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## HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on Wednesday January 15, 2025, in the Esquesing Room at Town Hall, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON.

**Members Present:** Councillor C. Somerville, Chair, Councillor J. Racinsky, C. Donaldson, L. Quinlan, M. Rowe, R. Denny, A. Walker, T. Brown

**Staff Present:** L. Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning, B. Parker, Director of Planning Policy, C. MacPherson, Heritage and Development Review Planner, A. Foster, Cultural Heritage Assistant, R. Brown, Deputy Clerk - Administration

**Others:** D. Putica, Representative of the owners of 9709 Fifth Line

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor C. Somerville, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

#### 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or conflict of interest.

#### 3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### 3.a Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2024.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0001

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2024 be received.

**CARRIED**

#### 4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

##### 4.a Heritage Conservation Award

C. MacPherson advised that 36 Edith Street has been nominated for the Heritage Conservation Award for the reconstruction of the original porch. The porch's character-defining elements were identified using historical documentation, physical evidence, and comparative analysis. The corbels were crafted using old-growth pine timbers from a previous interior renovation. The porch posts were reclaimed from a heritage home located in Rosedale, Ontario, which matched the original post markings. For these reasons staff are supportive of 36 Edith Street receiving the annual Heritage Conservation Award for restoration.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0002

THAT the Owner of the property at 36 Edith Street be presented with the annual Heritage Conservation Award for the restoration of the porch on the front elevation at the next available Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

##### 4.b Research and Evaluation Report - 15 Queen Street - Atkinson-Lake House

C. MacPherson provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 15 Queen Street, Georgetown. It meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of a late-nineteenth-century vernacular residential building with Gothic Revival influences. It is associated with Atkinson, Lake, Glassey, Dale families, as well as John J. Gibbons and Laurent Thibault. The property serves to define and maintain the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century character of properties surrounding the former Grand Trunk Railway Station. The owners are supportive of designation. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0003

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 15 Queen Street for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**4.c Research and Evaluation Report - 13718 22 Side Road - Samuel Kennedy House**

C. MacPherson provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 13718 22 Side Road, Halton Hills. It meets 3 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of a rare, early nineteenth-century vernacular Loyalist Georgian cottage. It is associated with Samuel Kennedy, William Tost, Morris Saxe, and Benson Case. The property physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings, and has remained in its original location since 1826. The owners are supportive of designation. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0004

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 13718 22 Sideroad for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**4.d Research and Evaluation Report - 9104 Dublin Line - Creighton-Moore Farmhouse**

A. Foster provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 9104 Dublin Line, Halton Hills. It meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of a late-nineteenth-century agricultural residence in the Ontario Gothic Cottage style. It is associated with the Creighton, Moore, and Chisholm families. The property remains physically, functionally, and visually linked to its surroundings. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0005

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 9104 Dublin Line for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**4.e Research and Evaluation Report - 9296 Dublin Line - McCallum House**

A. Foster provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 9296 Dublin Line, Halton Hills. It meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of a mid-nineteenth-century Georgian Farmhouse. It is associated the McCallum family for nearly 200 years. The property remains physically, functionally, and visually linked to its surroundings. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0006

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 9296 Dublin Line for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**4.f Research and Evaluation Report - 99-103 Main Street South - Wright Block**

A. Foster provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 99-103 Main Street, Georgetown. It meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of mid nineteenth-century vernacular commercial architecture within downtown Georgetown. It has 160 years of continuous commercial use including Henry Wright's dry goods store, the Willson family's furniture store and funeral parlour, J.J. Gibbens' bakery, and the Georgetown Herald. The property remains physically, functionally, and visually linked to its surroundings. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0007

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 99-103 Main Street.

**CARRIED**

**4.g Research and Evaluation Report - 9709 Fifth Line - Fisher Farmhouse**

A. Foster provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 9709 Fifth Line, Halton Hills. It meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of a late nineteenth-century Gothic Revival Farmhouse. It is associated with the Fisher, Hume, and Wilson Families. The property remains physically, functionally, and visually linked to its surroundings.

D. Putica expressed concerns about designation and requested further consultation with staff.

Staff agreed to meet with D. Putica and the owners of the property to provide them with further information about designation.

The Committee agreed to defer making a decision about this property to a future meeting date to allow for further discussions with the owners.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0008

THAT Heritage Halton Hills defer a decision with respect to the property located at 9709 Fifth Line, Halton Hills to a future Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**4.h Research and Evaluation Report - 6 Queen Street - Bowman-Lane House**

C. MacPherson provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 6 Queen Street, Georgetown. It meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of a Gothic Revival residential building. It is associated with the Bowman, Lane, and Savings families. The property remains physically, functionally, and visually linked to its surroundings. The owners are supportive of designation. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0009

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 6 Queen Street for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**4.i Heritage Property Grant Program (HPGP) Eligibility - Follow-up**

L. Loney advised the committee that there are guidelines for approval of the Heritage Property Grant Program that stipulates that approved grants will be for work directly related to repair, reconstruction and restoration of heritage features. When the program was under subscribed to the guidelines may have been more loosely followed. However, as the program has become more popular and the program is being funded by the Town of Halton Hills and not a third party, the guidelines will be applied more strictly. Staff will consult with the committee on any changes to the guidelines that may assist in the administration of the grant program.

**4.j Verbal Update - 2 Guelph Street**

L. Loney advised that the Town received an Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate with respect to 2 Guelph Street, Georgetown on December 3, 2024. L. Loney advised that the Objection Report will be brought to Council on February 10, 2025. L. Loney advised that staff will be recommending proceeding with the designation by-law.

**5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



**Attendees:** Derek Smith, Drew Pullman, Cheryl Discenza, Jill Croft

**Regrets:** Councillor Ron Norris, Rob Chlebowksi

**Staff:** Maureen Turner, Sara Boyd

**Guests:** Gail Wyant (Legion)

1. Call to Order at 6:34pm by Derek Smith
2. Declaration of Quorum – Yes there was quorum
3. Approval of Agenda – Approved the Agenda

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as presented

Moved by: Derek Smith

Seconded by: Drew Pullman

Carried

4. Declaration of Interest – There was none

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for June 2024

**Motion to accept minutes of June 2024, as presented.**

Moved by: Drew Pullman

Seconded by: Cheryl Discenza

Carried

6. Correspondence

- Maureen had a back and forth with Barbara at In Spirit regarding driving inside barricades during an event. It was decided that better communication with volunteers was needed.
- Maureen sent an email on behalf of Azul spa to help with some zoning issues. Marbely (of Azul) reports that the email helped and she has secured her new space
- Maureen sent a letter to council in support of the Library in hopes it would help limit budget cuts. Library staff and board members were very happy about it. Some council members felt Maureen should not have voiced her opinion using her BIA email address
- A complaint was made by a resident regarding our new holiday decorations, stating they shine in his apartment windows. He took to FB to call out the BIA and made threats to the BIA manager and board on this platform. The BIA was within their rights according to bylaws, so the decorations remained up.
- Maureen expressed concern with unprofessional communication with a town employee and will send an email to ask his boss to be included in all communications going forward.
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7. Financial Report – Jill Croft

- a) Treasurer's Report - Jill let us know the books have been cleaned up, and we will need to take some money from reserves to make it through February.

8. Manager's Report: Maureen

- New Holiday décor went up mid-November, There were a few issues with hydro. Town had them fixed in time for the Santa Claus Parade
- Snow removal in the MOU doesn't come into play until 2025, so we have one invoice to cover still
- Masquerade on Main was a huge success. Businesses report having over 2,000 kids trick or treating. The change in time was well received by most.
- Maureen, Sara and Greg and a few volunteers put together a parade float that was entered into the Santa Claus parade. We handed out small toys to kids and post cards with information on our Holiday Market. The back could be used for writing to Santa. Drew and Ron joined us for the parade.
- Holiday market was a success despite nasty weather. A few vendors didn't show, and some packed up because of the wind.
- Maureen and Sara will begin planning our first member mingle to bring BIA members closer together.
- A sponsorship package is being developed to encompass the full year. We plan to have this out in January
- The AGM was well attended. Members brought up wanting to resolve the issue of alleyways being owned by people who can no longer make decisions. A streamlined patio program and an AI Fresco program were also brought up
- Sara, Maureen and Drew attended the Briskit Grand Opening. The BIA will start offering Grand Openings as part of our programming to help our new businesses and ensure town officials are invited.
- Ansub Shafique handed the torch over to Jill Croft as BIA board treasurer
- Drew Pullman presented our budget to town council. The town expressed concern that we not move forward with an AI Fresco program without proper bylaw amendments. We will not.

9. Business Arising

- a) We discussed BIA event dates for 2025. The board agreed that the Holiday Market should not fall the same weekend as Black Friday
- b) We have chosen not to collaborate with Bell as they have chosen not to sponsor our events

10. Council Update – Councillor Ron Norris

- Councillor Norris was unable to attend

11. Committee updates – Committee meetings will resume in January

- a) Marketing and Events N/A
- b) Farmers Market N/A
- c) Beautification – N/A

12. New Business

- a) We went over the Holiday Market budget. We were slightly under budget
- b) Our new Sponsorship Package was discussed. Board members will be asked to help distribute the package to larger businesses
- c) Salon Estillo has said they will host a Member Mingle. Maureen and Sara to work with them to organize. Glazed Expressions will host in April and the town will speak about CIP
- d) We discuss the timing of board meetings going forward. It was decided that most meetings will be online Tuesday mornings, but once a quarter we will aim to meet in person.
- e) We discussed have a Preventative Health Awareness Month event to showcase our downtown health-related businesses. Maureen to meet with Margaret Wallis-Duffy to see if we can get this going for 2025
- f) Gail Wyant (The Legion) told us there was lots of interest in the Remembrance Day banners this year, and they hope to expand for next year.

g) The board were presented with applications for new board members. Two new board members have been approved by the boar: Sabrina Machione of Whimsy and Barbara Ford-Pimento of In Spirit. Maureen to connect with the town clerk to have them approved by town council

13. Next Meeting: Tuesday January 21, 2025

14. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn meeting.
- Moved by: Jill Croft
- Seconded by: Drew Pullman
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**Halton Hills Public Library Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Georgetown Branch

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Betsy Cosper (Chair), Erica Daly, Christina da Rocha-Feeley (Vice Chair), Councillor Alex Hilson, Jane Marshall, Keith Medenblik, Alice Strachan, Lisa Teggart

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

**Regrets:** Councillor Bob Inglis, Tamara Smith

**1.0 Call to Order**

B. Cosper declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**2.0 Land Acknowledgement**

B. Cosper read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

**3.0 Approval of Agenda**

- B. King added Item No. 9.3 re: 2025 Board Meeting Schedule.

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded By: A. Strachan

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**4.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest**

NIL

**5.0 Minutes of Previous Library Board and Sub-Committees Meetings**

Moved By: E. Daly

Seconded By: C. da Rocha-Feeley

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

**5.1** Minutes of the Library Board meeting held on October 23, 2024

**CARRIED**

**6.0 Consent Agenda**

Moved By: J. Marshall  
Seconded By: A. Strachan

THAT the following Consent item from the November 27, 2024 Library Board meeting are hereby adopted.

**6.1 Report No. LBD-2024-045 re: 2025 Key Agenda Items**

**CARRIED**

**7.0 Correspondence**

NIL

**8.0 Presentation/Delegations**

NIL

**9.0 Business Arising**

**9.1 Report No. LBD-2024-046 re: HHPL Board Objectives**

- Follow-up on the previous discussions regarding Board objectives.
- Objectives will be reviewed quarterly to monitor progress and updated annually as needed.
- The Chair and Vice Chair will identify measurable objectives and metrics. They will also consider additional ways to notify the Board of upcoming community events beyond the monthly Chief Librarian and CEO Report.
- Discussed a potential presentation on the library's community partners.

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson  
Seconded By: C. da Rocha-Feeley

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-046 dated November 22, 2024, regarding the Halton Hills Public Library Board Objectives be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves the Board objectives.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Report No. LBD-2024-047 re: Occupational Health and Safety – Second Review**

- The Occupational Health and Safety Policy was updated for clarity and current practices, with minor editorial changes.

Moved By: A. Strachan  
Seconded By: E. Daly

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-047 dated November 22, 2024, regarding the Policy Review: Occupational Health and Safety be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves the revised Occupational Health and Safety Policy.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 2025 Board Meeting Schedule**

- April and May meetings rescheduled from Acton Branch to Georgetown due to scheduling conflicts.
- Invites will be updated and the revised schedule to be included in January 2025 consent agenda.

**10.0 Updates – including Sub-committees**

**10.1 Advocacy Committee**

- The Committee will schedule a meeting in the new year to focus on advocacy-specific objectives now that the Board's objectives have been finalized.

**10.2 Friends of the Library (FOL)**

L. Teggart reported that:

- The Friends will meet next on November 27.

**10.3 Council**

Councillor A. Hilson reported that:

- At the November 18 Council meeting:
  - An announcement was made about the library's Winter Wonder event on November 30.
  - The Georgetown GO secondary plan is moving forward, with an open house meeting on November 27 to discuss building a high-rise in that area.
  - A consultant has been hired for the Guelph Street secondary plan.
- There will be a budget meeting on December 2 and a special Council meeting to review the budget on December 3.
- The next Council meeting is on December 9.

**10.4 Community Connections**

NIL

**10.5 Professional Associations**

C. da Rocha-Feeley reported that:

- The Ontario Library Service Board Assembly's Fall 2024 meeting took place on October 26. A key discussion was about engaging with local libraries and strengthening connections.

- The slide deck from this meeting, along with another regarding policy development, is available in the resources section of the Board portal.
- She will be chairing a sub-committee of the OLS Board that focuses on Board self-evaluation. The sub-committee's first meeting is scheduled for November 28.

## 11.0 Financial Report

### 11.1 Month End Report – October 2024

As of October 2024:

- Total revenues are approximately 23% under budget.
- Salaries, wages, and benefits are 8% under budget.
- Materials and supplies are approximately 20% over budget.
- Overall, the library is approximately 6.1% under budget.
- At year end the library is forecasted to be 2.9% under budget.

Moved By: K. Medenblik

Seconded By: A. Strachan

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

**CARRIED**

### 11.2 Report No. LBD-2024-048 re: 2025 Budget Update

- The Mayor tabled her budget on November 4.
- The Mayor's budget reduced the Library Materials Capital Project by \$15,000.
- Council will hold a Budget Committee meeting on December 2. B. Cospser, Chair of the Library Board, will delegate to Council at this meeting. All Board members are welcome to attend.
- The budget will be reviewed at a special Council meeting on December 3.
- December 6 is the last day the Mayor can veto amendments. If the Mayor chooses not to veto, the budget will be passed on December 3. If the Mayor chooses to veto, there will be a special meeting on December 16.
- Discussed how budget amendments will impact the level of service the library can provide to the community.

Moved By: K. Medenblik

Seconded By: L. Teggart

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-048 dated November 22, 2024, regarding the 2025 Budget Update be received.

