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Halton Hills Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Georgetown Branch

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present: Betsy Cosper (Chair), Erica Daly, Christina da Rocha-Feeley, Councillor Alex Hilson, Councillor Bob Inglis, Matt Kindbom (Vice Chair), Jane Marshall, Tamara Smith, Lisa Teggart

Staff Present: Clare Hanman, Beverley King, Lori Mazza Brenton (Recorder), Lee Puddephatt, Mary Querques

Regrets: Keith Medenblik, Alice Strachan

1.0 Call to Order

B. Cosper declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

T. Smith read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved By: J. Marshall

Seconded By: Councillor A. Hilson

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest

NIL

5.0 Minutes of Previous Library Board and Sub-Committees Meetings

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded By: E. Daly

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

5.1 Minutes of the Library Board meeting held on January 31, 2024

5.2 Confidential Minutes of the Library Board meeting held on January 31, 2024

5.3 Minutes of the Advocacy Committee meeting held on December 14, 2023

5.4 Minutes of the Advocacy Committee meeting held on February 12, 2024

CARRIED

6.0 Consent Agenda
NIL

7.0 Correspondence
NIL

8.0 Presentation/Delegations
NIL

9.0 Business Arising

9.1 Report No. LBD-2024-007 re: Policy Review: Collection Management – Second Review

- This is the second review of the Collection Management Policy. No comments were provided at the previous Board meeting.
- Two housekeeping amendments were noted.

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded By: M. Kindbom

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-007 dated March 21, 2024, regarding the Policy Review: Collection Management Policy – Second Review be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves the revised Collection Management Policy.

CARRIED

9.2 Workshop Discussion

- Discussed the February 28 Board Workshop with Dr. Kate Graham on municipal advocacy and the Board's upcoming event with Council on May 23.
- The Board will focus on long-term positive messaging.
- The Impact Stories compiled by staff offer positive examples the Board can share to show how the library supports and empowers the residents of Halton Hills.
- The library acts as a community hub, providing connections to services and resources.
- Various themes were discussed: lifelong learning, small business and local economy, heritage, sense of place, part of Town's identity.
- The library brings people together; it is a place where they feel welcome, safe, and supported.
- In these tough economic times, there is nothing that saves people more money than the library.
- It was suggested that the economic impact study be given to the Board again as a resource tool.

10.0 Updates – including Sub-committees

10.1 Advocacy Committee

Impact Stories: How HHPL Empowers and Supports Our Community (draft)

- This is an internal document for the Board with real-life examples based on residents' experiences that demonstrate how the library's collections, services and programs impact the community.
- In addition to the Impact Stories, it was suggested that a 30-second elevator pitch be incorporated into the Board's advocacy document.
- General discussion regarding relationship development and sharing stories authentically.
- It was suggested that Board members each prepare a debrief sheet after the May 23 event.
- Staff will finalize the Impact Stories, which will be discussed further at the next Advocacy Committee meeting.

Town Council Profiles (draft)

- This is an internal document for the Board, compiled from public information.
- Staff will finalize the profiles and they will be further discussed at the next Advocacy Committee meeting.

10.2 Friends of the Library (FOL)

L. Teggart reported that:

- The Friends of the Library Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on April 11 at 1:00 p.m. It will be a hybrid meeting, with in person attendance at the Georgetown Branch.
- Acton book sales doubled in 2023.
- There are currently 88 members.

10.3 Council

Councillor A. Hilson reported that:

- Council approved a 6-storey, 163-unit apartment building on Dayfoot Drive in Georgetown.
- Earth Week is April 19-27 with activities planned throughout the week.
- Council approved a contractor for the Trafalgar sports park facility. It will include washrooms, storage, and a concession stand.
- Council, in collaboration with the Association of Ontario Municipalities, drafted a resolution addressing the provincial-municipal funding arrangement, advocating for a new agreement.

Councillor B. Inglis reported that:

- Council discussed the Stewarttown Secondary Plan. Recognizing the Town's planned intensification and growth, the anticipated population increase will result in an increasing demand for library services.

- The province has put a time limit on heritage registries. Currently, all heritage properties in Halton Hills must be designated by January 1, 2025. The Mayor will be submitting a request to the Premier to extend that deadline to January 1, 2030.

10.4 Community Connections

Councillor A. Hilson shared that:

- He recently did some printing at the Georgetown Branch. The patron ahead of him was being assisted by a staff member and he overheard them saying they don't need to own a printer because they use the library. They appeared happy to be using the library's printing services.
- He was at a meeting with Town staff and community groups talking about how the Town can support them, in particular with marketing. Town staff recommended going to the library to use the Creativity Centre.

11.0 Financial Report

11.1 Month End Report – February 2024

As of February 2024:

- Total revenues are under budget by approximately 11.5%. This is due mainly to the end of year receipt of the Public Library Operating Grant.
- Salaries, wages, and benefits are 3.8% under budget. This is due to vacancies for Librarian positions.
- Materials and supplies appear to be under budget by approximately 8.8%; however, not all expenditures have been posted at this time.
- The percentage remaining for February 2024 is 85.8%, indicating that the library is slightly under budget; however, not all expenditures have been recorded for the period.

Moved By: M. Kindbom

Seconded By: Councillor A. Hilson

THAT the financial month end report for February 2024 be received.

CARRIED

12.0 New Business

12.1 Report No. LBD-2024-008 re: 2024 Closure Schedule Update

- Staff recommend adjusting the 2024 closure schedule and moving the professional development day from October 7 to November 4 to avoid closures on consecutive Mondays.

Moved By: J. Marshall

Seconded By: T. Smith

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-008 dated March 21, 2024, regarding the 2024 Closure

Schedule Update be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves the updated 2024 Closure Schedule.

CARRIED

12.2 Report No. LBD-2024-009 re: HHPL Merchandising Approach

- The HHPL merchandising approach is strategically designed to support the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. It will focus on raising the profile of the library, fostering community engagement, and promoting the HHPL brand.
- Proceeds from sales will benefit the Halton Hills Public Library Foundation to enhance programs and services for residents.
- In addition to merchandise, it will offer themed kits for programming events and do-it-yourself projects that can be made using the Creativity Centre.
- Staff will work with local artists to develop one-of-a-kind items.
- Items will be sold in branches; an online store will be considered following the current website review.
- Offsite pick up at the HHPL Book Lockers and through the Home Library Service will be explored.
- The Board discussed the messaging around the merchandising approach.
- It was noted that the store is an avenue for those who would like to support the library.

Moved By: E. Daly

Seconded By: Councillor A. Hilson

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-009 dated March 21, 2024, regarding the HHPL Merchandising Approach be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board direct staff to implement the HHPL Merchandising Approach as outlined in the report;

AND FURTHER THAT all net proceeds from sales will be directed to the Halton Hills Public Library Foundation.

CARRIED

12.3 Report No. LBD-2024-010 re: Policy Review: Borrowing – First Review

Tabled

12.4 Report No. LBD-2024-011 re: 2023 Quarter 4 Metrics

Tabled

12.5 Report No. LBD-2024-012 re: Chief Librarian & CEO Report – March 2024
Tabled

13.0 In Camera

13.1 Confidential re: Security Matter

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded By: M. Kindbom

THAT the meeting move In Camera to address the following matters:
Confidential Verbal Update regarding the security of the property of the Board.

CARRIED

Moved By: J. Marshall

Seconded By: M. Kindbom

THAT the meeting move Out of Camera.

CARRIED

Motion to approve In Camera items:

Moved By: T. Smith

Seconded By: E. Daly

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Confidential Report from the
March 27, 2024, In Camera session are hereby adopted;

AND FURTHER THAT staff carry out any of the Board's direction on these matters as set
out in the confidential minutes dated March 27, 2024:

Confidential Verbal Update regarding the security of the property of the Board.

CARRIED

14.0 Health and Safety Report

Nothing to report.

15.0 Next Meeting

April 24, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Georgetown Branch

16.0 Adjournment

Moved By: C. da Rocha-Feeley

Seconded By: T. Smith

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Signed: _____
Betsy Cospers, Chair
Halton Hills Public Library Board

Signed: _____
Beverley King, Chief Librarian & CEO
Halton Hills Public Library

APPROVED: April 24, 2024

DATED: April 24, 2024

MULTI-MUNICIPAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP

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May 1, 2024

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

The Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group (MMEWG) continues to actively follow the procurement processes the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is undertaking to procure additional capacity to meet projected future energy needs. Details released regarding the Long-Term 2 Request for Proposals (LT2 RFP) plus subsequent LT RFPs has raised many concerns.

The IESO RFPs call for 5 TWh of new energy generation, and proposes that this be mostly derived from 2000 MW of new energy generation produced by mostly wind and solar by 2030. It further proposes that a portion of this generation could be derived by repowering on the current footprint of existing wind turbines that will reach their end of contract life between 2026 and 2034.

Since existence, the now Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group, formerly known as the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group, has continued to advocate for stronger safety measures and best practices related to wind turbine installations across the province. To date, many of the concerns raised have not been addressed with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks confirmed in a recent IESO engagement session that no changes to the existing setbacks are planned.

Severe health effects to many residents living within the vicinity of project sites have been identified and continue to jeopardized the health and well-being of many residents. The current setbacks from other activities are not sufficient to protect against the full range of noise emissions from wind turbines. The MMEWG will be making a presentation on this topic to the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit in the March in an effort to bring these concerns to the forefront in advance of the repowering of current projects.

Public safety continues to remain a paramount concern of the MMEWG. Setbacks for tower collapse remain insufficient. The current blade length plus 10 metres requirement not a strong enough protective measure for existing projects let alone repowered turbines on existing footprints. Setbacks for ice throw are also insufficient, as the blade

length plus 10 metre setback is less than the ice throw distance witnessed in Ontario. Ontario has witnessed turbine fire and flaming debris on the ground at 200 metres, while setback was 50 metres. A Ministry review failed to recommend industry standard protective barriers for fire suppression in spite of examples of fires in similar turbines.

In 2013, 115 municipalities declared themselves “Unwilling Hosts” for wind turbine projects. With the expected surge in proposals given the ambitious procurement efforts being undertaken by the IESO, and little change in the regulations, the MMEWG strongly recommends that municipalities reaffirm their unwillingness to host projects until the appropriate ministries address the concerns and make stronger rules and regulations to ensure that, as municipal leaders, provide measures necessary for the health, safety and well-being of citizens within our jurisdiction, as mandated by the *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended*. Over the past month, the municipalities of Arran-Elderslie, Chatsworth and East Zorra-Tavistock have taken this step.

For consideration, a DRAFT declaration has been attached. Should your municipality declare its intention, please let us and we will continue to keep you apprised of any advancements in the industry and regulations.

Warm Regards,



p.p.
Tom Allwood,
Chair, Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group
Councillor, Municipality of Grey Highlands

DRAFT

Independent Electrical System Operator
By email: engagement@ieso.ca

Re: Municipality/Township of _____ – Wind Turbine Projects

Please be advised at the Municipality/Township of _____ Council meeting held on _____, the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS the Independent Electrical System Operator (the IESO) has proposed to move forward with three RFPs where new wind turbine projects can receive a contract from the IESO; and

WHEREAS people living near existing wind turbines report considerable impact on their lives due to noise and other emissions from the wind turbines; and

WHEREAS there are gaps in the enforcement of key terms of the Renewable Energy Approvals governing existing projects relative to noise standards and resolution of complaints; and

WHEREAS municipal approval is required to locate one of these projects in the Municipality/Township of _____; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council does not support the establishment of any new wind turbine projects within the municipality; and

THAT the IESO be directed to advise potential applicants of this resolution.

Sincerely,

Clerk, Municipality/Township of _____

c:

The Hon. Todd Smith - Minister of Energy - MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca

David Donovan, Chief of Staff, david.donovan@ontario.ca

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Provincial Matters

Show and tell us how your transparency project or program is modern and innovative, improves government transparency creatively, and has a solid positive impact for Ontarians. [Submissions](#) due May 31.

Education Opportunities

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has launched the delegation forms to request your meetings at the 2024 AMO Annual Conference. Submit your delegation request by **June 7, 2024, 5:00pm EST**. [English Delegation Requests](#) | [French Delegation Requests](#).

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LAS

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Our Occupational Health and Safety Management digital service partner invites you to attend a [live symposium](#) on health and safety, in Markham on May 30.

Canoe's [spring webinar series](#) wraps up next week - May 23 at 11am. Procurement expert Stephanie Dion shares her insights on how to do group procurement and comply with trade agreements. [Register here](#) to attend.

Careers

[Integrity Commissioner - City of Toronto](#). Closing Date: June 10, 2024.

[Fitness Coordinator - City of Orillia](#). Closing Date: May 24, 2024.

[Deputy Chief Building Official - Township of The Archipelago](#). Closing Date: June 3, 2024.

[Coordinator, Environmental Services - City of Windsor](#). Closing Date: May 21, 2024.

[Manager - Capital Planning and Corporate Asset Management - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: May 21, 2024.

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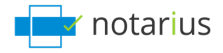
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The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on proposed changes to repeal the five-year DC phase in and reinstate certain costs as eligible for DCs. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The province has posted land use planning changes to be made under *Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act* [for comment](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing to allow digital publication of public notices for certain land use and development charge by-laws where local newspapers are not available. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking input on barriers to the development of additional residential units. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing expanding the list of municipalities required to

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The Ministry of Energy is proposing exempt energy infrastructure relocation from seeking leave to construct if the relocation supports priority transit. [Comments are open](#) until May 11, 2024.

Federal Matters

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[Engineering Technologist, Traffic - City of Markham](#). Closing date: May 10.

[Supervisor of Planning - City of Cornwall](#). Closing date: May 16.

[Planner - City of Cornwall](#). Closing date: May 15.

[Zoning/Planning Examiner - King Township](#). Closing date: May 24.

[General Manager, Development Services and Engineering - City of Orillia](#). Closing date: May 24.

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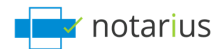
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- Emergency Preparedness week - May 5-11, 2024.
- Ministry of Energy webinar - BPS energy reporting.
- Consultation: Rural Economic Development Strategy.
- ERO posting: Development Charges.
- ERO posting: Land Use Planning matters under Bill 185.
- ERO posting: Newspaper Notice Requirements.
- ERO posting: Removing Barriers for Additional Residential Units.
- ERO posting: Municipal Planning Data Reporting Regulation.
- ERO posting: Streamlining Pipeline Relocation to support Transit.
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Lake Erie habitat restoration efforts.
- Disability Inclusion Virtual Workshop.
- Cybersecurity workshop for Municipally Elected Officials.
- Anti-Semitism and Anti-Islamophobia: Spring workshops.
- Councillor training - Refresh and refine your leadership, May workshop.
- Councillor workshops.
- Understanding Competing Human Rights - Upcoming workshop.
- Managing Communications During a Time of Crisis.
- Navigating Conflict Relationships: Transforming conflict into collaboration.
- Blog: Understanding Municipal Liability.
- Participate in the Online Citizens' Services survey.
- Canoe - your municipal sector partner.
- Canoe spring webinar series: Streamlining procurement.
- Register for Basic Income Forum.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

AMO is seeking candidates to serve on its Board of Directors. [Click here](#) for information on eligibility and nomination requirements. Elections will occur at the AMO Annual Conference in August.

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](#).

The [Municipal Information & Data Analysis System](#) (MIDAS) is a web-based tool that provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) to all Ontario municipalities. The FIR is the main data collection tool used by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to collect municipal financial and statistical information. Municipal elected officials and staff can contact MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca for access.

Learn about youth perspective on civic engagement and some approaches to building new relationships with the young people in your communities from AMO's 2023 Youth Fellows, Catherine, Morgan, and Jacob, in [this month's edition of Municipal World](#).

Circular Materials (CM) replied to a [letter from municipal governments](#) on CM blue box advocacy. [CM's response](#) remains vague on the details of the changes they are seeking and on the details on how the

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Provincial Matters

[211](#) is a public enquiry line available in Ontario every day and in times of emergency. 211 is supporting Emergency Preparedness Week to raise awareness of the 211 service. [Free print materials are available to municipalities](#) for use during Emergency Preparedness Week, or for displays any time of year.

Not sure what to do for energy reporting this year? The Ministry of Energy is hosting a webinar to review the July 1, 2024 energy reporting requirements for BPS organizations under [O.Reg 25/23](#). Register today - the webinar will be held on [May 8](#) and again on [June 4](#). For any questions, contact the Ministry at BPSsupport@ontario.ca.

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.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on proposed changes to repeal the five-year DC phase in and reinstate certain costs as eligible for DCs. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The province has posted land use planning changes to be made under *Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act* [for comment](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing to allow digital publication of public notices for certain land use and development charge by-laws where local newspapers are not available. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking input on barriers to the development of additional residential units. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing expanding the list of municipalities required to report municipal planning data, and to enhance the quality of the data provided. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Energy is proposing exempt energy infrastructure relocation from seeking leave to construct if the relocation supports priority transit. [Comments are open](#) until May 11, 2024.

Federal Matters

If you are a municipality located in the Lake Erie watershed and interested in DFO's Fish and Fish habitat restoration initiative, contact [DFO](#) on how to participate in upcoming engagements.

Education Opportunities

AMO Education has partnered with the Abilities Centre to deliver a workshop designed to enhance elected official understanding and approach to inclusion. Register for this important [Disability Inclusion June 5 workshop](#).

AMO has partnered with the Toronto Metropolitan University's (TMU) Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst to prepare elected officials in understanding cybersecurity and to make critical decisions related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to cyber security incidents. Register for the [June 12 Cybersecurity workshop](#) to learn how to prevent, prepare, and respond.

Don't miss this time limited opportunity: register for the [May 7 antisemitism workshop](#) and the [May 15 anti-islamophobia workshop](#). These important workshops provide you invaluable insight on the historical and contemporary roots of antisemitism and anti-islamophobia, how to address these and how to build relationships and allyships.

The Councillor Training interactive workshop delves into the key areas of your responsibility as an elected official in a forum where you can ask questions that you can't always raise locally. Register for the [May 14 Councillor Training workshop](#) today.

AMO is offering a number of education workshops focusing on the most integral aspects of municipal leadership and governance. For full information including workshop descriptions, dates and registration visit amoeducation.ca

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AMO has developed [Advanced Councillor Training](#) in 3 sessions focused on core elements of leadership. Register for the [May 8 Session 1 workshop](#), [May 29 Session 2 workshop](#), and the [October 2 Session 3 workshop](#).

AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. Register for this important [Competing Rights May 23 workshop](#).

During times of crisis such as natural disasters or public disruption, municipally elected officials find themselves at the front line and facing the expectations of providing up to date and useful information to their communities. The [June 19 Managing Communications through Crisis workshop](#) is an opportunity to develop and enhance your approach to managing all aspects of crisis communications during and emergency. Join your colleagues to learn techniques for effective and proactive communications with community and media.

Having conflict-free and collaborative relationships can play a significant role in helping locally elected officials carry out your collective responsibilities as decision-makers of their communities. Learn how to accomplish this at the [June 26-27 Navigating Conflict Relationships workshop](#).

LAS

Our [latest blog](#) uses a real case scenario to help Ontario municipalities understand their legal responsibilities regarding workplace safety.

Make your voice heard. Our Electronic Signature Service partner would like [your input](#) to help shape the future of your digital services.

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Canoe's [spring webinar series](#) continues this spring. with a special presentation on May 23. Procurement expert Stephanie Dion shares her insights on how to do group procurement and comply with trade agreements. [Register here to attend](#).

Municipal Wire*

Registrations for Canada's inaugural [Basic Income Guarantee Forum](#) are open. BIG 2024 takes place from May 23-26 at the University of Ottawa. Elected officials and staff are encouraged to attend.

Careers

[Chief Administrative Officer - The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board](#). Closing Date: May 20.

[Ontario Works Manager - County of Wellington](#). Closing Date: May 10.

[Asset Management Coordinator - Township of Oro-Medonte](#). Closing Date: May 17.

[Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Finance - Township of Oro-Medonte](#). Closing Date: May 17.

[Manager, Budgets & Financial Planning - City of Thunder Bay](#). Closing Date: May 30.

[Engineering Technician II - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: May 12.

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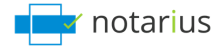
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April 26, 2024

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Samantha Yew, Clerk, City of Burlington
Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk, Town of Halton Hills
Meaghen Reid, Town Clerk, Town of Milton
Vicki Tytaneck, Town Clerk, Town of Oakville

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, April 17, 2024, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: FN-13-24 – 2024 Spring Debenture Issuance

1. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to prepare the necessary By-laws to issue the debentures as set out in Report No. FN-13-24 re: "2024 Spring Debenture Issuance".
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. FN-13-24 to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville for their information.

Please find attached a copy of Report No. FN-13-24 for your information. If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
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Regional Municipality of Halton

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The Regional Municipality of Halton

Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Cyndy Winslow, Commissioner, Finance and Regional Treasurer
Date:	April 17, 2024
Report No.:	FN-13-24
Re:	2024 Spring Debenture Issuance

Recommendation

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Report

Executive Summary

- Halton Region ("the Region") facilitates all debenture financing transactions on behalf of the Region and the Local Municipalities.
- On April 3, 2024, Halton Region issued a \$77.5 million 1-15 year serial debenture with an all-in average borrowing rate of 4.445%.

Background

Report No. FN-03-24 re: "Authority to Negotiate and Place a Debenture Issue", provided authority to the Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer to negotiate a debenture for capital financing on behalf of the local municipalities and Halton Region for an amount not to exceed \$135.28 million.

On April 3, 2024, the Region successfully completed a debenture issuance transaction comprised of a \$77.5 million 1-15 year serial debenture (all-in average borrowing rate of 4.445%). This debenture issuance will close on April 23, 2024, following Council enactment of the Debenture By-laws on April 17, 2024. This debenture negotiation included financing for the City of Burlington, the Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville.

The Region previously issued \$34.74 million in the spring of 2023 through Report No. FN-24-23 re: “2023 Spring Debt Issuance” and \$20.0 million in the fall of 2023 through Report No. FN-35-23 re: “2023 Fall Debenture Issuance”.

The Canadian economy showed resilience in the last quarter of 2023, expanding by 1%, with exports supporting economic growth, while domestic demand weakened. Inflation has steadily moved lower, falling below 3% in January 2024, as gasoline prices unexpectedly decelerated. The labour market continues to be strong, although wages are growing at a slower pace. Most central banks have signaled that rate increases are over, but the timing of rate cuts looks very uncertain. The Bank of Canada has kept key rates unchanged since July 2023 and has indicated that any rate decision will be dependent on further progress on inflation. However, stronger than expected economic growth and rising energy prices due to geopolitical tensions have sent bond yields higher (50 basis points since beginning of the year), fueling demand for bond investments. In this context, there was solid investor interest for the Region’s serial debenture issue. The Region’s last debenture issue was completed in October 2023 for a 1-15 year serial debenture at an average net borrowing cost of 5.241%.

Discussion

As shown below, the total capital funding of \$77.5 million secured by the recent debenture issuance is for the City of Burlington, the Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville and is within the amount authorized by Council through Report FN-03-24 re: “Authority to Negotiate and Place a Debenture Issue”. The Region will issue an additional 30-year sinking fund in the amount of \$54.6 million at a later time.

Municipality	FN-03-34	FN-13-24
	Authority to Negotiate	Spring Debt Issuance
	Total	1-15 Year Serial
City of Burlington	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 17,000,000
Town of Milton	13,000,000	10,475,000
Town of Oakville	50,636,000	50,000,000
Halton Region	54,647,000	-
Total	\$ 135,283,000	\$ 77,475,000

Financial/Program Implications

Based on Halton Region's pay-as-you-go financing strategy, the Region's 2024 Budget and Business Plan (excluding Halton Regional Police Service), does not include debenture financing for capital projects in 2024. As outlined in the 2024 Budget and Business Plan, the Region's annual projected debt level is expected to decline over the next 10 years and will remain well within the Region's borrowing capacity.

Respectfully submitted by,

Matthew Buist
Director, Capital and Development
Financing

Cyndy Winslow
Commissioner, Finance and
Regional Treasurer

Approved by,

Jane MacCaskill
Chief Administrative Officer

If you have any questions about the content of this report, please contact:
Matthew Buist, Director, Capital and Development Financing

Attachments:
None

Additional Information:

The sources listed below are for supplemental information and reference only. Halton Region is not responsible for the currency, accuracy, or legality of the content from any external links.

N/A

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD
May 14th, 2024

2024-104

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers
Seconded by Councillor Champagne**

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support the resolution from Hastings County calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND FURTHER THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, Good Roads and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-104 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 14th day of May, 2024.



Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD
May 14th, 2024

2024-106

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support the resolution from the City of St. Catharines regarding petitioning the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario’s citizens and the non-native (“exotic”) wild animal population;

AND FUTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

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April 23, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on April 8, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and

WHEREAS non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and

WHEREAS owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and

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WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population; and

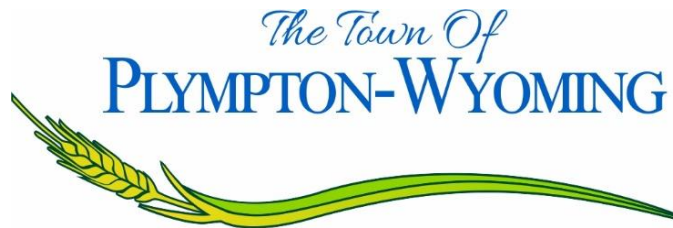
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If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
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Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO)
All Municipalities of Ontario



Hon. Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
(sent via e-mail)

May 10th, 2024

Re: Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on May 8th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from St. Catherines regarding the need of Provincial regulations to restrict the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals.

Motion #21

Moved by Councillor Bob Woolvett

Seconded by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

That Council support correspondence item 'g' from St. Catherines regarding Provincial Regulations needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native (exotic) Wild Animals.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,

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

Cc: The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
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April 23, 2024

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**MUNICIPALITY OF CASSELMAN
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING**

Regular Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.1.1.
Resolution Number 2024-134
Title: Geneviève Lajoie - Autonomy of Conservation Authorities in Ontario
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Moved by: Genevieve Lajoie
Seconded by: Paul Groulx

WHEREAS the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) has proposed regulatory changes under the Conservation Authorities Act, as detailed in posting #019-8320 on the Environment Registry of Ontario, which grant the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry unprecedented powers to i) prevent a conservation authority from issuing a permit and decide on a permit application in the place of the conservation authority, and ii) review a conservation authority permit decision at the request of an applicant, as notified by Jennifer Keyes, Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch;

AND WHEREAS these changes threaten to undermine the expertise, autonomy, and localized knowledge of conservation authorities, risking the effective stewardship of Ontario's natural resources, as articulated in the letter from Genevieve Lajoie, Mayor of Casselman and dedicated board member of the South Nation Conservation;

AND WHEREAS the proposed changes may lead to developments that compromise water quality, public health, and biodiversity, and ignore the critical role of conservation authorities in climate adaptation strategies, indigenous rights and knowledge, and environmental and economic sustainability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Casselman stands in solidarity, expressing deep concern and opposition to the proposed regulatory changes under the Conservation Authorities Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Casselman supports the call to uphold the principles of scientific integrity, local expertise, and community input in conservation efforts, advocating for the autonomy of conservation authorities to protect our environment from decisions that favor development at the expense of environmental integrity;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Municipality of Casselman urges all Ontario municipalities to join in this call by supporting the letter addressed to the MNR by Mayor Genevieve Lajoie, and to advocate for the MNR to reconsider the proposed regulatory changes in favor of environmental stewardship, public trust, and the rights of future generations.

Sébastien Dion



Signed with ConSignO Cloud (2024/05/08)
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Sébastien Dion, Clerk

Carried



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May 8, 2024

Cathy Bradley
County of Hastings
Postal Bag 4400
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Dear Ms. Bradley,

Re: Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

At their meeting held on May 6, 2024, Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon passed the following resolution:

***Moved by Councillor Graff
Seconded by Councillor Stewart***

That the correspondence from Hastings County calling on the Provincial and Federal Governments to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities be received; and further

That Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon supports the establishment of an intergovernmental working group which would include a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma facing small rural municipalities; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Housing Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, the Acting President and CEO of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Premier, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MPP Ric Bresee, AMO, ROMA, EOWC and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Thank you for bringing this important matter to the attention of Council.

Sincerely,

Sydney Dodson
Deputy-Clerk

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cc: Prime Minister, Minister of Housing Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, Acting President and CEO of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Premier, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MPP Ric Bresee, AMO, ROMA, EOWC, all municipalities in Ontario

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May 1, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Email: PaulmCalandra@pc.ola.org

Dear Mr. Calandra,

Re: Operational Budget Funding

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday May 1st, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-05-01-10
Moved By: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the request of the Township of Amareth calling upon the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amount to all Ontario municipalities.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Thompson".

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
John Yakabuski, Local Member of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



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March 12, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent by email to: Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org

Re: Operational Budget Funding

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 6, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution.

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: G Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

Whereas all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes, and;

Whereas all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial funding for their Police operating budget, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province, approximately 40% less than the average Dufferin rural municipal tax rate.

Be It Resolved That the Township of Amaranth call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk
C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities

May 14, 2024

Sent via email: info@karea.ca

Kingston and Area Real
Estate Association
720 Arlington Park Place
Kingston, ON K7M 8H9

Re: Protecting Our Community's Water

Dear Erin Finn,

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following resolution at its regular session meeting of April 30, 2024:

RESOLUTION #155/24: Pinnell Jr., Norrie

That Council receive for information the correspondence from the Kingston and Area Real Estate Association regarding the local impacts of the proposed closure of the Kingston public health lab;

And further, that Council send a letter of support to the President of the Kingston and Area Real Estate Association;

And further that a copy of the letter to be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, Ric Bresee, MPP - Hastings Lennox and Addington; Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP- Hastings and Lennox and Addington and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact jwalters@greaternapanee.com if you require any further information with respect to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Jessica Walters
Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
Ric Bresee, MPP for Hastings-Lennox & Addington
Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP for Hastings-Lennox &
Addington
All municipalities of Ontario



Dear Mayor Richardson and Council

As a valued members of our community I feel it is important to share with you a matter of significant concern that affects us all, especially those of us living in or considering rural properties in Hastings, Lennox and Addington and Frontenac Counties.

Recent recommendations have put the future of our local Public Health Ontario laboratory in jeopardy. This facility is crucial for conducting no-cost water testing, a service that many of our rural residents rely on to ensure their drinking water is safe. The proposed closure of the Kingston lab could have a direct impact on our community's health and safety, as well as potential implications for property values and the attractiveness of rural living.

Why Your Support is Needed:

- Community Health: Safe drinking water is a cornerstone of public health. Losing access to local, no-cost water testing could lead to increased health risks.
- Rural Impact: Rural residents, in particular, depend on these services due to the absence of municipal water services in many areas.
- Economic Considerations: The availability of reliable water testing services is essential for maintaining property values and the desirability of rural properties.

How You Can Help:

The Kingston and Area Real Estate Association is spearheading a petition to keep the Kingston water testing lab operational and its services free. We believe that by coming together as a community, we can ensure that our voices are heard and that this essential service remains available to those who need it most.

We kindly ask for your support by:

1. Note and receive this letter for information and to provide a motion that a copy of this letter is sent to:
 - Premier Doug Ford
 - Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvie Jones
 - MPP Ric Bresee
 - MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman
 - All remaining 443 Ontario Municipalities

2. Spread the Word: Please share this information with friends, family, and neighbours. The more voices we gather, the stronger our appeal.

Your engagement in this cause is not just about preserving a service; it's about upholding the health and well-being of our community. Together, we can make a difference.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message and for considering this call to action. Your support means everything to us and to rural communities across Ontario.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Erin Finn

2024 President Kingston and Area Real Estate Association (KAREA)



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May 16, 2024

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

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

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on April 24, 2024, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River passed the following resolution in support of the County of Renfrew Council resolution regarding Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems:

6.1.1 Rural and Small Urban Municipalities - Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems
Renfrew County Council

RESOLUTION 2024 117

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes
SECONDED BY: Councillor Giardini

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence from the County of Renfrew Council regarding the affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems of rural and small urban municipalities, be received,

THAT Council of the Town of Deep River endorses the motion, and

THAT it be forwarded to the same persons as listed in the County of Renfrew distribution list.

CARRIED



Kind Regards,



Jackie Mellon, on behalf of the Council of the Town of Deep River
Clerk
Town of Deep River

cc: The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions
and Intergovernmental Affairs
The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to
the Minister of the Energy
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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.



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April 29, 2024

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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Khanjin, and Mr. Byers,

At the April 2, 2024, Town of South Bruce Peninsula Council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

R-111-2024

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

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

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

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

www.southbrucepeninsula.com

And that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario municipalities;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and to all Ontario municipalities.

I trust you find this satisfactory; however, should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Collins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brianna Collins, P.Eng.
Director of Public Works

cc: All Ontario municipalities



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April 29, 2024

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The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Mr. Cassimatis, and Mr. Byers,

At the February 6, 2024, Town of South Bruce Peninsula Council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

R-40-2024

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

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

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

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

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

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

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

And that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, the Town of South Bruce Peninsula's Member of Provincial Parliament Rick Byers, and all Ontario municipalities.

I trust you find this satisfactory; however, should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Brianna Collins, P.Eng.
Director of Public Works

cc: All Ontario municipalities



PROCLAMATION

MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

MAY 2024

WHEREAS, It is imperative that communities across Canada be reminded of the importance of sun safety;

AND WHEREAS, Over-exposure to UV radiation is one of the major causes of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers;

AND WHEREAS, Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s will get skin cancer in their lifetimes;

AND WHEREAS, Many people seek sun without taking the advisable precautionary measures and are unaware that any darkening of skin colour, including a tan, is indicative of UV damage;

AND WHEREAS, Skin self-examinations should be performed on a monthly basis because skin cancers are highly treatable when detected early;

AND WHEREAS, Save Your Skin Foundation is dedicated to the fight against non-melanoma skin cancers, melanoma and ocular melanoma through nationwide education, advocacy, and awareness initiatives.

THEREFORE, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim May 2024 as **Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month**.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Lawlor".

Ann Lawlor
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills



PROCLAMATION

WORLD SICKLE CELL AWARENESS DAY, ONTARIO SICKLE CELL AWARENESS DAY

JUNE 19, 2024

WHEREAS the World Health Organization (2006), the United Nations (2008) and the Government of Ontario (2021) have recognized Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) as a global and local public health priority and to raise awareness, designated the 19th day of June every year as World Sickle Cell Day (WSCD);

AND WHEREAS the Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO) recognizes SCD as an increasingly important medical issue in the province;

AND WHEREAS out of the estimated 6,500 Canadians affected by SCD, 3,500 live in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS over 65% of babies born with the disease nationally are born in the province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS through education and awareness programs, SCAGO is doing its part to reduce the stigma and discrimination faced by the families with children, youth and adults living with Sickle Cell Disease.

THEREFORE, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim June 19, 2024 as **World Sickle Cell Awareness Day, Ontario Sickle Cell Awareness Day**.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Lawlor".

Ann Lawlor
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills