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**DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA**

**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AGENDA**

**Wednesday November 20th, 2024 – 7:00pm**

**Location: BIA Office, 25 Mill Street East, Acton**

Truth and Reconciliation Land Acknowledgement – Reading:

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. – Read by [Monica Galway](#)

Attendance: [Monica Galway](#) – Chairperson / [Profile Hair & Skin Centre](#), [Chris Cambouris](#) – Vice Chairperson / [Titan Tek Biz](#), [Mike Albano](#) – Ward 1 Councilor, [Norman Paulsen](#) – [Acton Motors](#), [Nicole Walker](#) – [Acton Optical](#), [Patricia Daleman](#) – [Doane Grant Thornton LLP](#), [Matthew Galliford](#) – [DABIA Coordinator](#)

1. Chair's Welcome
2. Call to Order – 7:01 pm
3. Declaration of Pecuniary / Personal Conflict of Interest(s) - None
4. Adoption of October 2024 Minutes – 1<sup>st</sup>: [Chris Cambouris](#), 2<sup>nd</sup>: [Mike Albano](#), All in favor: Yes\*  
\*With amendment – Oct 2024 Minutes: Change Grant Thornton LLP to Doane Grant Thornton LLP as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024
5. Motion to Approve November 2024 Agenda – 1<sup>st</sup>: [Norman Paulsen](#), 2<sup>nd</sup>: [Patricia Daleman](#), All in favor: Yes
6. Coordinator's Report – [Matthew Galliford](#) – See Attachment below
  - Administrative update
  - Beautification update
  - Events and Festivals update
  - Issues / Complaints
7. Financial Reports – [Karren Tribble](#) has to pass on potential Bookkeeping position due to schedule.
  - [Patricia Gibson](#), potential bookkeeper prospect – Does not like QuickBooks or electronic bookkeeping
  - [Paul Latour](#) did provide reports, results are correct, but some of the categories are sorted incorrectly.
  - Put this position out to tender. [Patricia Daleman](#) will create the listing description for Bookkeeping Assistance.
8. New Business – [Chris Cambouris](#): Thank you to [Mike Albano](#) for assistance with setting up the holiday display platform at the Mews Plaza. Thank you to [Matthew](#) for the good interview with Cogeco's MyTV Halton.
  - [Chris](#) has asked a local Balinafad area landscape company to quote flower watering and maintenance for 2025 season. He has also contacted a garden Centre for a floral supply quote for 2025 season.
9. Motion to Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING:**

December 18th, 2024, 7:00pm –

followed by holiday dinner at The Mexican Way Restaurant, Acton

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

## **DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA**

### **Coordinator's Report**

**Wednesday November 20, 2024 – 7:00pm**

**Location: BIA Office, 25 Mill Street East, Acton**

#### **Administrative Update:**

We are now moved in and almost settled into new office. Many assets have been discovered, pole mounts and banner hangers x 16 sets, marketing materials, and I have started an archive of important files and documents from past events. The financials older than 7 years will be shredded and I will pull the final December reports from each file. I have been splitting time as required between administrative and the moving in.

#### **Beautification update:**

I have with Joanne at Meadowvale Garden Centre to meet and consult about the 2025 Downtown floral supply requirements. She has taken some time off and we will schedule a meeting soon.

The Canada flags were be removed and the Snowflake lights went up on November 12, 2024.

The 6 Holiday Light fixtures were repair by Classic Displays at a total cost of \$1410.24 (6 units x \$208. ea = \$1248 + tax)

We were unable to coordinate getting building materials to Darla Owen in time to build new wooden outdoor holiday displays for us. Schedules didn't meet up and some of what we had was not the materials that she needed.

I have been working with Jason Ash at Coyote Carts for the electric vehicle. I am waiting on a status update of completion.

#### **Events and Festivals update:**

Event Reports for Leather Town Festival, the Outdoor Market and Trick or Treat have been sent into the Town of Halton Hills as required. Community Development is satisfied with the reports.

The Trick or Treat on Mill and Main Streets was a great success again. The Acton Witches danced and performed the Monster Mash, Neutrino Tunneling on Agnes Street brought in another Batmobile and superhero figures for photo ops and the Scouts held their annual Scarefest Haunted Scout House. Sarah Brophy-Platts also had her annual pumpkin giveaway. There was some rain, but the BIA Office kept count of the participants and gave out a total of 1208 bottles of bubbles as well as cookies donated by Terra Cotta Cookie Company.

More white holiday trees have been distributed to Downtown businesses to be displayed in storefront windows. We have had a tree given to us by Betty McDowell.

#### **Issues / Complaints:**

Monica and I met with Councillor Alex Hilson on November 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss keeping communication open with the BIA when a BIA issue arises to himself or at the Town. The meeting ended with respectful agreement.

I have been dealing with the media regarding the closure of the Olde Hide House. Editorials were sent to Halton Hills Today, Metroland Media, the Independent and Free Press The Financial Times and interviews were recorded with YourTV Halton and Halton Hills Today.

I am working with the Town and various business owners for CIP grants. Dollar Stretcher Daze, CARE Chiropractic, Neutrino, The Wellness Clinic are current applicants.

The BIA HP Laptop met the end of its life. We have purchased a new refurbished Acer laptop.

- END of REPORT -



*Annette Groves*  
*Mayor*

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Mayor Annette Groves  
Town of Caledon  
6311 Old Church Road  
Caledon, ON L7C 1J6

November 19, 2024

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

RE: Opposition to Bill 212 Specific to the Building of Highway 413

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing on behalf of Town of Caledon Council to share our opposition to significant elements of the proposed Bill 212, *Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act*. Specifically, we object to the *Building Highways Faster Act, 2024 (Schedule 2)*, which infringes on the rights of residents whose properties are impacted by the construction of Highway 413.

More than 45 per cent of Highway 413's length spans Caledon. Residents with properties in the 413's Focused Analysis Area have ostensibly had their land uses frozen since the project's initiation in 2007. Family farms could not expand knowing they would never recover their capital investments before expropriation. Several homeowners could not sell due to market rate suppression due to speculation of future expropriations.

Now, Bill 212's expedited timelines to take possession of resident's lands needed for this priority highway will leave those residents vulnerable and potentially unhoused. **Resident rights during the construction of Highway 413 must be upheld.** To that end, Caledon seeks the following changes to the *Building Highways Faster Act, 2024 (Schedule 2)*:

- Revise the expropriation provisions to ensure clear and fair compensation that may help minimize disruption for affected residents, small businesses, vulnerable groups, and low-income communities.

- Remove the punitive, first offence fines of \$50,000 plus \$10,000 for each additional day that will be imposed on individuals who struggle to find appropriate alternate housing within the expedited timelines permitted by the Bill.
- Remove Section 13.6 which authorizes entry into the private dwelling of a Caledon resident and the use of force to take possession of their land.

In addition, Caledon also seeks these additional revisions to Bill 212:

- Restore comprehensive environmental assessments that evaluate the impacts on water sources, ecosystems, wildlife, noise, air quality, and local habitations.
- Strengthen provisions in the Bill that protect water sources, forests, and other natural resources from the adverse effects of highway construction, ensuring that such policies are integrated into highway planning.
- Create independent oversight bodies to monitor the execution of highway projects to ensure the projects are aligned with the public interest and promote Provincial accountability and transparency.
- Provide legal and planning frameworks for land-use planning surrounding the highways to prevent further legal implications and zoning issues that may arise from unregulated developments around new highways.
- Revise the Bill to include clear and accessible processes for public participation to ensure that any changes to land use, zoning, or environmental regulations are subject to appropriate legal scrutiny.

We are registering this opposition with the Environmental Registry of Ontario before the November 20 deadline.

Sincerely,



Annette Groves  
Mayor, Town of Caledon  
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Deputy Premier, Minister of Health MPP Caledon-Dufferin Hon. Sylvia Jones  
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Municipal and Regional Councils that have registered their prior opposition to the construction of Highway 413:

- City of Mississauga
- Region of Peel
- Town of Halton Hills
- Region of Halton
- City of Vaughan
- City of Markham
- Township of King
- Town of Orangeville
- City of Toronto

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## THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

File No: OP-2020-01-03  
Municipality: County of Wellington  
Subject Lands: All lands within the municipal  
boundary of the County of Wellington

Date of Adoption: October 31, 2024  
Date of Notice: November 5, 2024

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### NOTICE OF ADOPTION

With Respect to an Amendment to the County of Wellington Official Plan  
Section 17, 21 and 26 of the *Planning Act*  
(Re: OPA 123 - County of Wellington)

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Take Notice that on **October 31, 2024** the Corporation of the County of Wellington passed **By-law No. 5890-24** to adopt **Official Plan Amendment No. 123** to the County of Wellington Official Plan under Section 17, 21 and 26 of the *Planning Act* R.S.O. 1990 c. P. 13, as amended.

#### Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment

In keeping with the Planning Act, the County of Wellington must update its Official Plan to ensure policies stay current with Provincial plans and policies and reflect the community's changing needs. This is to be accomplished through the County's Official Plan Review. The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has advised that municipalities may choose to use a phased approach, which includes more than one official plan amendment, to achieve conformity with Provincial policy. Official Plan Amendment No. 123 (OPA 123) is the County's third amendment as part of the Official Plan Review.

The purpose of OPA 123 is to further implement recommendations from the County's Land Need Assessment to ensure that suitable lands are available to accommodate forecasted growth to 2051. OPA 123:

- Redesignates certain Future Development lands that address community area land needs.
- Implements specific recommendations from the Township of Wellington North's approved Growth Management Strategy for Arthur.
- Implements supported employment area conversion requests in Fergus and Mount Forest.
- Makes housing focused updates to the Central Business District, Residential Transition Area and Highway Commercial designations.
- Adds new policies to the Industrial and Rural Employment Area sections of the Official Plan to address the definition change of "area of employment" under the Planning Act.
- Updates Additional Residential Unit policies to reflect recent Planning Act and Provincial Policy Statement, 2024 changes.
- Redesignates lands that were added to the urban boundary of Clifford by the Province through OPA 120 to an appropriate land use designation.

Other changes proposed through this amendment include updates to the existing Future Development and Medium Density Development sections to provide additional clarity in the application of these policies. Other housekeeping changes proposed include redesignating already developed Future Development lands to an appropriate land use designation and clarifying land use designation applicable to certain properties in Palmerston, Arthur and Mount Forest.

## **Subject Lands**

The lands subject to OPA 123 are located within the Township of Centre Wellington, Township of Mapleton, Town of Minto, Township of Puslinch and the Township of Wellington North and more specifically, in the Urban Centres of Fergus, Drayton, Clifford, Harriston, Palmerston, Aberfoyle, Mount Forest and Arthur. Certain policy changes proposed apply broadly across the County.

## **Effect of Written and Oral Submissions**

Comments were received and considered throughout the development of OPA123 including Indigenous consultation. Written and oral submissions made during the statutory public meetings were considered by staff and County Council. A summary of all comments submitted, and staff responses can be found on the County's Official Plan Review page in Planning Committee Report PD2024-34 accessed here:

[www.wellington.ca/planwell](http://www.wellington.ca/planwell)

## **Public Access to Information**

Copies of adopted OPA123 and additional information about the amendment are available for public inspection during regular office hours (8:30 – 4:00 p.m.) at the location below:

County of Wellington  
Planning and Development Department  
74 Woolwich Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Guelph ON, N1H 3T9

Public access to the adopted OPA No.123 is also available on the County Website at:

[www.wellington.ca/planwell](http://www.wellington.ca/planwell)

## **Provincial Approval Process**

OPA123 has been forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for final approval. If you wish to be notified of the Ministry's decision in respect to the proposed amendment, you must make a written request to the Ministry at the following address. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the Ministry's decision if a written request to be notified of the decision is made directly to the Ministry as noted below.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Attention: Mr. Ian Kerr, Regional Director  
Western Municipal Services Office  
659 Exeter Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
London, ON N6E 1L3  
Telephone: (519) 873-4026  
Toll Free: 1-800-265-4736  
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Dated November 5, 2024

Clerk, County of Wellington  
Administration Centre  
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Telephone: (519) 837-2600  
Fax: (519) 837-1901



November 21, 2024

- Human Rights AI Impact Assessment tools.
- OMAFA webinar on land-use siting for energy projects.
- ERO posting on changes to excess soils regulations.
- ERO posting on proposed changes to energy legislation.
- ERO Posting on changes to electricity system connection infrastructure.
- Integrated Energy Resource Plan Consultation.
- Intake announcement - Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund.
- ROMA Conference: *Rural Routes* - Program updates.
- ROMA Conference: *Rural Routes* - Request your delegation meetings.
- ROMA Pre-conference workshop January 18 - Two Keys to Municipal Success.
- ROMA Conference: *Rural Routes* - Exhibit Hall is almost sold out!
- Foundations in Planning & Advanced Land Use Planning - winter workshops.
- Indigenous Community Awareness, February 2025 workshop.
- NEW! Apathy to Action: Building Resilient Communities through Managing Assets workshop.
- NEW! Equity, Inclusion and Innovation in Municipalities, March 25 workshop.
- Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official, March 2025 workshop.
- Disability Inclusion, March 27 virtual workshop .
- Managing Communications through Crisis, April 2025 workshop.
- Canoe webinar: Leveraging Stakeholder Relationships for Procurement Success.
- Use Canoe for easy budget pricing.
- Plan for your 2025 road need study now.
- Blog: Fortifying Your Municipality Against Cyber Threats.
- Enbridge Gas Integrated Resource Planning webinars - Register TODAY!
- New Where to Recycle map.
- OAITH Wrapped in Courage campaign.
- HSC's 2025 Regeneration Forum: *Levelling Up - Transforming Housing*.
- AdvantAge Annual Seniors' Housing Forum.
- Careers and RFP.

### Provincial Matters

The Law Commission of Ontario and Ontario Human Rights Commission have developed an [assessment toolkit](#) to help organizations implementing AI systems ensure systems are designed to avoid discrimination and encourage compliance with human rights requirements.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Agri-Business are hosting [a webinar](#) with the IESO on November 21 to provide information and answer questions about renewable energy project siting.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is [seeking comments](#) on proposed changes to excess soil management to remove barriers for the reuse of soil. Comments are due November 21.

The Ministry of Energy and Electrification is [seeking comments](#) on proposed legislative amendments to related to integrated energy planning and affordability measures. Comments are due November 22.

The Ministry of Energy and Electrification is [seeking comments](#) on proposed regulatory changes that will shift the cost and risk burden of funding new distribution infrastructure from first-movers. Comments are due December 7.

The Ministry of Energy and Electrification is [seeking comments](#) to inform the development of a provincial energy plan to guide the transition to a clean, reliable, affordable energy supply. Comments are due December 13.

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The \$6 billion Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund launches with \$1 billion for direct municipal and Indigenous infrastructure projects supporting housing-enabling infrastructure. Visit the [CHIF website](#) for [application details](#) and upcoming webinars.

### Education Opportunities

ROMA is pleased to share the 2025 conference [concurrent sessions](#). Sessions are designed from the rural perspective, highlighting solutions and innovation for rural communities. [Register for the ROMA Conference today.](#)

MMAH is now accepting requests for delegations at the ROMA Conference. [Details on how to request a delegation meeting is here.](#)

AMO's [Two Keys to Municipal Success: Sustainability & Engagement](#) workshop explores strategies for planning your organizations financial sustainability and how to successfully communicate to and engage your community on your plan and efforts.

The ROMA conference exhibit hall connects with over 1,500 attendees from rural Ontario municipalities. With the exhibit hall almost sold out, book your trade show booth today. Download the [exhibitor package](#) today.

[Foundations in Land Use Planning](#) familiarizes participants with legislation, land use planning processes, and provides real life examples to give a deep understanding and insight into important planning matters. From a strategic perspective, [Advance Land Use Planning](#) analyzes case studies through instructor lead instruction and group discussion.

The OFIFC and AMO workshop provides historical and current insight and knowledge into the damage brought to Indigenous communities. This workshop builds understanding and insight that is critical to developing strong, productive, and meaningful relationships between municipalities and Indigenous leaders and communities. Through a self-paced learning module and live virtual component, this workshop will provide knowledge and tools to utilize in moving improved and stronger Indigenous-municipal relations forward in Ontario. [Register today](#) for the February 19 workshop.

Asset management is about making informed, evidence-based decisions that help you allocate limited resources effectively and prioritize infrastructure investments. The [Apathy to Action: Building Resilient Communities through Managing Assets](#) interactive workshop offers municipally elected officials the opportunity to explore how asset management not only fulfills legislative requirements but also enhances decision-making and strengthens service delivery.

The [Equity, Inclusion and Innovation in Municipalities workshop](#) examines the importance and opportunities in embedding equity, inclusion and innovation within municipal decision-making processes, policies, and innovations. Explore practical strategies to create a more inclusive and equitable leadership approach and municipal organization.

Municipal leadership is often a pin cushion for our culture's broader issues. Conflict and misunderstanding is a big part of many municipal leaders current realities. This workshop provides an opportunity to transform conflict into collaboration. The [Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official October workshop](#) teaches skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official.

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

Your community elected you to provide sound and confident leadership in the best interest of your community. During a crisis, this approach to leadership is critical. AMO's workshop on [Managing Communications through Crisis](#) provides insight and tools to support in being this leader.

### LAS

The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) is hosting a [member-only](#) webinar on November 26 at 11am EST. Join Procurement Manager Stephanie Dion and Contract Manager Tony DeSciscio to explore how building trust and engaging stakeholders can enhance your procurement team's role. [Register here.](#)

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and services you plan to purchase next year. Provide Council with accurate numbers and avoid unpleasant surprises when the time comes to buy. [Contact Sarah](#) to learn more.

Is a [Road or Sidewalk Assessment](#) part of your 2025 plan? [Contact Tanner](#) to learn more and get a no-obligation quote for a high-quality service with LAS partner Streetscan. Get better data to make better decisions.

According to the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security, [ransomware is the most disruptive form of cybercrime](#) currently impacting North America. These cyber-attacks not only disrupt services but can also lead to significant financial losses and an erosion of public trust.

#### **Municipal Wire\***

Enbridge Gas' Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) webinars will provide an overview of what IRP is, their system planning process, stakeholder engagement process and the latest on their pilot project. Register [region](#).

Add this new Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority '[Where to Recycle](#)' map to your municipalities' websites and communications materials. Get answers to your questions at this [FAQ](#).

The *Wrapped in Courage* [campaign](#) from the Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses educates community and elected officials about violence against women and the services needed. Make a proclamation on November 25.

[HSC's 2025 Regeneration Forum: Levelling Up - New Approaches to Transform Housing](#) is showcasing strategies to sustain and grow the community housing sector. Dive into finance, scale, and development on February 27-28 in Toronto.

Expanding Living Options for Seniors will be held virtually on November 22 from 8:45 am - 2:30 pm. The event shares transformative solutions in seniors' supportive housing and care. Register [here](#).

#### **Careers and RFPs**

[Request for Proposals for the provision of Assertive Street Outreach Services - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: December 16, 2024.

[Director of Operations and Development - Town of Tillsonburg](#). Closing Date: November 29, 2024.

[Foreperson, District Parks - City of Brampton](#). Closing Date: November 25, 2024

[Town Manager/Clerk - Township of Black River-Matheson](#). Closing Date: November 30, 2024.

[Director of Public Services - Township of Black River-Matheson](#). Closing Date: November 30, 2024.

[Treasurer - Township of Black River-Matheson](#). Closing Date: November 30, 2024.

[Senior Project Manager - Ministry of Transportation](#). Closing Date: December 10, 2024.

[Director of Public Works - Oxford County](#). Closing Date: December 15, 2024.

[Manager of Public Works - Township of Lanark Highlands](#). Closing Date: November 29, 2024.

[Public Works Operations Supervisor - Township of Lanark Highlands](#). Closing Date: November 29, 2024.

[Waste Collection Program Co-Ordinator - City of Greater Sudbury](#). Closing Date: December 10, 2024.

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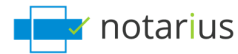
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November 14, 2024

- OEB Bulletin for re: new connections.
- Human Rights Impact Assessment for AI Tools.
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- Request Your Delegation Meeting at 2025 ROMA Conference by Deadline November 27 5:00pm.
- Tips to how to best prepare for your provincial delegation meetings at the ROMA Conference.
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- Indigenous Community Awareness – February 2025 Workshop.
- ROMA Pre-conference Workshop January 18 - Two Keys to Municipal Success.
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- NEW Workshop! Equity, Inclusion and Innovation in Municipalities, March 25.
- Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official - March 2025 Workshop.
- Disability Inclusion Virtual Workshop – March 27.
- Managing Communications through Crisis – April 2025 Workshop .
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- Lighting upgrades in 2025? Talk to LAS!
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### Provincial Matters

The Ontario Energy Board has [issued a bulletin](#) to electricity distributors providing guidance and expectations for meeting obligations to ensure new connections are timely.

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ROMA is pleased to share the 2025 conference concurrent sessions. Sessions are designed from the rural perspective, highlighting solutions and innovation for rural communities. [Register for the ROMA Conference today.](#)

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The OFIFC and AMO workshop provides historical and current insight and knowledge into the damage brought to Indigenous communities. This workshop builds understanding and insight that is critical to developing strong, productive, and meaningful relationships between municipalities and Indigenous leaders and communities. Through a self-paced learning module and live virtual component, this workshop will provide knowledge and tools to utilize in moving improved and stronger Indigenous-municipal relations forward in Ontario. [Register today](#) for the February 19 workshop.

AMO's [Two Keys to Municipal Success: Sustainability & Engagement](#) workshop explores strategies for planning your organizations financial sustainability and how to successfully communicate to and engage your community on your plan and efforts.

Asset management is about making informed, evidence-based decisions that help you allocate limited resources effectively and prioritize infrastructure investments. The [Apathy to Action: Building Resilient Communities through Managing Assets](#) interactive workshop offers municipally elected officials the opportunity to explore how asset management not only fulfills legislative requirements but also enhances decision-making and strengthens service delivery.

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Municipal leadership is often a pin cushion for our culture's broader issues. Conflict and misunderstanding is a big part of many municipal leaders current realities. This workshop provides an opportunity to transform conflict into collaboration. The [Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official October workshop](#) teaches skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official.

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

Your community elected you to provide sound and confident leadership in the best interest of your community. During a crisis, this approach to leadership is critical. AMO's workshop on [Managing Communications through Crisis](#) provides insight and tools to support in being this leader.

## LAS

The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) is hosting a [member-only](#) webinar on November 26 at 11am EST. Join Procurement Manager Stephanie Dion and Contract Manager Tony DeSciscio to explore how building trust and engaging stakeholders can enhance your procurement team's role. [Register here](#).

The [LAS Facility Lighting Service](#) provides a complete turn-key solution for your lighting upgrades, both indoors and out. [Contact us](#) today for a free budget proposal for your 2025 budget.

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Expanding Living Options for Seniors will be held virtually on November 22 from 8:45 am – 2:30 pm. The event shares transformative solutions in seniors' supportive housing and care. Register [here](#).

### Careers

[Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of Red Lake](#). Closing Date: December 12

[Administrative Assistant to the Director - City of Vaughan](#). Closing Date: November 25.

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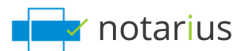
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[Deputy Chief, EMS Professional Standards - City of Thunder Bay](#). Closing Date: November 20, 2024.

[Truck and Coach/Automotive Technician - City of Thunder Bay](#). Closing Date: November 21, 2024.

[Manager, IT Service Delivery - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing Date: November 17, 2024.

[Utility Operator Level II/III - Municipality of Souris-Glenwood](#). Closing Date: November 15, 2024.

[Manager of Infrastructure Services - Town of Cochrane](#). Closing Date: November 22, 2024.

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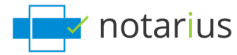
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Please be advised that at its meeting held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION:      Support for the Ontario's Big City Mayors' Solve the Crisis Campaign**

WHEREAS a humanitarian crisis is unfolding on the streets in our cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario and we need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province;

WHEREAS the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow, with 3,432 drug related deaths in Ontario and over 1,400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023;

WHEREAS municipalities and regions, including Halton Region, are often the first point of contact for people facing struggles with mental health and addictions;

WHEREAS Halton's emergency shelter system is currently operating at 140% and demand for assisted and supportive housing throughout the region continues to exceed available supply;

WHEREAS while the province has provided additional funding and supports, such as the recent investment of \$378 million for Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs and approximately 375 beds with wraparound supports, this does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province;

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AND WHEREAS Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) has launched the SolveTheCrisis.ca campaign to help raise awareness of the scale of the humanitarian crisis in communities and to seek partnerships with the Federal and Provincial Governments to solve it.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Halton Regional Council supports the OBCM SolveTheCrisis.ca campaign and requests:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to:

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Sincerely,



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**VIA EMAIL**

November 25, 2024

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Vicki Tytaneck, Town Clerk, Town of Oakville  
Chandra Sharma, President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer, Conservation Halton

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Please be advised that at its meeting held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION: CS-36-24 Re: Proposed CN Intermodal Hub – Update**

THAT a copy of Report No. CS-26-24 be forwarded to the City of Burlington, the Towns of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville and Conservation Halton for their information.

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Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Bob Gray, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Corporate Counsel
Date:	November 20, 2024
Report No.:	CS-36-24
Re:	Proposed CN Intermodal Hub – Update

### Recommendation

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### Report

#### **Executive Summary**

Since 2001 Halton Region has been aware of and engaged with the proposals by the Canadian National Railway Company with respect to its desire to develop on lands it owns adjacent to mainline railway tracks in Milton. These lands, approximately 800 acres acquired since prior to 2001, are located between First Line/Bronte Street and Tremaine Road, north and south of Britannia Road.

Over the years, CN has changed its plans several times, from a proposed intermodal facility in 2001, to a rail-served industrial park in 2008 and back to an intermodal facility in 2015. From the time CN raised its initial plans, Halton has been concerned about the impacts that will arise from the proposed development in this location. Such concerns include potential impacts on road and traffic, noise, vibration, lighting, air quality, berming (visual compatibility), safety, loss of agricultural land, impact on wildlife, fish habitat and other environmentally significant resources, hydrogeology/ground water impacts, private servicing and proximity to the Halton Waste Management site.

Halton Region has also been concerned about CN's longstanding position that it does not need approvals from various levels of government, including municipal governments, and is not required to follow municipal and provincial laws.

To address Halton's concerns, Halton and its local municipalities, together with Conservation Halton (the Halton Municipalities), have engaged in both the regulatory and permitting process, through the federal environmental assessment process, the Canadian Transportation Agency approval process and the Court system, through applications at both the Ontario and Federal levels of court.

The Halton Municipalities were successful in securing a federal environmental review panel hearing, concurrent with a Canadian Transportation Agency hearing (the Review Panel), which culminated in hearings in the summer of 2019. Through advancing the concerns of the Halton Municipalities, the Review Panel heard and considered information from over 30 experts with respect to the anticipated significant impacts of the proposed CN truck-rail hub. In January 2020, the Review Panel ultimately concluded that there would be six adverse environmental effects, including effects on human health resulting from air quality that cannot be mitigated. Despite such findings, the Federal Minister of the Environment and the Federal Cabinet approved CN's project. The conditions that the Federal Government included in such approval do not address the array of issues raised by the Halton Municipalities. In addition, the Halton Municipalities do not feel that the approval given by the Canadian Transportation Agency properly considered the interests of the localities, as was a requirement in its decision-making process.

The Halton Municipalities challenged the Canadian Transportation Agency decision in Federal Court but were not successful and the decision was upheld. Another challenge was brought to the decisions of the Federal Minister of the Environment and Federal Cabinet, and the Federal Court found that those decisions were not reasonable and overturned the approval. CN sought, and obtained, a stay of that decision that permitted CN to continue with construction while court matters were being heard. CN and the Federal Attorney General successfully appealed the decision of the Federal Court and there is currently a period, until December 3, to consider asking the Supreme Court of Canada to hear this matter.

In addition to participation in the Review Panel Process, the Halton Municipalities brought an application to the court in Ontario for a determination about the applicability of municipal and provincial laws to the CN project. The court application was stayed, or put on hold, pending the completion of the Federal Environmental Review Process. The courts ultimately did not make a determination of which specific laws apply however the Ontario Court of Appeal did confirm that CN and its project is not immune from all laws.

As a result of the action of and steps taken by the Halton Municipalities, issues of significant concern, including those related to impact on human health, have been brought

to the forefront. Both the Review Panel process and the court matters have provided opportunities for interested citizens, community groups and the broader municipal community across Canada to become involved and make their concerns known.

## **Background**

Regional Council has received reports about the various activities proposed by CN on property it owns in south Milton on several occasions over the years, including through the following public reports:

Report No. PPW-49-01, dated March 8, 2001  
Report No. CA-21-02, dated May 8, 2002  
Report No. CA-63-03, dated November 4, 2003  
Report No. LPS68-15, dated May 27, 2015  
Report No. LPS75-15, dated June 17, 2015  
Report No. LPS54-17, dated May 17, 2017  
Report No. LPS14-18, dated January 10, 2018  
Report No. LPS69-19, dated May 22, 2019  
Report No. LPS78-19, dated June 12, 2019  
Report No. LPS61-20, dated July 15, 2020  
Report No. LPS06-23, dated February 15, 2023  
Report No. CS-11-24, dated March 20, 2024

In addition, Council has received several information memoranda and also several confidential briefings throughout this time.

Background material and reports can be found at <https://www.halton.ca/The-Region/Projects-and-Initiatives/CN-Milton-Logistics-Hub-Project>.

## **Discussion**

History:

In 2001, CN proposed to construct an intermodal facility on approximately 400 acres of its lands in the Town of Milton within the area bounded by Tremaine Road, Britannia Road, First Line and Lower Base Line. CN acquired approximately 800 acres of land in this area prior to 2001.

As part of that process, in March 2001, Halton Region provided a preliminary list of issues to the Canadian Transportation Agency to consider in its decision-making on CN's required application. The Canadian Transportation Agency is a tribunal created through the *Canada Transportation Act* and is responsible for administering Federal approvals for transportation related projects and facilities, including railways.

Preliminary municipal issues identified included potential impacts on road and traffic, noise, vibration, lighting, air quality, berming (visual compatibility), safety, loss of agricultural land, impact on wildlife, fish habitat and other environmentally significant resources, hydrogeology/ground water impacts, private servicing and proximity to the Halton Waste Management site.

In 2008, during the ROPA 38 process, CN told Regional Council it did not intend to build the previously planned intermodal facility, indicating instead that it wished to pursue a rail served industrial park development on the lands instead. Such a use would not be an intense industrial type use like an intermodal facility and would instead be a development focused on the creation of rail-adjacent employment uses.

In January 2015, CN re-initiated the intermodal project in its current iteration. CN intends to operate the intermodal hub 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. As currently planned, there will be approximately 1,600 daily trips of large, diesel-powered tractor-trailers to and from the Hub equating to more than 584,000 diesel-powered truck movements annually. This is a major concern as the Hub will be located directly adjacent to a residential area north of Britannia Road that contains schools and hospitals. This area is planned for 34,000 residents within 1,000m of the proposed Hub. As currently configured, the on-site operation of the Hub and the off-site volume of 1,600 heavy truck trips per day will generate will cause significant adverse effects on the local environment and on human health and safety.

Although CN has stated repeatedly that it does not require federal or municipal approvals for this undertaking, in the spring of 2018, CN submitted a Project Description Summary and a Project Description Report to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, which was then publicly posted. Upon review, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency carried out its required screening process to determine if the proposed CN Logistics Hub has the potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects, thereby triggering the requirement for an environmental assessment for this project. As part of this screening process, anyone given the opportunity to provide comments and Halton Region and the Local Municipalities did so, detailing the municipal concerns.

As part of its review the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency also requested that the Canadian Transportation Agency review the Project Description and assess the need for its review and approval of CN's proposal. Following that review, the Canadian Transportation Agency issued a notice of decision ordering CN to submit an application for approval to construct railway lines to be known as the Milton Logistics Hub.

#### *The Environmental Assessment Process*

In May 2015 the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency ordered CN to complete an environmental assessment for CN's proposed project. The Agency considered the following factors in making its determination: the description of the project provided by



CN on March 23, 2015; the possibility that the carrying out of the project may cause adverse environmental effects.

Public comment was invited and Halton and the Local Municipalities provided extensive comments.

In the spring of 2019, following its initial steps, information gathering and exchanges, in which the Halton and the Local Municipalities participated, the Review Panel determined it received sufficient information to proceed to a public hearing. The hearing was held over several weeks during the summer of 2019. The Region, the Town of Milton and Conservation Halton participated extensively in the hearing, addressing the following fundamental issues:

- Is the Project likely to cause any significant adverse environmental effects, taking into account mitigation and cumulative effects?
- If the Project is likely to cause any significant adverse environmental effects, are they justified in the circumstances?

In addition, The Halton Municipalities also addressed CN's requirement for railway line approval under the Canadian Transportation Agency that requires consideration of the "interests of the localities that will be affected by the new railway line."

During the hearing, Halton presented expert information in over 25 distinct subject areas including air quality, traffic & transportation, noise & vibration, natural environment, municipal finance, agriculture, cultural heritage, archeology, light pollution and land use planning.

On January 27, 2020, the Review Panel released its report, and the main conclusions of the federal panel largely confirmed the concerns of the Halton Municipalities and their residents. The panel identified 31 significant adverse environmental effects associated with the Intermodal Hub, six of which are incapable of being mitigated: (i) the direct effects of the Hub on air quality; (ii) the direct effects of the Hub on human health from the release of pollutants that have no safe level of human consumption; (iii) the cumulative effects of the Hub on air quality; (iv) the cumulative effects of the Hub on human health; (v) the cumulative effects of the Hub on wildlife habitat; and (vi) the cumulative effects of the Hub on agricultural land.

### *Federal Cabinet Approval*

Based on these findings, the Minister decided to refer the Project to cabinet for to decide whether the significant immitigable effects were justified. On January 20, 2021, cabinet issued an Order In Council indicating that the five significant adverse environmental effects referred to it by the Minister were justified in the circumstances. Despite the Minister's statutory duty to protect human health, based on the available documentation, it appears that the Minister did not mention or refer to cabinet the Hub's significant and

immitigable effects on human health. Halton believes that the Minister and Cabinet failed to consider or justify this significant effect.

On January 21, 2021, the Minister issued a Decision Statement, approving the proposed hub, with 325 conditions. Notably, the approval document indicated that CN must comply with all applicable legislative or legal requirements.

### **Court Actions**

#### **Federal Court of Appeal – Canadian Transportation Agency**

As part of the Federal Review Panel process noted above, one member sat as representative of the Canadian Transportation Agency as the Agency had the regulatory responsibility to consider CN's application for new railway lines under the *Canada Transportation Act*. On November 21, 2021, the Canadian Transportation Agency issued a Determination approving the application, subject to conditions. The Halton Municipalities sought, and were granted, Leave to Appeal to the Federal Court of Appeal on the basis of error of law and jurisdiction, the CTA decision, particularly that the CTA failed to address the statutory requirement to consider the "interests of the localities" affected by the proposed railway lines and yard.

The matter was heard on June 7, 2023, and the Federal Court of Appeal released its decision on July 23, 2024, dismissing the appeal.

#### **Federal Judicial Review of Federal Minister and Cabinet**

In the summer of 2023, the Halton Municipalities brought an Application in the Federal Court to quash and set aside the decisions by the Minister and Cabinet. In a decision released March 1, 2024, the Court found that both the decisions of the Minister and of Cabinet were flawed and unreasonable. Importantly, the Court found that both the Minister and Cabinet failed to address the statutory mandate to protect human health. In failing to consider and address the direct significant adverse environmental effect to human health as a result of this proposed project, both the Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and the Federal Cabinet failed in their duties. This decision was appealed by the Attorney General of Canada and CN and on October 4, 2024, the Federal Court of Appeal allowed the appeal, restoring the decisions and permission granted to CN. There is currently an appeal period, which expires December 3, 2024, in which a request can be made to have the Supreme Court of Canada consider hearing this matter.

#### **Constitutional Court Action**

An Application with respect to the applicability of municipal and provincial laws to the proposed hub (the constitutional application) was made by the Halton Municipalities to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in 2018. At that time CN brought a motion to have the matter discussed or stayed. CN abandoned its motion to dismiss the application, but

the Court agreed to stay the proceeding until the federal environmental assessment was completed. Accordingly, the Halton Municipalities renewed the Application in 2021 after the completion of the federal environmental assessment. The Court heard the Application, together with a request for a statutory injunction to prevent the continuation of contravention of by-laws, in June of 2022 and the Court released its decision in August 2022. The Court did not grant the statutory injunction, suggested the Application was premature, and mistakenly concluded that CN was not claiming exemption from all municipal and provincial laws – while also observing that CN was not exempt from “any or all local or provincial laws.” Halton unsuccessfully appealed this decision to the Ontario Court of Appeal. At that appeal hearing the Attorney General of Canada, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Railway Association of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities all appeared before the court as interveners.

While the Court did not allow Halton’s appeal, it reinforced that CN is not exempt from provincial and municipal laws and by-laws. The Halton Municipalities sought leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, but the application was refused and accordingly there is still a lack of clarity about which provincial and municipal laws and by-laws that CN must, and will, comply with.

## **Halton Achievements**

Halton Region, together with the Local Municipalities and Conservation Halton, have been steadfast in bringing issues of concern to the forefront, particularly as they related to human health, quality of life, environmental impact and community impact.

In 2015 CN claimed the truck-rail hub would be built by 2018. Due to the work of the Halton Municipalities, important time has been taken to ensure that important information about the project and its impacts has been available and subject to federal and judicial oversight. The community has important information about the significant environmental impacts, including those to human health, will have.

Halton was instrumental in ensuring that an environmental review process took place, with the opportunity for all interested parties to make their concerns known, and to ensure that CN provided crucial information about its intended operations. As a result, the Review Panel convened several weeks of public hearings and found, unprecedented in over 100 such panels, that the construction and operation of the project will have significant environmental effects on human health that cannot be mitigated. CN intends to put this facility and operation within 1 kilometer of approximately 34,000 residents, 12 schools, 1 hospital and 2 long-term care homes.

The panel process and findings resulted in these important issues being put before federal government, the Minister and to Cabinet as decision makers. Although not the outcome Halton would have preferred, without the Review Panel, its process and findings, CN’s plans would never would have been before these levels of decision makers – CN had taken the position that it was not required to follow the federal process, but, in part to Halton’s advocacy and position it ultimately complied with such requirements. In addition,

the federal approval comes with a large number of conditions. Although the Halton Municipalities have questions about the enforceability and sufficiency of the conditions, without the panel process it is unlikely any conditions aimed at attempting to mitigate the serious negative consequences of the project would have been in place. These conditions daylight what CN should be doing in respect of its construction and operations.

Halton's actions and activities have also increased public awareness and engagement. This includes the opportunity for individuals and community groups such as Milton Says No and RAIL to participate in the Review Panel process and in community discussions. In addition, the broader government sector has been engaged in the important issues raised, for example through participation of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in the Review Panel and Ontario Court of Appeal process and through the intervention of the Federal and Ontario Attorneys general in various court actions.

Total spending over ten years has been just under \$30 million. This includes legal cost as well as the costs related to the extensive work done by experts to investigate and evaluate the proposed development plan and for their participation in the Review Panel and court processes.

Through the work done by the Halton Municipalities, however, it has been possible to detail much of the anticipated municipal financial impact. Report No. LPS06-23, February 15, 2023, sets out this analysis and the estimated costs include significant infrastructure replacement costs as well as the loss of almost \$71 million in development charges on the development site compared to CN's original 2008 proposal; the loss of almost \$7 million annually in operating revenue on the development site compared to the original 2008 proposal; the loss of almost \$53 million in opportunity costs from lost development charges due to the surrounding lands having been planned for Prestige Industrial development; and a loss of over \$7 million annually in property taxes that would have otherwise been generated due to the surrounding lands having been planned for Prestige Industrial development.

## Financial/Program Implications

There are no financial implications to this report.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Director, Legal Services

Bob Gray  
Commissioner Corporate  
Services and Corporate Counsel

Approved by,

Jane MacCaskill  
Chief Administrative Officer

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November 25, 2024

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Please be advised that at its meeting held on November 20, 2024, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION: PW-33-24 Re: Expansion of Wheeled Cart Automated Waste Collection**

1. THAT Regional Council approve the expansion of the Automated Collection Demonstration Project areas for the collection of garbage as outlined in Report No. PW-33-24 re: "Expansion of Wheeled Cart Automated Waste Collection."
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. PW-33-24 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 the above-noted report for your information. If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,



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Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Andrew Farr, Commissioner, Public Works
Date:	November 20, 2024
Report No.:	PW-33-24
Re:	Expansion of Wheeled Cart Automated Waste Collection

## Recommendation

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2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. PW-33-24 to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville for their information.

## Report

### **Executive Summary**

- As identified in the Solid Waste Management Strategy and approved in Report No. PW-07-23 re: “Automated Collection Demonstration Project for the Collection of Recyclable Material and Garbage”, Halton Region conducted an Automated Collection Demonstration Project (the Project) to determine the level of support for such services, identify the impact that various cart sizes have on waste generation and waste diversion, and to monitor the effect on reducing litter as a result of high winds, in preparation of levels of service for the next solid waste collection contracts.
- The results of the Project were presented in Report No. PW-15-24 re: “Automated Collection Demonstration Project Update” and Region-wide automated cart collection was approved as part of the future solid waste service levels presented in Report No. PW-14-24 re: “Solid Waste Collection Future Levels of Service”.
- With the approval of Region-wide automated wheeled cart collection, staff are recommending adding additional households in 2025 to Halton Region’s wheeled cart collection program.

- The initial automated wheeled cart collection area included approximately 1,800 single-family households and to maximize efficiency of the existing automated collection fleet, staff recommend that area be increased to approximately 18,000 households for garbage collection only.
- On January 1, 2026, Halton Region's residential Blue Box program will fully transition to producers and collection of Blue Box material will be the responsibility of Circular Material Ontario.
- Halton Region has been informed that Circular Materials Ontario will not be implementing automated wheeled cart collection for Blue Box material and in lieu will continue to use a manual Blue Box collection system (same as Halton's current program).
- As a result, staff recommend that any expansion of the wheeled cart collection areas include garbage collection only and includes the switching out of any wheeled recycling carts to traditional Blue Boxes for the existing Project area households. Organics will continue to be collected in the existing Green Carts (50-litreL).
- Commencing in Q1 2025, selected households will be informed of the switch to wheeled carts for garbage collection and will be provided with information about wheeled garbage cart collection as well as contact information where they may direct questions to staff. A dedicated web page will provide more information, dates for Public Information Centres and any other updates. In addition, the approximate 1,800 existing households will be notified of the replacement of their wheeled recycling carts with traditional Blue Boxes.
- A 240-litre wheeled garbage cart will be delivered to selected households in Q2 2025 with collection to commence in June. On a request basis, residents will have the ability to select a 120-litre wheeled garbage cart.

## **Background**

As identified in the Solid Waste Management Strategy and approved in Report No. PW-07-23, Halton Region conducted an Automated Collection Demonstration Project (the Project) to determine the level of support for such services, identify the impact that various wheeled cart sizes have on waste generation and waste diversion, and to monitor the effect on reducing litter as a result of high winds, in preparation of levels of service for the next solid waste collection contracts.

The results of the Project were presented in Report No. PW-15-24, and the key findings and lessons learned from the Project supported the recommendations contained in Report No. PW-14-24, to implement Region-wide wheeled cart automated collection as



part of the next solid waste collection contract starting in 2027 which was approved by Regional Council in June 2024.

Approximately 1,800 households are currently receiving automated collection of wheeled carts for recycling and garbage. Halton Region's collection contractor, Miller Waste Systems Inc. currently has two automated collection vehicles dedicated to wheeled cart collection from the 1,800 households, and each truck has capacity to collect from up to 9,000 households per week.

To optimize collection routes, fully utilize the automated collection vehicles which Miller Waste Inc. is using for the existing 1,800 homes with carts, staff are also recommending expanding the wheeled garbage cart collection to approximately 18,000 households by the end of Q2 2025.

With the upcoming transition to full producer responsibility for the Blue Box program (Report No. PW-08-24 re: "Blue Box Transition Period (April 1 to December 31, 2025)"), Circular Materials Ontario has advised Halton Region that they will not be adopting a cart program in Halton Region for recycling and will continue with the traditional Blue Box manual collection system; as a result, the expansion will be limited to wheeled garbage cart collection only.

## **Discussion**

### ***Wheeled Garbage Cart Collection Areas and Cart Sizes***

Staff recommend expanding wheeled garbage cart collection from approximately 1,800 households to approximately 18,000 households. All of the existing demonstration areas will be expanded, and new areas will be added to maximize the existing resources utilized by Miller Waste Systems Inc. There will be no changes to the current waste collection day for the households.

Based on the key findings and lessons learned from the Project, the default size of the wheeled garbage cart will be 240 litres, but residents will have the option request a 120-litre cart instead. Residents will be able to continue to place up to three extra garbage bags with the \$2 Garbage Tag on their regular garbage collection day.

The table below identifies the existing areas to be expanded and new areas to receive wheeled garbage cart collection.

**Table 1: Recommended Garbage Wheeled Cart Collection Areas**

Municipality	Number of Households in Existing Project Areas	Approximate Number of Households to be Added to Wheeled Garbage Cart Collection	Wards
Burlington	466	5,550	1, 2, 4, 6
Halton Hills	263	950	2, 3, 4
Milton	358	2,750	1, 3, 4
Oakville	703	7,000	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>16,200</b>	

The recommended 24 collection areas for wheeled garbage cart collection are identified in Attachment #1. The number of households in each collection area range from approximately 300 in the rural area to between approximately 700 to 1,400 in urban areas.

Miller Waste Systems Inc. will fully utilize two automated waste collection vehicles for the duration of the existing collection contract to collect the wheeled garbage carts from the approximately 18,000 households on their regular collection day Monday through Friday.

For households participating in the original Project areas, the cart used for recycling will be retrieved and replaced with traditional Blue Boxes in Q2 2025 and collection of recycling will return to a weekly cycle (from the every other week schedule implemented during the cart Project).

### ***Communication and Public Engagement***

New and existing educational materials and communication strategies that proved effective during the Project will be updated and used for the expansion of garbage cart collection. This includes new letters, toolkits, pamphlets, video media, webinars and Public Information Centres (PICs).

Commencing in Q1 2025, selected households will receive a letter to inform them of the purpose of the expansion of garbage cart collection. The letter will inform households of the size of cart to be provided and how they compare in size to a standard garbage container and bag. The letter will also explain how collection services will be performed, when wheeled garbage carts will be delivered and how participating households can receive additional information by attending PICs to be held in later in Q1 2025.

Carts and information materials will also be displayed at local community centres and/or other public venues for residents unable to attend the PICs. Households will also be provided with contact information where they can direct questions to staff.

Households within the original Project areas will also receive a letter in Q1 2025 informing them of the changes to recycling collection as a result of full producer responsibility, including the removal and replacement of their wheeled recycling cart with traditional Blue Boxes and a return to weekly recycling collection.

### ***Delivery of Wheeled Garbage Carts and Replacement of Wheeled Recycling Carts***

Wheeled garbage carts will be delivered in Q2 2025. Prior to or on the last scheduled day for the collection of garbage in bags/containers, selected households will receive a black wheeled cart for garbage material. Collection of wheeled garbage carts is anticipated to commence in June 2025.

Households will also receive an information kit containing the following:

- information on how to access the digital waste collection calendar;
- list of acceptable material;
- how the wheeled garbage cart is to be placed for collection;
- compostable bags for Green Cart material; and,
- complimentary Garbage Bag Tags.

Wheeled recycling carts will be retrieved and replaced with two Blue Boxes in Q2 2025. Additional Blue Boxes will be made available upon request.

### ***Cart Exchanges***

The default size of the wheeled garbage cart will be 240 litres as the capacity is most in line with Halton Region's current bag limit of three garbage bags/containers; however, participating households may request a change to a smaller, 120-litre wheeled cart. Instructions on how and when to request a smaller cart will be provided with the information that participating households will receive, based on methodology and best practices determined from the Automated Collection Demonstration Project.

### ***Customer Service***

Staff will be readily available to promptly address and answer any inquiries or concerns raised by households during the expansion of wheeled garbage cart collection. Staff will also work individually with households to resolve any challenges they are experiencing and provide additional tips, tools and resources where required to encourage their participation and use of the wheeled cart provided.

The following key milestone dates identify the timeline for the recommended expansion of wheeled garbage cart collection.

Description	Anticipated Date
Inform Selected Households of Garbage Cart Collection	February 2025
Public Information Centres	February/March 2025
Inform Households in Existing Project Areas about Changes to Recycling Collection	March 2025
Delivery of Wheeled Carts and Information Kits	May/June 2025
Commencement of Garbage Cart Collection	June 2025

### ***Next Steps***

As per Report No. PW-14-2024, staff are preparing the Request for Proposals for the next collection contracts including the Residential Solid Waste Collection Contract which includes the region-wide automated collection for garbage and organics starting in April 2027.

Staff will report to Regional Council on the award of the Residential Solid Waste Collection Contract in Q1/Q2 2025.

## Financial/Program Implications

The expansion of the Automated Collection Demonstration Project is being funded through capital project G3435A – Automated Wheeled Cart Project Study.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alli Tyldesley  
Director, Waste Management

Andrew Farr  
Commissioner, Public Works

Approved by,

Jane MacCaskill  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachments:

Attachment #1 – Expansion Areas for Wheeled Cart Automated Collection

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[PW-07-23](#)

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**VIA EMAIL**

November 25, 2024

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Please be advised that at its meeting held on November 20, 2024, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION: Report No.: PW-36-24/CS-35-24 Re: Declaration of Lands Surplus to Regional Requirements, Town of Halton Hills (Part of PIN: 25025-0038 (LT))**

1. THAT in accordance with Halton Region's real property procedural by-law governing real estate assets, By-law No. 27-96, Regional Council declare the lands legally described as Part of Lot 2 Concession 8 (Esquensing) and identified as Part 24 on Draft O.L.S. Reference Plan 1-30-640-05-B, being part of PIN 25025-0038 (LT), in the Town of Halton Hills, (the "Halton Land Parcel") of approximately 336 square metres in area, as surplus to Halton Region's municipal needs and requirements.
2. THAT in accordance with Halton Region's real property procedural by-law governing real estate assets, By-law No. 27-96, for the lands outlined in Recommendation #1, Regional Council hereby acknowledge that Notice has been given to the public by means of listing Report No. PW-36-24/CS-35-24 re: "Declaration of Lands Surplus to Regional Requirements, Town of Halton Hills (Part of PIN: 25025-0038 (LT))" on Regional Council's agenda.
3. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. PW-36-24/CS-35-24 to the Town of Halton Hills for information.

Please find attached a copy of the above-noted report for your information. If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,



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Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Andrew Farr, Commissioner, Public Works Bob Gray, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Corporate Counsel
Date:	November 20, 2024
Report No.:	PW-36-24/CS-35-24
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### Recommendation

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### Report

#### **Executive Summary**

- Halton Region is the owner of a regional forest located in the Town of Halton Hills known as the Coulson Tract.
- A small portion of the Coulson Tract is required for a realignment of an East/West Collector Road, and it is recommended the portion be conveyed to the Town of Halton Hills for that purpose. Another portion of the Coulson Tract will need to be

used as a daylight triangle for the intersection of the Collector Road and Trafalgar Road and will remain under the ownership of Halton Region.

- Bentall Green Oak (Canada) Ltd. is the owner of employment lands (the “BGO Lands”) abutting the Coulson Tract and the proposed Collector Road. It is proposed that Bentall Green Oak convey a portion of the Bentall Green Oak (Canada) Ltd. Lands (the “BGO Land Parcel”) to Halton Region for the purposes of replacing any trees which are removed or impacted as a result of the realigned East/West Collector Road.
- The purpose of this report is to request Regional Council declare surplus a portion of the Coulson Tract and convey the portion to the Town of Halton Hills to accommodate the realignment of the East/West Collector Road.

## **Background**

On December 22, 2022, the Town of Halton Hills deemed complete a Zoning By-law Amendment Application submitted by Bentall Green Oak (Canada) Ltd. (“BGO”). The BGO lands are located north of Steeles Avenue, east of Trafalgar Road, west of Eighth Line at 8250 Eighth Line and are approximately 41.8 hectares in size (see Attachment #1). BGO has submitted a development proposal to permit eight (8) warehouse buildings for a total of 177,655 sq. m of ground floor area. The proposed development includes the construction of an East/West Collector Road to connect Trafalgar Road with Eighth Line. On October 7, 2024, Town of Halton Hills Council approved the Zoning By-law Amendment subject to Holding (H) Provisions, one of which is to obtain the necessary land from Halton Region to construct the signalized intersection of the East/West Collector Road and Trafalgar Road. BGO will be submitting a Site Plan Application through which the design, final location, securities, and construction details for the Collector Road will be finalized. The Collector Road has been identified by the Town of Halton Hills as a requirement under the Premier Gateway Employment Area Phase 1B Secondary Plan (“the Secondary Plan”) to facilitate development of the employment lands in the area (see Attachment #2).

The lands to the southwest of the East/West Collector Road located at 8173 Trafalgar Road are owned by Hope Place Centres. Hope Place Centres is a not-for-profit men’s addiction and mental health facility that provides support services to a vulnerable population. A Zoning By-law Amendment application was submitted in June 2020 for an expansion to the existing facility. The Zoning By-law Amendment application is still under review by the Town of Halton Hills and Halton Region.

Abutting the BGO lands to the west and bordering Trafalgar Road, is a Regionally owned forest known as the Coulson Tract. The Coulson Tract was deeded to the County of Halton in 1956 by Mr. John Coulson on the condition that the land be used for the purposes of reforestation.



## Discussion

As part of the development proposal, BGO proposed a realignment for the required Collector Road at the Trafalgar Road intersection through a portion of the Coulson Tract. The Secondary Plan allows for refinement and modification to the orientation of the Collector Road. BGO had submitted a Road Realignment Report that reviewed alternatives for the realignment of the proposed road. The Road Realignment Report noted that the least impactful alternative alignment was one which eliminates impacts to the Hope Place Centres Land to allow for its continued operations as well as preservation of the land for their future expansion. However, the alternative alignment impacts a portion of the Coulson Tract.

Through the BGO development application, a land exchange and a compensation plan for reforestation was discussed with the proponent and the Town to ensure that Regional interests are maintained. Due to the history of the Coulson Tract, best efforts were made by Halton Region staff to contact living representatives of Mr. John Coulson to advise them of the realignment of the Collector Road, however these efforts were unsuccessful. A Statutory Public Meeting for the Zoning By-law amendment application was held on April 17, 2023 by the Town of Halton Hill's Council and in May 2024 a mailout was sent to all abutting property owners on Eighth Line soliciting public input on the proposed realignment of the Collector Road. On October 7, 2024, through a Zoning By-law Amendment report, Town of Halton Hills Council endorsed the road realignment subject to a Holding (H) Provisions. One of these provisions requires that a portion of the Coulson Tract be conveyed to the Town of Halton Hills for the Collector Road. Further, a letter of support has been provided by the Town of Halton Hills to Halton Region to facilitate the new alignment (see Attachment #3).

The surplus land declaration recommended in this report will facilitate the realignment of the Collector Road endorsed by the Town of Halton Hills. In addition a land exchange and a tree compensation plan are planned, specifically an area of approximately 2,300 sq. m within the BGO lands will be given to the Region at no cost and approximately 336 sq. m of the Coulson Tract will be conveyed to the Town of Halton Hills for the Collector Road. Approximately 638 sq. m of the Coulson Tract will be used as a daylighting triangle of the Trafalgar Road intersection (see Attachment # 4). The land to be conveyed to the Region from BGO is contiguous with the existing woodlot and is larger than the area proposed to be removed from the Coulson Tract. It is proposed that Halton Region convey the Halton Land Parcel as described in Recommendation #1 and as identified as Part 24 in a draft reference plan (see Attachment #5) to the Town of Halton Hills to form part of the proposed Collector Road. The total area of the Coulson Tract impacted is approximately 974 sq. m of land.

The land exchange will be carried out in accordance with Halton Region's policies and by-law regarding acquisitions and dispositions of interests in real property. An independent external appraisal shall be completed for the lands that BGO are transferring to Halton Region. No appraisal is needed for the lands Halton Region is transferring to the Town of Halton Hills given the lands has nominal value. In the land transactions contemplated in this report it is anticipated the value of the lands that Halton Region will

be acquiring exceeds the value of the lands that Halton Region will be conveying to Halton Hills at nominal cost.

Further, tree replacement and planting will be provided at a ratio of 2:1 for trees (two planted trees for each existing tree removed from the Coulson Tract to accommodate the collector road over 5 cm diameter at breast height (DBH) and 1:1 for trees below 5cm DBH. The total number of trees to be compensated is estimated to be 1,242. Replanting will occur both on the lands conveyed from BGO to the Region as well as on the northerly portion of the Coulson Tract. Approximately 532 trees will be within the BGO Land Parcel, and the balance of the compensation trees will be within the northerly portion of the Coulson Tract. The total inventory of trees to be removed will be confirmed during the detailed design process and be reflected in a final Arborist Report.

The details of the land exchange, tree compensation, long term monitoring plan, securities and any associated costs will be established in a separate tri-party agreement between BGO, the Region, and the Town of Halton Hills. BGO will be responsible for any costs involved in the land exchange, the tree compensation process, as well as all costs associated with the surplus land process and land transactions. BGO will also be responsible for the costs associated with the design and construction of the Collector Road on behalf of the Town of Halton Hills.

## Financial/Program Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurielle Natyway  
Director, Development Services

Andrew Farr  
Commissioner, Public Works

Garett Turcott  
Director, Capital Construction and Realty Services

Bob Gray  
Commissioner, Corporate  
Services and Corporate Counsel

Approved by,

Jane MacCaskill  
Chief Administrative Officer

If you have any questions about the content of this report, please contact:  
Laurielle Natyway, Director, Development Services or Garett Turcott, Director, Capital Construction and Realty Services

### Attachments:

- Attachment #1 – Location Map
- Attachment #2 – Development Concept Plan
- Attachment #3 – Letter of Support from the Town of Halton Hills
- Attachment #4 – Land Exchange Map
- Attachment #5 – Draft Reference Plan

### Additional Information:

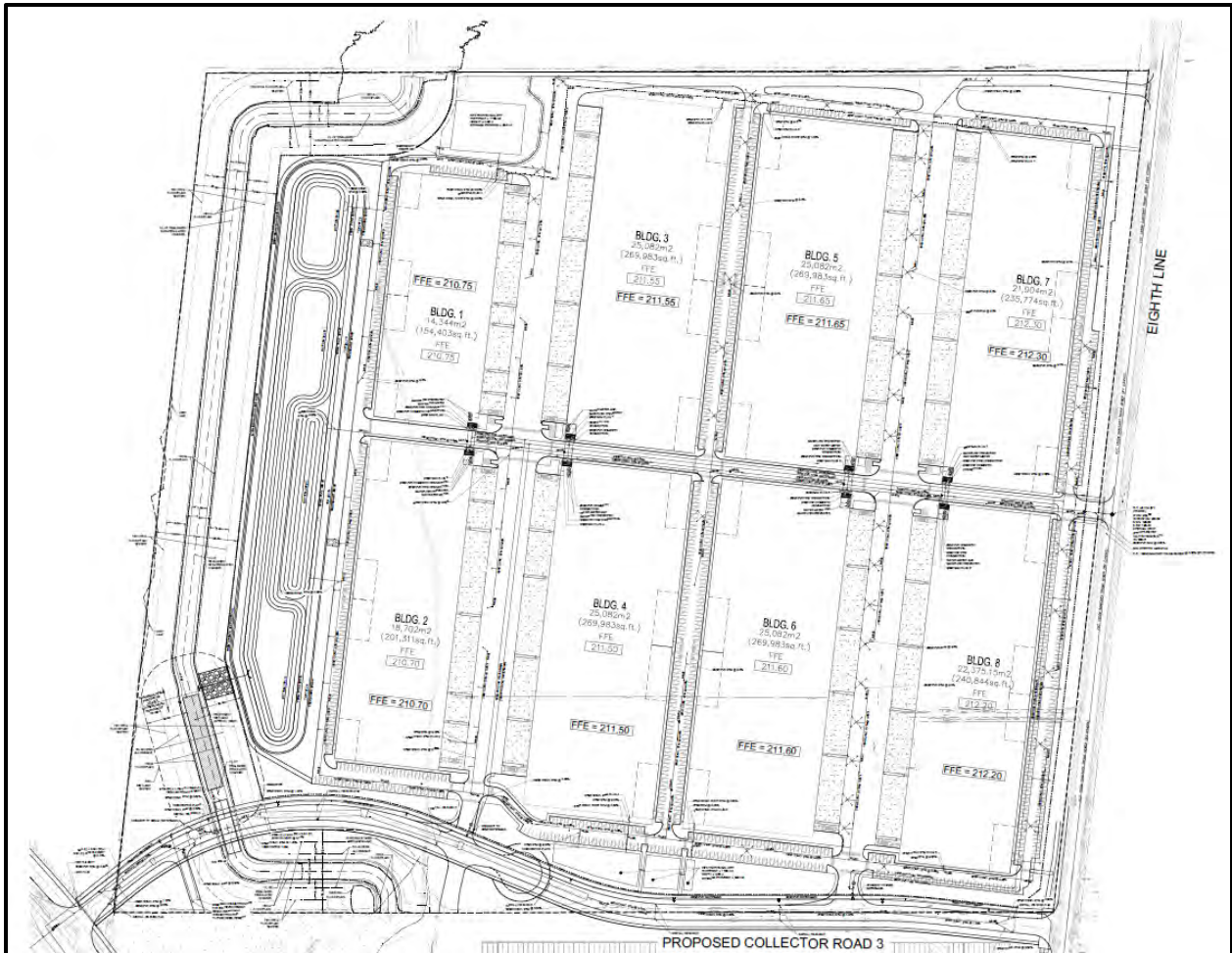
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None.

**LOCATION MAP**



Concept Plan



October 8, 2024

Laurielle Natywary  
Development Services  
Region of Halton

**RE: Transfer of a portion of the Coulson Tract lands to the Town of Halton Hills to accommodate a new east/west collector road intended to connect Trafalgar Road to Eighth Line**

Dear Ms. Natywary,

On October 7, 2024, Town of Halton Hills Council approved a site-specific Zoning By-law Amendment for 8250 Eighth Line (Bental GreenOak lands) to permit 8 industrial buildings representing a total gross floor area of approximately 1.9 million square feet.

To support the future development of 8250 Eight Line Bental GreenOak will be responsible (in partnership with the landowner to the south, Prologis) to construct a new east/west collector road to connect Trafalgar Road with Eighth Line in order to provide truck access to the site. As per the approved Halton Hills Phase 1B Secondary Plan, development of these lands is dependent upon the construction of the new road as Eighth Line is not designed to accommodate heavy truck traffic. To allow for the preferred alignment for the new collector road a portion (approximately 347 m<sup>2</sup>) of land owned by the Region of Halton, which contains a Regional woodland referred to as the Coulson Tract, is being requested to be transferred to the Town of Halton Hills (the new collector road is intended to be a local municipal public road). Bental GreenOak has proposed to dedicate an adjacent 2,300 m<sup>2</sup> block of their lands to the Region as part of the land exchange for the portion of the Coulson Tract being conveyed to the Town.

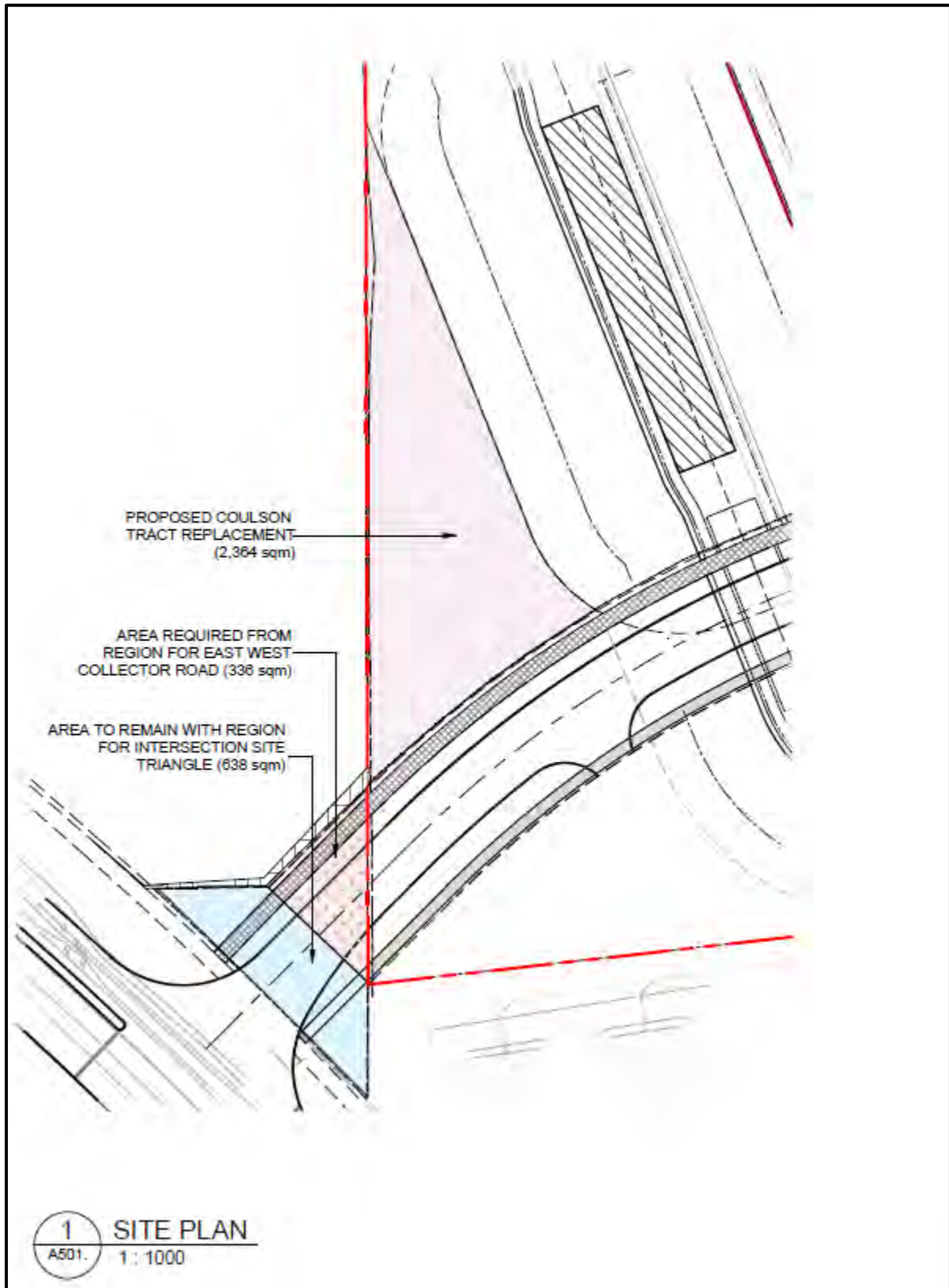
The Town is requesting the Region's support to transfer the necessary lands to the Town of Halton Hills to facilitate the construction and preferred alignment of the required east/west collector road. The construction of the new road is necessary for the proper development of the Bental GreenOak lands as well as the Prologis lands to the south, both of which represent significant investments for the Town of Halton Hills and are anticipated to result the creation of numerous of jobs within the community.

Sincerely,

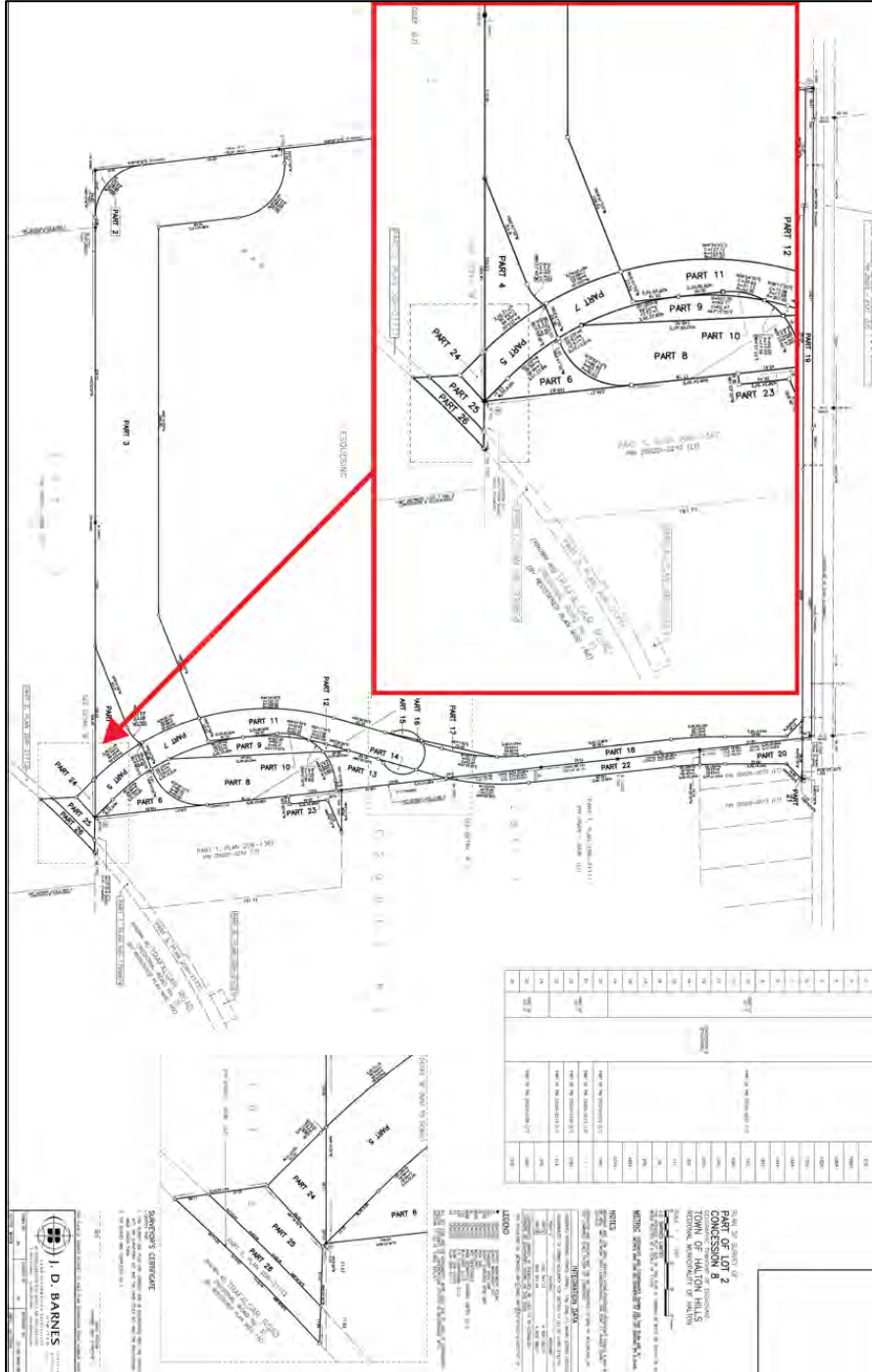
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# LAND EXCHANGE MAP



Draft Reference Plan





**VIA EMAIL**

November 25, 2024

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Please be advised that at its meeting held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION: CA-26-24 Re: Participation in the Municipal Benchmarking Network of Canada**

1. THAT staff take all steps necessary to end Halton Region's membership in the Municipal Benchmarking Network of Canada, effective by the end of the year.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. CA-26-24 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 above-noted report 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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Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Jane MacCaskill, Chief Administrative Officer
Date:	November 20, 2024
Report No.:	CA-26-24
Re:	Participation in the Municipal Benchmarking Network of Canada

## Recommendation

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## Report

### **Executive Summary**

- The Municipal Benchmarking Network of Canada (MBNCanada) is a network of Canadian municipalities founded to promote service excellence in municipal government by measuring, sharing, and comparing data and operational practices.
- MBNCanada produces an annual Performance Measurement Report which provides data from participating municipalities across 36 municipal service areas.
- Halton Region has participated in MBNCanada since 2005. The annual cost of participation in the program is \$39,550.
- Regional staff periodically review the value of participating in the MBNCanada program. The most recent reviews have identified declining or limited value received from the program when measured against the resources required. Measures are not comparable, and the data compiled is rarely used by Halton.
- The Region participates in a range of other program data and benchmarking initiatives, and there would be little-to-no impact in the availability of data should Halton no longer participate in the MBNCanada program.

- This report seeks Council's direction to end Halton's membership in the MBNCanada program effective by the end of the year.

## **Background**

The Municipal Benchmarking Network of Canada ("MBNCanada") was founded in 1998 as the Ontario Municipal Benchmarking Initiative (OMBI), a collaborative partnership between Ontario municipalities. In 2009 the program expanded membership across Canada and changed the name in 2016 to MBNCanada and shortly after incorporated as a separate organization. The purpose of the MBNCanada Program is to collect and compare data and create a network of municipal staff who can share data, ideas and best practices to continuously improve municipal service delivery. The data is compiled in an annual Performance Measurement Report and participating municipalities are provided with access to the data.

Halton Region has participated in the MBNCanada Program for many years. The Region provides data for 25 service areas. Annual fees of \$39,550 are paid to MBNCanada for the Region's participation. In addition, the Region may pay one-time costs for studies, special projects or strategic reviews of the program. Halton staff across the organization provide Halton-specific data to the program, for the benefit of a consolidated report with information from comparator municipalities and represents a significant amount of effort by staff. Access to the data is intended to assist with decision-making, identify opportunities to improve services, and share best practices amongst participants.

MBNCanada's membership has declined since 2018, from 16 participating municipalities across six provinces to only eight municipalities by 2022, significantly reducing the utility of the comparisons. Withdrawal decisions have been based on lack of appropriate comparators, no additional value-add services or products from the MBNCanada program, issues with comparability and limited use of measures to show trends and benchmark.

Halton staff periodically review the program to ensure its reporting is being used and remains beneficial to the Region. Recent reviews have shown a decrease in use of the data and declining value for Halton over the last several years, and further that it is not being used for networking between peer municipalities as other more robust service-specific groups are available for that purpose.

## **Discussion**

Over the last several years, the number of municipal participants in MBNCanada has declined and the program has struggled to identify a value proposition. Accordingly, staff

have reviewed the value of Halton's participation in the program to identify whether there is sufficient value for the staff time and financial contributions required for continued participation.

#### Measure Comparability and Relevancy

There have been a number of municipalities that have withdrawn from MBNCanada over the past few years. With decreasing participation, the ability for Halton Region to compare itself with municipalities with similar population and boundaries, and structures has become limited.

The MBNCanada Program collects information on over 700 measures across 36 service areas. Not all measures are relevant to every participating municipality and require staff time and effort to provide this data. Questions have lingered for years regarding the ability to make measures comparable given different municipal structures, service delivery models, ways of tracking data and so forth. The lack of relevancy, coupled with workload challenges, has led some municipalities to reduce the number of measures for which they provide data, leading to gaps in data points which have impacted the ability to compare between municipalities and view trends over time.

#### Data Usage & Value

There are no specific examples of the measures being used to directly inform decision-making in areas of the organization such as program reviews, trend analysis, operational efficiency, and departmental performance assessments.

As Regional staff are the ones preparing and sharing the Halton-specific data to MBNCanada, they do not need to access it again through this program. Further, staff can source peer municipal data through other existing sources of data or service-specific networking initiatives.

#### Data Timeliness

The MBNCanada annual Performance Measurement Report reports information from the previous year-end and is made available the following October (10 months after year-end). For example, the 2023 annual report is released in October 2024 and provides information on the data collected for January 1 through December 31, 2023. This delay in the timing of the data further limits its usefulness and relevancy.

### Resource Impacts

The MBNCanada delivery model requires staff time and effort. Each participating municipality must have a staff member who acts as a 'Municipal Lead', and a staff member who supports as a 'Financial Advisory Representative' to financial measures. The Municipal Lead is engaged in the ongoing administration of the Program throughout the year, and coordinate input from 67 staff across the organization (referred to as 'Panel Members') who provide data on the measures that apply to their service areas. In addition, participating municipalities' Chief Administrative Officers are required to sit on the Board of Directors for the program.

As noted above, the low level of relevancy and data usage does not justify the volume of work and time required to support participation in the program.

### **Conclusion**

Benchmarking and collecting data that can inform decision-making and advance accountability and transparency for Regional Council and Halton residents continues to have value. Halton Region participates in many other sources of data and networking initiatives to advance this, including regulatory reporting requirements (e.g., Statistics Canada, the Provincial Financial Information Return (FIR)), initiatives advanced through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and benchmarking initiatives such as the BMA Municipal Study.

Regional staff's review of Halton Region's participation in the MBNCanada Program has identified numerous concerns around the value it provides. Based on the confirmed decline in comparability of measures, limited data usage by the organization, significant delay in access to the data released, and the resourcing required to participate and administer the program (both financial and staff time), it is recommended that Halton end its participation in the program effective by the end of the year.

Withdrawal from the MBNCanada would not reduce Halton's access to relevant and meaningful data required to support organizational decision making and effective delivery of programs.

## Financial/Program Implications

Withdrawing from MBNCanada would result in an annual savings of \$39,550, which is the current annual fee for program participation.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Elliott  
Director, Strategic Initiatives & Government Relations

Approved by,

Jane MacCaskill  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Wendy Elliott, Director, Strategic Initiatives & Government Relations

Attachments:

None

Additional Information:

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[MBNCanada's Website \(external link\)](#)

**VIA EMAIL**

November 26, 2024

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**RESOLUTION: CA-27-24/CS-38-24 Re: Authorization to Represent Region at Local Ontario Health Teams and Halton Digital Access Services Corporation**

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## Report

### **Executive Summary**

- The Region has been represented by the Chief Administrative Officer at both of the Ontario Health Teams operating within regional boundaries since their inception. Each Ontario Health Team has progressed towards maturity and the formational work is largely complete.
- Both Ontario Health Teams are engaged in providing health care related services to the residents of Halton Region and, going forward, it is appropriate that the Region be represented by the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health.
- Since the Burlington Ontario Health Team is already incorporated, a change to its By-Law 2023-01 is needed, upon Regional Council authorizing the change of representative, for both the Director position on the Board of Directors and the Authorized Representative position as a Member of the corporation.
- The Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team is moving towards incorporation, but at present a change to the Terms of Reference of its Collaborative Committee agreement is needed, upon Regional Council authorizing the change of representative.

- In May 2023, Regional Council gave approval for the creation, operation and governance of Halton Digital Access Services Corporation. Jane MacCaskill has represented Halton Region with respect to Halton Digital Access Services Corporation since its inception. In light of her announced retirement, staff recommends that the incoming interim Chief Administrative Officer, and subsequently the new permanent Chief Administrative Officer, replace Jane MacCaskill effective January 1, 2025.
- On November 15, 2017, Council approved the “Community Safety and Well-Being in Halton: A Plan for Collaboration and Action”, which created a System Leadership Group, with Halton Region’s Chief Administrative Officer as Chair of that group, along with the Halton Chief of Police as Vice-Chair. Again, in light of Jane MacCaskill’s announced retirement, the Commissioner of Social & Community Services shall take up the role of Chair until a new permanent Chief Administrative Officer is in place.

## Background

**Ontario Health Teams:** Since the Province of Ontario passed the *Connecting Care Act, 2019*, two groups within Halton have formed to operate Ontario Health Teams in accordance with the Ministry of Health’s attributed population groupings. The Burlington Ontario Health Team is now an incorporated entity and is on an expedited path to designation as a full Ontario Health Team, one of 12 in the province, and operates many integrated health care functions for the Burlington area per the direction of the Ministry of Health. The Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team is also operating many integrated health care functions for the Oakville/Milton/Halton Hills area, and is preparing for incorporation in due course. Much organizational and collaborative formational work has been accomplished and the Chief Administrative Officer has been involved throughout.

**Halton Digital Access Services Corporation:** Through Report No. DI-03-23/LPS23-23, on May 24, 2023 Regional Council gave approval for Halton Region to participate in the creation, operation and governance of Halton Digital Access Services Corporation. As a part of its approval, Regional Council approved Jane MacCaskill to sit as the Region’s representative on the Board of Directors of Halton Digital Access Services Corporation and to act as the Chair of the Board of Halton Digital Access Services Corporation.

**Community Safety and Well-Being in Halton:** On November 15, 2017, Council adopted Report SS-30-17/MO-39-17 – Community Safety and Well-Being in Halton: A Plan for Collaboration and Action. The Plan was developed by Halton Region and the

Halton Regional Police Service and many community organizations to enhance collaboration on issues that impact safety and well-being in the region. The Plan created a System Leadership Group comprised of executive leaders from organizations with key system planning accountabilities in the human services system. The System Leadership Group has a mandate to work with the community to identify, prioritize and address known, emergent and anticipated community and system-level issues. The Terms of Reference for the System Leadership Group state that it will be chaired by the Chief Administrative Officer of Halton Region, and the Halton Chief of Police will be Vice-Chair. Although primary executives are encouraged to attend all meetings, they may appoint a delegate to attend on their behalf as needed. Jane has chosen to delegate the Chair responsibility to the Commissioner of Social & Community Services, who will operate in this role until a new permanent CAO is in place.

## **Discussion**

**Ontario Health Teams:** The functions of the Ontario Health Teams are related to the provision of health care in a more integrated manner according to mandates from the Ministry of Health through its superagency, Ontario Health. It is expected that the maturing process will continue to the point where both Halton groups are 'designated' Ontario Health Teams under the legislation. Funding models and areas of service will continue to develop over the next few years at a pace directed by Ontario Health.

Since the mandate of the Ontario Health Teams is related to the direct provision of health care, it is appropriate that the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health role assume the committee leadership roles at both Ontario Health Teams.

There is a position on the Board of Directors of the Burlington Ontario Health Team corporation which is currently named to be held by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Region, *ex officio* (i.e., the position is to be held by whomever is in the Chief Administrative Officer role). Any change to this position requires a vote of the Board of Directors to amend the corporation's operational By-Law 2023-01, following authorization of such change by Regional Council.

The Burlington Ontario Health Team corporation is made up of members including the Region. The Chief Administrative Officer has been the Authorized Representative of the Region for member-voting purposes at annual general meetings or special meetings. To change Authorized Representatives with the Burlington Ontario Health Team, a certified copy of a resolution of Regional Council is required to be sent to the Burlington Ontario Health Team, together with sending the details and contact information of the Authorized Representative to its Executive Director or Secretary.

There is a position on the Collaborative Committee of the Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team which is currently named to be held by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Region. This committee is the governing board under the current organizational structure for the Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team. To change the Region's Collaborative Committee representative, reasonable notice must be provided to the other partner representatives and to the Collaborative Committee of the Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team, which includes Halton Healthcare Services Corporation, Home and Community Care Support Services Mississauga Halton and Acclaim Health and Community Care Services. There is a requirement that the new representative have decision-making authority comparable to the person being replaced, which is satisfied by Regional Council authorizing the change of representation as per the relevant recommendation in this report.

**Halton Digital Access Services Corporation:** Staff recommends that as of January 1, 2025 the person occupying the position of Chief Administrative Officer be the Region's representative on the Board of Directors of Halton Digital Access Services Corporation and be authorized to act as the Chair of the Board of Halton Digital Access Services Corporation. Additionally, sending a copy of this report to Halton Digital Access Services Corporation and to the City of Burlington, and the Towns of Milton, Oakville and Halton Hills for their information will serve as notice to Halton Digital Access Services Corporation to prepare the necessary documents to effect the changes described.

**Community Safety and Well-Being in Halton:** As of January 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Social & Community Services shall be the Chair of the System Leadership Group until a new permanent CAO for Halton Region is hired. Staff will send notification to the System Leadership Group membership to update them of this interim delegation.

## Financial/Program Implications

There are no financial implications related to this report.

Respectfully submitted by,

Bob Gray  
Commissioner, Corporate Services and Corporate Counsel

Approved by,

Jane MacCaskill  
Chief Administrative Officer

If you have any questions about the content of this report, please contact:  
Jane MacCaskill, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

None

Additional Information:

None

November 8, 2024

**Re: Homelessness, Mental Health, Safety and Addiction Crisis**

At its Council Meeting of November 5, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** the chronic homelessness, mental health, safety and addictions crisis continues to escalate, with at least 1,400 homeless encampments now present in Ontario communities, putting unsustainable pressure on municipalities and public spaces creating a Humanitarian Crisis; and,

**WHEREAS** housing, homelessness and healthcare - including access to appropriate and timely supports - are the responsibility of the Provincial government and proper management of these issues is crucial to addressing the root causes of the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing; and,

**WHEREAS** municipalities are being left to manage these issues without the necessary resources or legal authority to sufficiently respond, and as a result are caught balancing the important needs of unsheltered people living in encampments, with the responsibility to ensure our communities are safe and vibrant places for all residents; and,

**WHEREAS** the causes of homelessness can be complex and individually unique to each unhoused person, with one of the primary causes being undiagnosed and untreated mental health and addiction issues, which are difficult to address without specialized support systems providing a continuum of care; and,

**WHEREAS** some individuals experiencing untreated or undiagnosed acute and/or chronic mental health or addictions challenges may be at higher risk to themselves and pose safety concerns for other members of the community; and,

**WHEREAS** every individual deserves the opportunity for treatment and recovery, including crucial systemic resources, prompt access, and appropriate intervention; and,

**WHEREAS** Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) has launched the SolveTheCrisis.ca campaign to raise awareness of the scale of the humanitarian

crisis in our communities, seek partnerships with the federal and provincial governments to solve it including by: a single responsible Minister and ministry to coordinate action to solve the crisis; an action table with multi-sector stakeholders to create a comprehensive Made in Ontario solution that addresses these issues for all communities in the province; providing municipalities with the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports; committing to fund the resources required, community by community, to fill existing gaps; invest in a sufficient number of 24/7 community hubs and crisis centres to relieve pressure on hospital emergency departments and first responders and,

**WHEREAS** the OBCM recommends the consideration of some specific tools and policy asks for municipalities and other sectors involved in this crisis as detailed below; and

**WHEREAS** an encounter with the criminal court system can be an effective pathway to treatment when the offender is offered a timely and effective treatment referral through a Diversion Court process; and,

**WHEREAS** the Province's plan to create 19 treatment hubs is a good step and has the potential to substantially improve access to treatment that can be referred through a Diversion Court process if these hubs are properly funded, accessible and expanded in scope and number based on community need; and

**WHEREAS** the ability of municipalities to ensure safe and vibrant communities is compromised by a double standard in our legal system that allows for the open consumption of illicit drugs but prohibits the unrestricted consumption of tobacco or alcohol, causing confusion and undermining public health efforts; and,

**WHEREAS** the ability of municipalities to make decisions regarding public safety is compromised by court decisions that enable encampments in public spaces and restrict municipal capacity to manage public lands effectively, including ensuring the safety of the people in those encampments, and the community surrounding them; and,

**WHEREAS** residents and business owners in neighbourhoods where homeless encampments exist and drug users congregate are unreasonably impacted by social disruption, rising crime, vandalism, and declining public confidence due to concerns for public safety; and,

**WHEREAS** provincial and federal governments need to take responsibility for policy decisions that have led to this humanitarian crisis and must take on a



greater leadership role in helping municipalities address the associated issues of social disruption and public safety; and,

**WHEREAS** municipalities need clear, effective and enforceable legislative tools from provincial and federal governments regarding how to address encampments and social disruption, and must have the legal authority to act swiftly and decisively when public safety is at risk; and,

**WHEREAS** establishing and reinforcing principles and parameters at a provincial level will allow municipalities to focus on what they do best – providing services to members of the public – without the impossible task of reconciling provincial and federal policy or various judicial decisions that are at odds with a group or individual rights; and,

**WHEREAS** municipal governments must implement solutions that are efficient, effective, appropriate, feasible, practical, and in compliance with Ontario and Canadian law, while balancing individual rights with the safety and well-being of the broader community;

**WHEREAS** the OBCM has reaffirmed calls to the federal and provincial governments, through its Solve the Crisis Campaign, to:

- i. Appoint one Minister and ministry responsible for the humanitarian crisis Ontarians are facing and who has been provided appropriate authority and resources to find solutions;
- ii. Create an action table of government representatives from all three levels, subject matter experts, and those impacted by this crisis including community partners, first responders and businesses to evaluate solutions to create a Made in Ontario solution; and
- iii. That both levels of government provide the funding required for municipalities big and small to put in place the solutions they need to end this crisis.

**WHEREAS** the OBCM has strongly requested the provincial and federal governments to:

- i. Take on intervenor status in the case of court decisions that restrict the ability of municipalities to regulate and prohibit encampments; and
- ii. Develop a fully funded and resourced range of compassionate care and treatment programs that strengthens the system of community-based and residential mental health & addictions treatments under the Mental Health

Act and the Health Care Consent Act, ensuring that individuals in need are able to access care and treatment in a timely manner; and

iii. Urgently review, consult on, and update the Mental Health Act and the Health Care Consent Act to reflect the current realities of this crisis, including consultation with medical professionals, first responders and municipalities to determine whether to expand the scope of and strengthen the existing system of mandatory community-based and residential mental health and addictions care and treatment; and

iv. Implement Diversion Courts throughout the Province and expand the scope and reach of these courts by permitting referrals to the Diversion Court for Provincial and Municipal Offences, with a focus on rehabilitation rather than punitive measures; and

v. Review, consult on, and update the Trespass to Property Act to address the public safety issues municipalities are facing within their communities. With such a review to include but not be limited to options to assist communities in addressing aggressive or repetitive trespass (“repetitive trespass”); and

vi. To establish for municipalities a prescribed provincial priority of maintaining public order and public safety to allow, in line with the above, stronger local deterrents to offenses related to social disruption and public safety risks;

**WHEREAS** the provincial and federal governments are requested to introduce legislation prohibiting open and public use of illicit drugs and public intoxication, whether that be by consumption of alcohol or illicit drugs, with clear enforcement provisions and public awareness campaigns to reduce the harmful impact on communities.

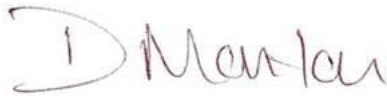
**AND WHEREAS** the province has been requested to create a blueprint, along with associated funding programs from both federal and provincial governments, to address the significant need for the quick build of supportive housing units, which includes units that address the specific needs of those who have started treatment and need shelter and care as they continue their recovery journey.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge supports the OBCM motion on chronic homelessness, mental health, safety and addiction crisis;

**AND THAT** this motion be circulated to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Tibollo, MPP of Ontario, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Mark Holland, Federal Minister of Health, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Laurie LeBlanc, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rebecca Bligh, Federation of Canadian Municipalities President, Robin Jones, Association of Municipalities of Ontario President, and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton  
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario  
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All Ontario Municipalities

November 8, 2024

**Re: Lithium-Ion Importation and Safe Use**

At its Council Meeting of November 5, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** lithium-ion batteries are commonplace as they are in use in a wide variety of devices that are part of our daily lives, including e-scooters and e-bikes, and the growing use of such technology is encouraged and supported as part of Canada's environmental protection strategies;

**AND WHEREAS** the increasing importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is coupled with the risk of devastating fires;

**AND WHEREAS** when lithium-ion batteries are damaged or overheat they are susceptible to "thermal runaway" high intensity, long lasting fires that are difficult to extinguish by conventional firefighting techniques, and which emit a cocktail of dangerous and potentially toxic gases such as carbon monoxide, hydrogen fluoride, and hydrogen chloride, putting citizens and first responders in danger;

**AND WHEREAS** there are at present no government regulations to monitor, control or prohibit importation, storage, sale, or use in our communities of non-OEM lithium-ion aftermarket batteries not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Cambridge has already seen several occurrences of lithium-ion battery fires in single, multi-unit residential dwellings, commercial and industrial properties that have caused displacement, inconvenience and economic loss to dozens of citizens and businesses such that Council recognizes the significant and growing risk of fire and explosion that these aftermarket lithium-ion batteries present.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council does hereby support the Cambridge Fire Department in its efforts to administer and disseminate the Ontario Fire Marshall's fire safety campaign to educate citizens on the potential hazards associated with lithium-ion batteries and empower residents and

businesses in the City of Cambridge and beyond with the knowledge to safeguard themselves, their property, and others.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council does hereby call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, storage, sale, disposal and use of non-OEM, non-ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be sent to the Right Honorable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honorable Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, The Honorable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honorable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement for Ontario, local area MPP's and MP's, the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton  
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

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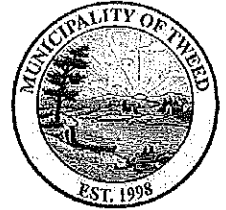
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Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



**Resolution No.** 588  
**Title:** Ontario Good Roads Association  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024

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**Moved by** J. Palmateer  
**Seconded by** P. Valiquette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the Ontario Good Roads Association request for the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program;  
AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to prepare a Resolution as follows:  
WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;  
AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;  
AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;  
AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;  
AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and  
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and  
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

**Carried**



**MUNICIPALITÉ DE / MUNICIPALITY OF VAL RITA-HARTY**  
2 de l'Église Avenue Box 100 , Val Rita , Ontario , P0L 2G0

## RESOLUTION

**Agenda Item # 7.7** Pour soutenir la province, mettre en œuvre un programme de sécurité routière en milieu rural afin de réduire le nombre d'accidents mortels et de blessés./ To Support Province, implement a rural road safety program to reduce fatalities and injuries.

**MOVED BY :** Angèle Beauvais

**Resolution #** 24-124

**SECONDED BY :** Alain Tremblay

November 19, 2024

Que le conseil appuie la résolution visant à soutenir la Province dans la mise en œuvre d'un programme de sécurité routière en milieu rural afin de réduire les décès et les blessures.

### ADOPTÉE

That council endorse the resolution to support Province, implement a rural road safety program to reduce fatalities and injuries.

### CARRIED

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums and preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Val Rita-Harty requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, allowing Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Ontario Good Roads Association; and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Municipalité de / Municipality of Val Rita-Harty



November 25, 2024

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

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford

**RE: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.**

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2024-11-22**

**MOVED BY:** Fred Dobbie  
**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

**“WHEREAS**, official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

**AND WHEREAS**, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

**AND WHEREAS**, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

**AND WHEREAS**, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural health care system;

**AND WHEREAS**, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums

**AND WHEREAS**, preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

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Tay Valley Township  
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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Tay Valley Township requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;

**THAT**, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Honorable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Honorable King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Honorable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Honorable Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads;

**AND THAT**, this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.”

**ADOPTED**

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or [deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca](mailto:deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca)

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Honorable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation,  
Honorable King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure,  
Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture,  
Honorable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs,  
Honorable Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response,  
Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health,  
Thomas Barakat, Good Roads Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations,  
All Municipalities in Ontario.



—The TOWNSHIP of—  
**NORTH DUMFRIES**

106 Earl Thompson Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
PO Box 1060  
Ayr, ON N0B 1E0

November 19, 2024

Sent via Email

**RE: Resolution – Good Roads re: Ontario Rural Safety Program**

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on November 12, 2024, the Township of North Dumfries Council adopted the following resolution:

*“WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;*

*AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;*

*AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;*

*AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural strained health care system;*

*AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of North Dumfries requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario’s rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario’s rural roads; and*

*FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and*

*FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.”*

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ashley Good, Clerk  
Township of North Dumfries  
519-632-8800 ext. 122  
[agood@northdumfries.ca](mailto:agood@northdumfries.ca)

cc. Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and all municipalities in Ontario

November 6, 2024

**Sent via email:** premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
823 Albion Road  
Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A3

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

**Re: Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program**

At their regular meeting of November 6, 2024, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;**

**AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:**

**WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;**

**AND WHEREAS despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;**

**AND WHEREAS rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;**

**AND WHEREAS preventing crashes helps to alleviate the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;**

**AND WHEREAS roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Pelham requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;**

**AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, and Good Roads;**

**AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.**

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Clerk, Sarah Leach 905-892-2607 ext 315.

Yours very truly,

*jlegros*

Jodi Legros

Legislative Coordinator

- c. Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation** Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org
- Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure** Kinga.Surma@pc.ola.org
- Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness** Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org
- Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs** Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org
- Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response** trevor.jones3@ontario.ca
- Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health** sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
- Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, Niagara West** Sam.oosterhoffco@pc.ola.org
- Good Roads, Scott R. Butler, Executive Director** scott@goodroads.ca
- Ontario Municipalities**



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November 14, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

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

**Re: Resolution on Establishing an Ontario Rural Roads Safety Program**

At its regular meeting of Council held on October 16, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

**Resolution #: 4**

**Moved by:** A. Stirk

**Seconded by:** G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Amaranth requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make

the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

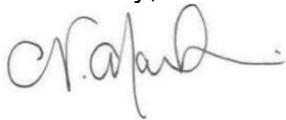
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

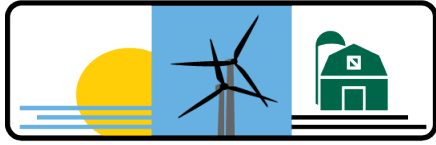
**CARRIED**

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

Yours truly,



Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk



TOWNSHIP OF  
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November 19, 2024

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

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
823 Albion Road  
Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A3

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

At its meeting held on November 19, 2024, the Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh adopted the following resolution with respect to Good Roads – Ontario Rural Road Safety Program:

Moved by Jennifer Miltenburg  
Seconded by Wayne Forester

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

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AND WHEREAS rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;



AND WHEREAS preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system; AND WHEREAS roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Your favourable consideration of this respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Kelly Thomson  
Deputy Clerk I Communications Co-ordinator

CC:

Minister of Transportation – Anita Anand [anita.anand@parl.gc.ca](mailto:anita.anand@parl.gc.ca)  
Minister of Infrastructure – Kinga Surma [kinga.surma@pc.ola.org](mailto:kinga.surma@pc.ola.org)  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness – Rob Flack [rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org)  
Minister of Rural Affairs – Lisa M. Thompson [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org)  
Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response – Trevor Jones  
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Minister of Health – Sylvia Jones [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)  
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# The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

P.O. Box 40, 1 Selkirk Avenue, Terrace Bay, ON, P0T 2W0  
Phone: (807) 825-3315 Fax: (807) 825-9576

November 19, 2024

Premier Doug Ford  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Mr. Ford,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday November 17, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed.

**Re: Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program**

**Resolution: 306-2024**

**Moved By: Councillor Johnson**

**Seconded By: Councillor Adduono**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

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AND WHEREAS preventing crashes helps to alleviate the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Terrace Bay requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;



## The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Hon. Lise Vaugeois, MPP, and Good Roads;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Sincerely,

J. Hall  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

**CC:**

Minister of Transportation – Anita Anand [anita.anand@parl.gc.ca](mailto:anita.anand@parl.gc.ca)  
Minister of Infrastructure – Kinga Surma [kinga.surma@pc.ola.org](mailto:kinga.surma@pc.ola.org)  
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Minister of Rural Affairs – Lisa M. Thompson [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org)  
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MPP Lise Vaugeois [lvaugois-gp@ndp.on.ca](mailto:lvaugois-gp@ndp.on.ca)  
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THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF MIDLAND

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November 7, 2024

Premier Ford  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

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

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities**

At its November 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

*WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of Ontario's small urban municipalities; and*

*WHEREAS Ontario's small urban municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets; and*

*WHEREAS an increase of 26% one year, which is a million dollars (roughly 4% tax increase) for Midland and is something never projected;*

*NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT The Town of Midland call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small urban municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities; and*

*FURTHER THAT the OPP Billing Model be referred to the Auditor General for review; and*

*FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.*

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND**

*Sherri Edgar*

Sherri Edgar, AMCT  
Municipal Clerk  
Ext. 2210

cc.

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**Moved by: Councillor Webster**

**Resolution No.: 2024-160**

**Seconded by: Councillor Webs**

**November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**WHEREAS** it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

**AND WHEREAS** small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

**AND WHEREAS** small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

**AND WHEREAS** in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

**AND WHEREAS** the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;


**AND WHEREAS** this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

**AND WHEREAS** this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

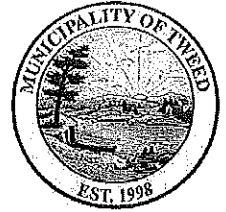
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Township of Horton call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP John Yakabuski, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**X CARRIED**

  
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**Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk**

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



**Resolution No.** 589  
**Title:** Town of Aurora, Aurora, ON  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024

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**Moved by** J. Palmateer  
**Seconded by** P. Valiquette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the Mayor of the Town of Aurora request for the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby adopts the following Resolution:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Municipality of Tweed Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

Be It Further Resolved That the Municipality of Tweed Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau,



MP Scott Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament, Ric Bresee and Members of Provincial Parliament Shelby Kramp-Neuman and Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma; and

Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) for their endorsement and advocacy.

**Carried**



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November 18, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Prime Minister and Premier,

**RE: TOWNSHIP OF KING RESOLUTION – REQUESTING THE REDISTRIBUTION OF PROVINCIAL LAND TRANSFER TAX AND GST TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

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At its Council meeting of November 12, 2024, Council of the Township of King received and supported the following Resolution:

**Whereas** municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

**Whereas** the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

**Whereas** the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

**Whereas** the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

**Whereas** redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

**Whereas** a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That;**

1. The Township of King Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. The Township of King Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

*Carried Unanimously.*

Yours sincerely,



Denny Timm  
Township Clerk

- cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance [Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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TOWNSHIP OF  
**RUSSELL**

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**Date:** October 28, 2024

**Item(s) no.:** 10 a

**Subject:** Motion to request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

**Moved by:** Marc Lalonde

**Seconded by:** Lisa Deacon

**WHEREAS** municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

**WHEREAS** the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

**WHEREAS** redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

**WHEREAS** a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Township of Russell Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Township of Russell Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

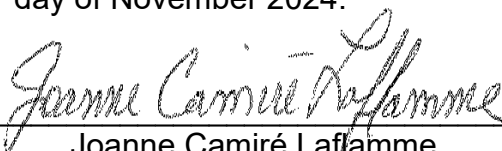
3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

5. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy

### **MOTION APPROVED**

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

  
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Joanne Camiré Laflamme  
Clerk



November 14, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

**RE: OPP Detachment Billing Increases**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** current police services within the Municipality of Leamington (hereinafter referred to as the 'Municipality') are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (hereinafter referred to as the 'OPP');

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades;

**AND WHEREAS** historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 5.67%;

**AND WHEREAS** the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Municipality on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$833,000 (14.45%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 2.48% tax rate increase, in addition to what the Municipality was contemplating for the residents of Leamington;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality was not consulted nor provided any advanced notice from the Commissioner regarding the significant cost increase received for OPP services;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality cannot afford to absorb this unexpected and entirely preventable increase without causing undo financial strain to our taxpayers;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Leamington wishes to dispute the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Town requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 5% increase that is more manageable for the Municipality and in line with historical trends;

**AND FURTHER THAT** any increase above 5% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Municipality request that the County of Essex undertake a feasibility study for a County Police Force;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP Trevor Jones, the County of Essex, and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP.

Yours Truly,

*Abbie Marchildon*

Abbie Marchildon, Council and Committee Coordinator

cc: The Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
Trevor Jones, MPP  
County of Essex  
All 329 municipalities serviced by the OPP



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November 6, 2024

Premier Doug Ford  
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Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Honourable Premier Ford,

### **Re. Resolution – Ontario Provincial Police Costs for 2025**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Howick, at its meeting held November 5, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

**MOVED BY: Councillor Rognvaldson**  
**SECONDED BY: Councillor Grimes**

**WHEREAS** the Township of Howick's 2025 OPP Annual Billing Costs represents a 21.15% increase over the 2024 OPP Annual Billing Costs, with many small, rural municipalities across Ontario facing even larger increases for 2025;

**AND WHEREAS** this 21.15% increase in OPP costs equates to more than a 2.8 per cent tax increase before Howick Township even begins its 2025 budget process in terms of levels of services;

**AND WHEREAS** the downloading of costs such as these from the province and the subsequent significant cost increases are not feasible or sustainable for small, rural municipalities in Ontario who are bound to raising their revenue solely through property taxes and user fees;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Howick adopt and endorse Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small, rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities.

**CARRIED.**

The Township of Howick appreciates the province's attention to the financial challenges faced by small, rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

*Caitlin Gillis*

Caitlin Gillis, Clerk-Administrator

Cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, All Municipalities of Ontario  
Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson  
County of Huron



Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



**Resolution No.** 229  
**Title:** Councillor P. Valiquette  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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**Moved by** P. Valiquette  
**Seconded by** J. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

November 18, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Attention: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

**RE: Support for Resolution Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on November 18, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander dated May 31, 2024, regarding urging the government to promptly resume the assessment cycle with the following motion:

*Moved by: Councillor Davoli*

*Seconded by: Councillor Howe*

*Resolved that Council endorse the Municipality of Callander's resolution on resuming the assessment cycle.*

*Result: CARRIED*

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V Steele".

Victoria Steele  
Town Clerk

CC: Corporation of the Municipality of Callander  
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation  
All Ontario Municipalities



31 May 2024

Premier Doug Ford [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle**

**Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.**

**Resolution No. 2024/05/184:**

**7.4(c) WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;**

**AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;**

**AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;**

**AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;**

**AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;**

**AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;**

**AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;**

**AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;**

**AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.**

Thank you,



**Cindy Pigeau  
Municipal Clerk**

**Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation  
All Ontario Municipalities**

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**Town of Saugeen Shores**  
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November 26, 2024

**Sent via Email:** Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

**Re: Town of Saugeen Shores Support Resolution for Intimate Partner Violence**

Dear Premier Ford,

At the November 25, 2024, Regular Council meeting for the Town of Saugeen Shores, Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas more than 4 in 10 Canadian women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and 1 in 10 experience it almost daily; and

Whereas while one-third of men have also experienced intimate partner violence, women disproportionately experience the most severe forms. According to the Government of Canada, between 2014 and 2019 there were 497 cases of intimate partner homicide nationally and 80% of the victims were women; and

Whereas rates of intimate partner violence are nationally 75% higher for rural women compared to urban women; and

Whereas although IPV is not a pathogen, it is appropriate to label IPV as an epidemic because it has ripple effects causing future poor health outcomes for affected victims and their families, which negatively affect community health, policing, and social services resources; and

Whereas in Saugeen Shores, police-reported Domestic Violence incidents increased between 2018/04/01 to 2024/04/01 by an average of 55.4%; and

Whereas in Bruce and Grey Counties, domestic violence calls between 2018 and 2020 to police increased by 133%; and

Whereas members of the Saugeen Shores Police have been enrolled in the collaborative Police Action on Intimate Partner Violence course, training which improves their policy and action to keep individuals, families, and communities safe; and

Whereas all programs in the Grey-Bruce Health Unit, especially the clinical ones, have components to identify and report any type of violence, including IPV; and several family-

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based programs actively and proactively work with individuals and families on early identification and prevention of IPV, as well as the Unit's collaboration with Bruce Grey Child and Family Services and police services, and

Whereas On January 8, 2024, Saugeen Shores Council supported the Town of Goderich's resolution to Declare Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic, and

Whereas it is critical for victims, family members, survivors, and others in our community to see Saugeen Shores' commitment to solving the problem of IPV by, among other actions, recognizing its severity.

Now be it resolved that the Town of Saugeen Shores recognizes the issues of intimate partner violence in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families, and

That the Town of Saugeen Shores is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness of intimate partner violence in our community; and

That the Town of Saugeen Shores calls on the Standing Committee of Justice to hold hearings in the fall of 2024 on Bill 173, The Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act; and

That the Town of Saugeen Shores calls on the Province of Ontario to pass and implement Bill 173, The Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act; and

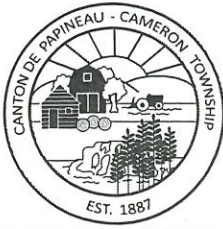
That this resolution be circulated to the Standing Committee on Justice-Clerk, Thushitha Kobikrishna; Chair Lorne Coe, Standing Committee on Justice, Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson, Grey Bruce Medical Officer Dr. Arra, the Saugeen Shores Police Services, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,



Dawn Mittelholtz,  
Clerk

CC: Standing Committee on Justice-Clerk, Thushitha Kobikrishna  
Standing Committee on Justice, Chair Lorne Coe  
Minister of Health Sylvia Jones  
Attorney General Doug Downey  
Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson  
Grey Bruce Medical Officer Dr. Arra  
Saugeen Shores Police Services  
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## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

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November 13, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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### **RE: Ontario Building Code**

The Council of Papineau-Cameron met at their regular Council meeting on November 12, 2024 and passed the attached resolution 2024-328.

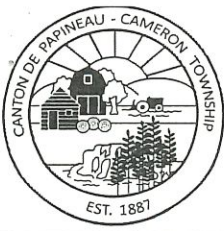
Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason McMartin, BA, ADA  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Encl. Council Resolution 2024-328

c.c. Hon. Paul Calandra MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Michael Parsa MPP, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Building Officials Association  
Municipalities of Ontario



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON**

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**DATE:** November 12, 2024      **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2024- 328

**MOVED BY:** *Shelley Belanger*      **SECONDED BY:** *MChenier*

**WHEREAS** Ontario is facing a significant affordable housing crisis, with many residents struggling to secure safe and affordable living accommodations;

**AND WHEREAS** the crisis of homelessness in Ontario continues to affect thousands of individuals and families, necessitating urgent and effective housing solutions;

**AND WHEREAS** the current Ontario Building Code contains regulations that may inadvertently hinder the development of affordable housing by imposing excessive costs and barriers on individuals and developers;

**AND WHEREAS** current building code regulations may restrict the development of innovative housing solutions designed to address the needs of homeless individuals and families;

**AND WHEREAS** an increase in affordable housing units is essential to promote economic stability, community well-being, and social equity within Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** providing pre-approved affordable housing plans can streamline the construction process, reduce costs, and facilitate quicker access to housing for those in need;

**THAT** the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township hereby calls on the Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individuals, including:

1. Standardized Designs: Creating a set of pre-approved housing designs that meet safety and quality standards while being cost-effective and quick to construct.
2. Flexible Design Standards: Allowing for innovative building designs and materials that meet affordability criteria while ensuring safety and livability.
3. Community Integration: Ensuring that these housing designs can be integrated into existing neighborhoods in a way that respects community character and promotes acceptance.
4. Support for Diverse Models: Including options for various types of housing, such as tiny homes, modular units, and converted shipping containers, to cater to different needs and preferences.

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township encourages the Ontario government to engage with stakeholders, including architects, housing advocates, and service providers, to develop these pre-approved plans that effectively address the needs of low income and homeless individuals;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be provided to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Association Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Building Officials Association, Municipalities of Ontario.

**CARRIED:** *Robert Corriveau*      **NOT CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Mayor)      (Mayor)

**COPY**

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			





# The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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November 19, 2024

Honorable Anita Anand,  
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transportation  
House of Commons  
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Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday October 21, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed.

## **Re: NOMA Letter re Billy Bishop Airport Support**

### **Resolution 293-2024**

**Moved By: Councillor St. Louis**

**Seconded By: Councillor Adduono**

WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport serves more than 2 million passengers per year, making it the 9th-busiest airport in Canada, 5th-busiest serving the US market, 3rd busiest airport in Ontario, and making it a critical component of the national and regional air transportation system; and

WHEREAS the airport provides daily connections to the North with service to Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and Sudbury, and enables access to many other neighbouring communities;

and WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport is a critical access point for Northern communities for economic opportunities, tourism, social connectivity and critical medical care located in downtown Toronto;

WHEREAS the airport operates under a Tripartite Agreement among the City of Toronto, Transport Canada and PortsToronto, and that agreement is set to expire in 2033; and

WHEREAS the airport is seeking to secure its long-term future through a process to modernize and extend the Tripartite Agreement to drive sustainable growth and enhanced access and connections for passengers and the communities it connects to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association is seeking urgent action from the City of Toronto, PortsToronto and Transport Canada to commence a process and conclude it by the end of 2025 to modernize the current Tripartite Agreement and secure the future of Billy Bishop Airport.



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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Hon. Anita Anand - President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, Mayor Olivia Chow – Toronto City, Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada - Minister of Tourism, Government of Canada, Hon. François-Philippe Champagne - Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry - Government of Canada, Hon. Arun Thangaraj - Deputy Minister of Transport Canada - Government of Canada, John D. Elvidge - City of Toronto – Clerk, Paul Johnson - City of Toronto - City Manager, Jag Sharma - City of Toronto - Deputy City Manager, RJ Steenstra - President and CEO - Ports Toronto, Sandra Papatello – Chair of Board of Directors - Ports Toronto, Neil Pakey - President and CEO - Nieuport Aviation, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria - Minister of Transportation - Government of Ontario, Hon. Vic Fedeli - Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade - Government of Ontario, MP Patty Hajdu (Thunder Bay - Superior North), MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Eric Melillo – Kenora, MPP Greg Rickford, (Kenora – Rainy River), MPP Kevin Holland, (Thunder Bay - Atikokan), MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North), and all NOMA member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks.

Sincerely,

J. Hall  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

**CC:**

Minister of Tourism – Soraya Martinez Ferrada [Soraya.martinezferrada@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Soraya.martinezferrada@parl.gc.ca)  
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry – Francois-Philippe Champagne [francois-philippe.champagne@parl.gc.ca](mailto:francois-philippe.champagne@parl.gc.ca)  
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October 7, 2024

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Re: The Future for Billy Bishop Airport Requires Urgent Action and a Modern Governing Agreement

Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

I am writing to you to express my support for the sustained operation and development of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. As the President of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, I am extremely concerned to learn that the Tripartite Agreement that governs operations at the Airport expires in 2033 – less than 9 years from now.

Billy Bishop Airport provides a critical service and point of connection for the North. Many of my community members rely on Billy Bishop airport to visit family, connect through to other destinations for work, travel and tourism or to access critical medical services, the convenience and ease of Billy Bishop Airport cannot be matched. It has been reported widely that Northern Ontario communities have experienced drastic reductions in air service coming out of the COVID pandemic. Reliable air connectivity available through Billy Bishop Airport is an important economic and social lifeline for my community.

We were pleased to see the Federal Government's investment in a US Customs and Border Patrol preclearance facility, which is expected to open in 2025. This is welcomed news for communities in Northwestern Ontario as it will enable more and better connections through Billy Bishop Airport and amplify the airport's already strong economic contribution. We viewed this investment in the airport's long term future as recognition of the very important role the airport has come to play for the communities it connects including Northwestern Ontario – very much at odds with an agreement that expires in a matter of years.

To that end, we would implore you, as signatories to the Tripartite Agreement, to commence a process to modernize the Tripartite Agreement and secure the long-term future of Canada's 9<sup>th</sup>-busiest airport and 3<sup>rd</sup>-busiest in Ontario. My community members rely on this service, and we

want to see even more connections and expanded services to the North. As elected leaders, we have a responsibility to think past our own front doors, reflect the needs of all of our constituents and those beyond our communities who are impacted by our decisions. Certainty about the airport's long-term future should not be something we as leaders should need to think long about. **The time is now for the parties of the agreement to move forward with urgency to ensure this vital piece of transportation infrastructure and the important connections it facilitates are sustained.**

Sincerely,



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Wendy Landry  
President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association  
Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

Cc:

Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Minister of Tourism, Government of Canada  
Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Government of Canada  
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November 19, 2024

Minister of Health Sylvia Jones  
[sylvia.jones@ontario.ca](mailto:sylvia.jones@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Jones,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday September 16, 2024, the following resolution was put forth by Councillor Chris Dube and was passed.

## **Re: Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues**

### **Resolution 266-2024**

**Moved by: Councillor Johnson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Dube**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay is gravely concerned about the ongoing shortages and staffing challenges facing Superior North EMS (SNEMS);

WHEREAS, the provincial funding for ambulance services, currently at 50%, along with the city's 50% contribution, has been falling short, leading to financial strain on municipalities and regional partners, including the City of Thunder Bay;

WHEREAS, the rolling shortages of paramedics and EMS personnel in the region present a significant risk to public safety and healthcare services in northern communities, which are disproportionately affected by the province-wide shortage of paramedics;

WHEREAS, recruitment and retention issues, including insufficient wages and benefits, lack of mental health supports, frequent exposure to traumatic experiences, and inadequate recovery time between work periods, are causing high turnover rates and burnout among EMS workers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, be requested to take immediate action to address the funding shortfalls and structural challenges in the delivery of EMS services in northern communities, including:

1. Increasing provincial funding to support EMS services and reduce the financial burden on municipalities;
2. Implementing incentives such as "learn and stay" grants to encourage paramedics to live and work in northern Ontario;
3. Enhancing support systems for EMS workers, including improved wages, benefits, and mental health resources.



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AND THAT, this resolution be forwarded to Minister Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

J. Hall  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

**CC:**  
AMO  
All Ontario Municipalities



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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

November 15, 2024

Premier Doug Ford  
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Via email: ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca))

**RE: AMCTO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPDATES TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS  
ACT – TOWNSHIP FILE: A-00G**

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Please be advised that during the regular meeting of Council of October 28, 2024, the following motion was carried:

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections;

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process;

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities;

WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026;

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990* also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario;

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill;

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce;

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges;

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration;

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Uxbridge calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

AND THAT this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ([minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)), the Minister of Education ([minister.edu@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.edu@ontario.ca)), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery ([todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca](mailto:todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca)), Minister of Finance ([Minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.fin@ontario.ca)), the Premier of Ontario ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy ([Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)), and AMCTO ([advocacy@amcto.com](mailto:advocacy@amcto.com)).

Result: Carried

Yours truly,

  
Debbie Leroux  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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## PROCLAMATION

### CHRISTIAN HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS** the month of December marks significant events and celebrations in the Christian calendar, from the beginning of Advent to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ;

**AND WHEREAS** according to Statistics Canada's 2021 Census over half of Canadians identify as Christian;

**AND WHEREAS** Christian Heritage month provides an opportunity for Canadians of all backgrounds to recognize the values of love, service and compassion and appreciate and celebrate the positive impact of Christianity on our shared history;

**THEREFORE**, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim December, 2024 as **Christian Heritage Month**.

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

Ann Lawlor  
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills