to prevent future drug related crimes.

A number of 2023 grants will strengthen **well-being**. This includes:

- \$45,191 to Achēv to provide a range of supports to newcomer women including settlement, employment workshops and wellness activities;
- \$78,733 to The Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton for community outreach staff to provide advocacy and navigation support for Black students and families, and to provide outreach and coordination of educational and arts programming as well as leadership opportunities for youth and seniors; and,
- \$204,317 over three years to Halton Environmental Network to support community garden programming in Halton Community Housing Corporation communities to improve food security and reduce isolation as well as provide community garden education for organizations supporting vulnerable individuals.

An overview of new and existing programs approved for funding is provided in Attachment #2. A year-end update on 2023 investments will be provided to Regional Council in fall 2023.

Continuous intake

To ensure the HRCIF is well-positioned to respond to community needs, applications for funding will continue to be accepted throughout 2023 while funding remains available. Proposals accepted throughout the year will respond to emergent needs including issues identified through Halton's CSWB planning initiative. Proposals will be assessed in a manner that is consistent with the review process during the 2023 call for application process.

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

The 2023 approved Regional Budget and Business Plan includes \$4.0 million to support HRCIF investments in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Alex Sarchuk
Commissioner, Social and Community
Services

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 - Overview of 2022 HRCIF Investments
Attachment #2 - Overview of 2023 HRCIF Investments to Date

Halton Region Community Investment Fund - 2022 Allocations

Organization	Name of Project	Area Served	2022 Funding Amount (\$)	2023 Funding Amount (\$)	2024 Funding Amount (\$)	Category of HRCIF Funding	Year of Approval	Overview of Program/Initiative
AbleLiving Services Inc.	Burlington PACE Community Wellness Hub	B	20,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide health and social services for older adults and to facilitate and support hospital to home transitions through the Burlington Community Wellness Hub (PACE model).
Acclaim Health and Community Care Services	Wellness Supports for At Risk Older Adults	All	68,137	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a two-year grant to address isolation and provide strategies to support well-being and reduce stress among older adults at-risk.
ArtHouse for Children and Youth	ArtHouse in a Post-pandemic world - Creating Pathways to Possibility	All	46,940	46,940	46,940	Two	2022	To provide free extra-curricular arts programs for low income youth aged 12 to 17 to build life skills and form positive relationships.
Bereaved Families of Ontario - Halton / Peel operating as The Centre For Grief & Healing	Project Hope: Support for People Grieving in Halton Region	All	29,200	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a two-year grant to create an inclusive virtual bereavement response for those dealing with the loss of a loved one during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton and Hamilton	Big Chefs	All	21,000	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To provide weekly access to nutritious food while teaching life skills about cooking and healthy living through connection with mentors.
	Cultural Mentoring for Racialized and Vulnerable Youth	All	59,492	59,492	n/a	Two	2022	To provide cultural mentoring to support vulnerable and racialized youth aged 12 to 17 to promote inclusion and reduce risk.
Black Mentorship Inc.	Propel Mentorship	All	49,670	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To connect Black youth, professionals, and entrepreneurs with mentors to set career-specific goals, establish self-advocacy techniques, and gain the skills and resources needed to attain professional and personal advancement.
Bob Rumball Canadian Centre of Excellence for the Deaf	Halton Deaf Seniors' Club - Program Coordinator	All	30,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide sessions that promote health, well-being, education and inclusion for older adults who are deaf.
Brain Injury Association of Peel & Halton	HeadSpin Youth Support Group	All	29,592	29,592	29,592	Two	2022	To provide supports to youth who have survived an acquired brain injury. This includes supporting the families.
Burlington Baptist Church	Circle of Friends	B	13,930	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To support lunch and activity programs that provide vulnerable older adults with opportunities for social interaction with peers to decrease isolation and connect them with other needed services.
BurlingtonGreen Environmental Association Inc.	Nature-Friendly Burlington - Across Ages	B	15,183	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide guided outdoor activities including walk, gardening skills, social engagement and volunteer opportunities for older adults.
Canadian Mental Health Association Halton Region Branch	Complex Service Navigator	All	107,782	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a two-year grant to work collaboratively with the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) to support vulnerable households through service navigation and mental health support.
Capability Support Services Inc.	Burlington PACE Community Wellness Coordinator	B	24,657	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide health and social services for older adults and to facilitate and support hospital to home transitions through the Burlington Community Wellness Hub (PACE model).
Catholic Family Services of Hamilton	Halton Gatekeepers Program	All	20,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To continue servicing clients, including referrals from Halton Community Housing for tenants receiving Halton Social and Community Services support.
Central West Specialized Developmental Services	Reverse Respite	All	70,800	70,800	70,800	Two	2022	To provide in-home respite allowing caregivers who are approaching a crisis situation to remove themselves from the home for a defined period of time to enable personal care.
Centre canadien pour l'unité de famille	"Saveurs du Monde" interactive cooking class in French	All	30,000	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To provide culturally adapted cooking workshops and grocery vouchers to Black Francophone families who are vulnerable.
Community Development Halton	Older Adult Social Isolation Project	All	70,860	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide backbone support to a Community Safety and Well-Being Action Table to identify and support older adults who are isolated or at-risk of isolation.
Community Living North Halton - Collaborative Proposal	Developmental Emergency Safe/Respite House	All	251,540	251,540	n/a	Two	2022	To provide emergency housing for individuals with developmental disabilities in collaboration with other community partners.
Community Living Oakville	Community Connect	O	29,950	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To support individuals with developmental disabilities through healthy living workshops to increase community involvement. This includes training for community partner organizations.
Compassion Society of Halton	Safe and Reliable Food Storage	All	20,000	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To increase cold storage capacity to receive more fresh, frozen, non-perishable and ready to go meals to support individuals with low incomes.
	Food Bank Relocation	All	14,577	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To provide temporary rent relief to enable the organization to serve vulnerable individuals and families with food, hygiene products, clothing, household items and referrals to various community services.
Dare To Be Youth Charity	Leader Within Peer Mentorship Program	All	17,325	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide peer mentorship and workshops for youth aged 17-24 to develop life skills, self-esteem, confidence, resiliency and coping skills.

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Distress Centre Halton	TeleCheck	All	73,540	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a two-year grant to provide a free outbound call support service to help Halton residents who are experiencing isolation and mental or health issues.
Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel	Halton Drug Treatment Court	All	28,609	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a two-year grant to provide case management to individuals participating in the Halton Drug Treatment Court, a specialized diversion court for offenders who have addiction or substance use issues to prevent future drug related crimes.
	Female Mobile Support Caseworker Halton	All	77,407	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a two-year grant for a female mobile support case worker who works collaboratively with Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) to provide a continuum of care for victims of human trafficking.
	Empowering Against Exploitation	All	20,000	20,000	n/a	Two	2022	To provide education about the risks of sexual exploitation and to support girls who have been exploited to prevent future exploitation.
Food for Life Canada	GOOD Food for All - Healthy Accessible Food Initiative	All	29,771	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To transform bulk items and raw food into individual and family-sized packages to address food insecurity and accessibility.
	Food for Life Halton - Strengthening the Food Security Sector's Backbone	All	212,784	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To source, collect and redistribute food to community programs that support food insecure residents throughout Halton.
Food4Kids Halton	Weekends Without Hunger	All	34,160	30,199	n/a	Two	2022	To coordinate food purchases to allow for timely and consistent food supply to vulnerable children across Halton.
Halton Environmental Network	Growing Together - Building Community	All	29,508	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To support community garden programming in Halton Community Housing Corporation communities and provide community garden education for organizations supporting vulnerable individuals.
Halton Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Assessment, Prevention and Treatment Services (ADAPT)	Integrated Opiate Awareness, Prevention and Treatment	All	110,125	112,300	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a three-year grant to work collaboratively with Joseph Brant Hospital and other community partners to address the complex and specialized needs of opioid users and their caregivers in Burlington through wrap around support and education.
Halton Food for Thought	Fueling Futures - Student Nutrition Programs	All	20,980	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To purchase fridges, freezers and small kitchen appliances to ensure students in Halton have access to safe and nutritious food throughout the year.
Halton Multicultural Council	Crisis Specialist	B,M,O	49,008	49,775	n/a	Two	2022	To assist newcomers and refugees who are in or at-risk of a crisis and facilitate access to community supports.
Heartache2Hope	Support and Help for Halton Suicide Loss Grievors	All	68,446	69,345	70,272	Two	2022	To provide support programs for individuals who have experienced a loss due to suicide.
HIPPY Halton Home-Based Program	HIPPY Halton	B,M,O	37,109	38,222	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a three-year grant to support newcomer parents and their pre-school children through a peer-based education model to develop skills for required success for both parent and child.
Home Suite Hope	Collaborative Life Skills: Financial Education & Youth-specific	B,M,O	26,241	26,241	n/a	Two	2022	To develop workshop modules to teach life skills to vulnerable individuals, including those who are precariously housed.
Hope Place Centres	Women's/Men's Live-In Treatment Programs	All	29,322	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To upgrade onsite fitness equipment at the live-in addiction treatment programs to support health and well-being.
Housing Help Centre for Hamilton and Area	System Integration Facilitator	All	141,545	141,545	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a three-year grant to support clients in Halton with complex needs to have long-term housing success through intensive case management and connections to community supports.
Kerr Street Community Services	Kitchen Improvement and Safety Initiative	O	29,281	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To replace kitchen equipment and conduct repairs to address safety issues. This also includes development of new safety manuals and instruction guides.
Kids Help Phone / Jeunesse J'écoute	Counsellor in the Classroom	All	30,000	30,000	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a three-year grant to equip young people in grades 6-8 to be resilient and empowered with regard to their mental wellness and by knowing how to reach out and access supports.
Learning Disabilities Association of Halton	Building Pathways	All	28,986	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To provide career workshops for students with learning disabilities and low incomes. This includes supporting caregivers.
	Learning Disabilities Support Network	All	57,458	75,709	76,945	Two	2022	To provide monthly workshops and peer to peer connection for parents of children with learning disabilities focusing on mental health and advocacy. The program will also provide navigation and advocacy support for parents meeting with schools.
Licensed to Learn Inc.	L2L Peer-Tutoring and Mentorship Program: Halton	All	25,753	29,553	34,303	Two	2022	To train student tutors and match them with students with similar lived experiences who are facing educational challenges.

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Links2Care	Navigate Halton	All	16,306	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a two-year grant to provide system navigation and support to homeless and at-risk populations to access the health care system.
	Community Support Program	HH	99,702	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide drop-in navigation focusing on housing and homelessness prevention, food insecurity and other community supports for those who are isolated, with complex needs or who are living with low income.
	Connection Specialist Role/Proactive System Navigation	All	54,513	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide supports to older adults who are isolated or at risk of isolation in coordination with a Community Safety and Well-Being Action Table addressing older adult isolation.
March of Dimes Canada	After Stroke: Bringing Health and Well-Being to Halton's Stroke Survivors	All	30,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide a personalized recovery program for stroke survivors and their families through peer support, tools and navigation to community supports.
Milton Community Resource Centre	She Can! Girl's Empowerment Programs	All	39,109	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a two-year grant to provide an empowerment program to support free group programming for girls ages eight to 13 to address the unique challenges girls face as they move towards adulthood.
	Infant Food Bank	M	73,972	76,407	n/a	Two	2022	To provide access to infant food and supplies and menstrual products to families with low incomes.
Oak Park Neighbourhood Centre	Churchill Harm Reduction Hub	O	63,230	63,230	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a three-year grant to provide a range of hub-based supports for an at-risk community in Oakville in collaboration with community partners. This includes life skills, financial literacy and access to food.
	Churchill Harm Reduction Hub	O	20,375	20,174	n/a	Two	2022	To provide additional staff hours and operating support to enhance outreach, mobilize the community and provide services for the above-noted hub-based program.
Oakvillegreen Conservation Association	Green Connections for Adults 55+	O	38,577	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide guided outdoor activities including walks, gardening skills, social engagement and volunteer opportunities for older adults.
Oakville Meals on Wheels	Subsidized Meal Program	O	30,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To subsidize meals for clients with low incomes in response to the growing complexity and number of clients.
Oasis Youth Care Programs	The Oasis House	B,M,O	76,369	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide safe, stable housing and culturally responsive support services to vulnerable Black youth aged 18-25 transitioning from the child welfare and youth justice systems.
Punjabi Community Health Services	Sahara Mental Health & Addiction Well-Being Program	All	33,644	93,601	n/a	Two	2022	To support mental health counselling and provide programming on substance use issues and parent/child conflict with a focus on South Asian and Muslim communities.
Restorations Second Stage Homes	Nancy's House	All	60,040	62,120	64,200	Two	2022	To provide case management and supports for survivors of human trafficking.
Safetynet Children and Youth Charities	Expansion of Client Services	All	30,000	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To facilitate personalized needs assessments for individuals with low incomes to connect to services and support.
	Tutoring Program	B,M,O	29,120	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To expand a tutoring program that provides academic assistance to students in grades 1-12 with low incomes.
Shifra Homes Inc.	Seasoning For Life	All	20,172	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To provide access to healthy nutritious food and life skills such as budgeting and food literacy to young pregnant women. The program also supports emergency food needs among former clients.
	Mental Health Program	All	48,700	51,500	n/a	Two	2022	To support young pregnant women and former clients of Shifra Homes Inc. with specialized mental health supports.
Start2Finish Canada	R&R Club+	M,O	50,000	60,000	n/a	Two	2022	To provide mentoring and recreational activities to enhance the mental and physical well-being of at-risk children.
STRIDE (Supported Training and Rehabilitation in Diverse Environments)	Intake Specialists	All	134,449	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide rapid response to referrals for mental health supports and triaging clients to the most appropriate services.
Support House	Chartwell Residence Oakville	O	90,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide intensive case management at the agency's Grace House and Chartwell Residence and support transitions to and from partner programs.
Syyidah Centre	Milton Halal Food Bank	All	38,482	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide food items including Kosher/Halal meat, groceries, fresh produce and fresh bread to families with low incomes.
Tetra Society of North America	Halton Assistive Device Program	All	6,400	7,300	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a three-year grant to design and build custom-made assistive devices to enhance the lives of individuals with a disability.
The AIDS Network	Halton Equity and Diversity Roundtable	All	113,476	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a two-year grant to support the Halton Equity and Diversity Roundtable to implement initiatives to strengthen equity and inclusion.

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The Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton	2022 CCAH BIPOC Day Camp	All	18,770	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To provide a free day camp program for racialized and marginalized children living in Halton.
	Community Outreach Staff	All	74,984	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a two-year grant to provide navigation for Black students and families, and provide outreach and coordination of educational programs, arts programs and leadership opportunities for youth and older adults.
The Canadian National Institute for the Blind	Reducing Social Isolation for Halton Residents with Sight Loss	All	35,198	35,198	n/a	Two	2022	To provide programming to older adults who are blind, deaf-blind, partially sighted or have low vision to reduce social isolation and improve quality of life.
The Cedarbrook Society (The Darling Home for Kids)	Family Support Programs	All	10,000	n/a	n/a	One	2022	To provide specialized services to support the mental health and well-being of parents of children with rare, permanent and complex medical conditions before crisis or burnout occurs.
The Children's Aid Society of the Regional Municipality of Halton	Start Up Program for Youth	All	32,950	32,950	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a three-year grant to provide a range of supports for youth in the Bridging the Gap program including case management and life skills support.
	Halton Youth Collective Impact Program	All	105,516	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To support a program for youth aged 18 to 24 transitioning from the care of the Children's Aid Society to improve outcomes related to education, training and/or employment.
The Jasmine House	Sawa Women's Wellness Program	All	54,427	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide culturally sensitive education and social connection sessions in Arabic for vulnerable Arabic-speaking newcomer women through workshops, individual counselling sessions with a registered psychotherapist, and online resources.
The Women's Centre of Halton	North Halton Women's Support Services Initiative – Milton Satellite	All	63,830	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a two-year grant to provide peer support, referrals, navigation and workshops for women in crisis and/or transition with a focus on north Halton.
Wellspring Cancer Support Foundation/Foundation Wellspring pour les personnes atteintes de cancer (Birmingham Gilgan House)	Improving mental and physical health outcomes for Halton residents living with cancer	All	25,574	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide one-on-one peer counselling to adults living with cancer and help connect them to other programs and support. Additionally, offer free rapid response professionally-led counselling to those in crisis.
	Specialized Exercise Program for Cancer Patients	All	15,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year two of a two-year grant to establish safe, individual exercise routines for clients to build strength while reducing their cancer-related side effects and improving mental and physical health.
TOTAL			3,833,553	1,583,733	393,052			

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Achëv	Women's Connections and Empowerment Program	All	45,191	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To provide a range of supports to newcomer women including settlement, employment workshops and wellness activities.
ArtHouse for Children and Youth	ArtHouse in a Post-pandemic world - Creating Pathways to Possibility	All	46,940	46,940	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a three-year grant to provide free extra-curricular arts programs for low income youth aged 12 to 17 to build life skills and form positive relationships.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton and Hamilton	Cultural Mentoring for Racialized and Vulnerable Youth	All	59,492	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a two-year grant to provide cultural mentoring to support vulnerable and racialized youth aged 12 to 17 to promote inclusion and reduce risk.
Brain Injury Association of Peel & Halton	HeadSpin Youth Support Group	All	29,592	29,592	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a three-year grant to provide supports to youth who have survived an acquired brain injury. This includes supporting the families.
Burlington Baptist Church	Circle of Friends	B	12,442	13,481	n/a	Two	2023	To support lunch and activity programs that provide vulnerable older adults with opportunities for social interaction with peers to decrease isolation and connect them with other needed services.
Canadian Mental Health Association Halton Region Branch	Complex Service Navigator	All	104,604	107,650	n/a	Two	2023	To work collaboratively with the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) to support vulnerable households through service navigation and mental health support.
Central West Specialized Developmental Services	Dual Diagnosis Specialized Services for Children	All	163,500	156,000	156,000	Two	2023	To support families who have a child with a developmental and mental health diagnosis (dual diagnosis) to provide navigation supports and strategies to divert from emergency services and out of home residential care.
	Reverse Respite	All	70,800	70,800	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a three-year grant to provide in-home respite allowing caregivers who are approaching a crisis situation to remove themselves from the home for a defined period of time to enable personal care.
Community Living North Halton - Collaborative Proposal	Developmental Emergency Safe/Respite House	All	251,540	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a two-year grant to provide emergency housing for individuals with developmental disabilities in collaboration with other community partners.
Distress Centre Halton	TeleCheck	All	90,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To provide a free outbound call support service to help Halton residents who are experiencing isolation and mental or health issues.
Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel	Halton Drug Treatment Court	All	31,971	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To provide case management to individuals participating in the Halton Drug Treatment Court, a specialized diversion court for offenders who have addiction or substance use issues to prevent future drug related crimes.
	Empowering Against Exploitation	All	20,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a two-year grant to provide education about the risks of sexual exploitation and to support girls who have been exploited to prevent future exploitation.
Food for Life Canada	GOOD Food for All - Healthy Accessible Food Initiative	O	29,955	n/a	n/a	One	2023	To support a pilot collaborative project to improve food security and provide service navigation for residents of a food insecure neighbourhood in Oakville.
	Food for Life Halton - Strengthening the Food Security Sector's Backbone	All	223,423	223,423	223,423	Two	2023	To source, collect and redistribute food to community programs that support food insecure residents throughout Halton.
Food4Kids Halton	Weekends Without Hunger	All	25,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To provide food to children who have limited or no food during weekends.
	Weekends Without Hunger	All	30,199	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a two-year grant to coordinate food purchases to allow for timely and consistent food supply to vulnerable children across Halton.
Halton Environmental Network	Growing Together - Building Community	All	65,570	68,074	70,673	Two	2023	To support community garden programming in Halton Community Housing Corporation communities to improve food security and reduce isolation as well as provide community garden education for organizations supporting vulnerable individuals.
Halton Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Assessment, Prevention and Treatment Services (ADAPT)	Halton Hills Youth Concurrent Community Liaison	HH	62,251	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To provide dedicated staff for onsite supports at the Halton Hills Youth Centres related to substance use, addiction, and co-occurring mental illness.
	Integrated Opiate Awareness, Prevention and Treatment	All	112,300	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year three of a three-year grant to work collaboratively with Joseph Brant Hospital and other community partners to address the complex and specialized needs of opioid users and their caregivers in Burlington through wrap around support and education.

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Halton Food for Thought	Fueling Futures - Student Nutrition Programs	All	29,628	n/a	n/a	One	2023	To purchase fridges, freezers and small kitchen appliances to ensure students in Halton have access to safe and nutritious food throughout the year.
Halton Multicultural Council	Crisis Specialist	B,M,O	49,775	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a two-year grant to assist newcomers and refugees who are in or at-risk of a crisis and facilitate access to community supports.
Halton Women's Place	Public Education Program	All	29,319	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To provide students with age appropriate violence prevention education and workshops to enhance their knowledge of healthy relationships and gender equality.
Heartache2Hope	Support and Help for Halton Suicide Loss Grievers	All	69,345	70,272	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a three-year grant to provide support programs for individuals who have experienced a loss due to suicide.
HIPPY Halton Home-Based Program	HIPPY Halton	B,M,O	38,222	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year three of a three-year grant to support newcomer parents and their pre-school children through a peer-based education model to develop skills for required success for both parent and child.
Home Suite Hope	Collaborative Life Skills: Financial Education & Youth-specific	B,M,O	26,241	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a two-year grant to develop workshop modules to teach life skills to vulnerable individuals, including those who are precariously housed.
Housing Help Centre for Hamilton and Area	System Integration Facilitator	All	141,545	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year three of a three-year grant to support clients in Halton with complex needs to have long-term housing success through intensive case management and connections to community supports.
Kids Help Phone / Jeunesse j'écoute	Counsellor in the Classroom	All	30,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year three of a three-year grant to equip young people in grades 6-8 to be resilient and empowered with regard to their mental wellness and by knowing how to reach out and access supports.
Learning Disabilities Association of Halton	Learning Disabilities Support Network	All	75,709	76,945	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a three-year grant to provide monthly workshops and peer to peer connection for parents of children with learning disabilities focusing on mental health and advocacy. The program will also provide navigation and advocacy support for parents meeting with schools.
Licensed to Learn Inc.	L2L Peer-Tutoring and Mentorship Program: Halton	All	29,553	34,303	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a three-year grant to train student tutors and match them with students with similar lived experiences who are facing educational challenges.
Links2Care	Navigate Halton	All	73,544	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To provide system navigation and support to homeless and at-risk populations to access the health care system.
Milton Community Resource Centre	Infant Food Bank	M	76,407	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a two-year grant to provide access to infant food and supplies and menstrual products to families with low incomes.
Oak Park Neighbourhood Centre	Churchill Harm Reduction Hub	O	63,230	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year three of a three-year grant to provide a range of hub-based supports for an at-risk community in Oakville in collaboration with community partners. This includes life skills, financial literacy and access to food.
	Churchill Harm Reduction Hub	O	20,174	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	To provide additional staff hours and operating support to enhance outreach, mobilize the community and provide services for the above-noted hub-based program.
	Financial Empowerment	All	107,359	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To provide year-round tax filing and individualized financial counselling for low income Halton residents.
Punjabi Community Health Services	Sahara Mental Health & Addiction Well-Being Program	All	93,601	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a two-year grant to support mental health counselling and provide programming on substance use issues and parent/child conflict with a focus on South Asian and Muslim communities.
Radius Child and Youth Services	Child Abuse Intervention and Prevention Clinical Services	All	41,860	41,860	41,860	Two	2023	To support staffing for specialized assessment and treatment programs for children, youth and families who have been affected by abuse and/or neglect.
Restorations Second Stage Homes	Nancy's House	All	62,120	64,200	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a three-year grant to provide case management and supports for survivors of human trafficking.
Roots Community Services Inc.	Building Healthy Families in Halton's Black, African, and Caribbean Communities	All	89,804	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To provide educational workshops, counselling, and wraparound services to Black, African and Caribbean families. The Halton Children's Aid Society is collaborating on this project.
Shifra Homes Inc.	Mental Health Program	All	51,500	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a two-year grant to support young pregnant women and former clients of Shifra Homes Inc. with specialized mental health supports.
Start2Finish Canada	R&R Club+	M,O	60,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a two-year grant to provide mentoring and recreational activities to enhance the mental and physical well-being of at-risk children.

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Syyidah Centre	Milton Halal Food Bank	All	40,406	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To provide food items including Kosher/Halal meat, groceries, fresh produce and fresh bread to families with low incomes.
Tetra Society of North America	Halton Assistive Device Program	All	7,300	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year three of a three-year grant to design and build custom-made assistive devices to enhance the lives of individuals with a disability.
The AIDS Network	Halton Equity and Diversity Roundtable	All	119,150	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To support the Halton Equity and Diversity Roundtable to implement initiatives to strengthen equity and inclusion.
The Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton	Community Outreach Staff	All	78,733	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To provide navigation for Black students and families, and provide outreach and coordination of educational programs, arts programs and leadership opportunities for youth and older adults.
The Canadian National Institute for the Blind	Reducing Social Isolation for Halton Residents with Sight Loss	All	35,198	n/a	n/a	Two	2022	Year two of a two-year grant to provide programming to older adults who are blind, deaf-blind, partially sighted or have low vision to reduce social isolation and improve quality of life.
The Cedarbrook Society (The Darling Home for Kids)	Respite Program	All	35,000	n/a	n/a	Two	2023	To provide respite care to support the mental health and well-being of parents of children with rare, permanent and complex medical conditions before crisis or burnout occurs.
The Children's Aid Society of the Regional Municipality of Halton	Start Up Program for Youth	All	32,950	n/a	n/a	Two	2021	Year three of a three-year grant to provide a range of supports for youth in the Bridging the Gap program including case management and life skills support.
The Salvation Army Halton Lighthouse	Intensive Case Management	All	70,470	69,251	n/a	Two	2023	To provide intensive case management focused on housing stability to support high acuity individuals accessing the Lighthouse Shelter.
TOTAL			3,152,913	1,072,791	491,956			

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IESO Resource Adequacy Update – May 16, 2023

Overview

To meet the significant electricity system needs expected over the next decade, the IESO is moving forward with the largest procurement of energy storage in Canada – with 739 MW of new capacity slated to connect to the grid by 2026. These storage projects will be accompanied by 586 MW of expansions and upgrades at existing natural gas facilities – providing a cost-effective and timely solution to secure operational flexibility.

Together these procurements have been designed to strike a balance between ensuring system reliability as nuclear refurbishments take place and setting the stage for a robust storage fleet that will underpin the ongoing energy transformation.

The results of these competitive procurements have secured the first 1,325 MW of long-term capacity out of the 4,000 MW indicated as being needed in the 2022 Annual Acquisition Report. Coupled with the IESO's other resource acquisition initiatives, they demonstrate the important progress being made to meet Ontario's reliability requirements.

As outlined in the most recent [Annual Planning Outlook](#), this capacity is needed to help meet shortfalls mid-decade that will arise as a result of nuclear retirements and refurbishments. It will also help address longer-term needs driven by electrification and economic growth, largely as a result of increasing electric vehicle adoption and investments in battery and automobile manufacturing facilities as well as mining operations.

The IESO's recent resource acquisition activities put Ontario on track to meet needs through 2028, including:

- The first 739 MW of new battery storage from seven facilities - ranging from 5 to 300 MW in size and representing significant economic interest from Indigenous communities. This procurement is still active with the potential for more projects to be announced later this summer;
- A 250 MW agreement for Oneida Energy Storage, slated to come into service in 2025;
- The acquisition of 295 MW through expansions at existing natural gas facilities, with contracts designed to align with proposed federal emissions regulations;
- Up to 291 MW in efficiency upgrades at existing natural gas facilities coupled with contract extensions to provide cost-effective reliability up to spring 2035;

- The highest capacity to date (roughly 1,400 MW) through the annual capacity auction, including a significant contribution from demand response, to meet system needs over the next year; and
- A new agreement for Brighton Beach Generating Station to continue operations and provide incremental capacity through an efficiency upgrade, addressing urgent regional reliability needs in the fast-growing Windsor area.

By taking a competitive and flexible approach, the current procurement has attracted considerable interest from storage developers, securing supply at cost-effective rates. Future competitive procurements will be informed by evolving market conditions, demand forecasts and how these projects progress.

To ensure that supply is available where it is needed most, the IESO is working with communities to understand and develop plans to meet local energy needs. The Province is also currently consulting with Ontarians on the IESO's [Pathways to Decarbonization](#) report, released last December, which explored options to develop a moratorium on new gas generation and move towards a decarbonized electricity system by 2050.

Securing new supply

With electricity demand forecast to grow at an average rate of two per cent a year for the next 20 years, the IESO is securing new capacity to meet those needs, taking into account the operating characteristics of each form of supply. Energy storage, for example, can react quickly to sudden changes in the system, providing some flexibility while reducing the need for emitting generation when demand is high.

- **Expedited Process:** [Successful proponents](#) to date are expected to provide 739 MW of non-emitting capacity from seven electricity storage facilities varying from 5 to 300 MW in size and to be in service no later than 2026. There are remaining storage proposals in the Expedited Process, which have the potential to receive financing from the Canada Infrastructure Bank. Any remaining successful projects will be announced early this summer. More than 25 communities have provided their support for storage proposals that have been submitted, and five of the successful proponents have 50 per cent or more economic interest from Indigenous communities.
- **Oneida Energy Storage facility:** The IESO has [finalized a 20-year agreement](#) for the 250 MW Oneida facility after direction from the Minister of Energy. The project also received support from the federal government and the facility is scheduled to be in service in 2025.
- **Long-Term RFP:** The engagement for the [Long-Term RFP](#) has begun and the procurement is expected to launch this fall, providing development time to build new resources or undertake expansions that can be in service no later than 2027.
- **Additional Future Needs:** Needs for capacity, energy and the characteristics that allow for the reliable operation of the system are expected to grow. Additional long-term procurements will address needs emerging in the early 2030s. The upcoming Annual Acquisition Report will outline the IESO's plans for the ongoing acquisition of supply for Ontario.

Leveraging Existing Assets

Leveraging existing facilities by providing new or extended contracts, as well as upgrading and expanding capacity, will be critical for reliability over the medium term. For example, natural gas generation will be essential to meeting summer peaks over this period, as emerging technologies mature to offset the role played by gas. Looking forward, it is expected that reliance on natural gas facilities will decrease over time and that they would eventually act as back-up supply.

Existing infrastructure will be used to help meet near and medium-term needs in the following ways:

- **Natural Gas Facility Upgrades:** Ontario is [securing up to 291 MW](#) of natural gas capacity from efficiency upgrades at existing facilities through the Same Technology Upgrades procurement. These facilities will upgrade existing equipment to provide additional capacity more efficiently to meet growing demand. Contracts with expiry dates prior to 2032 have been extended to 2035 to provide continued flexibility to the broader system and to meet local needs. Upgrades are a cost-effective, efficient and reliable way to prepare for coming needs, as they use a known technology with a long-established track record and provide significant ratepayer value.
- **Expedited Process:** [295 MW of natural gas capacity](#) has also been acquired in the non-storage category of the Expedited Process through the addition of on-site expansions at the East Windsor and Greenfield South generation facilities. Municipal support has been provided for these projects. The expansion facilities will be eligible for contracts up to 2040 and will align with proposed federal regulations that allow for natural gas to operate as back up generation.
- **Brighton Beach Contract:** The IESO has also finalized a 10-year agreement for the continued operation of the [Brighton Beach Generation Station](#), including a 42.5 MW efficiency upgrade for the facility, which will provide about 580 MW of urgently needed capacity in the Windsor area. The IESO expects that going forward, capacity for the region will be procured competitively.
- **Annual Capacity Auction:** The [December 2022 auction](#) secured 1,430 MW of supply for summer 2023 and 1,160 MW for winter 2023-2024. While the majority of the supply secured was from demand response from businesses, this year's auction secured capacity from a greater number of organizations and resources than in previous years, including imports from Quebec. Enrolments equalled more than double the megawatts needed, demonstrating the flexibility of the auction and the diversity of options available to meet short-term electricity system needs.
- **Small Hydro:** A new program to secure the capacity of existing small hydroelectric facilities is expected to launch this fall. The program is focused on ensuring these existing facilities can continue to operate, and provide value to the electricity system.
- **Biomass Facilities:** To address the needs of the forestry sector in northern Ontario and support a longer-term transition to alternative uses for waste biomass, a contract has been signed with Chapleau Cogeneration Facility until December 2027. The IESO is exploring possible options for signing new contracts for the Thunder Bay Resolute, Hornepayne, and Atikokan biomass plants.

Complementary Supply Options

Many of the IESO's ongoing activities focus on reliably advancing the transformation of the electricity grid. Significant investments in expanded conservation programs, hydrogen projects and other emerging technologies are complementing the IESO's ongoing work to pilot and enable new solutions for generation, demand response and energy management.

- **Energy Efficiency:** Ontarians continued to reduce their energy use in 2022 by over 850 GWh by implementing energy-efficient improvements through Save on Energy programs. As conservation will continue to play an important role in managing demand, the Ontario government announced last year a \$342 million increase in funding. Four new and expanded SOE programs will deliver additional peak electricity demand savings of 285 MW by 2025 – including new and expanded incentives – many of which are targeted to consumers in areas where the system is constrained.
- **Hydrogen Innovation Fund:** Hydrogen resources have the potential to support Ontario's growing reliability needs in several ways, including with capacity and energy. Earlier this year, the Minister of Energy directed IESO to establish a \$15 million [Hydrogen Innovation Fund](#) to support new and existing hydrogen projects as well as research studies that advance decarbonization and help drive broad emissions reductions. Through the fund, the IESO will be able to investigate, evaluate and demonstrate how these technologies can be integrated into Ontario's electricity grid for the purposes of balancing and strengthening the system.

Expedited Long-Term RFP (E-LT1 RFP) – Selected Proponents

Storage Category 1 Selected Proponents

Proponent	Qualified Applicant	Technology	Nameplate Capacity (MW)	Summer Contract Capacity (MW)	Winter Contract Capacity (MW)	Zone – Location
Hagersville Battery Storage Inc	Boralex Inc.	Electricity Storage Facility	300	285	285	Southwest – Haldimand
Napanee BESS Inc.	PORTLANDS ENERGY CENTRE L.P. (Atura Power)	Electricity Storage Facility	265	250	250	East – Greater Napanee
Tilbury Battery Storage Inc	Boralex Inc.	Electricity Storage Facility	80	76	76	West – Lakeshore
Walker BESS 4 Limited Partnership	Wahgoshig Solar FIT5 LP	Electricity Storage Facility	4.999	4.749	4.749	West – Windsor
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Walker BESS 4 Limited Partnership	Wahgoshig Solar FIT5 LP	Electricity Storage Facility	4.999	4.749	4.749	West – Windsor
York (Battery) LP	Capital Power Corporation	Electricity Storage Facility	120	114	114	Essa – King Township
Total			779.99	739.25	739.25	

*Following the completion of the E-LT1 RFP, including Storage Category 2, the IESO may publish additional information regarding Selected Proponents, including aggregated or individual pricing information, subject to Section 3.10 of the E-LT1 RFP.

Non-Storage Category Selected Proponents

Proponent	Qualified Applicant	Technology	Nameplate Capacity (MW)	Summer Contract Capacity (MW)	Winter Contract Capacity (MW)	Zone – Location
East Windsor (Expansion) L.P.	Capital Power Corporation	Natural Gas	106	81	100	West – Windsor
Greenfield South Power Inc.	Eastern Power Inc	Natural Gas	212.5	175	195	West – St. Clair
Total			318.5	256	295	

Same Technology Upgrades Solicitation – Executed Agreements

Proponent	Facility	Technology	Average Capacity (MW)	Average Upgrade Capacity (MW)	Contract End Date	Zone
Atura Power	PORTLANDS ENERGY CENTRE	Natural Gas	550	50	April, 2034	Toronto
Atura Power	HALTON HILLS GENERATING STATION	Natural Gas	641.5	31.5	April, 2035	Toronto
Northland Power	THOROLD COGENERATION PROJECT	Natural Gas	241.6	23	April, 2035	Niagara
Capital Power	GOREWAY POWER STATION	Natural Gas	839	40.4	April, 2035	Toronto
Total to date			2,272.1	144.9		

Note: Negotiations are ongoing for additional agreements.

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May 12, 2023

In 2023, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) will once again be conducting Oral Rabies Vaccine (ORV) bait distribution and trap-vaccinate-release (TVR) programs in Ontario. Baiting and TVR operations will begin June 19 and continue until the end of October. TVR operations in St. Catharines will begin May 1.

Please find attached:

- 1) Map of planned baiting area for 2023
- 2) Rabies Vaccine Bait Information Sheet

Per the attached map, rabies vaccine bait distribution will be conducted in rural areas with MNRF aircraft and by hand in urban areas by MNRF wildlife technicians. These are the details of bait distribution work in 2023 (dates are subject to change depending on weather conditions):

- Grey shaded areas will be completed with a combination of Twin Otter airplane and Eurocopter EC130 helicopter in mid-late August.
- Urban hand baiting, including the use of temporary bait stations, will occur in the brown shaded areas starting June 19 and continue through to the end of October.
- Live trapping and vaccinating wildlife (trap-vaccinate-release) will occur in the areas surrounding Hamilton, Niagara, St. Catharines and Welland shaded in yellow starting June 19 and will continue through to the end of October. TVR operations in St. Catharines will begin May 1.
- Preventative baiting of the purple shaded area in eastern Ontario will take place in mid August by Twin Otter airplane and will take one day to complete and hand baiting in the dark purple shaded area of the city of Cornwall will be completed in early August.

In addition to the activities mentioned above, MNRF may conduct localized rapid response baiting and trap-vaccinate-release measures, which would take place in the event of a raccoon or fox strain rabies case outside of the planned baiting area.

The ministry is committed to the research, surveillance, control and elimination of the outbreak of rabies in southwestern Ontario to prevent the disease from spreading. Since the start of the rabies outbreak in 2015, the first of its kind in over a decade, MNRF has taken quick action to protect communities, distributing over 8.2 million vaccine baits by air and ground. Rabies cases have decreased by 90% since 2016.

In keeping with current World Health Organization guidelines, the 2023 rabies control zone has been reduced as some areas have had no reported cases in over two years. The control zone encompasses an area within approximately 50 km of positive cases that are less than two years old (positive cases since July 1, 2021).

Any warm-blooded mammal can contract rabies. If a human contracts rabies and does not receive treatment, the disease is fatal.

The khaki-green coloured bait being distributed by hand and by aircraft is made of wax-fat with an attractant flavour (vanilla-sugar). A label with a toll-free telephone number (1-888-574-6656) and the message "Do not eat" is located on the exterior of the bait, and a plastic package containing the liquid rabies vaccine is embedded in the centre. If found, the bait should not be touched, but left for raccoons, skunks and foxes to consume. (See attached bait identification hand out for detailed description.)

Ontario's rabies vaccine baits have been tested to ensure they are safe for wildlife, people, and pets. However, eating a vaccine bait does not replace the regular rabies vaccination provided by a veterinarian for pets. If a pet has eaten a bait and the owner is concerned, they should contact their vet as a precaution.

Ontario's rabies control program is a joint effort that receives important input and contributions from a variety of partners across the province. Partnerships with provincial ministries, federal agencies, regional health units, municipalities, wildlife rehabilitators, licensed trappers, wildlife control agents and Indigenous communities are all key to the continued success of Ontario's rabies control program.

For further information about rabies in Ontario, please visit [Ontario.ca/rabies](https://ontario.ca/rabies) or contact the ministry's rabies information line at 1-888-574-6656.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please contact me at 705-313-2043 or by email at Larissa.Nituch@ontario.ca.

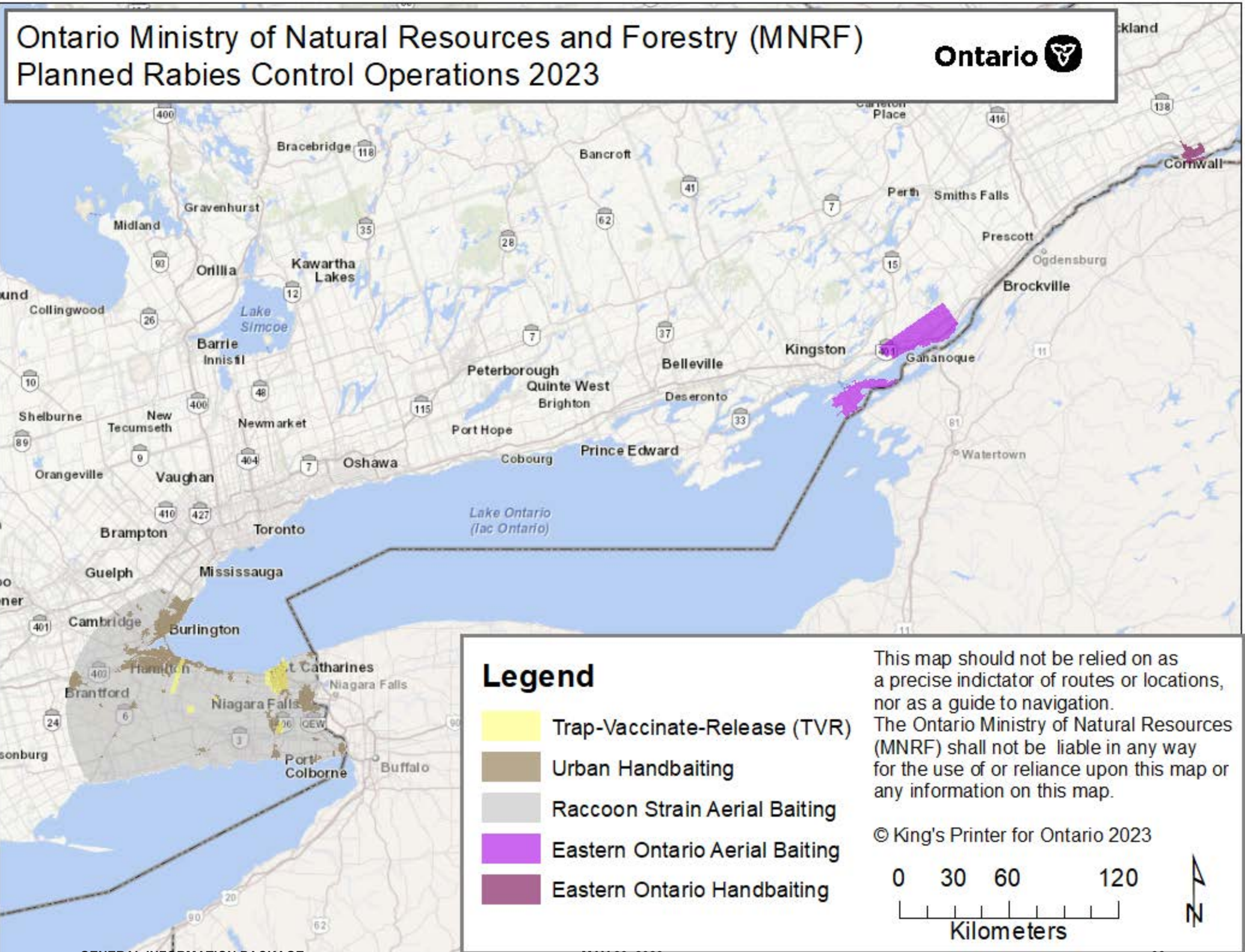
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Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Planned Rabies Control Operations 2023

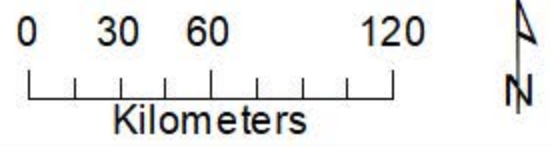


Legend

- Trap-Vaccinate-Release (TVR)
- Urban Handbaiting
- Raccoon Strain Aerial Baiting
- Eastern Ontario Aerial Baiting
- Eastern Ontario Handbaiting

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Rabies vaccine bait identification

June 2022

The ONRAB® Ultralite Bait is used in Ontario for both fox strain and raccoon strain rabies control. Exposure to the bait is not harmful to people or pets; however, in the unlikely event that people or pets come in contact with the vaccine contained in the bait, contacting a doctor or veterinarian as a precaution is recommended.

Bait Ingredients

The bait formula coats the blister pack containing the vaccine. This formula consists of vegetable based fats, wax, icing sugar, vegetable oil, artificial marshmallow flavour and dark-green food grade fat-soluble dye.

Ultra-lite blister-pack (Vaccine Carrier)

This is a polyvinyl chloride (PVC) blister pack (40 mm x 22 mm x 10 mm) which weighs approximately 4.3 grams. The blister pack is a white/clear polyester flocked container with a heat-sealed laminated polyester lidding. The body of the blister pack is embedded in the bait matrix but the green lidding is exposed and has a black warning label printed on it.



Inside Baits: ONRAB® oral rabies vaccine

Description: a recombinant live virus liquid vaccine

Volume/bait: 1.8 ±0.1 ml in the blister pack

Other inclusions: vaccine stabilizers

Colour: clear

Target species: skunk, fox, and raccoon

Contact: Wildlife Research and Monitoring Section

rabies@ontario.ca

1-888-574-6656

Ontario.ca/rabies

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**In Person and Virtual Public Meeting
RECOMMENDATION REPORT NOTICE**

Meeting Date and Time:

Monday, May 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

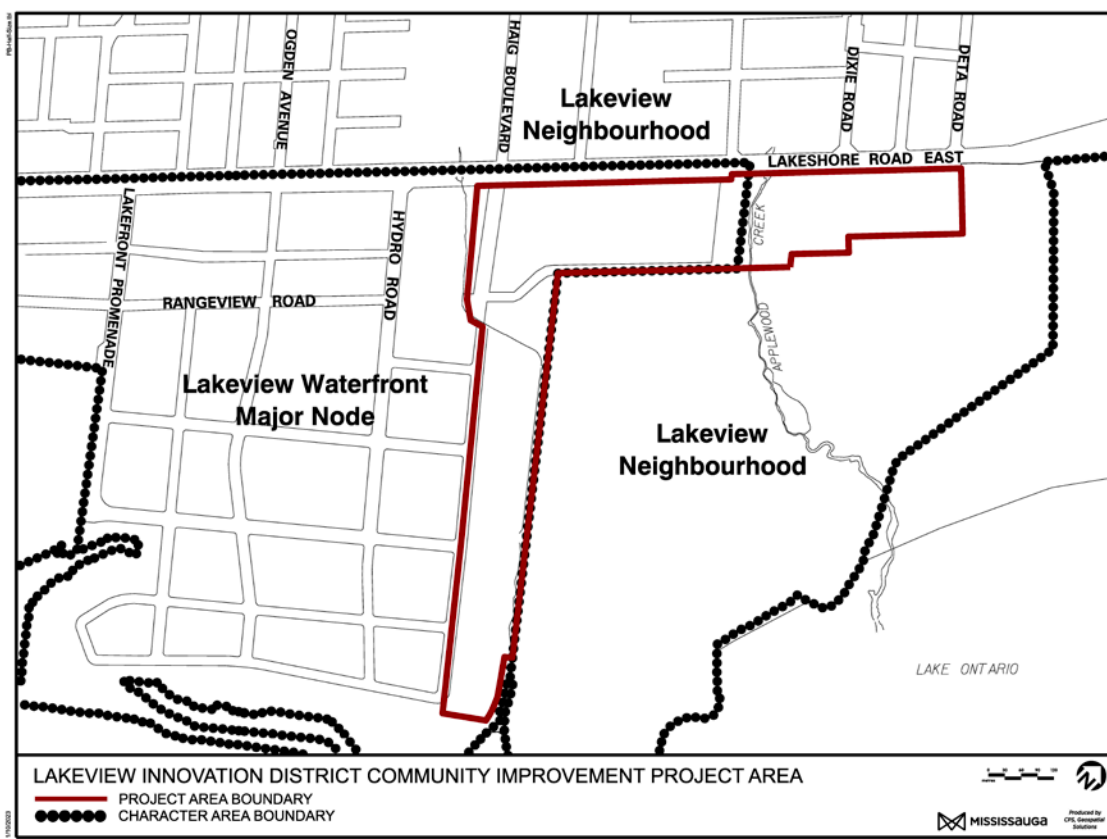
Meeting Place:

Mississauga Civic Centre, Council Chamber, 300 City Centre Drive and online

City's Proposal:

Lakeview Innovation District Community Improvement Plan
File: CD.22-LAK W1

Location of the Proposal



A Community Improvement Plan (CIP) is proposed for the Lakeview Innovation District Community Improvement Project Area. The CIP will provide incentives in order to encourage desired development including Clean Technology, Life Sciences, and Information and Communications Technology employment uses.

Meeting Details:

This meeting will be held in person and online. Advance registration is required to make a verbal submission at the meeting virtually. Advance registration is preferred to make a verbal submission at the meeting in person. The proceedings will be streamed live online for the public to view at the following link: <http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/council-and-committee-videos>. If you wish to phone in to listen to the meeting only, please call 905-615-3200, ext. 4915 for instructions.

Options for participating in the meetings are outlined below.

Purpose of Meeting:

- For the Planning and Development Committee to receive a report that provides information on the project, addresses issues raised and presents a recommended draft Community Improvement Plan
- For people to ask questions and share their views about the proposed Community Improvement Plan
- For Planning and Development Committee to make a decision about this project

The report will be available online one week prior to the meeting at:

<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/planninganddevelopment>

For detailed information contact:



City Planner Melissa Slupik at 905-615-3200 ext. 5152 or melissa.slupik@mississauga.ca

If you would like to share your views and/or be added to the official record, please contact the Planning and Building Department by Friday at 4:00 p.m. prior to the meeting date:

- by mail to 300 City Centre Drive, 6th floor, Mississauga ON L5B 3C1
- by email to application.info@mississauga.ca
- by visiting the following link: <https://yoursay.mississauga.ca/lakeview-innovation-district>

Please include your name, your address, and file number you are providing comments on.

Written Comments:

In order to be received by Committee at the public meeting, written comments must be received no later than Friday at 4:00 p.m. prior to the meeting date. Submissions are accepted by email at deputations.presentations@mississauga.ca or by mailing the Planning and Development Committee, 300 City Centre Drive, 2nd Floor, Mississauga, ON L5B 3C1. Please include your name, your address, and proposal name or file number you are providing comments on. Written comments received before, during or after a public meeting but before a by-law is passed receive the same consideration as verbal comments made during a public meeting.

If you wish to be notified of the decision on the proposed Community Improvement Plan, you must make a written request.

How to participate in a public meeting if you wish to make verbal submissions:

Participate Virtually

Advance registration is required to participate and/or make comment virtually at the public meeting. Please email deputations.presentations@mississauga.ca no later than Friday at 4:00 p.m. prior to the meeting date. Any materials you wish to show the Committee during your presentation must be provided as an attachment to the email. Links to cloud services will not be accepted. You will be provided with directions on how to participate from Clerks' staff.

Residents without access to the internet can participate and/or make comment in the meeting via telephone. To register, please call Megan Piercey at 905-615-3200 ext. 4915 no later than Friday at 4:00 p.m. prior to the meeting date. You must provide your name, phone number, and file number if you wish to speak to the Committee. You will be provided with directions on how to participate from Clerks' staff.

Participate In Person

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If you are a landlord, please post a copy of this notice where your tenants can see it. We want to make sure they have a chance to take part.

Background Studies:

Planning documents and background material available at: <https://www.mississauga.ca/projects-and-strategies/city-projects/inspiration-lakeview/>.

Contact the city planner noted above for more information.

Personal Information:

Individuals should be aware that any personal information in their verbal or written communication will become part of the public record, unless the individual expressly requests the City to remove the personal information. Questions about the collection of this information may be directed to application.info@mississauga.ca or in writing to the Planning and Building Department at 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga ON L5B 3C1.

Information about Appeals:

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City before the by-law is passed and the proposed Community Improvement Plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

The decision of City Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received on or before the last day of filing a notice of appeal.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of City of Mississauga Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City before the proposed Community Improvement Plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

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written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Date of Notice: May 4, 2023

CD.22-LAK



May 18, 2023

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- Careers: Brantford Police Service, Wasaga Beach, Hastings, Orillia, and Essex.

AMO Matters

AMO is responding to Bill 97. Recently AMO made a [submission](#) responding to Schedules 4 and 6 and delivered [remarks](#) and a [written submission](#) to Standing Committee. More to come.

AMO [submitted](#) comments to the Ministry of Energy on IESO's Pathway to Decarbonization Study, supporting IESO's no regret actions, the role of municipal governments and Indigenous communities, and strengthening connections.

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The Ontario government is providing up to \$1.5 million through the 2023-2024

EnAbling Change Program for accessibility projects. Applications for this funding are open through to June 29th.

The Ministry of Health and Ontario Health released an Expression of Interest for funding opportunities for primary care. On May 18, two webinar sessions will provide guidance on applications.

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LAS

The [LAS Energy Planning Tool](#) takes the stress out of reporting annual consumption under O.Reg 25/23 (formerly 507/18). [Get your data ready today](#) and beat the July 1 deadline. While you're at it, update your conservation measures and you'll be that much closer to your 5-year CDM plan.

Looking to add some outdoor washrooms to your public spaces this summer? The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) has you covered. Niu Toliet offers smart mobile and permanent washroom solutions to blend in with your public community spaces and special events. [Contact Sarah](#) to learn more.

Municipal Wire*

Attend Niagara West Emergency Management's *Building Linkages in Emergency Management Symposium*, October 17-18, at the Holiday Inn & Suites St. Catharines Conference Centre, to hear best practices and lessons learned from real disasters and help your community to be more resilient. Details and to register [here](#).

Careers

[Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Specialist - Brantford Police Service](#). Coordinate policy, programs, and evaluation development, and work to identify, address and prevent systemic racism in policy, practices, programs and services. [Apply online](#) by May 24.

[Manager, Finance - Town of Wasaga Beach](#). Responsible for the administration and oversight of analytical accounting activities. [Apply online](#) by June 2.

[Corporate Project Manager - County of Hastings](#). The position will oversee all aspects of corporate projects to ensure that scope, quality, schedule, budget resources and risks are managed during each project phase. Apply to careers@hastingscounty.com by May 31.

[Senior Financial Planning Analyst - City of Orillia](#). Participate in the development and implementation of policies / procedures and internal control processes reflecting industry best practice. [Apply online](#) by May 28.

[Chief Administrative Officer - County of Essex](#). Responsible for the strategic leadership and efficient delivery of all the administrative and operational services. Apply to careers@waterhousesearch.net by June 5.

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OSUM Chair Hilda MacDonald is looking forward to working with the new Executive. "We are pleased and excited by the interest in the [Executive Committee](#) positions and welcome our new members. The Executive is looking forward to addressing the critical

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LAS

Migrating online services while the population demands a simple digital experience is no easy task. Our [latest blog](#) outlines how municipalities can deliver online services efficiently.

Did you know your Emergency Services can buy Safeware products through the [Canoe Procurement Group](#)? Safeware offers a wide range of solutions including fire & rescue equipment, law enforcement gear, educational supplies, and training. [Contact Sarah](#) to learn more.

The [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) is getting ready for a busy summer! We'll be visiting all parts of Ontario, sign up now along with your neighbours to reduce costs. [Contact Tanner](#) for a no-obligation quote.

Municipal Wire*

Maintaining citizens' trust in a complex digital world was presented to the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario by Information and Privacy Commissioner Patricia Kosseim, April 27. The [presentation provided the latest updates \(FR\)](#) at the IPC as well as issues such as transparency and cybersecurity.

The Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies is continuing the #ForgetMeNot campaign to remind community, government, and service providers that kids in care need critical supports. [Click here](#) for resources to participate.

Careers

[Commissioner of Public Works – Niagara Region](#). Core responsibilities of the role will be to provide strategic, innovative, and operational leadership for the Public Works department. Apply to arthur@wmc.on.ca by June 9.

[Senior Research Advisor - Halton Region](#). Responsible research, policy, and analytical activities to support the development, implementation and management of policies, programs and projects for the Children's Services Division. [Apply online](#) by May 26.

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AMO's Foundations in Planning and Deeper Dive training prepares elected officials in understanding planning concepts and requirements as well making strategic decisions on the complex issues you will face over the coming term.

LAS

Learn about the new municipal cyber security program CIMOM on May 17 and hold June 8 and November 15 for our general risk webinars.

Save on Energy is offering three online workshops in May and June to help municipal facility and energy staff save energy in their buildings. Learn how to benchmark and analyze your energy use. Space is limited. Email trainingandsupport@ieso.ca for more info or to participate.

If your snow and ice handling equipment took a beating over the winter, the Canoe Procurement Group has you covered! We're pleased to welcome Vohl Inc. as an approved vendor. They have a wide variety of snowblowers and other snow/ice removal equipment to help keep your community safe in the winter. Contact Sarah to learn more.

Careers

Manager, Early Learning & Childcare Services - County of Simcoe. Responsible for

the co-ordination of services related to the planning, development, management, integration, and capacity building of the Licensed Child Care and Early Years System. [Apply online](#) by May 12.

Planner Opportunities - Region of Peel. (5 planning positions) Overall, they must review, comment and coordinate consolidated Regional comments and recommendations on various development applications. [Apply online](#) by May 15.

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May 16, 2023

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Subject: Information and Update Report on Provincial Initiatives – Bill 109, Bill 23, Bill 97 and the proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023 – May 15, 2023

At its meeting on May 15, 2023, Oakville Town Council approved the following resolution with respect to the subject item noted above:

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[Planning and Development Council Revised Agenda](#) (See Item 4.2).

A digital submission of this report has been filed with the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

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REPORT

Planning and Development Council

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KEY FACTS:

These are key facts for this report:

- This report provides updates on three pieces of provincial legislation (Bill 109, Bill 23, Bill 97) and related regulations and materials. These are intended to support Ontario’s Housing Affordability Task Force Report, Ontario’s Housing Supply Action Plan and the province’s commitment to build 1.5 million homes by 2031.
- Each piece of legislation, including associated regulations and plans, are at varying stages of enactment by the province and implementation by the town.

Bill 109

- The province’s Bill 109, the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022* (“Bill 109”) received Royal Assent on April 14, 2022. Some provisions were immediately in force, while others will come into force and effect later.
- Official Plan Amendments 47 and 328, which are in force and effect, were developed in response to Bill 109 to ensure that the town’s pre-consultation and complete application process for site plan applications continue as per current town practice.
- Official Plan Amendments 53 and 329, which are under appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal, were developed in response to Bill 109 to enable the timely processing of development applications by requiring early public engagement prior to the submission of a development application.
- The town continues to implement Bill 109, as applicable.

Bill 23

- The province’s Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* (“Bill 23”) received royal assent on November 28, 2022. Some provisions were immediately in force, while others will come into force and effect later.

- Implementation progress on Bill 23 includes amending the Development Engineering Site Plan (DESP) review process to respond to the new legislation; addressing cultural heritage matters including the initiation of the Heritage Designation Project; developing a program to address Council’s request to report on potential revenue losses from Bill 23; and addressing new provincial requirements to report on required planning matters.
- The town continues to implement Bill 23, as applicable.

Bill 97 and the proposed Provincial Planning Statement

- On April 6, 2023, the province introduced Bill 97, the *Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023* (“Bill 97”), and released a proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023 to replace the current Provincial Policy Statement 2020 and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- This report summarizes key aspects of the legislation and provides the town’s comments on Bill 97, the proposed Provincial Policy Statement, and associated regulations. These comments will be submitted to the province through the applicable ERO postings.

It is important to note that until proposed changes to the legislation comes into effect at a future date, the existing planning framework established by the province continues to apply including the Growth Plan 2020 and Provincial Policy Statement 2020.

BACKGROUND:

Bill 109 - More Homes for Everyone Act

The province’s Bill 109, *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022* received Royal Assent on April 14, 2022. Bill 109 was reported as the province’s first step in implementing Ontario’s Housing Affordability Task Force Report recommendations. Staff provided a report to Council on the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Report at its meeting of [April 4, 2022](#) (Agenda Item 7.2).

Staff provided reports to Council on Bill 109 and its implementation thereto at:

- Town Council on [April 25, 2022](#)
(Agenda Item 9.2: staff response to Bill 109 and comment report)
- Planning and Development Council on [July 11, 2022](#)
(Agenda Item 6.4: Public Meeting and Recommendation - OPA 47 and 328)

- Planning and Development Council on [December 5, 2022](#) (Agenda Item 6.3: Public Meeting and Recommendation - OPA 53 and 329)

Bill 23 - More Homes Built Faster Act

On October 25, 2022, the province introduced its main housing initiative, the *More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-2023*. The Action Plan supports the province's commitment to build 1.5 million new homes over the next 10 years to address Ontario's housing crisis.

Central to the Action Plan is Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*. Bill 23 affects several planning and development statutes, including the *Planning Act*, *Development Charges Act*, *Conservation Authorities Act*, *Ontario Land Tribunal Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

In conjunction with Bill 23, the province announced several updates to regulations and consultations on various provincial plans and policies including the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement and the 2019 Growth Plan.

Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* received royal assent on November 28, 2022. Some provisions were immediately in force, while others will come into force later. A staff report was provided to Planning and Development Council regarding Bill 23 on [December 5, 2022](#) (Agenda Item 7.2), which included detailed comments.

Bill 97 - Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act

On April 6, 2023, the Province announced Bill 97, the *Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023*, which received first reading in the Ontario legislature. Bill 97 is the most recent legislation the province is proposing to implement its Housing Supply Action Plan and its commitment to build 1.5 million homes by 2031.

Public engagement on Bill 97 is underway with several opportunities to provide comments as discussed throughout the report. The Bill will be subject to further readings by the legislature, potential committee review, and may be further amended. The Bill proposes amendments to:

- Schedule 1 - *Building Code Act, 1992*
- Schedule 2 - *City of Toronto Act, 2006*
- Schedule 3 - *Development Charges Act, 1997*
- Schedule 4 - *Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Act*
- Schedule 5 - *Municipal Act, 2001*
- Schedule 6 - *Planning Act*
- Schedule 7 - *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*

Schedule 1 proposes changes to the *Building Code Act* regarding Ministerial powers to appoint provincial building inspectors and is not a concern for the town.

Schedule 2 proposes changes to the *City of Toronto Act* and is not a concern for the town.

Schedule 3 proposes changes to the *Development Charges Act*. This change may be viewed as a refinement to the legislation and does not have an impact to the town.

Schedule 4 proposes changes to the *Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Act* regarding Ministerial powers over responsibilities of Provincial Land and Development Facilitators (PLDF).

The PLDF is intended to help the province, municipalities, developers, businesses and community groups resolve issues related to growth management, land use and infrastructure planning, and environmental protection by providing impartial facilitation services or by acting as a negotiator on behalf of the province. The new agency was made operational on October 1, 2020.

The PLDF is outside the town's purview and there are no comments.

Schedule 5 proposes changes to the *Municipal Act* regarding protective measures for rental housing. This proposal is addressed later in this report.

Schedule 6 proposes changes to the *Planning Act* in several areas. The proposal is detailed later in this report along with staff commentary.

Schedule 7 proposes changes to the *Residential Tenancies Act* regarding rights and protections for tenants of rental housing. These are discussed later in this report.

The province is seeking comments on Schedules 2, 4, and 6 of Bill 97 by May 6, 2023 ([ERO No. 019-6821](#)).

Proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023

In addition to Bill 97, on April 6, 2023, the province released a draft Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) to integrate and replace the current Provincial Policy Statement 2020 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The proposed PPS 2023 is intended as a next step to implement the provincial Housing Supply Action Plan and its commitment to build 1.5 million homes by 2031. The proposed PPS 2023 has been developed with achieving housing outcomes as a top priority. The PPS is intended to remove barriers to housing,

accelerate the development approvals process, support growth and generate housing supply, and provides large and fast-growing municipalities with additional flexibility to help deliver housing.

The opportunity to provide comments on the PPS 2023 closes June 5, 2023 ([ERO No. 019-6813](#)). Staff comments on the proposed PPS 2023 are provided later in this report.

Regulation through Bill 97: Site Plan for Residential Development of 10 or Fewer Units

Two new regulations regarding site plan control are proposed through Bill 97. The new regulations could potentially restore some part of a municipality's ability to require site plan control, which were previously taken away under Bill 23.

If Bill 97 is passed and the regulations are made, the regulations would set out the conditions under which municipalities could use site plan control for residential developments of 10 or fewer units on a single lot. The regulations being proposed would specifically permit the use of site plan for parcels of land where:

- any part of which is located within 120 metres of a shoreline; and
- any part of which is located within 300 metres of a railway line.

Public consultation on the regulations proposed under the *Planning Act* regarding site plan for residential developments of 10 or fewer units is underway. The opportunity to provide comments on the proposal closes May 21, 2023 ([ERO No. 019-6822](#)).

COMMENTS:

This report provides implementation updates on Bill 109 - More Homes for Everyone Act and Bill 23 - More Homes Built Faster Act.

Additional commentary in the sections below provides an overview of Bill 97 - Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act and the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023.

Bill 109 – Implementation Progress

OPA 47 and OPA 328

At the Public Meeting held on July 11, 2022, Town Council passed By-law 2022-074 to adopt OPA 47 to the Livable Oakville Plan, and By-law 2022-075 to adopt OPA 328 to the 1984 Oakville Official Plan (North Oakville Secondary Planning Areas).

The Official Plan Amendments (OPAs) were developed in response to changes made to the *Planning Act* resulting from Bill 109, which put in place new rules about site plan control, pre-consultations with municipalities before plans and drawings for site plan are submitted for approval, and completeness of site plan applications.

OPA 47 and OPA 328 responded to these changes by updating the town's implementation policies in both the Livable Oakville Official Plan and 1984 Oakville Official Plan (North Oakville Secondary Planning Area). The amended policies ensured the pre-consultation and complete application process for site plan applications continued as per current town practice.

OPA 47 and OPA 328 are in force and effect.

OPA 53 and OPA 329

At the Public Meeting held on December 5, 2022, town council passed By-law 2022-122 to adopt Official Plan Amendment 329 to the 1984 Oakville Official Plan (North Oakville Secondary Planning Areas), and By-law 2022-123 to adopt Official Plan Amendment 53 to the Livable Oakville Plan.

The OPAs were developed in response to changes made to the *Planning Act* resulting from Bill 109, which put in place new rules about when municipalities are required to refund fees in relation to processing times of development applications, among other matters.

The OPAs responded to these changes by updating the town's implementation policies regarding pre-consultation and complete application submission requirements and alternative notice procedures, requiring early public engagement prior to the submission of a development application, and a public engagement report as part of a complete application submission.

The effect of the changes is intended to ensure appropriate public consultation and development application processing timelines can be met without the need to refund fees.

OPA 53 and OPA 329 are appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Development Applications

Under Bill 109, the *Planning Act* was amended requiring municipalities to refund development application fees if the municipality failed to meet statutory deadlines for making decisions on development applications. The refund requirements initially came into force January 1, 2023.

Bill 97, discussed later in this report, would extend the deadline by six months from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023. The fee refund framework would apply to applications received on or after July 1, 2023. Any refunds triggered under the previous January 1, 2023, framework would be cancelled.

Notwithstanding the extension provided by Bill 97, it is noted that the town received two development applications within the period (post January 1, 2023) which would have otherwise been subject to the fee refunds requirements. The applications included a site plan (60-day approval) and an OPA/ZBA (120-day approval).

These applications would have been on schedule and delivered to Council without refunds being required. To date, the town has not had to issue any refunds.

Staff notes that that other municipalities have also attempted to improve efficiency through their complete application requirements and these too have been appealed to the Tribunal. These municipalities include the City of Brampton, City of Burlington and the Town of Ajax.

Bill 23 – Implementation Progress

Development Engineering Site Plans (DESP)

Staff from numerous departments have been working to refine the process the process changes required by Bill 23, including grading, drainage and tree protection impacts. This included process reviews, gap analysis, communications, template/resource development, and stakeholder engagement.

The work completed to-date, as it relates to the development engineering site plan (DESP) impacts, will be provided in a future staff report to Council. The impacts of Bill 97, including the impacts of reintroducing site plan control within 120 metres of the shoreline (and what the shoreline constitutes), will also need to be considered.

Cultural Heritage Matters

Heritage Designations: Bill 23 made changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* requiring listed heritage properties to be removed from municipal heritage registers after two years. This affects the town's 294 listed properties, which would automatically be removed from the Oakville Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (Heritage Register) on January 1, 2025. In response, the Policy Planning & Heritage section has initiated a [Heritage Designation Project](#) to evaluate the merits of designating approximately 80 listed properties under s. 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* from 2023 to 2025 to conserve Oakville's cultural heritage resources.

Heritage Register: Bill 23 imposed new requirements for the municipal heritage register. Municipalities are now required to provide owner names and mailing information for all properties designated under s.29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage*

Act. Staff is working to revise the Heritage Register to meet all legislated requirements, including a process to regularly update the Heritage Register to ensure the town has accurate information.

Timing for Changes to Upper-tier Planning Responsibilities

Bill 23 made changes to the *Planning Act* that, upon proclamation, will remove planning responsibility and decision making from seven upper-tier municipalities, including Halton Region. The timing for proclamation of these changes is a government decision.

As part of the package of materials released with Bill 97 was the “Proposed Approach to Implementation of the proposed Provincial Planning Statement”. It indicates that the provincial government will not remove the planning responsibilities from upper-tier municipalities until Winter 2024, at the earliest.

Potential Revenue Losses

At their meeting March 27, 2023, Town Council requested regular reporting on potential losses in Development Charge revenues stemming from Bill 23. A similar request also was made at Regional Council.

Local municipal and regional staff are in the process of meeting on these matters to develop a program to address these requests. Town staff will report back to Town Council on implementation progress at a future Council meeting.

Municipal Reporting on Planning Matters

On April 6, 2023, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing passed [Municipal Planning Data Reporting - O. Reg. 73/23](#) which is now in effect. The regulation requires select municipalities in Ontario to report prescribed information on planning matters to the Ministry. The first quarterly report of planning application data is due June 30, 2023.

The town is actively working on meeting the reporting needs by the deadline which requires substantial effort to prepare the data. Town staff are collaborating with the rest of the 28 municipalities and the province on providing the information through a shared data exchange platform and advocating for provincial funding to cover the initial costs.

Bill 97 – Schedule 6 – *Planning Act* - Commentary

The following section provides commentary on Schedule 6 of Bill 97, which amends the *Planning Act*, as well as the companion materials provided by the province regarding implementation matters. A summary of key proposed changes is provided, including the Town’s response.

Definition of “area of employment”

Proposed Change:

Bill 97 proposes to amend the *Planning Act* definition of “area of employment” to align with the proposed changes to the Provincial Planning Statement 2023, discussed later in this report. Based on the new definition, the scope of what constitutes an “area of employment” would be narrowed.

The new definition of “area of employment” removes institutional, commercial and office uses from the definition, provided such uses are not otherwise related to permitted uses such as manufacturing uses, uses related to research and development, and warehousing uses.

Bill 97 also proposes transition provisions in respect of “area of employment” containing institutional uses and non-associated commercial uses. The provision provides that these uses can still form part of an “area of employment” if the lands are subject to official plan policies authorizing the continuation of the use and the use was lawfully established prior to the modified definition of “area of employment” coming into force.

These amendments will come into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.

Staff Response:

- The exclusion of institutional uses, commercial uses, including retail and office uses from an “area of employment,” in conjunction with the uses prohibited by the proposed PPS 2023, will trigger a re-evaluation of the town’s employment areas designated in the Official plan.
- Staff is concerned that this could impact the town’s employment land supply, including planning and maintaining employment lands in a greenfield context.
- Coupled with the changes being proposed to the PPS 2023, as discussed later in this report, staff is concerned that the proposed changes may reduce employment area protections and related mix of employment opportunities given the scope of employment areas has narrowed.

The town’s economic development strategy focuses on attracting investment in four key sectors: professional services, life sciences, advanced manufacturing, and digital media and information and communications technology.

Many of these types of companies would locate within commercial space, including office, which is now excluded from “area of employment.” Knowledge-based industries are well suited to Oakville given the education level of the population. Staff is concerned that this new legislation may impact knowledge-based employment opportunities for residents.

Development Application Fee Refund Provisions - Extension

Proposed Change:

As noted in the Bill 109 update section of this report, under Bill 109, the *Planning Act* was amended requiring municipalities to refund development application fees if the municipality failed to meet imposed statutory deadlines for making decisions on zoning by-law amendment applications, combined zoning by-law/official plan amendment applications, and site plan applications. The refund requirements initially came into force January 1, 2023.

Bill 97 extends the deadline by six months from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023. The fee refund framework now applies to applications received on or after July 1, 2023. Any refunds triggered under the previous January 1, 2023, framework are cancelled.

Under Bill 97, an amendment was also introduced which would create a regulation-making authority for the Minister to exempt certain municipalities from the fee refund framework. No municipalities have been identified.

Staff Response:

- Staff supports the extended deadline.
- Staff notes that it remains unclear how refunding fees will expedite the development application process. A repeal of this provision would allow the planning process to continue more effectively. At the very least a provision could be added that would allow the parties to agree to 'stop the clock' while they work through issues.
- Staff would advocate that the town be exempt from the fee refund regime should the Minister identify exempted municipalities through regulation.

Restores Right of Appeal to the Initial Passing of an Interim Control By-Law

Proposed Change:

Bill 97 proposes to restore the right to appeal the initial passing of an interim control by-law, in addition to the extension thereof. The requirement to give notice of the adoption of an interim control by-law is reduced to 20 days (from 30), and the appeal deadline is 50 days after the date of passing of the by-law. Transition would apply.

Staff Response:

- Staff is concerned that allowing appeals weakens its ability to prevent or pause development in advance of completing comprehensive or proactive studies to guide development appropriately.
- Given the intent of Bill 97 is to provide for increase housing supply at an accelerated pace, staff is unsure how allowing appeals would accelerate housing development.

New Ministerial Powers

Proposed Change:

Under Bill 97 and the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, the Minister would be given additional powers to make regulations and orders related to planning functions that previously would have been done by local municipalities, including:

- Requiring landowners and municipalities to enter into agreements where a Provincial Land Development Facilitator has been appointed. These agreements could include matters that go beyond what can be provided in either the *Planning Act* or *Development Charges Act* to address any matter the Minister considers necessary for the appropriate development of the land (e.g., community benefits).
- Requiring that until landowners and municipalities enter into any required agreements, only existing uses would be permitted to continue until the agreement(s) has been signed. This has the same effect as imposing an interim control by-law.
- Exempting lands that are the subject of minister's zoning orders from complying with provincial policies and official plans when other planning approvals are applied for, such as plans of subdivision. This gives the Minister the ability to address circumstances where an minister's zoning orders permits residential uses in an area where the official plan does not.
- Making regulations regarding transition related to the applicability of a new Provincial Planning Statement, including that all decisions, including zoning by-laws and permitting processes, must be consistent with the proposed PPS 2023, even before a municipality has updated its official plan.
- Making regulations regarding the power a municipality must regulate demolition and conversion of residential rental properties, including to pass a by-law requiring a landowner to provide compensation.

Staff Response:

- Staff has concerns that through the additional Ministerial powers, which empower the Minister to make decisions on behalf of local communities, the community-led planning visions established under local Official plans may be jeopardized.
- The town recognizes that there are opportunities when working with the development community to enter into agreements that benefit the community. However, staff is concerned that the forced requirement to enter into development agreements may be counter to the town's objectives in some instances. Furthermore, staff is concerned that there may be limited and/or reduced transparency with the public regarding decision making within a more litigious environment under a requirement to enter into agreements.
- Staff is concerned that the official plan may be jeopardized under the new framework for minister's zoning orders and lead to ad-hoc decision making.

- Staff is concerned about the transition period to the new PPS 2023 and the requirement that it would apply even when official plans are not brought up to date. This is of particular concern for employment area planning and the potential for conversion requests in the absence of a municipal comprehensive review process.

Bill 97 –Schedules 5 and 7 – Residential Tenancies Act and Municipal Act

Residential Tenancies Act, 2006

Bill 97 proposes changes to the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* aimed at strengthening renter protections where a landlord proposes to evict for renovations, demolitions, conversions or for a landlord’s own use; increase fines for bad-faith evictions; and enhance tenant rights to improve living conditions.

Municipal Act, 2001

Bill 97, Schedule 5, if passed, would amend section 99.1 of the *Municipal Act* which is the section that provides the authority to municipalities to pass by-law(s) that prohibits and regulates the demolition of residential rental properties and prohibits and regulates the conversion of residential rental properties to some other use.

The proposed amendment provides that the by-law making power of a municipality would be subject to any regulations passed by the province and in that regard the proposed amendment also greatly expands what the province may do if it decides to pass regulations under section 99.1 of the *Municipal Act* from that which is presently set out in the current section 99.1 of the *Municipal Act*.

Right now, the regulation making power simply states: "The Minister may make regulations imposing limits and conditions on the powers."

The proposed amendment would state:

“(7) The Minister may make regulations,

(a) governing the powers of a local municipality under this section, including regulations,

(i) imposing restrictions, limits and conditions on the powers of local municipalities to prohibit and regulate the demolition and conversion of residential rental properties,

(ii) prescribing requirements to be contained in by-laws made under this section,

(iii) prescribing conditions that local municipalities must include as a requirement for obtaining a permit, and

- (iv) prescribing requirements that the local municipality must impose on owners of land to which a by-law passed under this section applies;*
- (b) authorizing local municipalities that pass a by-law under this section to require an owner of land to which a by-law passed under this section applies to make payments and to provide compensation;*
- (c) for the purposes of clause (b), prescribing the amounts to be paid, the compensation to be provided, the persons to whom payments and compensation shall be made and the circumstances in which payments and compensation shall be made, and otherwise governing the payments and compensation;*
- (d) prescribing steps local municipalities must take or conditions that must be met before passing a by-law under this section and governing any transitional matters with respect to the implementation of such conditions;*
- (e) defining, for the purposes of this section and any regulations under this section, any word or expression not defined in subsection 1 (1) of this Act.”*

The proposed amendment would also make it clear that any regulations imposed under this section would prevail in the event of any conflict with the by-law or with any other act including the *Residential Tenancies Act*.

With the introduction of this proposed amendment to section 99.1 of the *Municipal Act*, the province published in the Environmental Registry a request for feedback on the future regulations the province indicated it intended to pass under section 99.1 of the *Municipal Act* "to create a balanced framework around Possible Rental Replacement By-laws."

The province states what it fully intends to put in the regulations as follows:

“Where tenants are displaced due to the demolition/conversion of their rental unit, the government intends to consider future regulations that would regulate matters such as:

- 1. Prescribe minimum requirements for landowners to give tenants the option to rent a 'replacement unit' at the same location as their demolished unit, and at a similar rent. This requirement would apply in instances where a 'replacement unit' is required to be built at the same location as the demolished unit.*

2. Set common rules about the types of compensation that would be required to be provided to displaced tenants.

3. Prescribe minimum requirements for landowners to build 'replacement units' with the same core features (e.g., same number of bedrooms) as demolished units.

4. Limit municipalities from imposing minimum square footage requirements for 'replacement units'.

The province is seeking feedback on additional elements that could be included as part of this proposal, as follows:

- A. Should rent for replacement units be regulated? If so, how?
- B. Are there any types of entities/institutions that own or operate residential rental properties of six or more units that should be exempt from rental replacement rules? If so, what are they, and why should they be exempt?
- C. Are there any other elements the government should consider?

The province is seeking the feedback through the [Regulatory Registry posting 23-MMAH005](#) on the proposed regulations by May 21.

Staff Response:

Currently, staff has been investigating the merits of a section 99.1 By-law prohibiting and regulating the demolition and conversion of residential rental properties containing six or more units.

Staff notes that the City of Mississauga has recently prepared such a By-law that addresses the expected four elements set out above in the newly proposed regulation as well as Items A and C. Town staff suggest that the province's regulations should enable the approach that Mississauga has used in the implementation and enforcement of its by-law including its issuance of permits and the setting of conditions for the proposed demolition and/or conversion to proceed.

Provincial Planning Statement 2023

The [proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023](#) (PPS) represents significant changes to growth management with a new planning approach to support the increase of housing supply throughout Ontario. The changes are intended to leverage housing supportive policies from the existing PPS 2020 and the Growth Plan to further remove barriers and continue to protect the environment through a

streamlined province-wide land use planning framework. Under the *Planning Act*, all municipal decisions will have to be consistent with the proposed PPS 2023.

The province has stated that the proposed changes respond to input received through previous consultation. The proposed PPS 2023 is grounded in five pillars:

- Generate an appropriate housing supply,
- Make land available for development,
- Provide infrastructure to support development,
- Balance housing with resources, and
- Implementation.

The province is currently seeking feedback via ERO [019-6813](tel:019-6813) and the comments period will close on June 5, 2023. The proposed PPS 2023 is expected to come into force by fall 2023. The following section provides a summary of key proposed changes and staff responses as well as a review of the proposed approach to implementation of the proposed PPS 2023.

Planning for People and Homes

Proposed Change:

- The requirement for municipalities to plan to accommodate specific population and employment growth forecasts to a horizon year is not carried forward in PPS 2023.
- Local municipalities will eventually undertake their own growth forecasts. Until that time, the province expects that municipalities will meet or exceed the existing Growth Plan 2051 minimum forecasts.
- In instances of a minister's zoning order, the resulting development potential would be added to forecasted needs over the long-term. During a municipality's next official plan (OP) update, this additional growth would be incorporated into the OP and related infrastructure plans.
- Several concepts are not carried forward in the proposed PPS 2023 including the delineated built boundary, municipal comprehensive review, provincially significant employment zones,

Staff Response:

- Staff supports the importance of long-range growth management planning with population and employment forecasts that are regularly updated.
- Staff supports the direction for municipalities to undertake growth forecasting at the local level, but it must be implementable, and the upper-tier municipalities are needed to deliver infrastructure.
- Staff notes that while the province is proposing policy changes that make it easier to intensify everywhere, the town-wide urban structure will continue to

provide Oakville with a comprehensive framework for managing current and future forecasted growth.

- Good community planning in the public interest suggests that the Council approved urban structure provides for the long-term protection of natural heritage, public open space and cultural heritage resources, maintains the character of Residential Areas and is the foundation to direct growth to identified nodes and corridors.

Housing

Proposed Change:

- Removes the requirement for implementing minimum targets for the provision of housing which was previously identified as being affordable to low- and moderate-income households.
- In place of the minimum targets, a proposed requirement is for planning authorities to coordinate land use and planning for housing with provincial Service Managers to address full range of housing options, including housing affordability needs.
- Furthermore, a proposed requirement will permit and facilitate conversion of existing commercial and institutional buildings for residential use. It will also permit the development and introduction of new housing options within previously developed areas and redevelopment that results in an overall increase in residential units.

Staff Response:

- Staff supports increased opportunities for creating new housing, however it should be done in a comprehensive manner that considers a range of planning and land use matters.
- Additionally, staff is of the opinion that protecting opportunities for employment and maintaining complete communities is critical.
- Staff supports the provision of a full range and mix of housing, however prioritizing growth and intensification in strategic growth areas should be maintained.
- Overall, staff supports greater alignment with provincial housing targets and welcomes opportunities for expanded tools that support creation of new housing, which should explicitly include affordable housing.

Growth Management and Intensification

Proposed Change:

- The concept of strategic growth areas has been integrated from the Growth Plan and they are to be identified in official plans as the focus for growth.

- Large and fast-growing municipalities, including the Town of Oakville are defined and will be required to identify strategic growth areas in their official plans along with density targets.
- Major transit station areas are still considered strategic growth areas and have prescribed minimum density targets.
- The concept of an Urban Growth Centre is proposed to be removed from the policies but will persist as a defined term with strategic growth area policies applying.
- As mentioned, municipalities are expected to meet or exceed the Growth Plan 2051 minimum growth forecasts until such time that they can carry out their own growth forecasting.
- When updating an official plan, municipalities will be required to have enough land for at least 25 years with planning expressly allowed to extend beyond this horizon for infrastructure, employment areas and strategic growth area. This is a change from the previous “up to 25 years”.
- While not a change affecting the Town of Oakville directly, PPS 2023 proposes that settlement area expansions may be considered outside of an MCR process and that property owners have greater ability to apply for an expansion.

Staff Response:

- Staff notes that the proposed changes signal a fundamental change in growth management in Ontario and a return to pre-Growth Plan approaches.
- Staff notes that Oakville’s town-wide urban structure is comprised of strategic growth areas and major transit areas and have had minimum density targets identified through the ongoing official plan review.
- The proposed policies would require major transit station areas on inter-city rail to be planned for a minimum density target of 150 residents and jobs per hectare, including Midtown Oakville and Bronte GO.
- For major transit station areas served by light rail or bus rapid transit, the proposed policies would require a minimum density target of 160 residents and jobs per hectare, including the Trafalgar Urban Core, Dundas Urban Core, Uptown Core, Hospital District and Palermo Village.
- Staff notes that despite the changes proposed to lower certain minimum density targets, staff does not recommend changing any of Oakville’s current Minimum density targets, including Midtown Oakville at 200 residents and jobs per hectare. These targets remain critical to accommodate the province’s forecasted growth as planned in the town’s urban structure.
- Staff requests that the province clarify how municipalities are expected to implement policies of encouragement when before they were required policies. Will the province provide guidelines or will municipalities have to create a stand-alone approach?
- Staff is concerned that the proposed change to “encourage” rather than “require” intensification will limit the municipality’s ability to protect for long-

term employment growth to provide balanced support to a growing residential base.

- While the proposed changes are intended to deliver housing quickly, there remain concerns related to downloading of planning responsibilities to municipalities, unclear roles/responsibilities in the future and new challenges with long-term land use planning and growth management.

Employment Areas and Land Use Compatibility

Proposed Change:

- The definition of “employment areas” would be changed in both the proposed PPS 2023 and the *Planning Act*, to focus on heavy industry, manufacturing and large-scale warehousing. Other uses that can locate in mixed use areas, such as retail, commercial and office, would no longer be considered employment.
- Another proposed change is that employment land conversions would occur at any time, rather than through a comprehensive review process.
- The proposed changes increase flexibility for planning on employment lands, which would make it easier for sensitive land uses, such as residential development, to locate close to employment uses.
- The proposed policies for land use compatibility will focus on minimizing and mitigating impacts on industry and removing requirement to demonstrate “need” and a lack of alternative locations.
- As noted, the concept of provincially significant employment zones would be eliminated, however the province is considering alternative approaches to protect some of these lands, such as using Ministerial powers.

Staff Response:

- Staff is concerned that the proposed policies may reduce employment area protections. The proposed policies could result in residential uses encroaching on important employment areas causing an erosion of the town’s employment base.
- Conversely, the introduction of residential uses into employment areas may pose negative long-term impacts on the new sensitive land uses.
- Staff is supportive of increased flexibility for housing however, there are concerns regarding the use of these policies to advance ad hoc land conversion requests and the introduction of sensitive land uses in unanticipated areas.
- Furthermore, staff is concerned that unanticipated growth may conflict or undermine effective growth management practices that have successfully guided growth in the town.
- Staff notes that the Town’s Official Plan will require further updating and refinement to reflect “areas of employment” which could fracture the overall

employment functionality of an area and the supporting land uses which create viable employment areas.

- Additionally, staff are concerned that removing protections for employment areas to allow residential uses to mix with existing commercial uses, including retail and office, will begin to displace those commercial uses. A trend of this type would undermine employment opportunities in Oakville and impact the town's ability to attract employment opportunities for residents close to home.
- Staff notes that Oakville's workforce is highly educated and presents a competitive advantage for business attraction in the professional services sectors.
- Staff requests that the province provide further details and direction for criteria, methodology and locational considerations and approaches that would maintain protect of certain employment lands. A key component of this direction would be how to protect for employment opportunities outside of employment areas to support work-life balance and continue to provide for all aspects of a complete community.

Climate Change and Environment

Proposed Change:

- Generally, the proposed changes continue to loosen environmental protections and prioritize the increase of housing supply.
- The proposed policies would require municipalities to plan for climate change to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with a focus on improving air quality and apply an integrated approach to also plan for infrastructure and community facilities.
- Policies related to natural hazards are unchanged.
- In terms of the connections to Greenbelt policies, the province will introduce amendments to clarify that previous policies in the existing PPS 2020 and the Growth Plan will continue to apply in cases where the Greenbelt Plan refers to them.

Staff Response:

- Staff maintains dedicated support for environmental protection and carefully balancing the desire for increased housing with the responsibility to respond to climate change through the PPS 2023.
- The province should lead by example to demonstrate their commitment to enhance environmental protection, respond to climate change and promote a truly integrated approach to growth management.
- Staff remain concerned with the transition of planning responsibilities to local municipalities and potential loss of environmental expertise at the local level.
- Staff is encouraged by the province's intent to maintain implementation of Greenbelt Plan policies and continue to coordinate with other provincial plans.

Agriculture

Proposed Change:

- Generally, the proposed policies make significant changes to the development of lands in prime agricultural areas. For example, the changes remove the requirement for using the provincially mapped Agriculture System.
- The proposed changes also make it easier to build new housing. Municipalities will still designate and protect prime agricultural lands, however, the proposed policies make it easier to create up to two additional residential units in prime agricultural areas and up to three additional residential parcels, provided certain conditions are met such as existing access, appropriate frontage, etc.

Staff Response:

- The proposed changes to prime agricultural lands do not directly impact Oakville, however, staff generally support a balanced approach across the province.

Cultural Heritage

Proposed Change:

- Minor changes and refinements are proposed to the Cultural Heritage and Archaeology policies in the PPS 2023.
- A comprehensive definition of “*protected heritage property*” is proposed.

Staff Response:

- Staff does not have concerns with these proposed policy changes.

Natural Heritage

Proposed Change:

- Natural heritage policies are unchanged in the proposed PPS and remain under further consideration by the province. Any proposed changes would be released through a separate Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) posting.

Staff Response:

- Staff will monitor for proposed changes related to natural heritage and will report to Council on such changes at a future time.

Implementation and Transition

Proposed Change:

- Language stating the municipal official plan is the most valuable tool for implementing the PPS is proposed to be removed from the policies but would remain part of the non-policy preamble.
- In terms of implementation, municipalities would be required to keep zoning by-laws and official plans up to date with the proposed PPS by establishing permitted uses, minimum densities, heights and other development standards in accommodate growth and development.
- In cases where municipalities must make a planning decision before their official plan has been updated to be consistent with the proposed PPS, it must still make a decision that is consistent with the new PPS.
- In terms of transition, the effective date will be specified in the future, subject to applicable provincial legislation. Any planning decision made on or after the effective date would be subject to the new PPS policies.
- Feedback is being sought on any specific transition issues. The province is proposing to release the final policies for a brief period before they take effect, targeted for fall 2023.

Staff Response:

- Staff recommends that policies be maintained to support the official plan as the most important mechanism for implementing the PPS.
- Staff requests the province clarify official plan processes and procedures related to instances where a planning decision must be consistent with the new PPS in absence of an updated municipal official plan.
- To support clear implementation, Staff recommends the province review its defined terminology for existing and added terms related to housing, transit, environment and growth management.
- Opportunities should be maintained for all municipalities to provide feedback and staff welcomes the prospects of meaningful consultation to help inform changes from a local and context-sensitive perspective.

Regulation Through Bill 97: Site Plan for Residential Development of 10 or Fewer Units

Two new regulations regarding site plan control are proposed through Bill 97, which could restore part of a municipality's ability to require site plan control that were previously taken away under Bill 23.

Proposed Change:

If Bill 97 is passed and the regulations are made, the regulations would set out the conditions under which municipalities could use site plan control for residential

developments of 10 or fewer units on a single lot. The regulations being proposed would specifically permit the use of site plan for parcels of land where:

- any part of which is located within 120 metres of a shoreline; and
- any part of which is located within 300 metres of a railway line.

Staff Response:

Under Bill 23, the province proposed changes under section 41 of the *Planning Act* that exempts site plan control for any residential development with 10 units or less (e.g., a single-detached house, a townhouse development of 9 units, etc.).

This approach, based on the provinces' feedback received on Bill 23, was not conducive to certain contexts. As such, Bill 97 restores some ability to require site plan control in proximity to shorelines and railway lines, as noted above.

Under the Bill 23 regime, the town made comment to the province that the exemption of site plan control over such developments could result in grading, drainage and flooding possibilities for adjacent and downstream properties, safety issues with respect to inappropriate driveway locations and impacts on the road and traffic network, the inability to acquire identified hazard lands and associated buffers, along with identified road widenings. The cumulative impact could diminish and undermine environmental and flood mitigation protection, vehicular and pedestrian safety. The inability to require robust landscaping could undermine the municipal tree canopy objectives and establishing appropriate screening and buffering from adjacent properties.

Under the revised Bill 97 regime, these comments remain valid. However, having site plan restored in locations which are within 120 metres of a shoreline, and within 300 metres of a railway line, could help to alleviate some of these concerns, particularly for small housing developments in proximity to the Lake Ontario shoreline in the context of Oakville.

The process changes and impacts of Bill 23 and Bill 97 regarding site plan applications and development engineering site plan (DESP) including tree canopy and tree protection, grading and drainage as well as building permit and inspection will be the subject in a future report to Council.

CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS:

Staff is thankful for the opportunity to comment on Bill 97 and is hopeful that the 60-day comment period will provide the province with a wide range of thoughtful feedback from various stakeholders.

New challenges are ahead for municipalities regarding employment areas, growth management practices, infrastructure planning and settlement boundary policies. The overall shift to a pre-Growth Plan era could increase pressure for greenfield development across the province at the expense of growing in place within existing built areas.

Staff supports increased flexibility to build more housing, however there are concerns pertaining to the fast-pace and sweeping changes in direction to Ontario's planning framework. Given the significant provincial legislative changes over the last few years, staff recommends the province allow for a period of stability for municipalities to conform to the new planning regime.

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

The public may provide comments on Bill 97, the proposed Planning Policy Statement 2023 including matters and regulations discussed in this report through the related postings on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) website (<https://ero.ontario.ca/>) and Ontario's Regulatory Registry (ORR) website: <https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry>, as applicable.

(B) FINANCIAL

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

This report was prepared by staff from multiple departments.

(D) CORPORATE STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal(s) to:

- be accountable in everything we do,
- always act as a team,
- enhance our economic environment, and
- be the most liveable town in Canada.

(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION

Staff is concerned about the adverse effects that Bill 97 and the proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023 may have on environmental sustainability.

Prepared and Recommended by Staff from:

Planning Services,
Development Engineering,
Finance,
Transportation & Engineering,
Economic Development,
Strategic Business Support and
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Submitted by:

Doug Carr, Town Solicitor
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Neile Garbe, Commissioner
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May 9, 2023

Resolution Number 2023-320
Sent by email

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Director of Corporate Services and
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Subject: **Amendments to the Region of Peel Traffic By-law 15-2013 to Implement Speed Limit Reductions, Community Safety Zones and Parking Prohibition on Regional Roads within the Hamlet of Terra Cotta, Town of Caledon, Wards 1 and 2**

Your attention is drawn to the following resolution and by-laws which were approved by Regional Council on April 27, 2023:

Resolution Number 2023-320

1. That the speed limit reductions on Regional Road 9 (King Street) and on Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard) as outlined in the report of the Commissioner of Public Works, listed on the April 27, 2023 Regional Council agenda titled “Amendments to the Region of Peel Traffic By-law 15-2013 to Implement Speed Limit Reductions, Community Safety Zones and Parking Prohibition on Regional Roads within the Hamlet of Terra Cotta, Town of Caledon, Wards 1 and 2”, be implemented; and
2. That Community Safety Zones be established on Regional Road 9 (King Street) from 215 meters east of High Street to Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard), and Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard) from 480 meters south of Regional Road 9 (King Street) to 2,390 meters north of Regional Road 9 (King Street); and
3. That parking prohibitions be established on both sides of Regional Road 9 (King Street) from Heritage Road West to Winston Churchill Boulevard/Side Road 27; and

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4. That the necessary by-law be presented for enactment; and
5. That the Town of Caledon, Region of Halton, Town of Halton Hills and Ontario Provincial Police, Caledon Detachment be advised.

By-law 21-2023

A by-law to implement a parking prohibition on Regional Road 9 (King Street); and to amend By-law Number 15-2013 being a by-law to regulate traffic on roads under the jurisdiction of The Regional Municipality of Peel.

By-law 22-2023

A by-law to reduce the posted speed limit on Regional Road 9 (King Street), and Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard); and to amend By-law Number 15-2013 being a by-law to regulate traffic on roads under the jurisdiction of The Regional Municipality of Peel.

By-law 23-2023

A by-law to designate Community Safety Zones on Regional Road 9 (King Street) and on Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard); and to amend By-law Number 15-2013 being a by-law to regulate traffic on roads under the jurisdiction of The Regional Municipality of Peel.

Certified copies of the by-laws will be provided to the OPP-Caledon Detachment and the Town of Caledon By-law Enforcement by mail.

Kind regards,



Stephanie Jurrius
Legislative Specialist

Copy: Kealy Dedman, Commissioner of Public Works
Terry Ricketts, Director of Transportation

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**Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of Peel**

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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL

BY-LAW NUMBER 21-2023

A by-law to implement a parking prohibition on Regional Road 9 (King Street); and to amend By-law Number 15-2013 being a by-law to regulate traffic on roads under the jurisdiction of The Regional Municipality of Peel.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Regional Corporation on the 24th day of January 2013 passed By-law 15-2013 to consolidate the by-laws that regulate traffic on roads under jurisdiction of The Regional Municipality of Peel;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel has by resolution passed on the 27th day of April, 2023, authorized the enactment of a by-law to amend By-law 15-2013 to implement a parking prohibition on both sides of the road on Regional Road 9 (King Street) from Heritage Road to Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard)/Side Road 27;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Regional Corporation enacts as follows:

1. That Part 4 of Schedule A of By-law 15-2013 is amended by deleting the following:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Regional Road No.	Side	Limits	Prohibited Times or Days
9	Both	From a point 60 metres east of Isabella Street to a point 60 metres west of Isabella Street	Anytime

2. That Part 4 of Schedule A of By-law 15-2013 is amended by adding the following:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Regional Road No.	Side	Limits	Prohibited Times or Days
9	Both	From Heritage Road to Regional Road 19 / Side Road 27	Anytime

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READ THREE TIMES AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL this 27th day of April, 2023.

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Regional Clerk

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Regional Municipality of Peel**

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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL

BY-LAW NUMBER 22-2023

A by-law to reduce the posted speed limit on Regional Road 9 (King Street), and Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard); and to amend By-law Number 15-2013 being a by-law to regulate traffic on roads under the jurisdiction of The Regional Municipality of Peel.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Regional Corporation on the 24th day of January 2013 passed By-law 15-2013 to consolidate the by-laws that regulate traffic on roads under jurisdiction of The Regional Municipality of Peel;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel has by resolution passed on the 27th day of April, 2023, authorized the enactment of a by-law to amend By-law 15-2013 to reduce the posted speed limit on Regional Road 9 (King Street) from 50 km/h to 40 km/h from Heritage Road to Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard)/ Side Road 27; and to reduce the posted speed limit on Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard) from 60 km/h to 50 km/h from 1,100 metres south of Regional Road 9 (King Street) to 480 metres south of Regional Road 9 (King Street); and to reduced the posted speed limit on Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard) from 50 km/h to 40 km/h from 480 metres south of Regional Road 9 (King Street) to Isabella Street;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Regional Corporation enacts as follows:

1. That Part 10 of Schedule A of By-law 15-2013 is amended by adding the following:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Regional Road No.	From	To	Times or Days
9	Heritage Road	The boundary between Region of Peel and Region of Halton	Anytime
19	480 metres south of Regional Road 9	Isabella Street	Anytime

1 of 3

2. That Part 11 of Schedule A of By-law 15-2013 is amended by deleting the following:

Column 1 Regional Road No.	Column 2 From	Column 3 To	Column 4 Times or Days
9	230 metres east of High Street	The boundary between Region of Peel and Region of Halton	Anytime
19	480 metres south of Regional Road 9	2,400 metres north of Regional Road 9	Anytime

3. That Part 11 of Schedule A of By-law 15-2013 is amended by adding the following:

Column 1 Regional Road No.	Column 2 From	Column 3 To	Column 4 Times or Days
19	1,100 metres south of Regional Road 9	480 metres south of Regional Road 9	Anytime
19	Isabella Street	2,400 metres north of Regional Road 9	Anytime

4. That Part 12 of Schedule A of By-law 15-2013 is amended by deleting the following:

Column 1 Regional Road No.	Column 2 From	Column 3 To	Column 4 Times or Days
9	830 metres west of Creditview Road	230 metres east of High Street	Anytime
19	1,080 metres south of Regional Road 9	480 metres south of Regional Road 9	Anytime

5. That Part 12 of Schedule A of By-law 15-2013 is amended by adding the following:

Column 1 Regional Road No.	Column 2 From	Column 3 To	Column 4 Times or Days
9	830 metres west of Creditview Road	Heritage Road	Anytime

6. That Part 14 of Schedule A of By-law 15-2013 is amended by deleting the following:

Column 1 Regional Road No.	Column 2 From	Column 3 To	Column 4 Times or Days
19	Wanless Drive	1,080 metres south of Regional Road 9	Anytime

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7. That Part 14 of Schedule A of By-law 15-2013 is amended by adding the following:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Regional Road No.	From	To	Times or Days
19	Wanless Drive	1,100 metres south of Regional Road 9	Anytime

READ THREE TIMES AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL this 27th day of April, 2023.



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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL

BY-LAW NUMBER 23-2023

A by-law to designate Community Safety Zones on Regional Road 9 (King Street) and on Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard); and to amend By-law Number 15-2013 being a by-law to regulate traffic on roads under the jurisdiction of The Regional Municipality of Peel.

WHEREAS the Council of the Regional Corporation on the 24th day of January 2013 passed By-law 15-2013 to consolidate the by-laws that regulate traffic on roads under jurisdiction of The Regional Municipality of Peel;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel has by resolution passed on the 27th day of April, 2023, authorized the enactment of a by-law to amend By-law 15-2013 to designate Community Safety Zones on Regional Road 9 (King Street) between a point located 215 metres east of High Street and Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard)/Side Road 27, and on Regional Road 19 (Winston Churchill Boulevard) between a point located 480 metres south of Regional Road 9 (King Street) and a point located 2,390 metres north of Regional Road 9 (King Street);

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Regional Corporation enacts as follows:

- 1. That Part 24 of Schedule A of By-law 15-2013 is amended by adding the following:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Regional Road No.	Between	Times or Days
Regional Road 9	A point located 215 metres east of High Street and Regional Road 19 / Side Road 27	Anytime
Regional Road 19	A point located 480 metres south of Regional Road 9 and a point located 2,390 metres north of Regional Road 9	Anytime

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[Signature]

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May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

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

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No.

329

Title: Proposed Resolution Re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Moved by J. DeMarsh

Seconded by J. Palmateer

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

Carried

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No.

328.

Title:

Proposed Resolution Re: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure

Date:

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Moved by

J. Palmateer

Seconded by

J. DeMarsh

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried



**Corporation of the
Municipality of West Grey**

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May 8, 2023

RE: Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

To whom it may concern:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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

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



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: Apr 11, 2023

Resolution No.: 138-23

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

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

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

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

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



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: Apr 25, 2023

Resolution No.: 152-23

Moved By: [Signature]

Seconded By: [Signature] [Signature]

WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Shuniah strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

to 3rd party contractors inclusive [Signature]

AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, Lise Vaugeois MPP, Kevin Holland MPP, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

[Signature]

Signature

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

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
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May 10, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Trudeau

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Hon. David Lametti, Minister of Justice

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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

Scott Pearce, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Acting President

Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

All Ontario Municipalities



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

Date: May 9, 2023

Moved By: *D. Blund*

Seconded By: *R. Smith*

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

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

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

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



WELLINGTON NORTH
SEMPER PORRO

May 10, 2023

To Premier Doug Ford:

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

RESOLUTION: 2023-168

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

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

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

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Cathy Conrad
Deputy Clerk



CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Regular Council Meeting

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

Carried



Matthew Shoemaker

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

The Issue at Hand

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

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

Why this Bill is so important

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

What will the Bill do?

The Bill has three primary components:

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

The Consequences of Doing Nothing

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

It means that as an elected official:

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

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

This has an immeasurably negative impact on communities.

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

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

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

History of the Bill

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

The Bill will amend:

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

How you can help:

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

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

legal@ohrc.on.ca

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

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

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

Be part of the change

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

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

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May 10th, 2023

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

ATTENTION: Premier of Ontario

Dear Premier Ford:

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

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

Moved by Councillor Kelso

Seconded by Councillor Summers

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

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

Resolved

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël

Amanda Noël,
Clerk

Encls.

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



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April 6, 2023

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

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

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

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

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

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

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

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator

Town of Orangeville - Response to Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Please be advised that Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was considered by Council at its meeting held on April 17, 2023 and the Council adopted the following resolution:

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

Whereas the Town of Orangeville and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

Now therefore be it resolved:

- 1. That Orangeville Council endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement.**
- 2. That Orangeville Council expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Town of Orangeville Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP’s); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s); the Ontario Big Cities Mayors Caucus (OBCM); the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario; the Small Urban GTHA Mayors as well as Dufferin County Municipalities.**