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Dear Ms. Brown:

Thanks for your letter about council’s resolution dealing with autism services funding. I appreciate hearing council’s views on the issue.

As this issue falls under the responsibility of the Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, I’ve sent her a copy of council’s resolution. I’m sure the minister will also take council’s views into consideration.

Thanks again for the information.

Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

c: The Honourable Lisa MacLeod

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**Recommendation**

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors direct the Chair of Conservation Halton to write to the Honorable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to express his and the Board of Directors concerns related to the loss of provincial funding and request that the Province of Ontario reinvest in Conservation Authority Flood Forecasting, Operations and Natural Hazards management core programs,

And

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors direct the CAO to provide a copy of this letter and resolution to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Rod Phillips, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and to the Towns of Halton Hills, Milton, Puslinch and Oakville, the Cities of Burlington, Hamilton, Mississauga, and the Regions of Halton and Peel and all Halton MPPs and MPs.

**Report**

This report summarizes the impact of the Provincial transfer payments reduction by 50% for 2019 announced by the Province of Ontario through the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry 2019 Budget allocations.

The Chief Administrative Officer of Conservation Halton received a letter signed by Monique Rolf von den Baumen, Assistant Deputy Minister (dated April 12 and attached to this report) that the Halton Region Conservation Authority will receive $155,034.34 in funding for the 2019-20 fiscal year, for Section 39 Eligible Natural Hazard Management Grant. The reduced provincial funding will result in a 2019 budget variance of $145,277, and an increase of 1.5%. The announcement comes after CA’s budgets have already been approved.

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Impact on Strategic Goals

This report supports the Metamorphosis strategic theme of Taking care of our growing communities.

Financial Impact

Conservation Halton will see an increase of budget needs of 1.5% in the coming years and to mitigate the impact to the 2019 Budget the funds will have to be transferred from reserves. Other cost mitigation options will be considered during the budget variance and projection reporting to minimize the need for the full amount of the reserve transfer.

Moved by:

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Dear Minister Yakabuski,

On behalf of the Conservation Halton Board of Directors please note that the following resolution was passed on April 25, 2019: Provincial Cutbacks to Conservation Authorities for Flood Forecasting and Control, Report # CHBD 05 19 12 (attached to this letter).

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Regards,

Gerry Smallegange

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Toronto Region Conservation Authority
Credit Valley Conservation Authority
Hamilton Conservation Authority
Grand River Conservation Authority
Recommendation

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors receive for information the report entitled “Proposed Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act and Regulations for Development Permits”;

And

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors direct Conservation Halton staff to amend Report No. 05 19 11 to include additional comments outlining opportunities for Conservation Authorities to assist the Province in streamlining approvals;

And

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors direct Conservation Halton staff to revise the draft letters to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry respectively, as Conservation Halton’s formal responses to the Province on the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act (ERO number 013-5018 “Modernizing CA operations – CA Act” and ERO number 013-4992 “Focusing CA development permits on the protection of people and property”) in accordance with the changes to Report No. 05 19 11;

And

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors direct Conservation Halton staff to circulate this report and Board resolution (s) to Conservation Halton’s area municipalities, neighbouring conservation authorities and Conservation Ontario for information purposes.
Executive Summary

On April 5, 2019, the provincial government posted two notices on the Environmental Registry with proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act (CAA) and a proposal for a new development permit regulation under Section 28 of the CAA. The proposed amendments are intended to help Conservation Authorities (CAs) focus on and deliver their core mandate and to improve governance. The proposed regulation is intended to make rules for development in hazardous areas more consistent across CAs and to support faster, more predictable and less costly approvals.

Conservation Halton (CH) staff has reviewed each of the postings and has drafted a response to the provincial government. Given that the commenting period closes before the next CH Board of Directors’ meeting, staff is seeking Board endorsement of the draft letters before submitting them to the respective ministries. While staff supports the intent of many of the proposed changes, comprehensive comments cannot be provided until such time as detailed legislative and regulatory changes are presented. The current proposals appear to take a narrow approach to natural hazard management and fail to recognize the important role that CAs play in protecting and managing natural resources at a watershed scale – one of the key principles underpinning the CAA.

Report

On April 5, 2019, the Province posted two notices on the Environmental Registry with proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act (CAA) and related regulations, including:

1. ERO Posting # 013-5018 - Modernizing conservation authorities operations – Conservation Authorities Act
2. ERO Posting # 013-4992 - Focusing conservation authority development permits on the protection of people and property

The first notice was posted by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for 45 days with the commenting period closing on May 20, 2019. The second notice was posted by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) for 46 days with the commenting period closing on May 21, 2019.

The Province has stated that the proposed amendments to the CAA are being proposed to help CAs focus and deliver on their core mandate and to improve governance. The proposed development permit regulation is intended to make rules for development in hazardous areas more consistent across all CAs and to support faster, more predictable and less costly permit approvals.

In both notices, the provincial government has acknowledged the role that CAs play in helping to protect homes, businesses and infrastructure from the impacts of climate change, as well as the role CAs have in Ontario’s land use planning and environmental protection process. CAs were credited for helping to protect people and property from extreme weather, such as flooding and other natural hazards, safeguarding sources of drinking water, and conserving the province’s natural resources.

The proposed changes to both the CAA and the development permit regulation are considered part of the provincial government’s Made-in-Ontario Environmental Plan to help communities prepare for and respond to climate change. Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of CA regulations is part of the provincial government’s strategy for strengthening Ontario’s resiliency to extreme weather events.
The following report provides an overview of the information that has been presented to date for each of the above-referenced Environmental Registry postings. Conservation Halton (CH) staff has reviewed each of the postings and has drafted a response to the Province (Attachments 1 and 2). Given that the commenting period closes before the next CH Board of Directors’ meeting, staff is seeking Board endorsement of the draft letters before submitting them to the respective ministries. While staff supports the intent of many of the proposed changes, comprehensive comments cannot be provided until such time that detailed legislative and regulatory changes are presented. The provincial government has indicated that it will develop and consult on a suite of regulatory and policy proposals to support the proposed amendments to the CAA later this spring.

ERO Posting # 013-5018 - Modernizing conservation authorities operations – Conservation Authorities Act

The Province has stated that the proposed amendments to the CAA are to help conservation authorities focus and deliver on their core mandate and to improve governance. If passed, the amendments to the CAA would:

- clearly define the core mandatory programs and services provided by conservation authorities to be natural hazard protection and management, conservation and management of conservation authority lands, drinking water source protection (as prescribed under the Clean Water Act), and protection of the Lake Simcoe watershed (as prescribed under the Lake Simcoe Protection Act);
- increase transparency in how conservation authorities levy municipalities for mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services by updating the CAA (first introduced in 1946), to conform with modern transparency standards by ensuring that municipalities and conservation authorities review levies for non-core programs after a certain period of time (e.g., 4 to 8 years);
- establish a transition period (e.g., 18 to 24 months) and process for conservation authorities and municipalities to enter into agreements for the delivery of non-mandatory programs and services and meet these transparency standards;
- enable the Minister to appoint an investigator to investigate or undertake an audit and report on a conservation authority; and
- clarify that the duty of conservation authority board members is to act in the best interest of the conservation authority, similar to not-for profit organizations.

The Province is also proposing to proclaim un-proclaimed provisions of the CAA related to:

- fees for programs and services;
- transparency and accountability;
- approval of projects with provincial grants;
- recovery of capital costs and operating expenses from municipalities (municipal levies);
- regulation of areas over which conservation authorities have jurisdiction (e.g., development permitting);
- enforcement and offences; and
- additional regulations.

The un-proclaimed provisions of the CAA (i.e., provisions to be enacted through regulation) were specified in the CAA promulgated in 2017 (Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act). Based on the information provided, the proposed changes appear to be bringing only these items into effect.
CH staff has reviewed the above posting and has drafted a response letter to the MECP (Attachment 1). Staff is seeking Board endorsement of the draft letter before submitting it.

ERO Posting # 013-4992 - Focusing conservation authority development permits on the protection of people and property

The Province is proposing to introduce one regulation for all CAs to further define the ability of a CA to regulate prohibited development and other activities for impacts to the control of flooding and other natural hazards.

Prohibited activities set out in Section 28 of the CAA as amended by Schedule 4 of the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 include:

- Development in areas related to natural hazards such as floodplains, shorelines, wetlands and hazardous lands (i.e., lands that could be unsafe for development because of naturally occurring processes associated with flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or unstable soil or bedrock); and
- Interference with or alterations to a watercourse or wetland.

The proposed regulation would consolidate and harmonize the existing 36 individual CA approved regulations into one approved regulation. This is intended to help ensure consistency in requirements across all CAs while still allowing for local flexibility based on differences in risks posed by flooding and other natural hazards.

The Province is also proposing to:

- Update definitions for key regulatory terms to better align with other provincial policy, including: “wetland”, “watercourse” and “pollution”;  
- Define undefined terms including: “interference” and “conservation of land” consistent with the natural hazard management intent of the regulation;  
- Reduce regulatory restrictions between 30m and 120m of a wetland and where a hydrological connection has been severed;  
- Exempt low-risk development activities from requiring a permit including certain alterations and repairs to existing municipal drains subject to the Drainage Act provided they are undertaken in accordance with the Drainage Act and Conservation Authorities Act Protocol;  
- Allow conservation authorities to further exempt low-risk development activities from requiring a permit provided in accordance with conservation authority policies;  
- Require conservation authorities to develop, consult on, make publicly available and periodically review internal policies that guide permitting decisions;  
- Require conservation authorities to notify the public of changes to mapped regulated areas such as floodplains or wetland boundaries; and  
- Require conservation authorities to establish, monitor and report on service delivery standards including requirements and timelines for determination of complete applications and timelines for permit decisions.

CH staff has reviewed the above posting and has drafted a response letter to the MNRF (Attachment 2). Staff is seeking Board endorsement of the draft letter before submitting it.

Staff agrees that opportunities exist for some CAs to better focus and deliver on their core mandate and to improve governance. Further, staff agrees that further steps can be taken to make development in
CA regulated areas more consistent across CAs and approvals could be faster, more predictable and less costly.

CH has identified opportunities and implemented actions to streamline internal permit review processes and approvals over past few years which align well with the Provincial government’s objectives. Staff is working with its partner municipalities to clarify roles and responsibilities and to reduce duplication through updating Memoranda of Understanding. In addition, a BILD/CH Liaison Working Group was formed to explore opportunities for improving technical submissions and accelerating the permit review process.

CH is actively pursuing the identification and implementation of additional actions with partners and clients in order to deliver the best possible customer service. These include actions to:

- take a comprehensive, creative and collaborative approach early in the planning process to provide greater clarity and certainty around approvals, promote opportunities for innovation, enable complete applications and timely development and infrastructure approvals, and help to avoid costly and lengthy appeals to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) or Mining and Lands Tribunal;
- promote more certainty through clear CH policies and guidelines; and
- co-ordinate with municipalities to further streamline approval processes under the Planning Act.

In the Greater Toronto area, there may be other opportunities for CAs to help streamline approvals related to natural resources for development and infrastructure, where capacity exists. For example, CAs with expertise and capacity may be in a position to assist the Province with wetland evaluations and approvals and staking Provincially Significant Wetlands; wildlife management and administering other legislations such as the Endangered Species Act; and conducting Environmental Compliance Approvals for stormwater facilities under the Ontario Water Resources Act.

CH appreciates that the provincial government recognizes the critical role that CAs play in protecting life and property from the risks associated with natural hazards, as well as the role that CAs have helping the province to address the impacts of climate change. However, based on the information presented in the Environmental Registry postings, CH is concerned that the proposals fail to recognize the critical role that CAs play in the protection and management of natural resources on a watershed basis – one of the key principles underpinning the CAA.

CAs have an important part to play in protecting the functioning and resilience of natural resources at the watershed level. Through collaborative watershed planning, CAs can assist the Province and local municipalities in addressing climate-change and natural resource related issues at the watershed scale. This role should be acknowledged and not limited through any changes to the CAA or associated regulations.

Additional comments will be provided once detailed legislative and regulatory changes are presented. Conservation Halton staff will monitor future postings and report back to the Board of Directors once additional information is provided by the provincial government.

Impact on Strategic Goals
This report supports the Metamorphosis strategic theme of taking care of our growing communities. The theme us supported by the objective to remain dedicated to ecosystem-based watershed planning that contributes to the development of sustainable rural, urban and suburban communities.
Financial Impact
There is no financial impact to this report.

Signed & respectfully submitted by: Barbara J. Veale, Director, Planning and Watershed Management

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Recommendation

THAT the Board of Directors endorse the three key solutions developed by the Conservation Ontario working group to improve client service and accountability; increase speed of approvals; and, reduce the regulatory burden;

And

THAT the Board of Directors direct staff to continue to work with Conservation Ontario and clients to identify areas for additional improvements;

And

THAT the Board of Directors direct Conservation Halton staff to circulate this amended report and Board resolutions to Conservation Halton’s area municipalities, neighbouring conservation authorities, and Conservation Ontario for information purposes.

Executive Summary

A number of questions have been raised about duplication of efforts and causes for delays in land use planning and approvals, specifically with respect to the Province’s priority of addressing housing supply concerns (especially in high growth areas). It is important that conservation authorities participate in this conversation to clarify their mandate and role in the process.

A volunteer General Managers’/CAO working group has been established to work with Conservation Ontario (CO) staff to review current processes and identify improvements that would support the provincial government’s priorities.

The CO working group has identified three key areas that could be considered by conservation authorities:

• Improve client service and accountability;
• Increase speed of approvals; and
• Reduce the regulatory burden.
The CO working group is seeking a commitment from all conservation authorities to pursue streamlining and client services measures in order to contribute to achieving provincial priorities and has requested that the above resolution be endorsed by all Boards of Directors.

This resolution is in keeping with the direction that Conservation Halton (CH) has already been taking over the past few years and an area that was identified as a priority in the Strategic Plan. Staff is working to provide effective and efficient service delivery, streamline internal planning and permit review processes, and revamp CH’s regulatory program by working with landowners to amicably resolve compliance issues whenever possible, rather than laying charges. Therefore, staff recommend that the Board of Directors endorse the above resolution.

Report

Background

In June 2018, a new provincial government was elected and moved quickly to implement the Plan for the People platform which included promises to:

“Cut red tape and stifling regulations that are crippling job creation and growth, and …single-window access for approvals with a hard one-year deadline.”

Since that time, the provincial government has introduced a number of consultations, draft proposals and proposed amendments to legislation in support of their agenda.

Made in Ontario Environment Plan

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks released the Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan (2018) that affirmed support for conservation and environmental planning and specifically mentioned that they would:

“work in collaboration with municipalities and stakeholders to ensure that conservation authorities focus and deliver on their core mandate of protecting people and property from flooding and other natural hazards and conserving natural resources.”

Housing Supply Action Plan

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has initiated consultations on a Housing Supply Action Plan aimed at increasing housing supply and streamlining the development approval process. The Ministry is also reviewing the Planning Act and the Provincial Policy Statement to ensure that the land use planning and development approvals process is aligned with their goal.

Concerns about Conservation Authorities

Conservation authorities (CAs) in Ontario, in implementing their mandate, are part of the planning and development approvals process. Concerns have been expressed by some, that conservation authorities “need to stick to their mandate” and that they present a “significant barrier” to timely development approvals. Many of these concerns arise in the Greater Toronto Area where land development is complex, and demands are high. However, this concern has also been expressed in other areas of the province where development is occurring.
CAAs have acknowledged that processes and relationships with the many stakeholders can be improved. In 2007, Conservation Ontario and representatives from CAAs in Ontario participated in a multi-stakeholder initiative with the Ontario Home Builders Association (OHBA), Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD), municipalities, provincial ministries, and other stakeholders as members of the Conservation Authority Liaison Committee (CALC). In 2010, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) approved the Policies and Procedures for Conservation Authority Plan Review and Permitting Activities that have since been incorporated into MNRF’s Policies and Procedures Manual.

In 2012 and 2014, training was provided by CO to assist CA staff in implementing the best practices laid out in this document. Each CA was encouraged to prepare policies and procedures approved by their Board of Directors and to post them publicly to ensure transparency and outline expectations, including review and permitting timelines and fees.

CAAs believe that it is imperative to engage in the conversation about the very important role CAAs play in land use planning and development approvals, as well as helping the new government understand their mandate and the relationships they have with member municipalities.

**Conservation Ontario Response**

Conservation Ontario (CO) retained Strategy Corp to provide insights and advice on government relations. Through this process, a number of General Managers/CAOs from different conservation authorities across the province volunteered to establish a small working group to work with CO to identify recommendations for solutions that will consistently address the issues identified by the provincial government around the housing supply, while still protecting natural hazards management and plan review activities required to protect the health and safety of Ontario’s watersheds and residents.

**Conservation Authority Mandate**

The CO working group discussed clarifying and restating the mandate of CAAs as supported by the recent update to the Conservation Authorities Act (2017) and as described in the provincial government’s Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan:

“The core mandate of conservation authorities is to undertake watershed-based programs to protect people and property from flooding and other natural hazards, and to conserve natural resources for economic, social and environmental benefits”.

This core mandate has always been the purpose of CAAs since their inception in 1946. Now, more than ever, it is necessary to have organizations such as CAAs taking meaningful on-the-ground actions and working at the right scale to protect and manage natural resources. The efforts by CAAs related to monitoring, issue identification, and appropriate mitigation measures help communities across Ontario respond to climate change and increase their resiliency to extreme weather. Further, as the federal and provincial governments further restrict their activities to policy-related activities, there is a gap in capacity to address local environmental issues.

The following excerpt from a Conservation Ontario briefing note to the provincial government identifies that:
“Conservation authorities are a cost-effective mechanism for the Province and municipalities for the delivery of objectives under the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)
  • In addition to acting as a commenting agency on behalf of the Province with regard to natural hazards, conservation authorities also act as regulators. Additionally, conservation authorities act as technical advisors for municipalities in the review of planning applications, and, as source protection authorities under the Clean Water Act supporting policy implementation.
  • Conservation authorities ensure that applicants and municipal planning authorities are aware of regulations and requirements as well as assist in the coordination of applications under the Planning Act and the Conservation Authorities Act. The focus is to eliminate unnecessary delay or duplication in the process as it relates to protecting public health and safety from natural hazards, now and into the future.
  • Conservation authorities, through the provision of advice from watershed-based science, enable municipalities to cost effectively consider in their decision-making other PPS considerations such as ‘wise use and management of resources’ and stormwater.”

Streamlining Conservation Authority Activities
The CO working group has been evaluating ways that CAs can streamline approval activities and reduce delays in order to help the provincial government address the lack of housing supply. It is recognized that CAs need to identify the outcomes that the provincial government and member municipalities need and review and modify processes to ensure the best solutions.

The CO working group developed the following three key solutions to work on with the development and construction community and municipalities. Through these activities any other specific concerns can be identified and addressed.

1. **Improve Client Service and Accountability**
   • Provide client service training and establish client service standards implementing activities such as one point of contact for applications, and template guidelines for policies, processes, and, CA/Municipal MOUs that have clear deadlines for the different plan review services.
   • Our commitment to timely approvals will be reported on annually.
   • Initially, focus efforts on conservation authorities with high growth areas (GGHG/GTA and other parts of the province) where housing supply is needed immediately.

2. **Increase speed of approvals**
   • Assess current application review/approval timelines, identifying problem areas where timelines are not being met and developing solutions to meet timelines.
   • Establish timelines that match the complexity of development applications (e.g. simple and complete applications can be processed more quickly).

3. **Reduce the regulatory burden**
   • Examine where conservation authorities can improve or change our processes to speed up or simplify permitting in hazard areas.
   • Explore additional legislative or regulatory amendments to achieve increased housing supply and decreased approval timeframes.
Work Underway Among CAs
Some of these activities have already been started with the CO Section 28 Regulations Committee meeting over the past six months to identify potential streamlining options that can be implemented immediately. CH is represented on this committee by the Director of Planning and Watershed Management.

Other regulatory or planning processes influence the CA’s ability to complete the work associated with Planning Act reviews and other legislation such as the Safe Drinking Water Act (O. Reg 205/18) and streamlining of approvals under the Endangered Species Act. CAs have collectively and individually taken the opportunity to provide comments to the provincial government about how these other processes can be improved.

Conservation Halton's Customer Service and Streamlining Activities

CH has undertaken many actions to improve client service and accountability, increase speed of approvals, and reduce the regulatory burden. While it is recognized that there are always improvements that can be made, CH through its Strategic Plan, has publicly committed to ensuring that its mandate is delivered effectively and efficiently. Conservation Halton has already embraced the key actions identified by the CO working group and is actively pursuing additional actions with our partners and clients. Some of these key actions are identified below.

1. Improve Client Service and Accountability

CH provides a range of planning and advisory services to watershed municipalities and other agencies. These services are typically outlined in Memoranda of Understanding or Agreement with individual municipalities and agencies. Through these MOUs, CH provides;

- Technical input regarding potential environmental impacts; and,
- Advice about how damaging impacts can be avoided or reduced and/or how opportunities for mitigation, restoration or improvement of environmental features and functions can be realized.

CH comments are advisory and apply to a range of matters including but not limited to natural hazards, natural heritage, and water quality and quantity. The terms of the agreements for planning services provided by CH differ, depending on the in-house staff expertise and resource issues of concern within the specific municipality or agency. Agreements have been signed with all watershed municipalities (Region of Halton, 2018 & 1999; Region of Peel, 2012; City of Hamilton, 2013; County of Wellington, 2017).

The Region of Halton, local municipalities, and conservation authorities recently developed a high-level Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to specify how environmental services relating to plan review and technical clearances would be delivered among the parties. The MOU outlines principles and approaches which support collaboration among parties, clear roles and responsibilities, elimination of duplicative efforts, specific review timelines, and open data. Specific roles and responsibilities for plan review will be defined further in accordance with the renewed MOU (for now, the roles and responsibilities outlined in the 1999 MOU apply). As a first action, conservation authorities have been invited to participate as a full member of the Halton Area Planning Partnership (HAPP). CH is currently working with HAPP members on a new Terms of Reference to reflect the expanded membership.
In 2018, discussions for the renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Hamilton and four conservation authorities, including CH commenced. It is anticipated that a revised MOA will be finalized in 2019.

In 2014, the Region of Halton entered into an agreement with CH to provide compensation for the technical review of Environmental Assessments and the timely review and processing of regional permits associated with capital improvements. An internal multi-disciplinary team called the Regional Infrastructure Team (RIT) was created and has successfully fulfilled the terms of the agreement. This agreement was renewed in 2018 for another 5 years.

In addition to renewing service agreements with municipalities which outline explicit roles and responsibilities for plan review, as part of its Strategic Plan, CH has made customer service a priority. In mid-2017, Pat Moyle and Maureen McCauley were retained to undertake a Process Re-Engineering Study to identify and assess CH’s processes for reviewing and commenting on planning and permit files. The study, finalized in November 2017, provided 50 recommendations for improving CH’s internal plan review and permitting processes and service delivery.

Many recommendations were easy, common-sense fixes that build on current processes and practices. Others require additional resources and are longer term. The themes inherent in many of the recommendations relate to finding efficiencies, streamlining processes, clarifying roles and responsibilities, improving communications, building relationships, and increasing staff and organizational capacity. For example, key recommendations included:

- Reinstating the manager position
- Establishing municipal review teams to provide more efficient and coordinated reviews and improve CH-municipal staff communication
- Improving CH’s correspondence to provide clear, concise, focused, and easily understood comments
- Developing CH technical submission guidelines to encourage better technical submissions from consultants and others
- Renewing a BILD/CH working group
- Upgrading CH’s GIS and file tracking systems

A work plan was developed by staff in early 2018 to implement the study recommendations. Most of the shorter-term recommendations have been implemented.

A Senior Manager was hired in April 2018. Staff roles and responsibilities were evaluated and a new municipal review team structure was developed. The Planning Ecology Specialist positions were revamped and consolidated. Internal workshops were held to improve correspondence. CH staff has received positive feedback about these changes and additional communications training is planned for 2019.

Staff has developed draft technical submission guidelines which specify what technical information and analysis is required by CH. It is anticipated that this guidance will result in better, more complete technical submissions from landowners and consultants, which in turn, will reduce the number of submissions required and the time and resources needed for review. These guidelines include Slope Stability Assessment Submission Guidelines, Stormwater Management Submission Guidelines, Landscaping and Rehabilitation Guidelines, and Tree Preservation Plan Guidelines. External
consultation on the draft guidelines will commence in mid-2019. In addition, a series of checklists have been developed to assist applicants in knowing what is required for a complete permit applications.

Internal protocols have been developed to promote consistency in approaches among staff for erosion and sediment control and for determining whether or not a natural feature should be considered a local drainage feature or a watercourse which is regulated under Ontario Regulation 162/06. In 2016, the staff internal procedure manual was revised for planning and in 2018, the compliance and enforcement manual was completed.

The working group established with BILD in 2014 was revamped in 2019. A number of items for joint collaboration was identified including reviewing and commenting on 2019 proposed fee schedules and CH’s draft technical submission guidelines. Staff also participate on the Hamilton-Halton Agricultural Advisory Panel which has been active for many years. The group meets quarterly to provide a forum for members to discuss concerns and opportunities with the two conservation authorities. Through this group, a guide to assist the farming community was produced which clarifies the types and locations of farming activities that require permits.

Staff in the Planning and Watershed Management department are working with the IT and GIS staff to make improvements to the planning and permit file/time tracking system, as well as to provide site-specific housekeeping updates to CH’s regulatory mapping based on technical reviews and reports associated with planning and permit applications and wetland assessments.

In summary, concerted effort has been made by CH to improve client service, particularly over the past two years. Additional opportunities to improve client service will be identified and implemented in the future through discussions with CO, municipal and provincial staff, BILD, the Agricultural Advisory Panel, and other stakeholders.

2. Increase speed of approvals

In CH’s Strategic Plan, two key service targets were established:

- Deliver comments on 95 percent of technical reviews of permits and planning applications within 6 weeks
- Process 95 percent of minor permit applications within 30 days

To measure response times, CH began tracking the number of files reviewed and the time taken to review each. In 2017, 131 technical reviews were completed for planning applications. Of these, 87 were completed within 6 weeks (66%); 32 were completed within 2 weeks (24%); and 44 required more than 6 weeks (34%). In 2018, 256 technical reviews were completed for planning applications. Of these, 156 were completed within 6 weeks (65%); 43 were completed within 2 weeks (18%); and 83 required more than 6 weeks (35%). In 2018, 77% of the technical reviews done by the dedicated RIT team were completed within 6 weeks, with 50% completed within 2 to 4 weeks). Planning due dates for most site-specific applications under the Planning Act are typically met.

In 2017, 98 technical reviews were completed for major permit applications. Of these, 77 were completed within 6 weeks (79%); 37 were completed within 2 weeks (38%); and 21 required more than 6 weeks (21%). In 2018, 89 technical reviews were completed for major permit applications. Of these, 84 were completed within 6 weeks (94%), with just 5 reviews requiring greater than 6 weeks. In 2017,
268 minor permits were approved, with 248 permits approved within 30 days (92%). In 2018, 253 minor permits were approved, with 243 permits approved within 30 days (96%).

The time it takes to review technical submissions associated with planning applications is well below the target set in CH’s Strategic Plan. This can be attributed to several factors including the quality of the submissions received, the number of technical meetings held among the applicant and the reviewing agencies, the number of technical submissions received, municipal planning priorities, and availability of staff, among others. While the percentage of technical submissions associated with planning applications reviewed within 6 weeks remained almost constant, the number of reviews undertaken in 2018 increased substantially.

The response times for the review of technical submissions associated with permit applications now meet the strategic targets set out by CH in its strategic plan. Several reasons account for this improvement including the receipt of better technical submissions, improved communication between staff and the applicant/agent, and a modified fee structure which encourages fewer submissions.

In subsequent years, CH will focus on continuing to improve response times for reviewing technical submissions associated with planning applications and maintaining the response times already achieved for permits.

3. Reduce the regulatory burden

In addition to improving response times for review of permits under Ontario Regulation 162/06, the regulations program team has made a conscious effort to improve communication with clients. Staff are committed to responding to inquiries within 48 hours (typically response time is less than 24 hours) and encouraging pre-consultation meetings to discuss proposals and information/technical requirements prior to the submission of a permit application. Pre-consultation enables staff to help people understand why a permit may be required and what the process entails. In many instances, pre-consultation results in a redesign of the proposal such that technical studies or even the requirement for a permit can be avoided. As a result, there have been no staff recommendations for denial of a permit since 2014.

In 2017, the compliance and enforcement approach was modernized. The goals of the program are to:

- Ensure compliance with approvals associated with Ontario Regulation 162/06;
- Ensure that reported or detected violations are resolved in a timely and cost-effective manner; and,
- Proceed with the legal process of laying charges when the violation is deliberate and the landowner is unwilling to work with Conservation Halton to resolve the violation.

Staff work with the Niagara Escarpment Commission, municipalities, the public and other stakeholders to respond to reported or detected works that have been completed or are underway without permission in areas that are regulated by CH. Early identification of infractions allows staff to work with landowners and/or their agents to minimize impacts to regulated features and areas and to remedy issues at a minimal cost. Where infractions are easily remedied, staff works to avoid formal or legal action, which can result in costly fines, penalties and legal fees. Staff works with willing landowners to resolve violations with on-site remediation or through a Restoration or Compliance Agreement.
A Restoration Agreement is negotiated with willing landowners where the alleged infraction can be fully removed from the regulated area. A Compliance Agreement is negotiated with willing landowners for violations that have the potential to meet Conservation Halton policies and regulatory requirements.

Where a landowner is unwilling to enter into an Agreement and where, in the opinion of staff, the unauthorized development is likely to affect the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches, or pollution or the conservation of land, more formal actions are considered. Through formal proceedings, enforcement staff endeavours to negotiate a settlement, wherever possible.

This approach is reflected in the updated internal compliance and enforcement staff manual (2018). Staff is focused on resolving violation issues with landowners as a first step and has been very successful with this approach. No new charges have been laid in the past two years.

Rates and Fees Study

The Region of Halton is one of the fastest growing areas in Canada and it is anticipated that it will continue to grow rapidly. To ensure resources are sufficient to meet demand for CH planning and permitting services, it is important to discern the real direct and indirect costs of providing planning and permitting services. To this end, CH initiated a Rates and Fees Study in June 2018. The study was undertaken by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. Staff worked closely with the consultant, providing information and helping to develop process maps for each application type in order to identify the key steps and time required to review and process “average” applications.

Based on the analysis undertaken, it was determined that CH was recovering an average of 74% of the annual review cost for all categories of planning applications and 72% of the costs for all categories of permit applications. Watson & Associates submitted their report to CH in January 2019. The report included a recommendation to increase the cost recovery target for permits from 80% to 100% and to continue to use a cost recovery rate of 100% for plan review. The report also recommended a fee structure for 2019 based on these recommended cost recovery targets. This fee structure was discussed with BILD. A staff report was presented to the CH Board of Directors in February 2019, along with proposed fees schedules which corresponded to the fee structures recommended in the Watson & Associates Report, with a few exceptions. The new cost recovery targets and proposed 2019 fee schedules were approved. The new fee structure will enable CH to ensure that resources are sufficient to allow staff to continue to improve response times and provide enhanced customer service into the future.

Communications Plan

In terms of transparency, CH publishes an annual report which highlights progress towards the targets on the CH website. In addition, the website includes Conservation Halton’s policies, guidelines, fee schedules, and mapping. CH has been and will continue to work co-operatively with stakeholders to identify collective opportunities for further streamlining and efficiencies in planning and permitting review processes. This is being carried out through liaison meetings with the development community and other stakeholders, MOU discussions with municipalities, and exchange of information and ideas with other conservation authority staff. Conservation Halton will also continue to actively communicate changes to internal review processes with stakeholders through these meetings and the website.
Impact on Strategic Goals

This report supports the Metamorphosis strategic theme of taking care of our growing communities. The theme is supported by the objective to remain dedicated to ecosystem-based watershed planning that contributes to the development of sustainable rural, urban and suburban communities.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to this report.

Signed & respectfully submitted:  
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May 1, 2019

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SUBJECT: Development Charges

Please be advised that at its meeting held Tuesday, April 23, 2019, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following recommendation:

Whereas the Provincial Government has established increasing housing supply as a priority and is currently reviewing the impact of municipal development charges on housing supply; and

Whereas development charges are the primary municipal revenue source for the financing of municipal infrastructure required to increase housing supply; and

Whereas development charges only account for approximately 5-7% of new single family home prices in the GTA, and that housing prices are driven by the market; and

Whereas a reduction in development charges will reduce a municipality's ability to finance essential infrastructure needed for growth, reduce the supply of serviced land and will unfairly impact existing homeowners; and

Whereas current development charges legislation, through the Development Charges Act, 1997 S.O. 1997 c.27 as amended does not allow municipalities to recover the full cost of growth which is not consistent with the principle that growth pays for growth; and

Whereas Halton has an estimated annual funding gap of $87.7 million (including Region, Local, and School Boards) as a result of the inability to collect the full cost recovery under the current legislation; and

Whereas the current development charges legislation provides the ability to collect development charges prior to building
permit/subdivision (Section 27), which is critical in Halton for the delivery of infrastructure to support additional new housing; and

Whereas any reduction to the flexibility to finance growth through development charges will have a direct impact on Halton’s ability to increase housing supply;

Now therefore be it resolved:

That the Provincial Government be called upon to not reduce the use of development charges or make changes to section 27 of the DCA; and

That the Provincial Government be called upon to improve the DCA, to ensure that all growth related costs of municipal infrastructure and services are recovered through development charges ensuring growth pays for growth; and

That the Regional Chair write a letter to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing expressing Regional Council’s concerns regarding changes to section 27 of the Development Charges Act or a reduction in the use of development charges, and that Halton would welcome the opportunity to work with the Provincial Government to find creative solutions to increase the stock of affordable housing, while ensuring that growth pays for growth; and


If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 7702 or the e-mail address above.

Sincerely,

Angela Morgan
City Clerk

Cc: Halton’s Members of Provincial Parliament
Local Municipalities
May 1, 2019

Honourable Steve Clark
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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SUBJECT: Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act, 2019

Please be advised that at its meeting held Tuesday, April 23, 2019, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following recommendation:

Whereas the Paris and Galt moraines cut across several municipalities: Peel Region, Wellington County, the City of Guelph, Region of Waterloo, Norfolk County, Brant County and Halton Region; and three Conservation Authorities: Grand River Conservation Authority, Credit Valley Conservation Authority and Conservation Halton; and

Whereas Municipalities within the Grand River watershed are dependent on groundwater as the source of municipal drinking water and are designated as urban growth centres in the Province’s Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017, namely Guelph, Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo; and

Whereas critical primary recharge areas in the moraines require protection in order to protect the future drinking water supplies in the area; and

Whereas a conservation plan for the Paris and Galt moraines would provide an important policy framework to protect the critical ecological and hydrological integrity of the area; and

Whereas the inter-jurisdictional complexity of the Paris and Galt moraines warrants the assistance of provincial leadership in the development of policy for its protection; and

Now therefore be it resolved:

That the City of Burlington Council supports and endorses the passage of Bill 71, the Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act, 2019; and
That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton’s MPP’s, MPP Mike Schreiner, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Grand River Conservation Authority, the Regional Municipality of Peel, the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, the City of Guelph, Wellington County, Norfolk County, Brant County and the Local Municipalities for their endorsement.

If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 7702 or the e-mail address above.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Angela Morgan
City Clerk

Cc:  Halton MPPs
     MPP Mike Schrenier
     Conservation Halton
     Credit Valley Conservation Authority
     Grand River Conservation Authority
     Regional Municipality of Peel
     Regional Municipality of Waterloo
     City of Guelph
     Wellington County
     Norfolk County
     Brant County
     Local Municipalities
Dear Ministers:

Subject: Overview of Health System Transformation – A Region of Peel Perspective

I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on Thursday, April 25, 2019:

Resolution 2019-375:

Whereas the Provincial Government has made certain announcements relating to Public Health and the Paramedic Services system;

And whereas, the announcements do not contain sufficient detail to be able to provide commentary;

And whereas, the announcements have a significant impact on the delivery of public health services and Paramedic Services;

And whereas, the role of the municipalities is not clear in the announcement;

And whereas, funding has not been committed, neither quantum or source;

Therefore be it resolved, that this matter be referred to the Health Services Integration Committee to monitor the issue and determine the role of the Region throughout the roll out of the plans and work with staff to report back to Council on details of the proposal and projected impacts of change together with regular staff communication to Regional Council on emerging issues;

And further, that recommendations of the Health System Integration Committee and Regional Council be referred to the Government Relations Committee for further advocacy;

The Regional Municipality of Peel

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And further, that the Chair arrange a round table meeting with the local MPP's to provide information on the current structure and funding model and the potential impacts of change to service delivery with changes to the structure and funding model. Other invitees to the round table include the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Health Services section, the Commissioner of Health Services, the CAO, the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief of Paramedic Services and Chair of Health System Integration Committee;

And further, that the Chair and Mayors work with MARCO/LUMCO and AMO to demonstrate the benefits of public health and Paramedic Services remaining fully integrated with other Region of Peel functions;

And further, that the Province be requested to engage municipalities and existing Boards of Health before proceeding with any changes to the existing structure and funding;

And further, that this resolution be provided to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all municipalities, AMO, Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, and MARCO/LUMCO.

Yours Truly,

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Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

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The Regional Municipality of Peel

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Dear Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council,

Re: Natural Gas Expansion Update – Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19

Through recent announcements, you will have heard that the Provincial Government has enacted Bill 32, Access to Natural Gas Act, 2018 and issued Ontario Regulation 24/19 (under the Ontario Energy Board Act). I’m writing to provide an update on potential implications and next steps for the project that would bring natural gas to the communities of Ballinafad, Limehouse, and Silver Creek.

As background, Enbridge (Legacy Union Gas and Enbridge Gas) has been working to bring affordable and reliable natural gas energy to new communities. In 2016, we participated in the Ontario Energy Board’s (OEB) EB-2016-0004 community expansion proceeding, and with the support of the Town of Halton Hills, sought the funding needed to bring natural gas to the communities of Ballinafad, Limehouse, and Silver Creek through the previous Natural Gas Grant Program (NGGP).

Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19 (attached) will provide for a one dollar per month contribution from existing natural gas utility customers in Ontario to help fund natural gas expansion projects. Ontario Regulation 24/19 comes into effect on July 1, 2019 and addresses execution of nine projects that were previously approved under the NGGP that did not proceed.

Program details and regulations that would support future community expansion projects under Bill 32, including details that would help determine which communities could be eligible to receive support, are not yet available. Knowing how important access to affordable and reliable natural gas is to Halton Hills, we will continue to work with local communities and the Provincial Government, and we look forward to being able to share exciting news related to expansion of natural gas in the future.
If you have any questions regarding natural gas expansion, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will continue to update you on these files as they develop and would be more than happy to meet and/or present to Council.

Sincerely,

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EXPANSION OF NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

Natural gas distribution system

1. For the purposes of section 36.2 of the Act and this Regulation,
“consumer” means a person who uses natural gas in Ontario for that person’s own consumption; (“consommateur”)
“natural gas distribution system” means a system for distributing natural gas by hydrocarbon pipeline in Ontario and includes
any structures, equipment or other things used for that purpose. (“réseau de distribution de gaz naturel”)

Qualifying investment

2. For the purposes of the definition of “qualifying investment” in subsection 36.2 (1) of the Act, an investment is a
qualifying investment if it is in respect of a project,
(a) that is listed in Column 1 of the Table to Schedule 1, located as described opposite the project in Column 2 of the
Table to Schedule 1; and
(b) in respect of which the gas distributor has obtained all necessary approvals from the Board to authorize the expansion
of a natural gas distribution system.

Consumers eligible for rate protection

3. For the purposes of subsection 36.2 (2) of the Act, a consumer who meets the following criteria is prescribed as eligible
for rate protection:
1. As a result of the qualifying investment, the consumer is provided access or would be provided access to the natural
gas distribution system of a gas distributor that has incurred costs related to the qualifying investment.
2. The consumer has no access to a natural gas distribution system or had no access to a natural gas distribution system
before being provided the access referred to in paragraph 1.

Variance accounts

4. The IESO and gas distributors to which section 36 of the Act applies shall establish one or more variance accounts for
the purposes of tracking amounts collected, remitted and distributed under this Regulation.

Calculation of rate reduction

5. (1) The IESO shall calculate the amount of rate reduction in respect of which a gas distributor is entitled to receive
compensation for lost revenue under section 36.2 of the Act in accordance with this section.
(2) The amount of rate reduction shall be calculated in respect of each qualifying investment and in respect of each fiscal
quarter by applying the following rules:
1. Subject to paragraph 2, the maximum amount of the rate reduction that may be provided over the course of all fiscal
quarters is the amount set out in Column 3 of the Table to Schedule 1 opposite the project in respect of which the
qualifying investment is made.
2. The maximum amount of the rate reduction that may be provided in respect of the fiscal quarter shall not exceed the
amount of contributions collected by gas distributors from consumers and remitted by gas distributors to the IESO in
respect of the fiscal quarter.
3. The following steps shall be taken to determine the amount:
i. Determine the remaining value for the qualifying investment by applying the following formula:
   \[ A = B - C \]
   Where,
   \[ A = \text{the remaining value for the qualifying investment}, \]
B = the amount set out opposite the qualifying investment in Column 3 of the Table to Schedule 1, and
C = the sum of all amounts of rate reduction provided under section 36.2 of the Act during all previous quarters in respect of the qualifying investment.

ii. Determine the amount of rate reduction by applying the following formula:

\[ D = \frac{A}{E} \times (F + G - H) \]

Where,
D = the amount of rate reduction,
A = the remaining value for the qualifying investment, as determined under subparagraph i,
E = the sum of the remaining value for the qualifying investment and the remaining values for all other qualifying investments, each as determined under subparagraph i,
F = the sum of the monthly amounts collected by gas distributors from consumers under section 6 and remitted to the IESO in respect of the quarter,
G = any interest accumulated in respect of the quarter in the IESO’s variance account referred to in section 4, and
H = reasonable costs of the IESO related to its activities under this Regulation in respect of the quarter.

Collection from consumers of amounts to compensate gas distributors

6. (1) Subject to subsection (6), each gas distributor to which section 36 of the Act applies shall, in order to provide for the contributions payable by consumers under subsection 36.2 (4) of the Act, collect from each of their consumers the amount of one dollar per month for each account that the consumer has with the gas distributor.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the gas distributor shall aggregate the amount mentioned in subsection (1) together with the amount that the gas distributor collects from the consumer as a fixed customer charge or fixed monthly service charge and display the total amount on the consumer’s bill as one amount under that charge.

(3) If a gas distributor does not provide for a fixed customer charge or fixed monthly service charge on the consumer’s bill, the gas distributor shall aggregate the amount mentioned in subsection (1) together with the amount that the gas distributor collects from the consumer in respect of any other charge.

(4) Each gas distributor shall collect the amounts referred to in subsection (1) and remit the amounts to the IESO each month.

(5) Once the total of the maximum amounts of rate reduction set out in Column 3 of the Table to Schedule 1 has been distributed to the gas distributors by the IESO, the IESO shall notify the Board and the gas distributors.

(6) As soon as it is reasonably practicable to do so after receiving notification under subsection (5), the gas distributors shall cease collecting from consumers the charge and remit to the IESO any amounts that have been collected but not yet remitted.

IESO to distribute amounts collected

7. Once the IESO receives confirmation from the Board that the necessary approvals referred to in section 2 have been obtained in respect of a project in respect of which a qualifying investment is made, the IESO shall distribute to the applicable gas distributor the amount of compensation to which it is entitled under subsection 36.2 (3) of the Act for each fiscal quarter, calculated in accordance with section 5 of this Regulation.

Money collected in excess, interest

8. (1) This section applies if gas distributors have collected an amount of rate reduction under section 6 that exceeds the amount required to compensate gas distributors and have remitted the amount in excess to the IESO.

(2) The IESO shall deduct from the amount in excess the reasonable costs of the IESO related to its activities under this Regulation that have not been deducted previously.

(3) After making the deduction under subsection (2), the IESO shall return the remaining amount in excess to the gas distributors, having regard to the total amount collected by each gas distributor from consumers under section 6 relative to the total amounts collected by all gas distributors under that section.

(4) The IESO shall apply any interest earned on amounts included in its variance account by adding the interest to the amounts mentioned in subsection (3) to be returned to gas distributors.

(5) Gas distributors shall report to the Board with respect to the amounts returned to them under this section.

Information, etc.

9. (1) The IESO is prescribed for the purposes of subsection 36.2 (5) of the Act.
(2) The following persons or entities shall provide information and reports requested by the Minister to the Minister:
1. Each gas distributor making a qualifying investment.
2. The IESO.
3. The Board.

(3) The following persons or entities shall provide information and reports requested by the Board to the Board:
1. Each gas distributor making a qualifying investment.
2. The IESO.

(4) The information and reports mentioned in subsections (2) and (3) shall be provided within the time specified by the Minister or the Board, as the case may be, in the request.

Information, IESO

10. For the purposes of this Regulation, the IESO shall rely on the information provided to it by gas distributors.

Commencement

11. This Regulation comes into force on the latest of the following:
1. The day section 1 of the Access to Natural Gas Act, 2018 comes into force.
3. The day this Regulation is filed.

SCHEDULE 1

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May 15, 2019

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

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Re: Motion (a) Mayor Mrakas; Re: Response to Bill 108, the More Homes,
More Choice Act

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on
Tuesday, May 14, 2019, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the legislation that abolished the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and
replaced it with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) received
unanimous, all-party support; and

Whereas all parties recognized that local governments should have the
authority to uphold their provincially-approved Official Plans, to uphold their
community-driven planning; and

Whereas Bill 108 will once again allow an unelected, unaccountable body to
make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow; and

Whereas on August 21, 2018, Minister Clark once again signed the
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Association of Municipalities of
Ontario and entered into “...a legally binding agreement recognizing Ontario
Municipalities as a mature, accountable order of government.”; and

Whereas this MOU is “enshrined in law as part of the Municipal Act’ and
recognizes that as “...public policy issues are complex and thus require
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coordinated responses...the Province endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest”; and

Whereas by signing this agreement, the Province made “...a commitment to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact”; and

Whereas Bill 108 will impact 15 different Acts: Cannabis Control Act, 2017; Conservation Authorities Act; Development Charges Act; Education Act; Endangered Species Act, 2007; Environmental Assessment Act; Environmental Protection Act; Labour Relations Act, 1995; Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017; Municipal Act, 2001; Occupational Health and Safety Act; Ontario Heritage Act; Ontario Water Resources Act; Planning Act; and Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997;

1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora oppose Bill 108, which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

4. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.
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Yours sincerely,

\[Signature\]
Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Copy: Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party
All MPPs in the Province of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities
May 7, 2019

Anne Potocnik, Chairperson
McKellar Public Library Board
P.O. Box 10
McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

Dear Ms. Potocnik

Re: Resolution 19-263 - Ford Government funding cuts to Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service North

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held, Monday May 6, 2019 the Council of the Township of McKellar passed the following resolution:

19-263  WHEREAS the Ontario government has reduced by 50% the funding to Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service North, resulting in the suspension of interlibrary loan service and postage subsidy, with further service cuts yet to be announced;

AND WHEREAS the users of small northern libraries such as the McKellar Public Library will be significantly negatively impacted by the loss of equitable access to materials and information;

AND WHEREAS the resulting increased costs of postage will not have been considered in the budget preparation for the current fiscal year and will require lending libraries to carefully consider whether to fill an interlibrary loan request;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar strongly urges the Ontario government to restore the funding to Ontario Library Service North and Southern Ontario Library Service at a minimum to the previous 2018 funding level;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Michael Tibollo, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Sport; Norm Miller, MPP; Doug Ford, Premier; Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.
Your consideration on the matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ina Watkinson
Administrative/Treasury Assistant
Township of McKellar

cc Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Mike Tobollo, Minister of Culture, Recreation & Sport
Norm Miller, M.P.P., Parry Sound - Muskoka
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Municipalities of Ontario
Premier Doug Ford
Michael Tibollo, Minister of Culture Recreation and Sport
Norm Miller, MPP, Parry Sound Muskoka

The recently announced budget cut to SOLS and OLS North has so far resulted in the suspension of interlibrary loans, courier service and subsidies for postage for interlibrary loan. The full impact of this outrageous funding reduction is not yet known, however the loss of readily accessible interlibrary loan service will have a significant impact on the users of small northern libraries such as McKellar Public Library. Larger libraries have substantially larger materials budgets and are more likely to own the resources required by their patrons. Small northern libraries rely on interlibrary loan service to provide their users with materials they do not have. The loss of this vital service leaves northern residents at a distinct disadvantage without readily available and equitable access to the range of materials and information they previously enjoyed. Electronic formats may be seen as a substitute however high speed broadband internet service is also not as readily available in northern or remote areas and not everyone owns a computer.

The Ontario Library Services also provide staff and trustee training and coordination of other services proving economies of scale and resource sharing.

We the board of the McKellar Public Library strongly urge the Ontario government to reverse this disastrous and short sighted funding reduction and to restore *at a minimum* the funding level provided to SOLS and OLS North in 2018.

Anne Potocnick, Chair, McKellar Public Library Board
TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

DATE: May 6, 2019

RESOLUTION No. 19-

Moved by

Seconded by

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Carried ______ Defeated ______

Peter Hopkins, Mayor

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May 2, 2019

Hon. Victor Fedeli  
Minister of Finance  
Frost Bldg S 7th Flr, 7 Queen's Park Cres  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Mr. Fedeli:

Re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) is the Province's main general assistance grant to municipalities. The program, that primarily supports northern and rural municipalities, is a critical component of the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship. Since 2012, grant allocations have decreased from $598M to $505M in 2019.

The government has committed to consult with municipalities in 2019 regarding the future of the OMPF. The goal of this review is to ensure that the program remains sustainable and focused on the northern and rural municipalities that need this funding the most. Reductions in the funding have a significant impact on municipal finances, with the loss of revenue typically being made up through increased tax levies. This has the potential of adversely affecting housing affordability in the affected municipalities and is contrary to the Province's stated goal of improving housing affordability.

The Town of Mono recommends that the OMPF be maintained at not less than its current funding level.

I look forward to an earnest dialogue with the Province that recognizes the importance to municipalities of maintaining this program and the potential impact that reductions to funding will have.

Regards,

TOWN OF MONO

Laura Ryan  
Mayor

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CC: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon
    All Ontario municipalities
Hello,

The Township of Mulmur passed the following motion at the Council meeting on May 1, 2019.

Deputy Mayor Hawkins requested a recorded vote on the following motion:

**Motion #78-19 Hawkins-Clark:** THAT The Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of aggregate extraction and the proper management of aggregate resources, including recycling aggregates;

AND WHEREAS, Mulmur owns and operates a gravel pit;

AND WHEREAS, the inappropriate extraction of aggregate can impact host communities, including, but not limited to: risk to surface and underground water supplies stress placed on local infrastructure; road safety; air and noise pollution; loss of farmland; encroachment on residential communities; interference with natural heritage systems;

AND WHEREAS, the Ontario Government commenced a detailed review of the Aggregate Resources Act in 2016;

AND WHEREAS, the Ministry of Natural Resources hosted a summit on Aggregate Reform on March 29, 2019, and did not include municipal government as stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS, the Township supports the recommendations to allow policy interpretation for accessing material under Road Allowances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1) The Township of Mulmur hereby requests the following:
   a) the Provincial Government provide for municipal representation at future meetings related to the Aggregate Reform;
   b) Municipalities be provided authority to regulate hours of operation and haul routes within municipal boundaries;
   c) If the Provincial level is accepted as a single level for applications, Municipalities be provided a process through which to provide comments on aggregate extraction activities proposed within or in the vicinity of their boundaries;
   d) The comments on “Cutting the Red Tape” provided by the Ontario Sand and Gravel Association be evaluated from the perspective of the local host community and ensure that there are mechanisms/processes in place to address impacts.
e) That land unavailable for extraction due to changes on the rules to endangered and threatened species and other policies within the Natural Heritage System continue to be protected.

Shirley Boxem - yea
Patricia Clark - yea
Ken Cufaro - yea
Earl Hawkins - yea
Janet Horner - yea
Carried.

Have a nice day,

Adam Hicks | Administrative Assistant
Township of Mulmur | 758070 2nd Line East | Mulmur, Ontario L9V 0G8
Phone 705-466-3341 ext. 234 | Fax 705-466-2922 | ahicks@mulmur.ca

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AMO Matters
Templates and guidelines to submit the Main Street Revitalization Initiative Annual Report are available on the AMO website. Please ensure this report is submitted by the May 15 deadline.

Each week we will profile a key question about digital signatures. Q8: Why are Notarius digital signatures trusted and recognized by government agencies? Click here for the answer.

Provincial Matters
The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is seeking input on a regulatory proposal for excess soil management. Several regulations, policies and tools are proposed. The intent is to better manage excess soils, including diverting clean soil from landfill. For details see the Environmental Registry clicking on the link.

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Cybersecurity attacks are real and come in many forms. Read our blog for more information. Learn how to protect your municipality against the threats and register now for the biennial Risk Management Symposium taking place on September 12 and 13.

Municipal councillors are the stewards of municipal finances. Learn financial terms, the importance of the long term view, what to look for in council reports and how to communicate with the public about municipal finance through our online course. Register here.

ONE Investment’s educational workshop is now available as an online course: self-paced, convenient and accessible. Registration for Investments 101 - The Foundation for a Municipal Investment Strategy is available until June 30, 2019. Register here.
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Careers
General Manager of Community Development - City of Greater Sudbury. Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer. Please submit your resume in confidence by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 23, 2019 by email, fax or mail to: Human Resources and Organizational Development Division, c/o The City of Greater Sudbury, P.O. Box 5000, Station "A", 200 Brady St., Sudbury ON P3A 5P3; fax: 705.673.3094; email: hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca.

Manager of Training & Development - Walkerton Clean Water Centre (WCWC). One (1) Full Time Permanent. The position is based in Walkerton, Ontario. For more information on this position and to apply online, please visit our website. The deadline to apply is Friday May 17, 2019 at 4 pm.

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AMO Matters
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Provincial Matters
The Ministry of Energy is hosting webinars for your 2019 energy reporting requirements. Annual Reporting Webinars will be held May 22 and June 5. CDM Plan Update Webinars will be held May 15, May 29 and June 12. No need to pre-register - just click on the link to join. Webinars run from 12 pm - 1 pm EST.

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Cannabis, cybersecurity, smart cities…what do they all have in common? They are subject matters at this year’s Risk Management Symposium at Casino Rama. Book your spot now for September 12 and 13, and take advantage of the accommodation discount. See you there!

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Town Hall Tuesdays are just around the corner. Don’t forget to register for any of the free online webinars starting May 14. They will be recorded and accessible for your future reference.

LAS
LAS Blog: ONE Investment has a variety of tools available to meet the future financial needs of your municipality. Check out the LAS Blog to learn more.
The twenty-first century is here, and as promised, we’re surrounded by technology. But with great advantages, also comes the drawbacks. Read our blog about cybersecurity and learn to protect yourself and your municipality.

ONE Investment
ONE Investment is inviting you to join the conversation about Prudent Investor to discuss your municipality’s needs, address concerns, and showcase ONE Investment’s solutions. We will be in Odessa on May 31 and Essex County on June 14. Visit the website to sign up or contact ONE@oneinvestmentprogram.ca for more details.

Careers
Director of Community and Development Services - Town of Lakeshore. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Qualified applicants interested in the position are to email a detailed resume outlining their qualifications to jobs@lakeshore.ca no later than 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 23, 2019 clearly indicating Director of Community and Development Services in the subject line.

Senior Planner - County of Hastings. Interested candidates may submit their resume and covering letter not later than 4:00 PM on Wednesday May 22, 2019 to Justin Harrow, County of Hastings, 235 Pinnacle Street, P. O. Bag 4400, Belleville, Ontario K8N 3A9, Fax: (613) 966-6775. If forwarding by email, please quote: “2019-NON-GG-153 - Your Name” within the subject line and submit your application to careers@hastingscounty.com.

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The 2018 Financial Information Returns of 24 municipalities are currently available to Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS) users. Access is free to all Ontario municipalities, creating opportunities to generate reports and compare data. Browse the MIDAS brochure to see what MIDAS can do for you. To get access, email midasadmin@amo.on.ca.

Eye on Events
If you missed our first Town Hall Tuesday webinar this week, Creating Energy Efficient Municipalities, you can watch it by clicking here. Learn about energy efficiency for your municipality. LAS’ next town hall is May 21, discussing commodities. Registration is free.

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Careers
Applications Analyst (Housing Information Systems) - City of Hamilton. Employment Term: Temporary Full-Time (Note: This vacancy is temporary for approximately twenty-four months due to special funding.) Department: Healthy & Safe Communities, Housing Services. Reports to: Program Manager, Homelessness, Policy & Programs. Please apply only online at Jobs at the City on or before May 22, 2019.
Road Safety Technologist # 23851 (Technologist II) - York Region. Department: Transportation Services, Roads & Traffic Operations Branch. Please apply online by May 31, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. As an alternative, you can apply via email to careers@york.ca; fax to 905.895.4232; mail or walk-in to 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 6Z1.

City Manager - City of Cambridge. Please contact Kartik Kumar at kartik.kumar@lesp.ca for more details and a complete position profile. Application Deadline - June 10, 2019.

Executive Director - Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (OAFC). For more information about the OAFC, please visit their website. Qualified candidates are invited to apply, in confidence, to: OAFC Executive Director Search, c/o The Portage Group (Attention Jack Shand, FCMC, Executive Partner), Email: oafc@portagegroup.com. Candidates are asked to include a statement of salary expectations. Interviews are expected to occur in June.

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