

## **TOWN OF HALTON HILLS – GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**January 30, 2024**

Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on  
Tuesday January 30, 2024 in the Esquering Room, 1 Halton Hills Drive and via Zoom

Members Present: Councillor J. Fogal, Chair, Councillor A. Hilson, A. Sommer, N. Barros, C. Lenz (EP)(Arrive at 7:45 p.m.), R. Hendry (EP), B. Mandarin, J. Dougherty (EP)  
(EP – Electronic Participation)

Regrets: C. Patten, G. Price-Jones

Staff Present: I. Drewnitski, Transportation Planning Technologist, M. Taylor, Senior Landscape Architect, M. Lawr, Deputy Clerk - Legislation  
(E – Electronically Present)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor J. Fogal, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 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-2024-001

THAT the Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee Meeting held on November 28, 2023 be received.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Item No. 4.b was discussed prior to 4.a.

##### **a. 2024 Transportation & Public Works projects**

I. Drewnitski presented the following 2024 Transportation & Public Works projects:

- Pedestrian Crossovers – will be implemented at the following locations:
  - Barber Drive and Woodcote Crescent – Installation of Pedestrian Crossover Level 2 B (Signals, Signs and Pavement Markings)
  - River Drive and John Street – Installation of Pedestrian Crossover Level 2 B (Signs and Pavement Markings)
  - Meadowglen Boulevard & Herb Wild Street – Installation of Pedestrian Crossover Level 2 B (Signs and Pavement Markings)
  - McNally Street and Grist Mill Street – Installation of Pedestrian Crossover Level 2 D (Signs and Pavement Markings)
- Smart Commute Program – The Town will continue to be involved with the Smart Commute Program to help local public and private employers and commuters explore different commuting options such as carpooling, telecommuting, cycling, walking and transit. The program helps to reduce single occupant vehicle trips travelling during peak traffic conditions and help improve local air quality.

In relation to the Smart Commute Program, the Committee also discussed the public transportation route along Steeles which has seen an increase in ridership since its implementation.

- Bike Month 2024 – The Town will be promoting and participating in Bike Month again this June. I. Drewnitski advised that he will be working with Cycling Toronto for this initiative and will be hosting the Cycling Scavenger Hunt after the success of the event last year.
- Mobility Master Plan – The Town will be developing a Mobility Master Plan that builds on the previous 2011 Transportation Master Plan. The consultant team will collect and analyze information to develop current and future transportation needs. The development of the Mobility Master Plan will position Halton Hills for the next phase of community building to a planning horizon year of 2051, which for transportation planning principles is to provide travel choices as alternatives to the car, reclaiming the road space for other modes, and to establish a “pedestrian-first” decision-making



framework. I. Drewnitski will continue to bring information to the Committee on this initiative as the project moves forward.

J. Dougherty inquired about any bike lane projects for 2024. I. Drewnitski advised that there are none scheduled for this year.

**b. 2024 Recreation & Parks projects**

M. Taylor presented the following 2024 Recreation & Parks projects:

- Cedarvale Park trail upgrades:
  - Maple Avenue to Artisans Cottage upgraded was completed late 2023
  - Delrex Boulevard to park connection will be converted to limestone screenings in spring 2024
- Hungry Hollow Management Plan 20-year update – An update to the management plan will be done with a target completion of fall 2023. This update will include determining scope, direction and requirements for the Management Plan. The main objective is to build on the 10-year update and to review trails and areas for improvements as well as reviewing current and potential access ways. M. Taylor will keep the Committee updated and Council will be consulted to determine scope.
- Hungry Hollow Mountainview Road access – An evaluation of the trail access on the southwest side on Mountainview Road will be completed, to assess if the access should be removed or kept. The creation of a new access point on the northeast side of Mountainview Road and re-paving of the existing access will be completed for fall 2024. The Committee noted that they are in favor of keeping the southwest side access point. M. Taylor advised that public consultation will be completed regarding this access point.
- Silver Creek Trail Feasibility Study – A review of the feasibility of the Trail through the area of Silver Creek valley will be completed by the end of 2024, which will include a study on the ecology of the area.
- Glen Lawson Land Masterplan – This masterplan plan will determine the scope, direction and activities for the Glen Lawson Lands which will include an ecological review and public consultation. The target completion is by the end of 2025. M. Taylor advised that areas of sensitivity will be looked at, as well as options for parking. Council will be consulted to determine scope.
- Trail Development: Glen South (Meadows in the Glen Subdivision) – This trail development construction will be a Bruce Trail style footpath connecting to the Credit Valley Footpath and Meadows in the Glen Subdivision. Completion is anticipated by the end of 2024.

J. Dougherty asked about updates on the extension of Fairy Lake Trail. M. Taylor advised that Phase 2 will be looked at in 2025. There is currently a Fairy Lake Water Quality study being held which will include looking at the trails around the lake.

## **5. WORKING GROUPS**

### **a. Bike It**

Councillor J. Fogal presented some of the events planned for 2024 and advised that a full Event Work Plan will be presented at the next meeting. The following events were discussed:

- Halton Hills Community Cycling Forum – to be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Alcott Room at Mold Masters Arena. Town staff will be involved in the promotion of the event.
- Bike Swap – to be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works yard during the Earth Week event.
- Bike it to the Market – to be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> downtown Georgetown during the Farmer's Market

## **6. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING**

Bike It Working Group – 2024 Event Program

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

**DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA**  
**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING**  
**Wednesday January 24, 2024 – 7:00pm**  
**Acton Town Hall Centre Office**

**MINUTES:**

**Attendance:** Mike Albano (Council Member), Chris Cambouris (Vice-Chairperson / Titan Tek Biz), Nicole Walker (Acton Optical), Norman Paulsen (Acton Motors), Patricia Daleman (Grant Thornton), Matthew Galliford (BIA Coordinator)

**Absent:** Monica Galway (Chairperson / Profile Hair Studio), SangWon Bak (Acton Variety & Vape)

1. Call to Order – 7:06 pm
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests - NONE
3. Adoption of December 2023 Minutes – 1<sup>st</sup>: Nicole Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Albano, All in favor: YES
4. Motion to Approve January 2024 Agenda – 1<sup>st</sup>: Patricia Daleman, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Norm Paulsen,  
All in favor: YES
5. Vote to accept the Town of Halton Hills MOU Draft as a work in progress document to be revised and adjusted with BIA consultation ongoing.

The Board voted to agree in principle with the Draft MOU document with conditions that suggested changes from the Downtown Acton BIA be made to the document. There is also the understanding that the MOU is to be a living document that can be revised as required in the future.

Monica Galway submitted her vote by written email (attached) and sent her concerns to the BIA Coordinator to be addressed at the Board meeting before voting on this agenda item. Some of Monica's concerns involve the wording of parts of Draft MOU Sections 1-1.2, 1-1.3, 2-2.1 Tourism Funding / Source? 3-3.22 Reserve Fund Questions / Amounts, Expectations?

3.5.2.1 – 4 Clearly define lawn and horticulture maintenance responsibilities of the Town vs BIA, who looks after what locations in the Downtown Area: Mews Plaza, Leathertown lot, Willow Street lot, Main and Mill Streets Parkette, RR25 & Agness Street Bridge area, other areas to be identified.

4.41- Wording issue. Should read as: The Downtown Acton BIA has the right to make changes to the MOU, with consultation of the Town of Halton Hills, as this is a fluid working agreement and document that is able to be revised as needed or required.

Patricia Daleman voiced similar concerns. She would like revisions to 3.2.1 to include the wording that the Town of Halton Hills is responsible for paying for the annual financial audit.

Chris Cambouris would like further information and clarification to added regarding the responsibilities and costs of infrastructure and seasonal projects i.e.: snow removal, electrical expenses for holiday lights and displays plugged into municipal outlets, etc.

6. Coordinator's Report – Matthew Galliford – Included below.
7. Financial Report – Defer formal report to February 2024 Meeting – Agreed

## 8. Other Business

- 3-year Strategic Plan – What projects do we want to consider adding?

Focus to be on drawing tourism, DABIA area beautification, marketing and creating more community engagement.

- entertainment / events                      - new floral planters for downtown
- installation of purchased benches and garbage receptacles.
- proposing to have sunshades installed at Prospect Park similar to the ones at Dominion Gardens in Georgetown
- (permanent) signage installed at the boundaries of town or BIA area to welcome and advertise our Outdoor Market and Leathertown Festival dates.
- Create a Beautification Committee: Nicole Walker, Norman Paulsen, Matthew Galliford
- set monthly meeting dates for 3 months. – March date TBD by Financial Audit date.

SangWon Bak has emailed his intent to permanently leave the DABIA Board of Directors.

## 9. Motion to Adjourn – 8:22pm 1<sup>st</sup>: Nicole Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Norman Paulsen, All in favor: YES

### NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday February 21, 2024 – 7:00pm

*Shop, Eat & Play Local – It's Worth the Drive!*

Attachments: Email vote from Monica Galway  
Email from SangWon Bak – Permanent leave form the DABIA Board of Directors

**January 24, 2024**  
**DABIA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Coordinators Report**

1. **Summer Student Update:** I have applied to have 2 summer students for the 16-week 2024 session. If approved, each student will work 8 weeks without an overlap – May & June, July & August. Both students will assist with the Outdoor Market and Leathertown Festival duties.

2. **Office Admin Update:**

-Our new Accountant Sheida Kernc has started with us; she has reconciled the 2023-year end banking. We are working together to seamlessly maintain the DABIA financial books.

-Alex Hilson is now fully paid out and has signed an agreement of no further claims. Payout owed to Alex for him paying for our online and digital services from late 2022 to August 2023 was \$2037.72 paid by e-transfer on January 4, 2024.

-Our Cogeco contract expires in January 2025. At this time, we will end the contract and seek new internet and mobile phone plans only. Until then we will continue as is.

-Thursday January 25, 2024 I will be meeting online with Traffic; Matthew Roj and other Town Departments to discuss the possibility, regulations, Town concerns and MOU agreements about the new potential flower planters for the Downtown BIA area. We intend on installing galvanized water troughs as planters on every corner and other locations within the BIA boundaries. They would replace the existing stone planters and hanging baskets.

-I am completing a BIA Business Directory to be published in the February edition of the Acton Monthly Newsletter. This is the first part of a three-part process of updating our own contacts directory, website and social media platforms. The DABIA website will be the main hub of all of our media and events information, the social media pages will be fed from here. Numerous BIA related web and social media presences are being closed and redirected to our main pages.

-The Outdoor Market and Leathertown Festival planning and bookings are already well underway. A professional stage is being hired and the main bands are just waiting on confirmation to be booked. Applications for both events will be available online in early February. Volunteers are coming onboard to run the car show, secondary music stage and children's zone. I expect to sell an additional 30+ vendor spaces that were not available last year.

-We will be decorating the Parkette with Valentines Hearts for February.

-The Acton Early Learning Centre has filed a CIP Application to resolve their safety concerns and work on some beautification projects. I have reviewed the application and site plan to be aware and comment on any BIA concerns.

3. **Complaints to the BIA in January**

We have had complaints about the snow clearing and evening cleanup around town after the 12<sup>th</sup> storm.

-Smooth Solutions: January 13, Snow was left piled along the side of the road on Wilbur Street South making a difficulty for customers to park and access the business. – Resolved January 13<sup>th</sup>

-Acton Discount & Vape: January 17, Town trucks are blocking access to the store as they bulk cleanup the snow piles at 6pm. SangWon was advised that Town Staff cannot work past 11pm to do this work. – Traffic Services notified of the complaint, will follow up.

Other Complaints:

Email to the BIA from Norman Paulsen (Tuesday January 16, 2024):

Q\* Sign missing outside our building saying no parking ... between us and The Dance Studio on Main Street South

A- I have contacted traffic services about the missing sign. They should be looking after that very soon, locates need to be done for re-installation.

Q\* When are the Xmas decorations being removed? Especially in the parkette. C'mon

A- The light display at the parkette and train tracks are being unplugged this week. They will be removed when the weather is a bit more reasonable but before February. The Snowflake lights will be up longer as they are not specifically Christmas and just winter decor. I am waiting to get a date from Halton Hills Electrical for the take down. [These lights are being removed on Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>, weather depending.](#)

Q\*When is the heap of rubble on Mill Street where the fire was - when is this being attended to?

A- I have notified the Community Development office and Susie Spry, Management of Enforcement Service regarding the burned-out lot and what the plan is to deal with it. Enforcement has responded that they have opened a new enforcement investigation into the lot on behalf of the DABIA health and safety concerns complaint. Additionally, the Town's Building Services Department is already involved with this property and have issued an "Order to Remedy" dated October 10, 2023. As far as any action to curtain or hide the mess, the BIA cannot take any further action, it is up to the landowner and insurance company under the "Order to Remedy". I am following up and keeping on this issue.

End of Email.

The DABIA Office as also received other written complaints regarding the lot at 19 Mill Street East as well as over a dozen verbal complaints and phone calls about the lot. As of January 24, 2024, we have yet to hear from an Enforcement Officer regarding the case opened by the DABIA.

I have sent an email to Greg MacNaughtan, Chief Building Official at the Town of Halton Hills to see what is being done regarding this lot and the outstanding "Order to Remedy" from October 2023.

Feb. 8, 2024

Mayor Ann Lawlor  
1 Halton Hills Dr.  
Halton Hills, Ont.  
L7G 5G2

Dear Mayor Lawlor,

Atura Power is proud of our place in the Town of Halton Hills, and we take our role as a good and caring corporate neighbour very seriously. Our Halton Hills Generating Station and employees have long been a part of the community fabric and support a range of initiatives that make the town a greater place to live and work.

Atura Power respects Halton Hills Town Council's decision to withhold support for our plans to expand the electricity generation capacity at our station in town, and we did not submit a proposal to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) for the project as a result. However, we continue to believe that this project would have brought important benefits to not only the Halton Hills community, but to all Ontario.

Ontario is at a crucial crossroads. The decarbonization of our economy requires a massive overhaul of our existing electricity infrastructure. From transportation to heavy industry, we are in the early stages of a shift to clean electricity from fossil fuels as our main source of energy. We also have a rapidly growing population, with each new person requiring additional electricity to power amenities in their lives, from their homes to their cars to the smartphones in their pockets.

But our electricity infrastructure, as currently configured, is not prepared for the coming demand.

Efforts to both bolster existing electricity infrastructure and expand capacity are underway, but this will not happen overnight. Unlike that switch on the wall, we can't just flip it and turn on the lights.

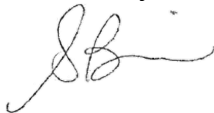
This transition will take time and, during this critical period of change, Ontario must be ready to ensure that there is sufficient and reliable power for the province. That is why the IESO sought additional natural gas generation as a key element of the decarbonization process, and it is why we sought to expand the capacity of some of our electricity generation facilities. They are a crucial (albeit, temporary) bridge that will supply reliable and affordable power while Ontario develops additional clean-energy alternatives and refurbishes and expands its nuclear fleet. Unlike weather-dependent wind and solar sources, electricity from the Halton Hills Generating Station can be consistently produced during peak demand periods, be it during scorching summers or chilly winters, providing an uninterrupted power supply when needed most.

This process also incorporates green fuels and technologies to increase Ontario's energy efficiency while reducing the industry's climate impact. Our plan to blend green hydrogen into the natural gas fuel stream at the Halton Hills Generating Station will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 23,000 tonnes each year.

We look forward to keeping our strong relationship with the Town of Halton Hills and remaining transparent about our current operations and future developments. We will also continue to play an active role in the town by supporting philanthropic and community initiatives that foster strong community connections and growth. And we are absolutely committed to ensuring the safety of our people, neighbours, and surrounding environments.

Ontario's journey to net zero is undeniable, but it demands a pragmatic approach. Natural gas provides a vital solution during clean energy infrastructure development by ensuring a reliable and affordable power supply. Let's acknowledge the importance of responsible energy choices as we work towards a sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Shelley Babin  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Atura Power

cc: Councillor Jane Fogal  
Councillor Clark Somerville  
Councillor Michael Albano  
Councillor Jason Brass  
Councillor Chantal Garneau  
Councillor Alex Hilson  
Councillor Bob Inglis  
Councillor D'Arcy Keene  
Councillor Ron Norris  
Councillor Joseph Racinsky  
CAO Chris Mills





Finance  
**MEMORANDUM**  
Office of the Commissioner

TO: Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council

FROM: Cyndy Winslow, Commissioner, Finance and Regional Treasurer

DATE: February 14, 2024

RE: **Benchmarking Report BMA Municipal Study – 2023**

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**BMA Municipal Study**

Since 2001, Halton Region has participated with other Ontario municipalities in this municipal study designed to gather statistics related to population growth, tax rates and assessment, development charges and other selected indicators. This study, undertaken by BMA (Bruzzese Minshull & Associates) Management Consulting Inc., has now been completed for 2023. The study includes information on 121 participating municipalities.

The BMA Municipal Study – 2023 provides data that can be useful for policy development, however caution must be exercised when using the report for comparative analysis. Many important factors are not reflected in the information, including variations in service levels, methods of service delivery and socio-economic and demographic differences. The study does not attempt to assess the impact of these factors and should not be used to draw conclusions about value for money, or a municipality's effectiveness in attaining community objectives. The study is considered useful to gain insight only and does not provide extensive notes of interpretation.

The BMA Municipal Study – 2023 is available on the Region's website [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca) on the [Performance Measures webpage](#).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CW", followed by a horizontal flourish.

Cyndy Winslow  
Commissioner, Finance and Regional Treasurer



February, 22 2024

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- Nominations open for Lieutenant Governor's Award.
- Electrification and Energy Transition Panel report.
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- Cyber Security Education for Municipal Councillors.
- Advanced Councillor Training Series to Revitalize your Leadership.
- Disability Inclusion Workshop and Panel Discussion – Beyond AODA compliance.
- Managing Communications through Uncomfortable Times – Limited space.
- Navigating Conflict - Pre-requisite for NEW advanced strategies course.
- Upcoming Webinar: Financial Analysis for Energy Projects.
- Blog: Supporting and Strengthening Local Leadership.
- Register for OMERS Annual Meeting on April 3, 2024.
- Guidelines for acoustical engineering services in Land-use Planning Process.
- Ontario Age-Friendly Communities 2024 Conference.
- Calls to action for municipalities on economic abuse.
- Housing access in higher education host communities.
- Helpful condo living tips for Ontario residents.
- Future of Aging Summit next May.
- 2024 Farmland Forum.
- Careers.

### **AMO Matters**

Elections for positions to the AMO Board of Directors will occur at the AMO Annual Conference, hosted by the City of Ottawa in August 2024. [Click here](#) for answers to some frequently asked questions if you are considering running.

We are extremely proud to announce the 2024 AMO Youth Fellows! [Follow this link](#) to learn about Elizabeth, Henry, and Thomas who were selected from a tremendous group of more than 80 highly qualified young Ontario residents who are passionate about local issues and municipal government.

### **Provincial Matters**

MSAA is [proposing a new regulation](#) that would prescribe entities that could contribute towards a Seniors Active Living Centre program's operational cost. The deadline for comments is March 22, 2024.

Nominations are open for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public service. [Nominate someone](#) from your municipality by April 30.

Ontario's electrification and energy transition panel has released its [final report](#) outlining recommendations for long-term energy planning.

The province is conducting a [survey](#) to inform the creation of a Rural Economic Development Strategy. Share your ideas on how the province can support rural communities plan for economic success.

#### Federal Matters

Infrastructure Canada is now accepting applications for the Planning and Design Projects Stream of the Rural Transit Solutions Fund (up to \$50,000). Visit their [website](#) for more information and [webinar dates](#).

#### Education Opportunities

Designed for elected officials, this workshop will provide insight and information to better understand the landscape and critical decisions to preventing, preparing for, and responding to cybersecurity incidents. [Register for the March 20 Cyber Security workshop](#).

As an elected municipal official we know the pressure you deal with is real and we are here to support you. AMO has developed 3 sessions focused on core elements of leadership. Register for the [March 22 Session 1 workshop](#), [May 29 Session 2 workshop](#), and the [October 2 Session 3 workshop](#).

Participants will leave this workshop with a greater depth of knowledge and understanding of building accessible and inclusive communities as an elected official. Register for the [March 25 Disability Inclusion Workshop](#).

The Managing Communications through Uncomfortable Times interactive, one-day course will teach participants how to manage all aspects of crisis communications during an emergency or large-scale event. Claim your space for the [March 27 Managing Communications through Uncomfortable Times Workshop](#).

Navigating Conflict Relationships for Elected Officials is one of AMO's most popular training offerings. This course helps you understand and navigate why relationships are or become challenging. Join your colleagues at the [March workshop](#) to gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official. Attendees are invited to register for the [April Advanced Strategies workshop](#).

#### LAS

How do you know if an energy conservation opportunity in your facility is worth pursuing? Join SaveONenergy and LAS on March 8 for a free webinar and take a deep dive into the complexities of energy projects financing and life cycle costing. Space is limited. [Register here](#) today – Part Four of the Municipal Series.

AMO has traditionally provided education workshops following each municipal election focused on supporting new heads of council, but this year, there are a range [education workshops](#) aimed at supporting the many facets of local leadership.

#### MEPCO

Registration is now open for the [2024 OMERS Annual Meeting](#) taking place in-person at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre or virtually by webcast.

#### Municipal Wire\*

Professional Engineer's Ontario has released [a guideline](#) to support the preparation of acoustical assessments and studies to support land use applications.

[Register](#) for the “[Building Healthy Communities: Uniting Experience, Research, and Practice for Ontario’s Age-Friendly Future](#)” virtual conference. The free conference is organized into three themed morning sessions on March 20-22.

The [Canadian Centre for Women's Empowerment](#) (CCFWE) released [calls to action for municipalities](#) to address economic abuse in gender-based violence strategies. For more information contact [Michaela Mayer](#).

The International Town and Gown Association and Town and Gown Association of Ontario [launched a survey](#) seeking input from municipal leaders on Canada's student housing crisis. Participate by March 5.

The Condominium Authority of Ontario's [2024 Winter Information Kit](#) offers useful and shareable tips to help Ontario condo residents navigate the ins and out of condo living this season.

The Future of Aging Summit in Toronto from May 15-17, 2024 will bring together policymakers and others focused on building age-friendly societies. See the speaker lineup and register at [agingsummit.ca](#).

The Ontario Farmland Trust is [hosting a forum on March 21st](#) to explore the importance of strong policy for farmland and environmental protection, succession planning for Ontario's food system, and how municipalities can support land access.

#### **Careers**

[Appeals Specialist - Ministry of Long Term Care](#). Closing date: March 07.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of Central Elgin](#) . Closing Date: March 12.

[Commissioner, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer - Region of Waterloo](#). Closing Date:

[City Manager - City of Thunder Bay](#). Closing Date: March 15.

[Manager, Planning - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: March 8.

[Data Analysis Coordinator - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: March 6.

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#### **About AMO**

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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### AMO Matters

The Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award celebrates municipal governments in Ontario that implement new and innovative ways to make public services, facilities, and infrastructure better for Ontarians. View full details [here](#).

### Provincial Matters

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### **Municipal Wire\***

Professional Engineer's Ontario has released [a guideline](#) to support the preparation of acoustical assessments and studies to support land use applications.

[Register](#) for the "[Building Healthy Communities: Uniting Experience, Research, and Practice for Ontario's Age-Friendly Future](#)" virtual conference. The free conference is organized into three themed morning sessions on March 20-22.

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Is your municipality ready to accelerate its workflows and make more time to connect with its citizens in 2024? Our [latest blog](#) suggests four tips to streamline operations and improve transparency to benefit your municipality's workers and citizens.

Our Occupational Health and Safety Management program partner will host a legal council webinar on February 29 and March 26. Learn OHS due diligence and legal responsibilities. [Registration](#) is free.

## Municipal Wire\*

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[Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Treasurer - County of Renfrew](#). Closing Date: February 21, 2024.

[Senior Policy Analyst, Bilingual \(English/French\) - Ministry of the Attorney General](#). Closing Date: Feb 16, 2024

[Senior Planner - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#). Closing date: February 28, 2024

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[Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Oro-Medonte](#). Closing date: February 28, 2024

[Temporary Senior Systems Analyst - Town of Whitby](#). Closing Date: February 13, 2024.

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**VIA EMAIL**

February 16, 2024

Corporate Services Department  
Legal Services  
Office of the Regional Clerk  
1151 Bronte Road  
Oakville ON L6M 3L1

Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk, Town of Halton Hills

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, February 14, 2024, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION: PW-01-24 - Waste Collection Day Change – Town of Halton Hills**

1. THAT Regional Council approve the changes to the Waste Collection Area Boundaries in the Town of Halton Hills effective April 1, 2024 as set out in Report No. PW-01-24.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. PW-01-24 to the Town of Halton Hills for their information.

Please find attached a copy of Report No. PW-01-24 for your information. If you have any questions please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

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

Graham Milne  
Regional Clerk  
[graham.milne@halton.ca](mailto:graham.milne@halton.ca)

**Regional Municipality of Halton**

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**The Regional Municipality of Halton**

Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Andrew Farr, Commissioner, Public Works
Date:	February 14, 2024
Report No:	PW-01-24
Re:	Waste Collection Day Change – Town of Halton Hills

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**REPORT**

**Executive Summary**

- In September 2023, Report No. PW-34-23, re: "Rural Halton Hills Waste Collection" was approved by Regional Council for the collection of garbage, bulk waste and metal items and appliances for residential properties in the rural area of the Town of Halton Hills.
- The additional waste collection services will add approximately 3,000 residential households for Halton Region's collection contractor, Miller Waste Systems.
- Miller Waste Systems has proposed a change in the collection day in the Town of Halton Hills Wednesday Collection Area C, to more effectively balance the daily waste collection volume of work and optimize the routing.
- Households in the impacted area will move from a Wednesday collection to a Tuesday collection schedule commencing Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

- Households will be informed of changes to the Waste Collection Area through a letter and one-page calendar mailed to each household in the impacted area, updates to Halton Region's website and roadside signage in the Town of Halton Hills.

## **Background**

As Regional Council is aware, Miller Waste Systems under an Agreement with Halton Region provides curbside residential waste collection services in Halton. As part of this Agreement, the contractor is required to optimize collection routes and days in order to maximize collection efficiencies.

Due to the new collection of garbage, bulk waste and metal items and appliances in rural Halton Hills as approved and endorsed by the Town of Halton Hills Council (Report No. TPW-2023-18) and subsequently at Regional Council (Report No. PW-34-23), Miller Waste Systems has proposed some minor changes to collection areas in the Town of Halton Hills to ensure daily collection routes are more evenly distributed to maximize efficiencies and ensure timely collection of waste material.

## **Discussion**

Based on projected additional waste material from residential properties in rural Halton Hills, Miller Waste Systems has proposed a collection day change for households in the Town of Halton Hills Wednesday Collection Area C boundary that is south of 32 Side Road, West of Fourth Line, North of 15 Side Road and East of Nassagaweya-Esquesing Townline. There are approximately 600 households in this area (Attachment #1).

The affected area in the Town of Halton Hills will move from a Wednesday collection to a Tuesday collection area. The last Wednesday collection for households in the affected area is Wednesday, March 27, 2024, and the first day of collection on the Tuesday schedule will be April 2, 2024, which will also be this area's first collection of garbage and bulk waste.

There is no collection day change to Acton Area B Wednesday (Urban).

## **Next Steps**

Communications will be prepared to inform impacted residential households in the Town of Halton Hills of their respective waste collection day change and the commencement of the collection of garbage on April 2, 2024. A letter and one-page calendar mailed to each household, as well as Halton Region's website and roadside signs will also be utilized to reflect the change to their scheduled collection day.

## FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications with this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Rivers CET  
Director, Waste Management and Road  
Operations



Andrew Farr  
Commissioner, Public Works

Approved by



Jane MacCaskill  
Chief Administrative Officer

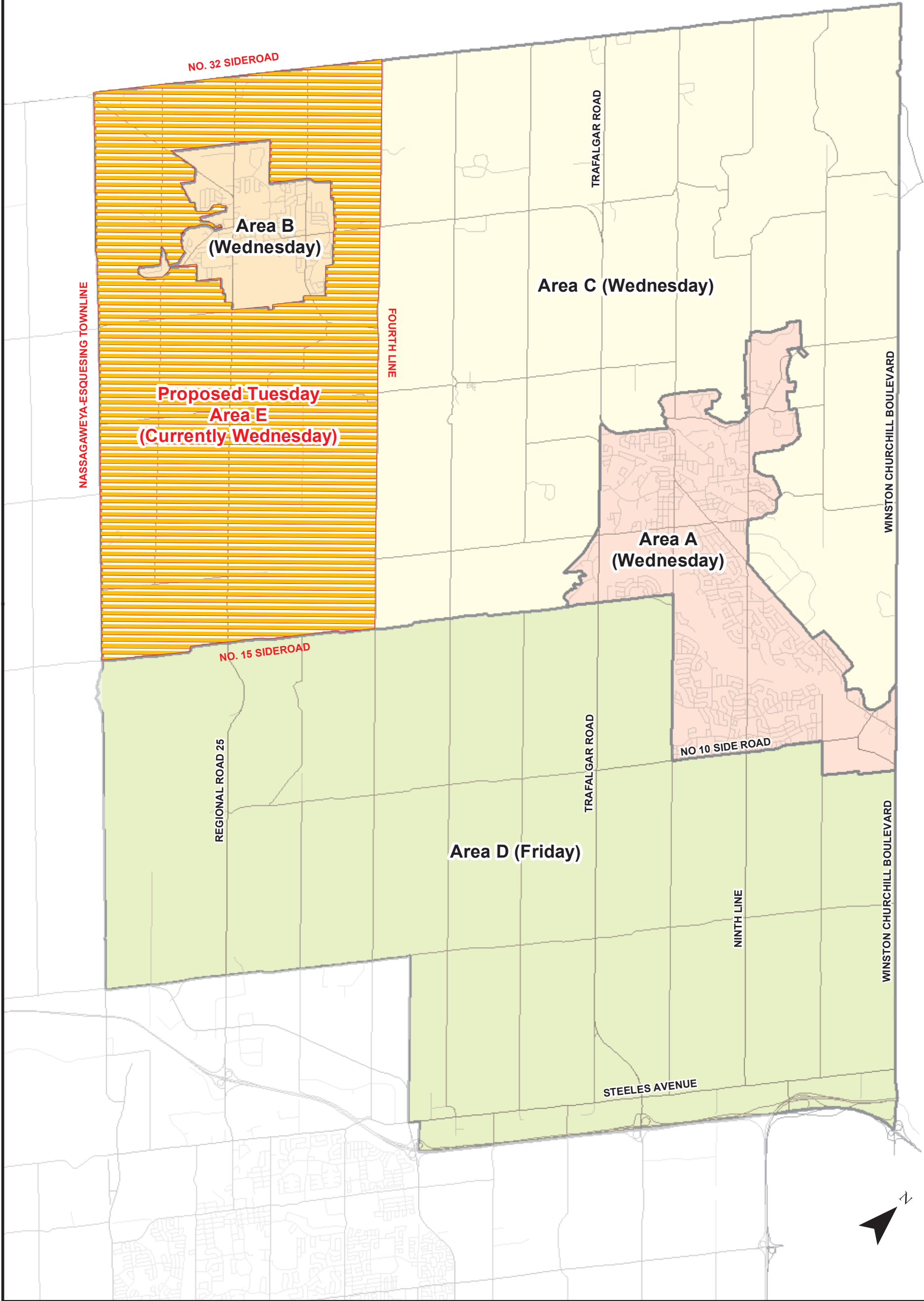
If you have any questions on the content of this report,  
please contact:

Rob Rivers

Tel. # 8289

Attachments: Attachment #1 – Collection Day Change Map – Town of Halton Hills

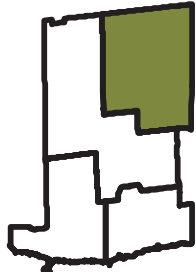




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## Collection Day Change - Town of Halton Hills

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January 2024



# Northumberland County

## Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

February 22, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Carried**

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



**The Corporation of the  
County of Northumberland**

555 Courthouse Road  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather

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

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

# Council Resolution

Moved By L. Cleveland  
Seconded By O. Anhwange

Agenda  
Item 10

Resolution Number  
2024-02-21- 109

Council Date: February 21, 2024

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

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

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Carried   
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

## Corporate Support Committee Resolution

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**Committee Meeting Date:** February 6, 2024

**Agenda Item:** 7.b

**Resolution Number:** 2024-02-06-071

**Moved by:** S. Dibb

**Seconded by:** B. Ostrander

**Council Meeting Date:** February 21, 2024

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

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**Carried**



Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated**

Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred**

Committee Chair's Signature



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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
*DELIVERED VIA EMAIL*

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

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

Dear Premier Ford,

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

***Motion 14***

*Moved by Councillor Bob Woolvett*

*Seconded by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues*

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

***Carried.***

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

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak  
Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Bob Bailey, MPP – Sarnia-Lambton  
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Council of Ontario Construction Associations  
Ontario Chamber of Commerce  
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December 12, 2023

**\*Sent Via Email\***

Municipalities of Ontario

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

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200 BRADY STREET  
SUDBURY ON P3A 5P3

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

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200, RUE BRADY  
SUDBURY ON P3A 5P3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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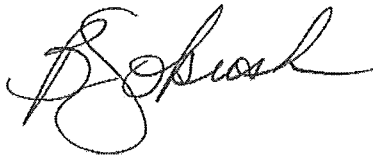
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*AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct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

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

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brigitte Sobush', with a stylized, flowing script.

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

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





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January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

***\*Sent Via Email\****

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

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

**Resolution: 4**

Moved by: Councillor Kelly

Seconded by: Mayor Quinn

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

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

**Carried**

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Crystal Labbe', is written over a large, stylized 'L' that is part of the township's logo.

**Crystal Labbe**  
**CAO/ Clerk Treasurer**

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

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



MOVED BY:

☐ Thomas Armstrong  
☐ Patricia Hull  
☒ Paul Kelly  
☐ Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

☐ Thomas Armstrong  
☐ Patricia Hull  
☐ Paul Kelly  
☐ Lynne Paquette  
☒ Mayor Quinn

Motion #: 4

Resolution #: 4

Date: January 9, 2024

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

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

Recorded vote requested: ☐

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

## Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest\*


I declare this motion

☒ Carried

☐ Lost / Defeated

☐ Deferred to: \_\_\_\_\_ (enter date)

Because:

☐ Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_ (enter body)

Expected response: \_\_\_\_\_ (enter date)

Chair:

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



The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
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[Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)  
(sent via e-mail)

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Re: Carbon Tax

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the City of Sarnia regarding Carbon Tax.

**Motion #12**

Moved by Councillor John van Klaveren

Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey

That Council support correspondence item 'o' from the City of Sarnia regarding Carbon Tax.

***Carried.***

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

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn  
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SARNIA  
City Clerk's Department**

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January 19, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
[Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Carbon Tax**

At its meeting held on January 15, 2024, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution:

***Whereas the federal government recently increased the carbon tax in April 2023 and will almost triple it by 2030; and***

***Whereas the Parliamentary Budget officer has admitted that when fiscal and economic impacts of the federal fuel charge are considered that the vast majority of households will see a staggering loss; and***

***Whereas this tax flows through from producers to transporters to the grocery store floor for our citizens; and***

***Whereas this tax does very little to reduce pollution and emissions; and***

***Whereas two thirds of Canadians are approximately \$200 away or less from not being able to pay all their bills at the end of the month; and***

***Therefore, be it resolved that Sarnia City Council write a Letter to the Federal government (and copied to other Municipalities for their consideration) strongly urging them to cancel the carbon tax which is financially hurting our citizens at a time***

***when affordability concerns are at an all-time high to ease the financial and inflationary pressure on our Citizens.***

Your consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Amy Burkhart'.

Amy Burkhart  
City Clerk

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
(sent via e-mail)

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

**Motion #11**

Moved by Councillor Bob Woolvett  
Seconded by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues  
That Council support correspondence item 'r' from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

***Carried.***

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

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn  
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development – David Piccini  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Paul Calandra  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
All Ontario Municipalities

January 22, 2024

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46**

**DATE:** January 16, 2024

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Nieman

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Branderhorst

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

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







# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

## Council Resolution

**Date:** February 13, 2024

**Resolution Number:** 2024- 55

**9.1.2 AMO Social and Economic Prosperity Municipality Review**

**Moved By:** Councillor Moreton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Grant

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Therefore, be it resolved that** the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; **And further that** a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

MPP Victor Fedeli

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Ontario Municipalities

**Results: Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

February 16, 2024

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-81**

**DATE:** February 13, 2024

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Roberts

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hirsch

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

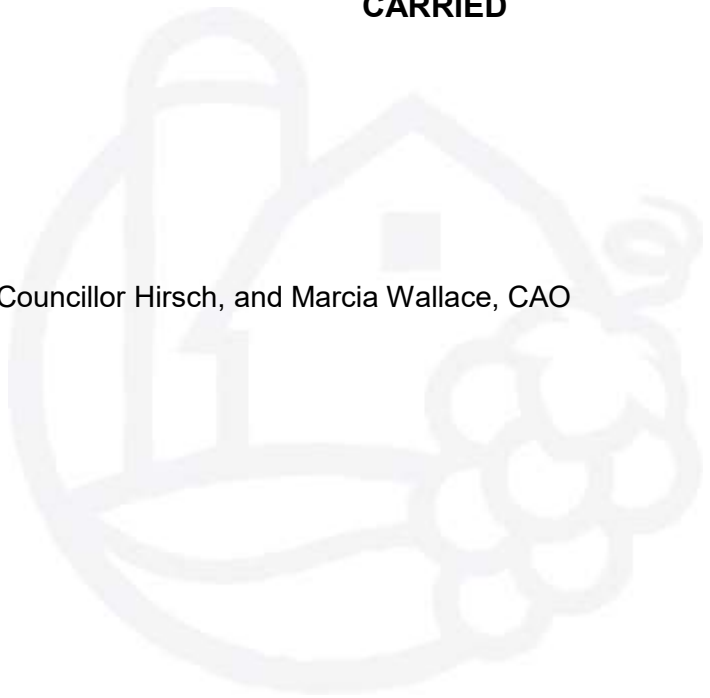
**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

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





## TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH / MONTEITH

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February 16, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, at its meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, pass the following motion supporting the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

Resolution #2024-53

Moved by: Vicky Roeder-Martin

Seconded by: Terry Currie

Be It Resolved that Council supports resolution 2024-46 from the County of Prince Edward relating to a request to the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements. Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com](mailto:clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com)

Yours truly,

Cheryl Marshall  
Clerk-Treasurer

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Paul Calandra  
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development – David Piccini  
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February 16, 2024

Re: support Bill C-310 – increase tax credits for volunteer firefighting

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, at its meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, pass the following motion supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa to call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

Resolution #2024-53

Moved by: Terry Currie

Seconded by: Vicky Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council supports Resolution RC23265 from Municipality of Wawa calling on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsection 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com](mailto:clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com)

Yours truly,

Cheryl Marshall  
Clerk-Treasurer

cc. Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### RESOLUTION

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

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

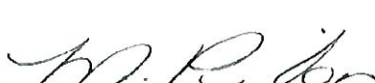
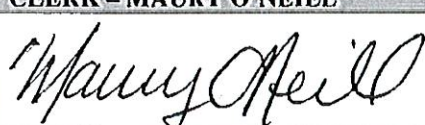
**FURTHERMORE THAT** a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

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

#### Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
	

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February 6, 2024

Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Minister of Finance  
Frost Building South  
7th Floor  
7 Queen's Park Cres.  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7  
[Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)

Dear Honourable Minister Bethlenfalvy:

**Re: Support for Comprehensive Review of Social and Economic Prosperity**

At their meeting held on February 6, 2024, Council discussed the need for a stable and sustainable municipal financial position. Council supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario as they request that the Province undertake a comprehensive review of social and economic prosperity. The resolution adopted by Council is below.

**R-43-2024**

It was **Moved** by C. Hull, **Seconded** by T. Bell and **Carried**

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

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

**And whereas** municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

**And whereas** unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

**And whereas** municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like delivering long term care services, homelessness and affordable housing options, addressing the mental health and addictions crises, and other social services;

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





## TOWN OF SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA

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

**And whereas** the Province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

**And whereas** municipalities and the Provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

**Therefore be it resolved that** The Town of South Bruce Peninsula requests that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

**And further that** this resolution be sent to The Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy – Ontario's Minister of Finance, Rick Byers – MPP Grey/Bruce/Owen Sound, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all other Ontario municipalities.

We trust that you will consider our request and look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours very truly,

Angie Cathrae  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
519-534-1400 ext 122  
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cc: Premier Doug Ford, Rick Byers MPP Bruce/Grey/Owen Sound, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, All Ontario Municipalities

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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

Dear Premier Ford,  
Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 31, 2024, The County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

**WHEREAS** the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

**WHEREAS** the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives; and

**WHEREAS** in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of

the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

**WHEREAS** in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

**WHEREAS** in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the County of Renfrew:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Emon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Emon, Warden

County of Renfrew

[warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca](mailto:warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca)

cc: Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario)  
Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada)  
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.



February 2, 2024

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To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held January 30, 2024 adopted the following:

**12.1.10 Reliable and Accessible Public Rail Transit - CN Rail**

WHEREAS Canadians deserve access to reliable and efficient passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS in 2021 the Canadian Minister of Transportation announced that the federal government would be pursuing opportunities to enhance passenger rail services in southwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS passengers continue to experience long delays and disruptions to service, related to interruptions caused by CN Rail's freight systems and refusal to give priority to passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS Metrolinx and VIA, in extending or improving commuter train service from Aldershot through to Brantford, Woodstock, Ingersoll and London, is reliant on access to CN rail lines; and

WHEREAS CN Rail views increased passenger rail service on its lines as being incompatible with its primary business of moving freight and is unlikely to cooperate in extending commuter rail service on its lines in southwestern Ontario without direction from the federal government; and

WHEREAS CN Rail has shown a disregard for Municipal property maintenance standards in respect to the maintenance of their rail lines and blocks municipalities attempts to enforce municipal property standards upon their rail lines; and

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WHEREAS CN Rail's consistent failure to provide a timely response to development applications adjacent to rail right of ways imposes inordinate delays and expense for builders and municipalities, further jeopardizing the ability of municipalities to address the housing crisis; and

WHEREAS there is a complete lack of federal regulations providing VIA and Metrolinx with any degree of priority or guaranteed access to rail rights of way or directing CN Rail to work cooperatively with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS The City of Brantford CALLS UPON the Federal Government to assist other levels of government as they take steps address the need for reliable and accessible public rail transit, timely processing of housing developments and the prompt and equitable enforcement of municipal property standards;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD requests that the Federal Government enact the necessary legislative and regulatory provisions:

- i. providing VIA and Metrolinx with priority right of way over freight rail lines, and further;
- ii. directing CN Rail to work positively and cooperatively with municipal and provincial governments in the processing of land development applications, and the prompt and timely enforcement of municipal property standards;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities; and to the Member of Provincial Parliament Will Bouma, Member of Parliament Larry Brock, Federal Minister of Transport Pablo Rodriguez, Provincial Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, President and CEO at Metrolinx, President and Chief Executive Officer of VIA Rail Canada Inc and President and Chief Executive Officer of CN.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier  
City Clerk, [cgauthier@brantford.ca](mailto:cgauthier@brantford.ca)

cc Ontario Municipalities  
Federal Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez  
Provincial Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria  
President & CEO, Metrolinx

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President & CEO, VIA Rail Canada Inc  
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Sent via email

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

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Supreme Court of Appeal in Sudbury v. Ontario (Ministry of Labour)**

Please be advised that the following Resolution was approved by Peel Regional Council on January 25, 2024:

**Resolution Number 2024-65**

**Moved by** Councillor Russo  
**Seconded by** Councillor Parrish

*Whereas in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury ("Sudbury") entered into a contract with a contractor to complete a project in its downtown core;*

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

*And whereas, an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;*

*And whereas, Sudbury was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;*

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

*And whereas, the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in the dismissal of Sudbury's appeal;*

*And whereas, the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor;*



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*And whereas, the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;*

*And whereas, The Regional Municipality of Peel believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;*

*Now therefore be it resolved:*

1. *That the Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of “employer” to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project; and*
2. *That this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Greater Toronto Area municipalities.*

**Carried**

Thank you,



Aretha Adams,  
Regional Clerk

Cc: David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Patricia Caza, Regional Solicitor & Commissioner of Legislative Services, Region of Peel  
Kealy Dedman, Commissioner of Public Works, Region of Peel  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario - Karen Redman, MARCO Chair  
Council of Ontario Construction Associations  
Ontario Chamber of Commerce - Brent Edwards, Key Account Manager  
All Greater Toronto Area municipalities

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## PROCLAMATION

### NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2024

**WHEREAS** Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD) is a rare and relatively unknown autoimmune disease that currently has no cure;

**AND WHEREAS** NMOSD attacks the central nervous system and can cause lifetime disability, including blindness and/or paralysis;

**AND WHEREAS** The cause of NMOSD is still a mystery and there are a few approved treatments for the majority of patients with NMOSD; but no treatments for the remainder of patients;

**AND WHEREAS** When mistaken for other diseases, treatments can exacerbate NMOSD symptoms;

**AND WHEREAS** Increasing awareness about NMOSD has caused diagnoses to rise, as doctors have become more likely to recognize the varying manifestations of the disease;

**AND WHEREAS** The NMOSD community is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding of this disease in order to promote research, improved patient care, and outcomes, and ultimately find a cure.

**THEREFORE**, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim March 2024 as **Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ann Lawlor".

Ann Lawlor  
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills



**PROCLAMATION**  
**NATIONAL DEAFBLIND AWARENESS MONTH**  
**JUNE 2024**

**WHEREAS** deafblindness is a unique information-gathering disability that incorporates the dual-sensory loss of both sight and hearing. Individuals who are deafblind can live full, meaningful lives as independently as possible with the right supports in place, such as Intervenor Services;

**AND WHEREAS** the National Deafblind Awareness Working Group is led by groups and organizations in Ontario and across Canada that support individuals who are deafblind to increase their independence and improve their quality of life through specialized services;

**AND WHEREAS** the National Deafblind Awareness Working Group encourages the promotion of deafblindness and National Deafblind Awareness Month, including flag raisings and lighting up of local landmarks in communities across Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** June is the birth month of Helen Keller, a person who was deafblind, known around the world for her perseverance and achievements and an inspiration to the deafblind community;

**AND WHEREAS** June should be designated as Deafblind Awareness Month to recognize and celebrate the contributions that individuals who are deafblind make in their communities throughout Ontario with the support of intervenors who serve as a bridge to communication for individuals who are deafblind.

**THEREFORE**, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim June 2024 as **National Deafblind Awareness Month**.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ann Lawlor", is written in a cursive style.

Ann Lawlor  
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills