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# November 11, 2019

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November 1, 2019

#### Dear Head of Council:

Our government understands that municipalities are closest to the people. We also know that each municipality is unique, and one size does not fit all. This approach is reflected in a number of announcements that we have made recently, which are summarized below.

# **Regional Government Review**

After careful consideration of the feedback we heard through the course of the Regional Government Review that was launched in January 2019, and in consultation with my Cabinet colleagues, our government is committed to partnering with municipalities without pursuing a top-down approach. We will work collaboratively and in partnership, and we will not impose any changes on municipalities.

#### Renewal of funding programs to identify efficiencies

The government has announced \$143 million in funding for municipalities across the province to help lower costs and deliver important services to residents over the long term. The new programs include:

# Audit and Accountability Fund

We will extend funding for 39 large urban municipalities, by providing up to \$6 million annually for three years beginning in fiscal year 2020-21. More information on the application process will follow in the coming months.

# Municipal Modernization Program

O Building on Ontario's previous investment to modernize municipal service delivery, 405 small and rural municipalities will have access to an applicationbased program, which will provide up to \$125 million until 2022-23. The first round of funding under this program will be available in the current provincial fiscal year to support service delivery reviews, similar to the types of reviews eligible under the Audit and Accountability Fund. Details on eligibility and application process for this year's funding are coming soon.

# **Municipal Fiscal Year**

The government is committed to consulting with the municipal sector in 2020 on the alignment of the municipal fiscal year with the Province's. We believe municipalities will be able to provide valuable input regarding how the current budget cycles affect funding allocations for their programs – and if aligning the municipal and provincial budget cycles could enhance public transparency and improve program and service delivery.

# **Voters' List**

Our government is also proposing to work with Ontario's Chief Electoral Officer to eliminate duplication by combining the provincial and municipal voters' lists and giving Elections Ontario the responsibility of managing one voters' list.

# **Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund**

In addition, I would like to highlight that the Minister of Finance recently sent out letters to all Heads of Council regarding the 2020 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations. This is the earliest that OMPF allocations have ever been announced. As indicated in that letter, the government is maintaining the current structure of the OMPF for 2020.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to delivering efficient, effective and modern services to the people of Ontario. I look forward to continuing to work together to help the people and businesses in communities across our province thrive.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance



Legislative & Planning Services Department Office of the Regional Clerk 1151 Bronte Road Oakville ON L6M 3L1

October 29, 2019

Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills Jane McKenna, MPP, Burlington Parm Gill, MPP, Milton Stephen Crawford, MPP, Oakville Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP, Oakville North – Burlington Conservation Halton, Barb Veale Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Joshua Campbell Grand River Conservation Authority, Nancy Davy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Brad Allan Niagara Escarpment Commission, Debbie Ramsay City of Burlington, Angela Morgan Town of Halton Hills, Suzanne Jones Town of Milton, Troy McHarq Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, October 16, 2019, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION:** LPS103 –19 State of Aggregate Resources in Halton Region

- 1. THAT Report No. LPS103-19 re: "State of Aggregate Resources in Halton Region" be received for information.
- 2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS103-19 to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, the Grand River Conservation Authority, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and Halton's MPPs for their information.

Included please find a copy of Report No. LPS103-19 together with the document under separate cover entitled "2019 State of Aggregate Resources" for your information.

**Regional Municipality of Halton** 





If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

Graham Milne Regional Clerk

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October 29, 2019

Legislative & Planning Services Department Office of the Regional Clerk 1151 Bronte Road Oakville ON L6M 3L1

City of Burlington, Angela Morgan Town of Halton Hills, Suzanne Jones Town of Milton, Troy McHarg Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, October 16, 2019, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION:** LPS57-19 - 2018 State of Housing Report

- 1. THAT Report No. LPS57-19 Re: "2018 State of Housing Report" be received for information.
- 2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS57-19 to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville for their information.

Included please find a copy of Report No. LPS57-19 – 2018 State of Housing Report together with the document entitled "2018 State of Housing Report" under separate cover for your information.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

Graham Milne Regional Clerk

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**Regional Municipality of Halton** 







October 29, 2019

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The Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills Jane McKenna, MPP, Burlington Parm Gill, MPP, Milton Stephen Crawford, MPP, Oakville Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP, Oakville North – Burlington City of Burlington, Angela Morgan Town of Halton Hills, Suzanne Jones Town of Milton, Troy McHarg Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, October 16, 2019, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION:** PW-39-19 - Blue Box Transition to Full Producer Responsibility

- 1. THAT Report No. PW-39-19 re "Blue Box Transition to Full Producer Responsibility" be received for information.
- 2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. PW-39-19 to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville and Halton Area Members of Provincial Parliament for their information.

Included please find a copy of Report No. PW-39-19 for your information.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

Graham Milne Regional Clerk

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Regional Municipality of Halton







Legislative & Planning Services Department Office of the Regional Clerk 1151 Bronte Road Oakville ON L6M 3L1

October 29, 2019

Burlington Hydro, Gerry Smallegange Halton Hills Hydro, Art Skidmore Milton Hydro, Frank Lasowski Oakville Hydro, Rob Lister City of Burlington, Angela Morgan Town of Halton Hills, Suzanne Jones Town of Milton, Troy McHarq Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, October 16, 2019, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

PW-45-19/FN-35-19 – Long Term Water Meter Strategy **RESOLUTION: Implementation Plan** 

- 1. THAT the Implementation Plan as outlined in Report No. PW-45-19/FN-35-19 re: "Long Term Water Meter Strategy – Implementation Plan" be approved.
- 2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. PW-45-19/FN-35-19 to the Local Hydro Commissions, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville for their information.

Included please find a copy of Report No. PW-45-19/FN-35-19 for your information. Please note that the resolution adopted by Council differs from the staff recommendation in the report.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

Graham Milne Regional Clerk

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Regional Municipality of Halton







October 25, 2019

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

# Subject: Tarion Warranty Corporation

At its meeting on October 22, 2019, Oakville Town Council approved the following resolution with respect to the subject item noted above:

WHEREAS the Tarion Warranty Corporation (Tarion, henceforth) was established in 1976 via the Ontario New Home Warranties Act and is a non-profit entity in Ontario;

WHEREAS Tarion's primary purpose should be to protect new home buyers by ensuring that builders abide by provincial legislation; WHEREAS Tarion currently holds a monopoly in this space as it is the only new home insurer, the only authority for recourse or new home management for new home buyers;

WHEREAS Tarion is a self-policing corporation financed entirely by builder registration, renewal and home enrollment fees which are largely passed on to the home buyer;

WHEREAS homes being built in Oakville and all over Ontario are not meeting consumer expectations as the minimum threshold for occupancy is set forth in the Ontario Building Code and while deemed safe, these are not quality living standards;

WHEREAS the More Homes, More Choices Act indicates that all municipalities should expect an increase in new homes and the subsequent issues the homes create for residents and municipalities;

WHEREAS on February 20, 2019 via a Backgrounder, the Ontario Government indicated it was undertaking a review of the Tarion Warranty Corporation to "strengthen consumer protection and make lives easier for Ontarians." Page 2

October 25, 2019

**Subject: Tarion Warranty Corporation** 

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT THE Council of the Town of Oakville request that the Ontario Government, at minimum, proceed with the guidelines set forth in the Backgrounder from February 20, 2019 which are:

- Strengthening Tarion's Governance and Oversight
- Establish a Separate Regulator for New Home Builds
- Conduct Multi-Provider Insurance Model Analysis
- Better Informing Consumers Buying Pre-Construction Condominiums;

THAT the Ontario government initiate a consultation process with all stakeholders including municipalities and constituents to best understand the concerns around the New Home Warranty process and an update to the Ontario Building Code to address these concerns; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Region of Halton, Halton MP's and MPP's, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Premier of Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for information.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact me at 905-845-6601, extension 2003, or email vicki.tytaneck@oakville.ca.

Sincerely,

Vicki Tytaneck Town Clerk

e-copy:

City of Burlington
Town of Halton Hills
Town of Milton
Region of Halton
Stephen Crawford, MPP, Oakville
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Wellington-Halton Hills

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Lisa Raitt, MP, Halton
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Karina Gould, MP, Burlington
Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and
Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities



October 18, 2019

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Provincial Policy Statement Review – Proposed Policies

Submitted via the Environmental Registry of Ontario

RE: 2019 Provincial Policy Statement Review

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 16, 2019, considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

That the County of Wellington report regarding the 2019 Provincial Policy Statement be received; and

That Council supports the County of Wellington's position with respect to the 2019 Provincial Policy Statement; and

That Council directs staff to submit the County of Wellington comments to the EBR and to endorse the County of Wellington's comments by way of forwarding the comments to all municipalities.

On behalf of the Mayor and Members of Council, please accept the Township of Puslinch comments with respect to the Provincial Policy Statement Review of Proposed Policies.



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# COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

# **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**To:** Chair and Members of the Planning Committee

**From:** Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019

Subject: 2019 Provincial Policy Statement Review

# 1.0 Background

To further support its Housing Supply Action Plan and other priorities, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is consulting on proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). Comments are requested prior to October 20, 2019 (EBR Registry Number #019-0279).

The current PPS, which came into effect April 30, 2014, provides overall policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development across Ontario. Where provincial plans are in effect (such as the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Greenbelt Plan in Wellington), such plans:

- provide additional, and in some cases, more specific land use planning policies
- take precedence over the policies of the PPS in the event of a conflict

Where policies in the PPS do not overlap with policies in provincial plans, the policies of the PPS must be independently satisfied.

This report provides an overview of the key policy changes and responds briefly to questions posed by the province in the consultation documents.

# 2.0 Key Changes to the Provincial Policy Statement

Many of the proposed changes appear to have little impact on the County as they:

- 1. harmonize the PPS with the 2019 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe ("Growth Plan") which already applies to Wellington; or
- 2. the Growth Plan policies are more specific/restrictive than the draft PPS.

In other respects, staff have identified the following key areas with the greatest impact on land use planning in Wellington County.

#### Agriculture

Current PPS policies allow for planning authorities to permit non-agricultural uses in prime agricultural areas subject to meeting specific criteria. Some examples of non-agricultural uses include manufacturing, automobile sales, golf courses, and campgrounds. The draft policies remove the criterion that the proposed use "complies with the minimum distance separation formulae" (MDS). Instead, impacts on surrounding agricultural operations and lands are to be "informed by provincial guidelines". This is more permissive when compared to language used elsewhere in the PPS, such as "in accordance with provincial guidelines". While the wording would allow for consideration of guidelines in addition to MDS, such as the "Guidelines on Permitted Uses in

Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas" we have questions about what these changes mean for MDS implementation.

# **Mineral Aggregates**

Changes to subsection 2.5.2.4 include additional policy direction that depth of extraction be addressed through processes under the Aggregate Resources Act. The intent of the new wording is unclear and we are concerned that it may be meant to remove the ability of municipalities to continue to use vertical zoning to regulate extraction below the water table.

For gravel pits outside of the Greenbelt area and subject to satisfactory long-term rehabilitation, draft policies allow consideration of extraction in provincially significant wetlands (applies to areas outside of the County), woodlands, valleylands, wildlife habitat, areas of natural and scientific interest; fish habitat; and habitat of endangered species and threatened species. The Growth Plan is more restrictive for some features, but overall, the more permissive draft policies would appear to allow interim negative impacts to features and areas in favour of potential long-term environmental benefits through rehabilitation.

### **Indigenous Consultation**

New requirement for planning authorities to:

- engage with Indigenous communities and coordinate on land use planning matters; and
- engage with Indigenous communities and consider their interests when identifying, protecting and managing cultural heritage and archaeological resources.

### **Extension of Planning Horizon**

The planning horizon is extended from 20 to 25 years. We do not know whether the province intends to address this change in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, which provides a growth forecast to 2041.

#### Housing

The province has changed housing policies and related terms in an effort to encourage a greater mix and supply of housing. For example, a new term "housing options" provides more specific policy direction about housing types. The draft policies increase the required supply of land for residential growth from ten years to twelve years. Municipalities are also given the option to maintain land with servicing capacity to provide a five-year supply of residential units (up from three). Overall, these changes appear to be positive, but we will continue to assess as more information becomes available.

#### **Servicing Hierarchy and Private Communal Services**

The draft PPS clarifies that the servicing hierarchy supports protecting the environment, human health and safety. With that in mind, upper-tier municipalities are required to work with lower-tier municipalities to assess long-term impacts of individual services on environmental health and character of rural settlement areas and the feasibility of full municipal services or private communal services. Policies specify that communal services are preferred for development of multiple residential units/lots where municipal services are not available, planned or feasible.

### **Land Use Compatibility**

Stronger protection is provided for existing or planned major facilities (including industries, manufacturing uses, other facilities and infrastructure) from proposed sensitive lands uses (such as residences, day care centres, etc.).

# 3.0 Comments

Qu	estions from Ministry	Response
1.	Do the proposed policies effectively support goals related to increasing housing supply, creating and maintaining jobs, and red tape reduction while continuing to protect the environment, farmland, and public health and safety?	The PPS has become much less relevant to Wellington because of the more specific, more restrictive, same or similar policies of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.  The Province should consider fully implementing the PPS in the Greater Golden Horseshoe through one policy document - the provincial Growth Plan. This would reduce red tape by eliminating policy duplication and streamline the review of development applications.
2.	Do the proposed policies strike the right balance? Why or why not?	<ul> <li>The policy changes for mineral aggregate resources do not effectively balance the need:</li> <li>for local Council input regarding depth of extraction as below water table extraction is a permanent change to the landscape</li> <li>to protect the environment by allowing extraction to be considered within natural heritage features and areas</li> <li>We do not support these permissive aggregate policies in the draft PPS, particularly in areas of the County where there is a high concentration of gravel pits.</li> </ul>
3.	How do these policies take into consideration the views of Ontario communities?	See response to question 1.
4.	Are there any other policy changes that are needed to support key priorities for housing, job creation, and streamlining of development approvals?	See response to question 1.
5.	Are there other tools that are needed to help implement the proposed policies?	The province should support municipalities and housing developers by researching and sharing best practices to facilitate a greater mix of housing options and increase the supply of affordable rental accommodations.

We have reported on the PPS review at this time to ensure that County Council may consider these comments prior to the October 20, 2019 deadline. We will be attending an information session with the province September 9 and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is working on a response. Planning staff may augment this report if we become aware of new information of relevance to Wellington.

# Recommendation

That the report "2019 Provincial Policy Statement Review" be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and be circulated to member municipalities in Wellington County.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Wilhelm, BES, MCIP, RPP

Manager of Policy Planning



October 10, 2019

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**SENT BY MAIL** 

Town of Halton Hills 1 Halton Hills Drive Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2

Attention: Mayor Rick Bonnette

Dear Sir

RE: RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO TO REVIEW AND IMPLEMENT A DEPOSIT / RETURN PROGRAM FOR ALL SINGLE USE PLASTIC, ALUMINIUM AND METAL DRINK CONTAINERS

Please be advised that at the August 13, 2019 Township of Mapleton Council meeting, the following resolution was carried:

THAT Township of Mapleton Council hereby supports Town of Halton Hills "Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities", re: encourage a program of deposit and return on single use plastics, which is common in other provinces.

Should you have questions, please contact the undersigned.

Kind Regards

Larry Wheeler

Municipal Deputy Clerk

# La Corporation de la Ville de Hearst



# The Corporation of the Town of Hearst

October 15, 2019

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier Legislative Building Rm 281, Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

# **RE: Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities**

Dear Premier Ford:

Please find enclosed a certified true copy of the Corporation of the Town of Hearst Municipal Council Resolution No. 304-19 in support to the Town of Halton Hills's resolution requesting the Province to review and implement a deposit/ return program for all single use plastic, aluminum and metal drink containers, to review current producer requirements and to look for extended producer responsibility for all packaging.

Sincerely Yours,

Janine Lecours

Clerk

Enc.

Cc: The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills

Guy Bourgouin, MPP, Mushkegowuk - James Bay

Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

# GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

*NOVEMBER 11, 2019* 

# Corporation de la Ville de Hearst/Corporation of the Town of Hearst

HEARST

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# COPIE CERTIFIÉE – CERTIFIED COPY

Résolution No.

304-19

Proposée par: Conseiller Daniel Lemaire Appuyée par: Conseiller Gaëtan Baillargeon

QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU que le Conseil appuie la Résolution no. 2019-0141 de la Ville de Halton Hills demandant à la Province d'étudier et mettre en œuvre un programme de dépôt/retour pour les contenants en plastique à usage unique, et les récipients de boissons en aluminium et en métal, de revoir les exigences actuelles pour les producteurs, et de regarder à étendre la responsabilité des producteurs pour tous les types d'emballage, et

QU'IL SOIT EN OUTRE RÉSOLU de faire parvenir une copie de cette résolution au MPP Guy Bourgouin.

**ADOPTÉE** 

Proposed by: Councillor Daniel Lemaire

Seconded by: Councillor Gaëtan Baillargeon

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports Resolution No. 2019-0141 of the Town of Halton Hills requesting the Province to review and implement a deposit/return program for all single use plastic, aluminum and metal drink containers, to review current producer requirements and to look for extended producer responsibility for all packaging, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Guy Bourgouin, MPP.

CARRIED

Adoptée lors de l'assemblée du Conseil tenue le

Adopted by Council during a meeting held on

October 8 octobre 2019

Janine Lecours, Greffier /Clerk



October 17, 2019

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier Legislative Building Rm. 281, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Premier Ford.

Re: Support for Continuation of Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Programs of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA)

Please be advised that at its Regular meeting held on October 15, 2019, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll passed the following resolution:

# Moved by Councillor Petrie; seconded by Councillor Van Kooten-Bossence

**C19-10-319 WHEREAS** the Town of Ingersoll and the County of Oxford are environmentally conscious communities.

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Ingersoll is a member of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and has a representative on the board of directors of the UTRCA through Oxford County.

AND WHEREAS the board of directors determines the policies, priorities and budget of the UTRCA.

**AND WHEREAS** the UTRCA provides the County of Oxford and Ingersoll with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the Town of Ingersoll and the County of Oxford does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience.

**AND WHEREAS** the UTRCA provides programs to the residents of Ingersoll, County of Oxford and other member municipalities that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, reduction of vegetation loss and soil erosion, preservation of species at risk as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that the Town of Ingersoll supports continuation of the programs of the UTRCA, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs of the UTRCA or of the other Conservation Authorities in Ontario be "wound down" at this time and informs the County of Oxford of Ingersoll's support of these programs.

**AND THAT**, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future.



AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the County of Oxford, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ernie Hardeman, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

**CARRIED** 

Sincerely,

Michael Graves

Director of Corporate Services/Clerk-Deputy CAO

Town of Ingersoll

Cc. The Honourable Jeff Yurek; Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, The Hourable Ernie Hardeman; Oxford County MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.



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October 21, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority 8195 8<sup>th</sup> Line Utopia ON, L0M 1T0

# **RE: Conservation Authority Levies**

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 16, 2019, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

#### C456-2019

Moved by: Coughlin Seconded by: Cabral

Whereas the Township of Springwater supports the objects of balance on conservation, environmental stewardship, and sustainability to anchor its operations, planning, services, and strategic vision;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater understands the need for both the Province and its municipalities to deliver clear, costed, and sustainable programs and services for taxpayers;

And Whereas both tiers of government must assess all programs and services to eliminate duplication and balance costs on tests of affordability, health, safety, and environmental stewardship;

And Whereas the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks signaled on August 16, 2019 of a need for conservation authorities to re-focus their operations related to core mandates as currently defined in the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its prescribed regulations;

And Whereas the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks signaled on August 16, 2019 that Conservation Authorities should not proceed with any increases to fees or levies;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater supports any Provincial effort to require its municipal levy only apply to core mandated programs and services;

And That this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario, signaling the Township of Springwater's

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support of the Province's review, consultations and development of an updated Conservation Authorities Act and the willingness to participate in all consultations and submissions to the same.

# **Carried**

Sincerely,

Renée Chaperon

Clerk /cp

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks

The County of Simcoe Conservation Ontario Ontario municipalities

**Ontario Conservation Authorities** 

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**Clerk's Department** 



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October 21, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority 8195 8<sup>th</sup> Line Utopia ON, L0M 1T0

# **RE: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy**

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 16, 2019, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

#### C457-2019

Moved by: Coughlin Seconded by: Moore

Whereas the Township of Springwater, like all municipalities in Ontario must confront fiscal limitations and re-evaluate programs, services, and the financial sustainability of each;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater is a constituent municipality in portions of the watershed under the jurisdiction of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and is compelled to remit non-negotiable levy funding to the Authority on an annual basis;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater cannot exercise line-item scrutiny of Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's budget and operations nor does the Authority itself provide detailed substantiation of the same to its member municipalities like the Township of Springwater;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater must account for all taxpayer funds it expends within its operations and that it forwards to local agencies and boards;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater requests that the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority provide prior to passage of its 2020 budget the following:

- (1) Its interpretation and understanding of its mandated operations as found in the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c.C.27 and its prescribed regulations;
- (2) The costs of each as determined under (1);
- (3) Detailed definitions and determinations of what can be characterized as non-mandatory programming and service(s);

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- (4) The costs of each as determined under (3);
- (5) Detailed definitions and determinations of fee-for-service activities of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the revenues they generate as the activities take place within and/or requests originate from geographic area of the Township of Springwater; and
- (6) The costs that arise from programs and services enabled through the Memorandum of Understanding with the Severn Sound Environmental Association.

And That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario.

#### **Carried**

Sincerely,

Renée Chaperon

Clerk /cp

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks

The County of Simcoe

Conservation Ontario

Ontario municipalities

**Ontario Conservation Authorities** 

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# The Municipality of West Elgin

22413 Hoskins Line, Box 490, Rodney Ontario NOL 2CO

October 11, 2019

At the Regular Meeting of Council on October 10, 2019, the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin passed the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2019-531

Moved: Deputy Mayor Leatham

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby supports the Resolution of the Town of Penetanguishene regarding Municipal Amalgamation as attached.

**Disposition: Carried** 



# Town of /Ville de Penetanguishene

October 2, 2019

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

Delivered by Email to: doug.ford@pc.ola.org

#### BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier:

# RE: Resolution from the Town of Penetanguishene – Municipal Amalgamation

As you are aware, the Town of Penetanguishene, Township of Tay and Township of Tiny provided a joint letter response on June 5, 2019 regarding the Regional Governance Review.

Please also be advised that the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene, during their September 25, 2019 Council meeting and at the request of the Township of McKellar, adopted the following resolution:

"WHEREAS there are 444 municipalities in Ontario that are very efficient and well governed, and who respond quickly to ratepayer's needs;

AND WHEREAS in the 1990's the Conservative Government forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes;

AND WHERAS forced amalgamation actually accomplished just the opposite: ill feelings, increased animosity and mistrust, job losses, rise in local taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborate and cooperative manner via, shared agreements that responds to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;





AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has a large deficit due to their own decision-making;

AND WHEREAS recently the same Conservative Government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50%, without "consultation";

AND WHERAS this same Conservative Government is presently reviewing other provincial regional governments through a purported "consultative" approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government should investigate all other internal ways of reducing their deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS the Province could look at what other provinces have done to reduce the debt with one singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, controlling OPP costs, substantially increase fines, and find a way to collect millions and millions of dollars in unpaid fines and instead, invest in the north to create jobs and stimulate and enhance economic development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization go beyond requesting "consultation" and "demand" that the Provincial Government do the following:

- 1. Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not.
- 2. Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduce the provincial deficit.
- 3. Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suit their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time line and volition.
- 4. To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process.
- 5. To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of



Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration."

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Stacey Cooper, Clerk Town of Penetanguishene

C. Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier
 Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs
 MPP's in the Province of Ontario
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
 Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA)
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 All Ontario Municipalities



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October 11, 2019

At the Regular Meeting of Council on October 10, 2019, the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin passed the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2019-530

Moved: Councillor Rowe Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby supports the Resolution of Town of the Blue Mountains regarding Integrity Commissioner Matters as attached.

**Disposition: Carried** 



# Town of The Blue Mountains 32 Mill Street, Box 310 THORNBURY, ON NOH 2P0 https://www.thebluemountains.ca

**OFFICE OF:** Mayor Alar Soever Email: <a href="mailto:asoever@thebluemountains.ca">asoever@thebluemountains.ca</a>

Phone: 519-599-3131 Ext 400

#### Sent via E-mail

October 4, 2019

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Steve Clark | Minister | minister.mah@ontario.ca 777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

Dear Minister Clark,

#### RE: Integrity Commission Matters

Since the Province required all municipalities to have Integrity Commissioners ("ICs"), we have noted that although this is a quasi-judicial role, few if any decisions by Integrity Commissioners refer to British Common Law precedents, or any precedents for that matter.

In addition, there seems to be quite a difference of opinion on matters between Integrity Commissioners. As an example, our IC takes the position that in all cases the Complainant should never be named in a report, even when they are another member of Council, while at the County level, our County IC, states that she would almost always name the complainant in these circumstances, unless it was a personal matter. Her test would be whether it was a matter of public interest.

As a result of this confusion on behalf of the Town of The Blue Mountains, please note the following resolution passed by Council on September 30, 2019:

Moved by:

**Rob Potter** 

Seconded by:

Peter Bordignon

WHEREAS the system of justice in Ontario is based on the British system of Common Law which bases decisions on legal precedents;

AND WHEREAS the decisions of Integrity Commissioners in settled cases could provide guidance to all involved in Municipal Government in Ontario as well as to the people they serve;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Code of Conduct Sub-Committee recommends that the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing create a searchable database of all matters placed before all Integrity Commissioners within the province and the resolution of such matters;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario via the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Carried.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Yours Truly,

Mayor Alar Soever

Town of The Blue Mountains

CC:

Mayor and Council, Town of The Blue Mountains (via e-mail) Shawn Everitt, CAO, Town of The Blue Mountains (via email)

Municipalities in Ontario (via-email)





October 17, 2019

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- Register today for upcoming Blue Box meetings.
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- Designing energy efficient projects for BPS institutions.
- Lambton County resolution concerning Public Health Care.
- Netherlands pilgrimage to honour Canadian Veterans.
- Careers with AMO and Sarnia.

#### **AMO Matters**

Add your council's voice seeking liability and insurance cost reforms - Municipal councils are encouraged to endorse AMO's paper. The Attorney General will accept submissions until November 1, 2019. Details are here.

AMO and the Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF) are hosting a series of FREE in-person meetings in October and November on Blue Box. For details and to register for a session, click here.

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#### Eye on Events

AMO's Fall Policy Forum, Still on the Front Lines, is a week away but there is still time to register. Don't miss remarks from the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs, Steve Clarke. Join your colleagues as you learn and think about important matters including; a post federal election round up and implications for Ontario, human resource strategies and important changes and considerations to local health, planning and waste. Register today and see the full program.

Initial 2020 ROMA Conference program details are listed on the website - please be sure to arrive

ONE Investment workshops: Learn What, Why and How of investing in the municipal sector. What are the different investment options available to your municipality? Why municipalities need to invest. And how the release of the Prudent Investor Standard provides broader investment options. For registration and information <u>click here</u>. Need help? Call us at 416.971.9856 x351.

#### LAS

The federal election is coming soon, and the results will have an impact on Ontario municipalities. Check out the LAS Blog to hear from the AMO Policy Team on what to watch for in the campaign.

The Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk College is partnering with LAS/Stephen Dixon to offer a 3-day energy efficiency workshop for the BPS on Nov 5, 6 and 7. Learn how to build and apply fundamental energy management concepts in a work environment. Register today to attend one or more days!

#### **Municipal Wire**

The County of Lambton <u>resolution</u> calls upon the Ontario government to halt the closures of, mergers of, and cuts to our local health care services including Public Health Units, land ambulance services, hospitals and Long-Term Care Homes.

<u>In Our Fathers' Footsteps</u> is an initiative by a member of the City of Guelph community to rally 200 descendants of Dutch liberators to walk in their fathers' footsteps in the Netherlands. This event in May 2020 will coincide with the 75th anniversary of the WWII liberation of the Netherlands.

#### **Careers**

<u>Policy Advisor AMO</u>. As member of the policy team, the Policy Advisor provides professional policy advice to Senior Advisors, Director of Policy, Executive Director and the Board of Directors. Please apply in confidence by Monday, October 21, by email to: <u>careers@amo.on.ca</u>.

Manager of Development & Transportation - City of Sarnia. Reports to: Director of Engineering. Closing Date: October 31, 2019. Candidates are invited to submit a resume in confidence to <a href="mailto:hr@sarnia.ca">hr@sarnia.ca</a> indicating "2019-052 - Manager of Development & Transportation".

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October 24, 2019

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- 2020 Youth Fellows Program Deadline for applications is November 1.
- AMO partners with barrier-free web solution provider.
- Municipal health and safety compliance.
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- FCM scholarships for young women.
- ONE Investment fall workshops Upcoming in Peterborough & Brockville.
- LAS Blog: Natural Gas Program price change notice.
- Explore cooperative purchasing with LAS.
- Designing energy efficient projects for BPS institutions.
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- Career with Town of Goderich.

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AMO is <u>partnering</u> with eSolutionsGroup to offer members cost-effective website solutions that meet accessibility requirements and ensure that residents can access information and online municipal services. Stay tuned to AMO communications for further details about this new partnership.

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#### **Federal Matters**

FCM's Canadian Women in Municipal Government Scholarship and the Mayor Andrée P. Boucher Memorial Scholarship <u>applications</u> are available for young women in high school, CEGEP, university and college. FCM has established the two scholarships to support young women who demonstrate leadership and interest in local government, and to encourage others to get involved in their community. Deadline: January 10, 2020.

#### **Eye on Events**

ONE Investment workshops: Learn What, Why and How of investing in the municipal sector. What are

how the release of the Prudent Investor Standard provides broader investment options. For registration and information click here. Need help? Call us at 416.971.9856 x351.

#### LAS

LAS Blog: Natural gas pricing has been announced for the 2019-2020 period. Check out the LAS Blog for full details.

If your municipality allows for cooperative purchasing, then why not explore LAS' <u>Municipal Group Buying Program</u>. Join the growing number who get preferred pricing on everything from pens to fire trucks! Contact Ainsley or Tanner to learn more!

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

The County of Lennox & Addington <u>resolution</u> supports the Mayors & Reeves in the surrounding areas, to insist that the IJC Plan 2014 be altered to lower Lake Ontario and tributary levels to a point where flooding is eliminated.

#### **Careers**

<u>Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Goderich</u>. Application Deadline: 4:00 p.m., November 5, 2019. To learn more about this leadership opportunity, please visit Goderich <u>Career Opportunities</u>. Please email a cover letter and resume in one PDF document to <u>goderichinfo@goderich.ca</u> or, mail or drop off to the following address: Town of Goderich – Attention: Human Resources, 57 West St., Goderich, Ontario N7A 2K5. Phone: 519.524.8344.

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- Careers with Town of Perth and The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation.

#### **AMO Matters**

Listen now: AMO Executive Director Brian Rosborough chats about his approach to the role, municipal priorities for the 2020 Budget, and more. Listen wherever you get your podcasts, or <u>stream here</u>.

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#### **Eye on Events**

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#### LAS

LAS Blog: Scary things can happen to investments but don't get spooked! Check out the LAS blog to learn how to survive the scary season with your finances intact.

#### Careers

Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Perth. Applicants are invited to submit covering letters and resumes no later than Friday, November 15, 2019 at 12:00 noon to the attention of CAO Selection

Executive Director - The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation (BMAHC). Employment Term: 24 month contract (35 hours per week). A detailed job description and instructions on how to apply are available on the Town of The Blue Mountain's website, under Town Hall - Employment Opportunities. Information about The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation can be found here.

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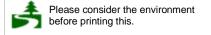
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