**CARRIED**

## 12.0 New Business

### 12.1 Report No. LBD-2024-049 re: 2025 Personnel Policy Manual (PPM) Revisions

- The Personnel Policy Manual (PPM) is reviewed annually.

- Amendments reflect changes in legislation, housekeeping fixes, and best practices.
- Approved changes will be incorporated into the 2025 PPM, effective January 1, 2025.

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded By: J. Marshall

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-049 dated November 22, 2024, regarding the 2025 Personnel Policy Manual (PPM) Revisions be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves the Halton Hills Public Library's 2025 Personnel Policy Manual.

**CARRIED**

**12.2 Report No. LBD-2024-050 re: 2023 Library Comparator Statistics**

- Comparator statistics serve as a tool to monitor trends in HHPL's facility uses, collections, programs, and services compared with other libraries, aiding in the planning of future strategic initiatives.
- HHPL ranks favourably compared to libraries with similar populations and per capita support.
- In most categories, HHPL ranked within the top four.
- The data highlights the need to focus efforts on increasing the number of active library cardholders and titles per capita.

Moved By: A. Strachan

Seconded By: J. Marshall

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-050 dated November 22, 2024, regarding the 2023 Library Comparator Statistics be received.

**CARRIED**

**12.3 Report No. LBD-2024-051 re: Policy Review: Resource Sharing Policy, Collections Management Policy, and Borrowing Policy – First Review**

- The Resource Sharing Policy will be rescinded, and the information contained in this policy will be incorporated into the Collections Management and Borrowing policies.
- These policies will come back for a second review at the January 2025 Board meeting.

Moved By: L. Teggart

Seconded By: K. Medenblik

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-051 dated November 22, 2024, regarding Policy Review: Resource Sharing Policy, Collections Management Policy, Borrowing Policy – First Review be received;



AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board direct staff to make any proposed changes and bring the revised policies back to the Board for a second review and approval.

**CARRIED**

**12.4 Report No. LBD-2024-052 re: 2024 Quarter 3 Metrics**

- The report was approved as presented.

Moved By: K. Medenblik

Seconded By: Councillor A. Hilson

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-052 dated November 22, 2024, regarding the 2024 Quarter 3 Metrics be received.

**CARRIED**

**12.5 Report No. LBD-2024-053 re: Chief Librarian & CEO's Report – November 2024**

- The library received \$2,500 from the Community Foundation Halton North's annual fundraising webathon in September. These funds will go towards the HHPL Foundation.
- The 2025 Ontario Library Association Super Conference offers Board-specific content on February 1. Board members should inform staff if they are interested in attending.
- Winter Wonder will take place on November 30 in collaboration with Downtown Georgetown BIA's Holiday Market. Both branches will offer family-friendly activities and appearances by popular children's characters Bluey and Bingo.
- A new welcome desk has been introduced at the Georgetown Branch to enhance customer service in the lobby.
- The Winter Program Guide is available with program registration opening on December 3.
- The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Mayor's State of the Town address on December 12.
- The library hosted the Small Urban Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) Mayor's meeting on November 15.
- The Out of the Cold program returned to Knox Presbyterian Church on November 17.

Moved By: J. Marshall

Seconded By: E. Daly

THAT Report No: LBD-2024-053 dated November 22, 2024, regarding the Chief Librarian & CEO's Report – November 2024 be received.

**CARRIED**

**13.0 Health and Safety Report**  
NIL

**14.0 Next Meeting**  
January 22, 2025  
7:00 p.m.  
Georgetown Branch, Boardroom

**15.0 Adjournment**

Moved By: J. Marshall  
Seconded By: L. Teggart

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Betsy Cospers, Chair  
Halton Hills Public Library Board

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

APPROVED: January 22, 2025  
DATED: January 22, 2025



January 30, 2025

- Get access to MIDAS!
- *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 Act* consultation.
- Call for applications - Great Lakes water quality initiatives.
- Book your AMO 2025 Conference Hotel!
- AMO Regional and Single-Tier caucus virtual meet-up - February 28.
- AMO Education - Workshops addressing and supporting your leadership.
- ROMA Conference evaluation - Share your experience.
- OSUM 2025 Annual Conference - Save the date.
- LAS ASE Service Summer Intake now open!
- Blog: Risk Trends to Follow in 2025.
- LAS IPE risk webinar - 10-day Notice Provision.
- Municipal Series: Net Zero Planning and Low Carbon Initiatives.
- Kraft Hockeyville nominations open - Your community could win!
- CCPPP new virtual P3 learning series for municipalities.
- Save the date: Scotiabank 2025 Affordable Housing Summit.
- Careers.

### AMO Matters

MIDAS - the [Municipal Information & Data Analysis System](#) - provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) data to all Ontario municipalities. MIDAS converts FIR data into meaningful reports and identify multiple year trends. For access, municipal elected officials and municipal staff can email [MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca](mailto:MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca).

### Provincial Matters

The province is currently consulting on regulations related to the sale and transfer of dogs in Ontario, record-keeping requirements and potential exceptions to puppy mill prohibitions (*PAWS Act*). [Comments due February 1](#).

### Federal Matters

The Canada Water Agency is [accepting applications for initiatives](#) that improve Great Lakes water quality and ecosystem health under the Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative. Applications can be submitted for eligible projects until February 13, 2025. Municipalities are eligible.

### Education Opportunities

You can now book your accommodations for the 2025 AMO Conference in Ottawa August 17-20. [Here is where you will want to click](#) for all the information you need and links to conference hotels. Registration will open soon!

The Regional and Single-Tier Caucus of the AMO Board is hosting a virtual meet-up on February 28 from 9:30am-11:00am. The meet up is an opportunity for members to connect and be brought up to date on AMO activities. [Register today](#).

AMO has assembled an array of workshops focused on supporting and strengthening your role as a local leader. From asset management planning, land use planning, indigenous-municipal relations, navigating conflict, communications through local crisis, strategic thinking, planning and communication, understanding anti-semitism and islamophobia and so much more. AMO is also offering registration discounts. [Check it all out here](#).

Take a few minutes to share your experience at the 2025 ROMA Annual Conference. [Click here for the conference evaluation](#).

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date for now, registration and programming information coming soon.

## LAS

LAS is looking for 2-3 municipalities to join our [Automated Speed Enforcement Service](#) by beginning of the summer. If you are interested or for more information, contact [Tanner Watt](#).

In 2024, we identified key risk trends, for example cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. [Learn how these challenges grew](#) and what to expect in 2025.

Join us for this one-hour [risk webinar](#) as Andy C. Jairam, Partner, Loopstra Nixon LLP discusses the 10-day notice provision and its role in claims management.

Have you made a commitment to net zero and don't know where to start? Join the IESO's guest speaker, our very own Christian Tham, in the next Municipal Series webinar on January 31. Christian will lay out practical steps to take and provide real life examples to help you on your low carbon journey. [Click here for more information and to register](#).

## Municipal Wire\*

The grand prize community winner of [Kraft Hockeyville](#) will have an opportunity to host an NHL preseason game and receive \$250,000 for arena upgrades. All three runners-up will receive \$25,000 for arena upgrades. The [Centennial Arena Elliot Lake, Ontario](#) was awarded in 2024! Nominations close March 2, 2025.

Eager to learn about the latest advances in infrastructure procurement to help drive growth in your community? Join [P3s for Municipalities](#), a FREE six-part webinar starting February 4. Explore hot topics with our experts.

Join industry experts in meaningful discussions on February 19th to tackle housing-related challenges at regional and national levels. Please reach out to [Scotiabank's events team](#) for additional information.

## Careers

[Director, Corporate Services/CFO - Township of Southgate](#). Closing Date: February 5, 2025.

[Director of Corporate Services - Greater Sudbury Police Service Board](#). Closing Date: February 14, 2025.

[Senior Policy and Program Advisor - Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade](#). Closing Date: February 24, 2025.

[Recruiter, Talent Acquisition - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing Date: February 9, 2025.

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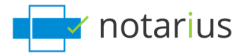
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- NEW Health and Safety Water Stream fund - webinar.
- *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 Act* consultation.
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- Introducing the *All Risk Municipal Grant*.
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### Provincial Matters

Apply for Ontario's new Health and Safety Water Stream fund to help municipalities and First Nations build, repair and expand aging water infrastructure. [Register for the February 5](#) informational webinar.

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municipalities.

In 2024, we identified key risk trends. As we enter 2025, the [risk landscape continues to shift](#), driven by technological advancements, changing workforce dynamics, environmental challenges, and growing regulatory pressures.

LAS is looking for 2-3 municipalities to join our [Automated Speed Enforcement Service](#) by beginning of the summer. If you are interested or for more information, contact [Tanner Watt](#).

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### **Municipal Wire\***

The Ontario Municipal Administrators Association (OMAA) is here to support your journey to becoming a CAO. Join us for an [Aspiring CAO Event](#) or explore our [educational resources](#) including the CAO Profile and certificate program with York University to help you build confidence and competence. Leadership awaits-you bring the ambition, we'll provide the roadmap.

AMCTO is partnering with Mitacs to establish a [new municipal internship program](#). AMO is pleased to support the implementation of this program as part of our Municipal Workforce Development Project.

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada is hosting a [professional development event](#) for early-to-mid career public servants in Toronto on January 24.

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### **Careers**

[Executive Director of Operations/ Deputy City Engineer - City of Windsor](#). Closing Date: February 21, 2025.

[Executive Director, Transit Windsor - City of Windsor](#). Closing Date: January 28, 2025.

[Manager of Planning Policy - Oxford County](#). Closing Date: February 3, 2025.

[Analyst, Corporate - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing Date: February 2, 2025.

[Engineering Technician II, Outside. County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: February 16, 2025.

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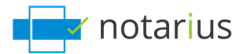
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[Join our barrier-free website builder service partner GHD on January 30](#) for an enaaaina discussion on

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[Program Supervisor, Emergency Management - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: January 20.

[Chief Administrative Officer - United Counties of Leeds and Grenville](#). Closing Date: February 6, 2025.

[Senior Accounting Analyst/Executive Assistant - Town of Wasaga Beach](#). Closing Date: January 30, 2025.

[Executive Director of Pollution Control/ Deputy City Engineer - City of Windsor](#). Closing Date: January 30, 2025.

[Manager, Property Tax Analysis - DMA Inc.](#) Closing Date: February 13, 2025.

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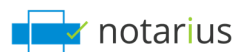
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January 09, 2025

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### AMO Matters

MIDAS - the [Municipal Information & Data Analysis System](#) - provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) data to all Ontario municipalities. MIDAS converts FIR data into meaningful reports and identify multiple year trends. For access, municipal elected officials and municipal staff can email [MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca](mailto:MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca).

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Mark your calendar for **January 14 at 10:00am** to book your 2025 AMO Conference hotel room. [Here is where you will want to click](#) for all the information you need and links to conference hotels.

There is still time to register online for this years ROMA Annual Conference online. You have until January 13 one minute before midnight to take advantage of registration savings. After this, all registration will be onsite where higher rates apply. [Register here](#). Check out this years [amazing program here](#).

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### LAS

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[Assistant Deputy Minister, Commercial Transportation Safety and Enforcement - Ministry of Transportation](#). Closing date: January 17.

[Assistant Deputy Minister, Transit - Ministry of Transportation](#). Closing date: January 17.

[Senior Economic Development Officer - County of Simcoe](#). Closing date: January 9.

[Health Care Manager - Ministry of the Solicitor General](#). Closing date: January 20.

[General Manager, Human Resources - City of Guelph](#). Closing date: February 3.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Norwich](#). Closing date: January 10.

[Hosting Project Lead - Township of Ignace](#). Closing date: January 31.

[Director, Life Stabilization - City of London](#). Closing date: January 28.

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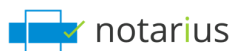
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December 19, 2024

*Everyone at AMO wishes you, your friends and family,  
and your community a happy and safe holiday season!*

- Toronto joining AMO in 2025.
- AMO's Healthy Democracy Forum report released.
- AMO Holiday office closure.
- Implementation date of excess soil landfill restriction changed.
- Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) registration now open.
- We are a month away from ROMA 2025 Conference!
- ROMA pre-conference workshop January 18 - *Two Keys to Municipal Success*.
- Asset Management workshop at ROMA Conference - Sunday January 19.
- Interested in hearing about the ROMA Board of Directors strategic work?
- Take advantage! AMO Education discount registration rates.
- Upgrades for a brighter 2025!
- Apply for the Invasive Species Action Fund.
- Municipal flood resilience in action training.
- Careers.

### **AMO Matters**

On December 17th, Toronto City Council approved the renewal of the City's membership in AMO beginning in 2025. Toronto becomes a member of AMO on January 1st. The AMO Board welcomed the decision, which builds on a strong record of collaboration between AMO and Toronto and creates a stronger collective voice for municipal government to advance good public policy in Ontario.

AMO's inaugural Healthy Democracy Forum on October 19 and 20, 2024 welcomed 154 participants for three comprehensive conversations about diverse representation, youth engagement, and accelerating local democratic engagement in your communities. You can now access our [Forum Report Back](#) to go along with speeches and presentations from two remarkable days.

Please note the AMO office will be closed from December 25, 2024 through January 1, 2025. The office will reopen on January 2, 2025. The next issue of the Watchfile will be on January 9.

### **Provincial Matters**

Ontario has made [amendments to Ontario Regulation 406/19](#) to change the in-effect date of a provision to restrict landfilling cleaner excess soil, from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2027.

### **Federal Matters**

Municipalities with populations 30,000 and under can now access the CRIS expert-matching service to get free expert advice on how to build climate-resilient infrastructure plans and projects. Apply [here](#).

### **Education Opportunities**

The ROMA *Rural Routes* Conference will be a remarkable event. The 2025 Conference program is jammed full of top-notch sessions. Sessions are designed from the rural perspective, highlighting solutions and innovation for rural communities. Check out the program [here](#). [Register for the ROMA Conference today](#).

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. Register [here](#).

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workshop delivered by Christina Benty and focused on sharpening your strategic asset management decision making and planning skills. More [information on content available here](#).

Meet with your ROMA Board members Zone representative on [Sunday January 19](#) to engage in the key advocacy issues in focus for the Board over 2025. You can [find your zone here](#).

AMO continues to advance its education programming and for a limited time, we are offering [half price registration](#). Take advantage of this offer, in the meantime, [here is a list](#) of what is on the calendar so far for 2025. Watch for new workshops including strategic asset management, equity, inclusion and innovation in municipalities, unlocking opportunity through human rights based planning and more.

## LAS

Thinking of LED upgrades in 2025? Check out our [LAS Facility Lighting Service](#) - Your complete turn-key solution for all your municipal lighting needs - both inside and out! [Contact us](#) today for your free proposal.

## Municipal Wire\*

The call for applications to the Invasive Species Action Fund is open. These funds support municipal action on critical invasive species. Visit our [website](#) to learn more and apply.

Enhance municipal flood preparedness and implementation with expert-led virtual training from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Intact Centre, focused on the [Municipal Flood Risk Check-Up](#). [Register here](#).

## Careers

[Program Administrator \(Workforce Development\) - Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\)](#). Closing Date: January 31, 2025.

[Director of Finance and Administration - Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board](#). Closing Date: January 10, 2025.

[Request for Proposals for the provision of Assertive Street Outreach Services - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: January 31, 2025.

[Director of Municipal Infrastructure - Municipality of Brighton](#). Closing Date: January 12, 2025.

[Commissioner, Transportation & Infrastructure Services - City of Kingston](#). Closing Date: January 19, 2025.

[Director, Legal Services & City Solicitor - City of Kingston](#). Closing Date: January 19, 2025.

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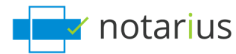
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January 29, 2025

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**SUBJECT: Buy Canadian**

Please be advised that at its meeting held Tuesday, January 28, 2025, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas United States President Donald Trump has indicated he is planning to impose 25% tariffs on Canada February 1st; and

Whereas tariffs would lead to massive job losses and economic instability in both countries; and

Whereas municipalities will be on the frontlines of the economic fallout, and the City of Burlington wants to offer our support for a Team Canada response; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through our capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas Burlington's capital program for 2025 is \$100 million; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 - \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas Federal and Provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to Buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements from giving preference to Buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.

Now therefore be it resolved that Burlington Council:

Stand with Team Canada to persuade decision-makers that tariffs are not in the best interests of Canadian or American consumers and businesses; and

Endorse the federal and provincial call for Buy Canadian; and

Call on the federal and provincial governments to work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

Should Tariffs be imposed ask the federal and provincial governments to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies; and

That the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

Be it further resolved that the City Clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations along with the request to endorse the same or similar:

Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus  
Big City Mayors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Halton MPs  
Halton MPPs  
Halton Local Municipalities

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samantha Yew".

Samantha Yew  
City Clerk

January 29, 2025

Sent via email

**SUBJECT: Endorsement for World Health Organization (WHO) Standards for Air Quality Emissions**

Please be advised that at its meeting held Tuesday, January 28, 2025, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas the Nelson Aggregates' application for expansion of the Mount Nemo open-pit quarry in the City of Burlington is causing concern for residents of Burlington; and

Whereas northern Burlington, including Mount Nemo, is located within Ontario's Greenbelt and includes the Niagara Escarpment, an UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve; and

Whereas Burlington contains significant areas of prime agricultural land and this farmland is also under threat of development for aggregate extraction now and in the future; and

Whereas pits and quarries emit dust that contains multiple pollutants, including particulate matter less than 10 microns in size ("PM10") and particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in size ("PM2.5") that are known carcinogens; and

Whereas the Ontario Government has no standard for PM2.5 and has not updated its own interim ambient air quality criterion for PM10 since 1996; and

Whereas the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment has not updated the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards ("CAAQS") for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) since 2012; and

Whereas the World Health Organization (WHO) updated its standard for annual PM2.5 emissions in 2021, nearly five years ago; and

Whereas public health science supports a "no threshold" position on PM2.5 and PM10 - such that there is no safe level of these pollutants in the ambient air; and

Whereas the extraction of aggregate in Burlington will increase the ambient air emissions levels of dust, specifically fine particulate matter such as PM2.5 and PM10; and

Whereas the Town of Caledon recently acted to better protect residents by endorsing the WHO 2021 standard of 5.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for annual air emissions of PM2.5.

Now therefore be it resolved that Burlington Council endorses the World Health Organization (WHO) 2021 standards for air quality emissions and seeks to have all new aggregate extraction activities maintain annual ambient air quality for PM2.5 at no more than 5.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

Be it further resolved that the City Clerk forward the resolution to:

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General  
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources  
Halton MPPs  
Halton Local Municipalities  
Michael Kraljevic, Chair of Ontario Land Tribunal  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Sincerely,



Samantha Yew  
City Clerk

January 29, 2025

Sent via email

**SUBJECT: Protection of Jefferson Salamander Habitat under the Niagara Escarpment Plan**

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Whereas northern Burlington is located within Ontario's Greenbelt and includes the Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve; and

Whereas Mount Nemo is entirely within the Greenbelt and sustains a fragile and inter-connected ecosystem featuring over 20 headwater tributaries, provincially significant wetlands, areas of natural and scientific interest, regionally significant woodlands, and the significant habitat of rare and endangered species; and

Whereas the United Nations has declared an unprecedented biodiversity crisis that shows species extinction rates are accelerating; and

Whereas in particular, Burlington is home to a significant population of Jefferson Salamanders, among other endangered species; and

Whereas Burlington's Greenbelt habitats are also under threat of development for aggregate extraction now and in the future; and

Whereas the Governments of Canada and Ontario have recognized the Jefferson Salamander as an endangered species that requires species and habitat protection under federal and provincial laws; and

Whereas the City of Burlington accepts its shared responsibility to protect the habitat of the Jefferson Salamander, and has taken steps to preserve this species e.g., seasonal road closures; and

Now therefore be it resolved that Burlington Council endorses current federal and provincial laws protecting the Jefferson Salamander and its critical habitat, respects recognition of Jefferson Salamander habitat as a key natural heritage feature under the Niagara Escarpment Plan, stands resolutely against development that threatens the Jefferson Salamander, and unanimously opposes the issuance of any Overall Benefit permit under the Endangered Species Act that would be contrary to the protection of this species and its critical habitat in the Greenbelt in Burlington.

Be it further resolved that the City Clerk forward this resolution to:

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samantha Yew".

Samantha Yew  
City Clerk



**TOWNSHIP OF  
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January 8, 2025

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

**RE: Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Russell requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

**Resolution No: 2025-01-08-14**  
**Moved by: Councillor Banks**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Keller**

**"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the resolution passed by the Township of Russell requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding;**

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario."**

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan





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

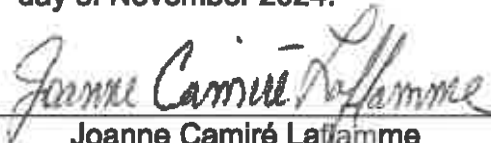
**3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring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

  
Joanne Camiré Laflamme  
Clerk



January 21, 2025

Peterborough - Kawartha MPP Dave Smith;  
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier;  
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;  
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and  
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

**Subject: Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024**

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on January 13, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

**Whereas:**

- 1. A municipality's parks and open spaces are critical infrastructure that support a strong community, and the public's shared and safe use of the municipality's parks and open spaces is integral to ensuring that support.**
- 2. Ontario's municipalities are struggling to maintain their parks and open spaces for their shared and safe use by the public as a result of the increasing proliferation of encampments and illicit activities related thereto.**
- 3. Municipalities that enforce their standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in their parks and open spaces must have regard to the availability of shelter space for those who need shelter.**
- 4. On January 27, 2023, Justice Valente of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice rendered his judgment in *Waterloo (Regional Municipality) v. Persons Unknown and to be Ascertained* (2023), [2023] O.J. No. 417 (Waterloo Decision) which declared that the municipality's by-law violated section 7 of the *Charter* and was therefore inoperative insofar as it applied to prevent encampment residents from erecting temporary shelters on a site when the number of homeless individuals in the region exceeded the number of accessible shelter beds.**
- 5. The Waterloo Decision's analysis of the adequacy of shelter beds suggests an unworkable and unclear standard that goes beyond the number of shelter**

spaces and that includes the requirement to provide shelter spaces that must accommodate illicit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk. The result is that municipalities are impaired in their enforcement of their standards and have lost or are losing control of their parks and open spaces.

6. On December 12, 2024, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, introduced Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024. Among its various initiatives, Bill 242 proposes to amend section 2 of the Trespass to Property Act by adding aggravating factors that must be considered in the court's determination of a penalty under that section. However, the key challenge is that a municipality's exercise of its rights at common law and under section 9 of the Trespass to Property Act to remove encampments from the municipality's parks and open spaces remains potentially subject to the unworkable and unclear standard for the adequacy of shelter space suggested by the Waterloo Decision.
7. In these circumstances, municipalities need provincial legislation that clearly defines a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the provincial government be respectfully requested to amend Bill 242 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
2. That, without limitation, Bill 242 provides that a municipality will have met the standard for shelter space for the purposes of the municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces:
  - a) despite the establishment and enforcement of shelter rules including rules that prohibit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk; and
  - b) if an official designated by the municipality is satisfied that the number of available shelter spaces is at least equal to the aggregate of the number of individuals actually seeking shelter and the number of individuals against whom the municipality is planning to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- a) Peterborough - Kawartha MPP Dave Smith;
- b) Honourable Doug Ford, Premier;
- c) Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- d) Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;
- e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and to
- f) Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy  
City Clerk

cc:  
City of Peterborough Council  
City of Peterborough Staff

January 15, 2025

Via email: [Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)

Ministry of Finance  
Frost Building South  
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7 Queen's Park Crescent  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Peter Bethlengalvy,

**Re: TAPMO Letter Regarding Pre-Budget Announcement**

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Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their January 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

**Motion:** 15-2025

**Moved:** M. Vaughan

**Seconded:** T. Oke

**Whereas the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time \$7 million reduction in education taxes in 2024, a subsidy that will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes—marking the first such subsidy provided by the province to any industry;**

**Whereas the Ministry of Finance's plans to introduce a new aggregate property sub-class in 2025, which is set to provide a \$6 million subsidy to the aggregate industry, with \$3 million of that subsidy being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base, raises serious concerns about the fairness and equity of the system;**

**Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the**

**systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;**

**Whereas there is significant concern that the government's actions prioritize the interests of the aggregate industry over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their residents, and that this shift in burden undermines public trust in the fairness and integrity of Ontario's legal and tax frameworks;**

**Whereas TAPMO has presented evidence demonstrating that the aggregate industry is financially capable of meeting its tax obligations, including substantial profits and royalty payments made by industry leaders, further undermining the need for these subsidies;**

**Whereas the municipal taxpayer should not bear the cost of correcting a past error in assessment methodology that unfairly benefited the aggregate industry, and the new property tax class ratio risks further undermining the principle of revenue neutrality and eroding confidence in Ontario's legal and tax systems;**

**Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of South Huron strongly objects to the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry, and calls on the provincial government to:**

**Reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector, and ensure that future tax policies are fair, equitable, and consistent for all taxpayers.**

**1. Uphold the principles of revenue neutrality in the aggregate tax framework and ensure that any new tax classifications or methodologies do not result in a net loss of revenue for municipalities, especially those that are already facing significant financial challenges.**

**2. Commit to meaningful reform that ensures fairness and consistency across all sectors of the economy and actively engages municipalities and taxpayers in a transparent and inclusive process, rather than catering to the demands of the aggregate industry.**

**3. Take immediate action to correct the existing inequities in the tax framework, ensuring that the burden of this correction is not unjustly shifted to municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural communities who host these operations.**

**4. Respect and uphold the integrity of the legal process by honouring the decisions of the Divisional Court and ensuring that all assessment methodologies are transparent, accountable, and based on a fair and balanced approach.**

**5. Further, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of South Huron supports TAPMO's call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province's tax base; and**

**Further be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school boards, AMO, ROMA, Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.**

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator



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December 13, 2024

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RE: TAPMO Letter regarding Pre Budget Announcement

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 27, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-430:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

**That the Consent Agenda items listed with the exception of items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 for NOVEMBER 27, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council supports the information provided by TAPMO to member municipalities of TAPMO; and**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council sees the value and significance of circulating this information provided by TAPMO to all Ontario municipalities;**



**Therefore, that Council directs staff to forward items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 to all Ontario municipalities; and**

**That Council direct staff to forward the following resolution to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school board trustees, AMO, ROMA, Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation:**

**Whereas the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time \$7 million reduction in education taxes in 2024, a subsidy that will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes—marking the first such subsidy provided by the province to any industry;**

**Whereas the Ministry of Finance’s plans to introduce a new aggregate property sub-class in 2025, which is set to provide a \$6 million subsidy to the aggregate industry, with \$3 million of that subsidy being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base, raises serious concerns about the fairness and equity of the system;**

**Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;**

**Whereas there is significant concern that the government’s actions prioritize the interests of the aggregate industry over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their residents, and that this shift in burden undermines public trust in the fairness and integrity of Ontario’s legal and tax frameworks;**

**Whereas TAPMO has presented evidence demonstrating that the aggregate industry is financially capable of meeting its tax obligations, including substantial profits and royalty payments made by industry leaders, further undermining the need for these subsidies;**

**Whereas the municipal taxpayer should not bear the cost of correcting a past error in assessment methodology that unfairly benefited then aggregate industry, and the new**



**property tax class ratio risks further undermining the principle of revenue neutrality and eroding confidence in Ontario's legal and tax systems;**

**Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch strongly objects to the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry, and calls on the provincial government to:**

**Reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector, and ensure that future tax policies are fair, equitable, and consistent for all taxpayers.**

**1. Uphold the principles of revenue neutrality in the aggregate tax framework and ensure that any new tax classifications or methodologies do not result in a net loss of revenue for municipalities, especially those that are already facing significant financial challenges.**

**2. Commit to meaningful reform that ensures fairness and consistency across all sectors of the economy, and actively engages municipalities and taxpayers in a transparent and inclusive process, rather than catering to the demands of the aggregate industry.**

**3. Take immediate action to correct the existing inequities in the tax framework, ensuring that the burden of this correction is not unjustly shifted to municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural communities who host these operations.**

**4. Respect and uphold the integrity of the legal process by honouring the decisions of the Divisional Court and ensuring that all assessment methodologies are transparent, accountable, and based on a fair and balanced approach.**

**5. Further be it resolved that the Council Township of Puslinch supports TAPMO's call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province's tax base; and**

**Further be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school board trustees, AMO, ROMA,**



**Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.**

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), Local school board trustees



November 1, 2024

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building  
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Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Ministry of Finance  
Frost Building South, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Bethlenfalvy:

**Re: Pre Budget Announcement**

As you are aware there was a lengthy Assessment Review Board hearing as well as a divisional court ruling increasing the taxes paid by the aggregate sector due to an inappropriate tax relief mechanism implemented by MPAC.

TAPMO recognizes funding for rural, small and northern municipalities is proposed to see an increase in OMPF funding. This increase is very much appreciated. This increase will begin to address the farm tax rebate shortfalls that rural, small and northern municipalities have been experiencing under the former program. Increasing this funding ensures all Ontarians are supporting farmers and not just the residents that call home to small, rural and northern communities. The impact of Provincially significant programs needs to be absorbed by all Ontarians.

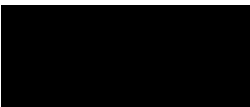
If it is the desire of the Government to provide special treatment to one sector and burdening this special treatment on small, rural and northern communities ( where most aggregate operations exist), TAPMO is of the opinion that an aggregate subsidy is not appropriate and should be borne by all Ontarians.

The pre budget announcement provides \$200 to every Ontarian, adding approximately \$3 billion to the Ontario budget. If the Government is willing to add \$3 billion to the deficit. Carrying over the 95% reduction in education tax relief absorbed by all Ontarians for 2024, would have added \$7 million to the total deficit for 2025 or 0.11666667% additional deficit.

TAPMO request the following questioned to be answered:

Explain the justification of increasing taxes on small, rural and northern municipalities which are host to most aggregate operations, to provide a preferential tax relief to the aggregate sector, versus absorbing any relief through increased deficit for all Ontarians?

Yours truly,



James Seeley  
Board Chair

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October 31, 2024

His Worship James Seeley  
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Don MacLeod  
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Dear Mayor Seeley and Mr. MacLeod:

Thank you for your letter about the new aggregate extraction property class.

As noted in my letter of October 3, the Province will be setting municipal tax ratios and education tax rates for the new aggregate extraction property class to provide tax mitigation for properties in the class. The plan is to provide an overall \$6M tax reduction to properties in the class relative to the original 2024 tax level, comprised of \$3M municipal tax and \$3M education tax. While the specific tax ratios and impacts will not be available until after the assessments for 2025 are finalized by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), the intention is that municipalities overall will still benefit from the majority of the incremental tax revenues that resulted from the assessment methodology changes implemented by MPAC for 2024.

More details will be shared when they become available. We appreciate the importance of providing municipalities with as much time as possible to support their budgetary planning. We have taken note of your request to receive this information by November 30<sup>th</sup> and will endeavour to provide the data as close to this date as possible.

Regarding your request that TAPMO be included in consultations during 2025, that is an important part of our plan. We will be reaching out to TAPMO as well as the aggregate sector, and working with MPAC and the Ministry of Natural Resources, to seek more detailed information regarding aggregate activities and discuss possible updates to the definition of the property class.

The government understands the challenges small and rural municipalities face. In this regard, in the 2024 Fall Economic Statement announced the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund will be increased by \$100 million (20% increase) annually. This will be phased in over two years with an immediate \$50 million increase in 2025.

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# TAPMO

## November Newsletter



### INTRODUCING TAPMO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Don MacLeod held the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of Zorra from 1996 to 2024. The Township of Zorra is in the top 10 aggregate producing municipalities in Ontario. Recently, Don transitioned into the role of Executive Director for TAPMO. With this wealth of experience, Don is particularly well-suited to continue the success of TAPMO in developing a sustainable plan for aggregate extraction across Ontario.

### NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Introducing Don MacLeod, TAPMO Executive Director**
- **Aggregate Property Taxation Assessment Challenges: What to expect in 2025**
- **Meet the Board of Directors and membership!**

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Next TAPMO meeting: Monday November 18, 2024 @ 2:30pm



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### **Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities**

Following an appeal decision of the Divisional Court, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) revised the assessment methodology and property tax classification of aggregate sites to ensure sector-wide consistency, resulting in tax changes for pits and quarries across the province for 2024 (an increase of \$12M municipal and \$5M education). These properties continue to be assessed based on the province-wide valuation date of January 1, 2016, but the methodology used to derive those values has been modified in line with the court ruling. This legal process was spearheaded by Wellington County. In a troubling response to the Divisional Court decision, the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time (2024) \$7 million education tax reduction, to mitigate the impact of these changes on the aggregate industry. This reduction will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes, which is the first time this kind of a subsidy is being provided by the province for any industry.

Looking ahead to the 2025 tax year, a new aggregate property sub-class is set to be introduced, but the intent to create improved tax stability and predictability feels hollow. The sub-class will result in a \$6 million subsidy for the aggregate industry, \$3 million of which is being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base. The tax subsidy will be funneled through a temporary property tax sub-class within the industrial property category, with MPAC and local municipalities tasked with its implementation. However, the claim that this newly established sub-class will provide stability and predictability raises serious concerns. Instead of genuinely addressing the inequities in the system, it seems to merely provide an unwarranted tax break to the aggregate industry, while shifting the burden onto municipal taxpayers and perpetuating an unjust structure.

The government's approach appears to prioritize the interests of the aggregate sector over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their constituents. MPAC's collaboration with the aggregate sector and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) to gather detailed information on aggregate sites may result in more of the same, rather than meaningful reform. While the government claims this refined data will support future discussions with the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) and municipalities, the focus seems skewed toward accommodating industry demands rather than ensuring fairness and accountability for all taxpayers. This direction threatens to undermine any hope of establishing a principled and sustainable approach to aggregate taxation, leaving communities to bear the consequences.

### Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities

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In light of these changes, TAPMO wishes to voice serious concerns regarding the new tax class ratio established by the Ministry of Finance. Contrary to fostering a revenue-neutral outcome, this adjustment is expected to lead to \$3 million being refunded directly from local taxpayers to the aggregate industry starting in 2025 and beyond. Neither the Ministry nor representatives from the aggregate industry have provided sufficient justification for what seems to be a residential taxpayer-funded subsidy to benefit a for-profit industry. Concerns from both the Ministry of Finance and the aggregate sector highlight that potential cost increases for residential housing stemming from the Assessment Review Board (ARB) ruling have not been adequately assessed or documented. Claims suggesting a mere \$3-4 increase per Ontarian fail to capture the disproportionate impact this assessment framework will have on rural residents, who predominantly host these aggregate operations.

The OSSGA has yet to provide conclusive evidence of the industry's inability to contribute its fair share of taxes. In fact, TAPMO has presented evidence indicating that aggregate producers can meet their tax obligations. For example, Dufferin (CRH) paid \$2 million in royalties to the University of Guelph in 2023, while St. Mary's Cement (CBM Canada) reported total net revenues of \$109,785,000 USD for aggregate products in their 2022 financial statements.

While TAPMO recognizes that tax increases on any property class may be unpopular, we argue that the aggregate industry has long benefited from an inappropriate tax discount. The Divisional Court ruling clarified that MPAC lacked the authority to grant such tax relief. The municipal taxpayers should not have to provide tax relief to the industry as a result of correcting an inappropriate tax benefit that the industry has come to expect. The new property tax class ratio fails to maintain revenue neutrality and threatens to erode trust in Ontario's legal frameworks. Ontarians deserve confidence that these processes are respected and upheld.

TAPMO remains committed to advocating for fair and equitable taxation practices that support both municipal taxpayers and the sustainability of our communities. The future of Ontario's aggregate taxation framework must prioritize transparency, fairness, and the principles of revenue neutrality.

### Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities - What's Next?

TAPMO is urging members to raise awareness of this issue by requesting your Municipal Council consider supporting the following motion:

Whereas the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time \$7 million reduction in education taxes in 2024, a subsidy that will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes—marking the first such subsidy provided by the province to any industry;

Whereas the Ministry of Finance's plans to introduce a new aggregate property sub-class in 2025, which is set to provide a \$6 million subsidy to the aggregate industry, with \$3 million of that subsidy being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base, raises serious concerns about the fairness and equity of the system;

Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;

Whereas there is significant concern that the government's actions prioritize the interests of the aggregate industry over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their residents, and that this shift in burden undermines public trust in the fairness and integrity of Ontario's legal and tax frameworks;

Whereas TAPMO has presented evidence demonstrating that the aggregate industry is financially capable of meeting its tax obligations, including substantial profits and royalty payments made by industry leaders, further undermining the need for these subsidies;

Whereas the municipal taxpayer should not bear the cost of correcting a past error in assessment methodology that unfairly benefited the aggregate industry, and the new property tax class ratio risks further undermining the principle of revenue neutrality and eroding confidence in Ontario's legal and tax systems;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] strongly objects to the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry, and calls on the provincial government to:

1. Reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector, and ensure that future tax policies are fair, equitable, and consistent for all taxpayers.
2. Uphold the principles of revenue neutrality in the aggregate tax framework and ensure that any new tax classifications or methodologies do not result in a net loss of revenue for municipalities, especially those that are already facing significant financial challenges.
3. Commit to meaningful reform that ensures fairness and consistency across all sectors of the economy, and actively engages municipalities and taxpayers in a transparent and inclusive process, rather than catering to the demands of the aggregate industry.
4. Take immediate action to correct the existing inequities in the tax framework, ensuring that the burden of this correction is not unjustly shifted to municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural communities who host these operations.
5. Respect and uphold the integrity of the legal process by honouring the decisions of the Divisional Court and ensuring that all assessment methodologies are transparent, accountable, and based on a fair and balanced approach.

Further be it resolved that the Council [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] supports TAPMO's call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province's tax base; and

Further be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school boards, AMO, ROMA, Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.



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 Township of Puslinch



**Vice-Chair**  
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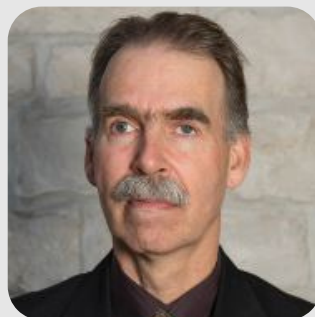
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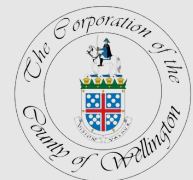
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October 24, 2024

Sent via email

Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Ministry of Finance  
Frost Building South, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
7 Queen's Park Crescent  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy:

**Re: Aggregate Assessment**

I am writing to raise TAPMO's concerns with the new tax class ratio for aggregate operations that does not maintain a revenue neutral outcome. TAPMO has been informed that the new tax class ratio will result in \$3 million of assessment being refunded to the aggregate industry for 2025 and beyond.

To date, neither the Ministry nor the aggregate industry has provided any justification for this residential taxpayer funded subsidy. The concerns raised by the MOF and the aggregate industry indicate that the potential cost increase for residential housing resulting from the ARB ruling applied across the province has not been thoroughly assessed or documented. Impacts of \$3-4 dollars per Ontarian are not accurate. Most aggregate operations are located in rural municipalities, thus rural residents will be providing this relief on a disproportionate level.

I would draw your attention to the developments in the Town of Erin. Developers are largely paying nearly \$200 million in up-front cost to build a wastewater treatment facility. This cost will be a direct pass through to the cost of the homes serviced by the treatment plant. In comparison, a revenue neutral tax class would be adding less than a quarter dollar to the cost of per tonne of aggregate.

Generally speaking, in Ontario, the provincial framework we strive to achieve is known at the municipal level as "Growth pays for Growth". Taxing aggregate properly brings us as a society closer to achieving that result. The aggregate tax class ratio does not support the revenue neutral tax outcome, nor does it support the principle of "Growth pays for Growth".

The OSSGA has failed to bring definitive evidence of the industry's inability to pay their fair share of taxes. Quite contrary, TAPMO has provided evidence of the ability of producers to pay their fair share. We are referencing the royalties Dufferin paid the University of Guelph (\$2 million in 2023). Further to the point, St. Mary's Cement's (CBM Canada) audited 2022 Financial Statements indicate a total net revenue for aggregate products at a whopping \$109,785,000 USD.

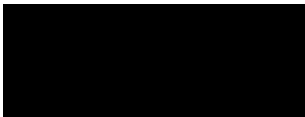
TAPMO recognizes that any increase of taxes on any property class would likely not be welcome. Unfortunately, as recorded in the Divisional Court decision, MPAC did not have the legislative authority to be providing tax relief (page 12 note 55 of the decision) that the industry experienced from 2016 onward. The aggregate industry is accustomed to an inappropriate tax discount. In TAPMO's view, residential taxpayers should not have to provide tax relief to the industry as a result of correcting an inappropriate tax benefit that the industry had come to expect. We respectfully reassert our position that OSSGA has not brought forward evidence to support their claim, other than highlighting the displeasure of paying more taxes. We have also not received evidence from the MOF supporting this relief for 2025 and beyond.

Lastly, we are deeply concerned that the lengthy and expensive legal process undertaken by Wellington County, and the decisions ordered by both the Assessment Review Board and Divisional Court is being undermined. This is particularly concerning given that the ARB decision was upheld. The new property tax class ratio fails to maintain a revenue-neutral tax assessment and undermines the legal process, which incurred significant costs for Wellington County taxpayers. This is extremely disturbing; Ontarians must have confidence in the legal processes in Ontario. Undermining the ARB assessment through a property tax class ratio that does not preserve revenue neutrality erodes that trust.

It is essential that discussions be inclusive and that any future assessment changes involve a fair and balanced approach in consultation with municipal partners, not just the aggregate sector.

TAPMO thanks the Ministry for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue and we look forward to strengthening this relationship.

Yours truly,



James Seeley  
Board Chair

January 17, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

BY EMAIL

Dear Premier,

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Election Advocacy and Preparation

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on January 14, 2025:

***That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering Report C02-2025 respecting Election 2026 Report 1 – Election Advocacy and Preparation:***

- 1. Endorse the resolutions from municipalities across Ontario including that from the Township of Terrace Bay calling on the Province of Ontario to update the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before the summer of 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections; and***
- 2. Forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public Business Service Delivery, Ministry of Finance, our local Minister of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO).***

**Township of Terrace Bay Resolution:**

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

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

AND 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;

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

AND 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;

AND 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;

AND 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;

AND WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape with 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;

AND 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 recommendation for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Terrace Bay 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 FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public Business Service Delivery, Ministry of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, Thunder Bay MPP's, AMO and AMCTO.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tanya Bettridge, by email at [tbettridge@woolwich.ca](mailto:tbettridge@woolwich.ca) or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



**Jeff Smith, Municipal Clerk**  
Corporate Services  
Township of Woolwich

Cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Minister of Education  
Minister of Public Business Service Delivery  
Minister of Finance  
Mike Harris, Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)  
Municipalities of Ontario



The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 8.2.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-424  
**Title:** Resolution Stemming from November 20, 2024 Regular Meeting - Item 8.1 -  
Correspondence #9  
**Date:** December 11, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed on October 21, 2024 by the Town of The Blue Mountains, regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program;**  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Sarkaria; the Minister of Infrastructure, King Surma; the Minister of Agriculture, Rob Flack; the Minister of Rural Affairs, Lisa Thompson; the Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Trevor Jones; the Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; Good Roads; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
MAYOR



**PROCLAMATION**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**FEBRUARY 2025**

**WHEREAS** throughout our history, Halton Hills has been strengthened by its diverse and distinctive cultures;

**AND WHEREAS** people of African and Caribbean descent significantly contribute their progress and success to Canada, Ontario and Halton Hills;

**AND WHEREAS** the Black community is a vital element of our town's social and cultural mosaic;

**AND WHEREAS** Black History Month provides us all the opportunity to remember and celebrate their immense contributions to our society;

**THEREFORE**, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim February, 2025 as **Black History Month**.

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

Ann Lawlor  
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills



## PROCLAMATION

### WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

**MARCH 21, 2025**

**WHEREAS** Halton Down syndrome (HDSA) World Down syndrome Day (WSD) promotes awareness to represent the tripling of the 21st chromosome found in those individuals with Down syndrome through educational campaigns, activities and events held across Halton;

**AND WHEREAS** HDSA's WSD encourages everyone to share the joy of Down syndrome, to advocate and take action to improve the quality of life for people with Down syndrome and their families;

**AND WHEREAS** increased awareness and understanding of Down syndrome will promote the increase of services and supports and ensure people with Down syndrome are afforded equitable opportunity to reach their full potential through all stages of life;

**AND WHEREAS** HDSA actively supports and encourages meaningful participation of people with Down syndrome in all spaces in society, during World Down syndrome Day and throughout the year.

**THEREFORE**, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim March 21, 2025 as **World Down Syndrome Day**.

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

Ann Lawlor  
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills