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May 25, 2020**

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April 27, 2020	Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville form Halton Mayors Recovery Coordination Group
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May 12, 2020	Town Continues to Attract Investment and Jobs to the Premier Gateway



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March 4, 2020

The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
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Dear Minister Lecce,

On behalf of Halton Regional Council, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on an important issue that has been brought to your attention, and request that you draw your immediate attention to. At its meeting held Wednesday, February 12, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Mental Health Education in Secondary Schools

WHEREAS one in four secondary school students and one in five elementary school students in Halton have reported signs of moderate to high anxiety, and 24% of secondary students in Halton have reported signs of moderate to high depression;

WHEREAS the diagnoses of mental disorders begins to increase dramatically between ages 13 to 15 years, it is essential that young people be able to have the knowledge, attitudes and competencies to help themselves and others if necessary;

WHEREAS students need to understand signs and symptoms of mental distress and their treatments, how to look after their own mental health and where to get help;

WHEREAS schools are uniquely positioned to provide students with mental health education, giving students the tools they need to navigate mental health problems they might encounter, and to recognize when a friend or loved one might be struggling;

WHEREAS mental health awareness and education are necessary in high schools to support the well-being of all students;

WHEREAS open and honest discussion about mental health reduces the stigma that surrounds it;

Regional Municipality of Halton

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Halton Regional Council request that the Province of Ontario enhance mental health education and programming in Ontario's secondary school curriculum;

AND THAT the Regional Chair write a letter to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education making Council's request, and that a copy of the letter be forwarded to Michael Tibollo, the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the four Halton School Boards and their respective Trustees, the Ontario Public and Secondary School Trustee Associations and the Local Municipalities for their information.

Thank you for taking the time to look into this issue and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

cc: The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills
Jane McKenna, MPP, Burlington
Parm Gill, MPP, Milton
Stephen Crawford, MPP, Oakville
Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP, Oakville North-Burlington
Andrea Grebenc, Chair, Halton District School Board
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Donna Danielli, Trustee, Halton District School Board
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Tanya Rocha, Trustee, Halton District School Board
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Nick Milanetti, Executive Director, Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
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Suzanne Jones, Clerk, Town of Halton Hills
Meghan Reid, Clerk, Town of Milton
Vicki Tytaneck, Clerk, Town of Oakville



April 24, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL TO:

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Subject: Bill 108 - More Homes More Choice Act – Update

At its meeting on April 23, 2020, Oakville Town Council approved the following resolution with respect to the subject item noted above:

1. *That the report titled "Bill 108 - More Homes, More Choice Act - Update", dated March 18, 2020, be received.*
2. *That the use of the prime lending rate of the town's financial institution as the interest rate for the development charge rate freeze and deferrals as permitted in the Development Charges Act, 1997 be approved.*
3. *That staff be delegated authority to enter into agreements confirming terms of payment or advancing the timing of payments under section 27 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, for developments subject to development charge deferrals to the satisfaction of the Treasurer and Town Solicitor.*

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April 24, 2020

Subject: Bill 108 - More Homes More Choice Act – Update

4. *That staff be authorized to make submission to the Province in response to this and any other proposals related to Bill 108 should the Province's comment deadline preclude a prior report to Council.*
5. *That the comments within the report titled "Bill 108 - More Homes, More Choice Act - Update", dated March 18, 2020, related to the proposed regulatory matters pertaining to the community benefits charge authority be endorsed as the Town of Oakville's response to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Proposal No. 019-1406, and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing prior to the March 30, 2020 commenting deadline.*
6. *That the Province be requested to consult with municipalities prior to issuing final regulations pertaining to the community benefits charge authority.*
7. *That the Town Clerk forward a link to the report titled "Bill 108 - More Homes, More Choice Act - Update," dated March 18, 2020, along with the Council resolution, to Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Halton Region, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and all members of the Legislature for information.*

The *Bill 108 - More Homes, More Choice Act – Update* report can be found through this link: [Staff Report](#)

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

Sincerely,

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Vicki Tytaneck
Town Clerk



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March 3, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier's Office
Room 281
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Dear Premier:

RE: Proposed CN Milton Logistics Hub

Please be advised that Milton Council, at its meeting held on March 2, 2020, considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

WHEREAS as outlined in Report LPS69-19 re: "Proposed CN Milton Logistics Hub" and Report LPS78-19 re: "CEAA Panel Review of the Proposed CN Milton Logistics Hub" the Halton Municipalities participated in the Review Panel hearing process for the proposed CN Milton Logistics Hub during the spring/summer of 2019;

WHEREAS the submissions of the Halton Municipalities included detailed expert predictions that the Proposed CN Milton Logistics Hub was likely to cause multiple significant adverse environmental effects;

WHEREAS the Review Panel released its report on the Proposed CN Milton Logistics Hub on January 27th, 2020;

WHEREAS the Review Panel concluded that the proposed CN Milton Logistics Hub is itself likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects on air quality and on human health as it relates to air quality and is also likely to cause significant adverse cumulative environmental effects on air quality, human health, wildlife habitat and the availability of agricultural land;

WHEREAS the Review Panel conclusions on Project effects and cumulative effects fail to fully address the significance of all effects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Federal Government be told that based on the submissions provided by the Halton Municipalities and other agencies, the panel conclusions on those effects that it fully addressed, and the additional significant effects that are likely to occur, the Minister must refer this matter to cabinet and support cabinet in concluding that the significant effects of this Project are not justified in the



circumstances, and refuse any federal approval of the Proposed CN Milton Logistics Hub;

THAT the Regional Chair be authorized to send a letter to the Prime Minister, the Minister of the Environment, the Federal Cabinet, the leaders of the federal Opposition parties and all Halton area Members of Parliament informing them that, on the basis of the significant adverse effects likely to occur from this Project, and information before the Panel that challenges any justification for these significant effects, Halton Region does not support any federal approval of the Proposed CN Milton Logistics Hub;

THAT Halton Region continue to participate in the EA process by presenting the interests and concerns of Halton and the Halton municipalities to the Federal government;

THAT staff be authorized and directed to take any and all actions related to the proposed CN Milton Logistics Hub as outlined in closed session;

THAT a copy of this resolution and the public presentation provided to Regional Council be forwarded to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville and Conservation Halton, Halton MP's and MPP's, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Attorney General of Ontario for their information.

On behalf of the Mayor and Members of Council, please accept this letter for your information and consideration.

Yours very truly

Brett Stein
Legislative Administrator
The Town Clerk's Division
Corporate Services

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Hon. Michael Chong, M.P.
Wellington-Halton Hills



CANADA

L'hon. Michael Chong, député
Wellington-Halton Hills

April 29, 2020

The Honourable Bill Morneau, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Finance
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The Honourable Anita Anand, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada
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Dear Minister Morneau and Minister Anand,

I am forwarding a letter from the Chair of the Regional Municipality of Halton, Mr. Gary Carr, addressed to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Halton Region is requesting formal assistance to expedite the provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Ontario and Halton Region.

Halton Region is requesting Nasal Pharyngeal, swabs, N95 and surgical masks, sanitizer wipes and gel. I support their request as there is an ever-increasing need to meet testing requirements and protect front line health care workers in the region.

I trust that Halton Region's request will be taken into careful consideration. Please respond to Mr. Carr directly at the following address and copy me on your reply:

Mr. Gary Carr
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Thank you for your attention to this matter and do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Michael Chong, P.C., M.P.

✓ cc: Mayor Rick Bonnette
encl.



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March 10, 2020

Sent Via Email:

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March 10, 2020

SUBJECT: CITY POSITION ON EXPANDED CANNABIS SALE AND
CONSUMPTION

Please be advised that at its meeting held Monday, March 09, 2020, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas the City of Burlington opted-in to allow the legal sale of cannabis in 2019 and recognizes authorized retailers as a legitimate part of our business community; and

Whereas the City of Burlington has no objection to the incremental business opportunities being explored by the government of Ontario announced on December 12, 2019 including the move to an open market for retail cannabis sales; and

Whereas on February 10th, 2020, the government of Ontario announced they were launching consultations to provide consumers more choice and convenience on cannabis while giving the private sector enhanced ability to compete against and combat the criminal market; and

Whereas the government of Ontario is asking Ontarians to share their feedback before March 10th, 2020 as they explore certain expanded cannabis-related business opportunities to help inform possible next steps; and

Whereas the online consultation asks the public, businesses, health and other stakeholders to comment on potential new cannabis opportunities, including consumption venues such as cannabis 'lounges' where people could buy and consume cannabis and special occasion permits to allow purchase and use at events such as outdoor festivals and concerts; and

Whereas smoking and vaping of any substances, including cannabis, in Burlington are prohibited in indoor public places and other designated areas under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act of 2017; and

Whereas the City of Burlington conducted a public survey between February 14th and February 23rd seeking input on the future of cannabis sale and use in consumption venues such as cannabis 'lounges' and at public events such as outdoor festivals and concerts and found that, of 969 respondents:

- 50% were in favour of allowing the sale and consumption of cannabis in places like cannabis lounges and cafés (5% undecided, 45% not in favour)
- 57% were not in favour of allowing the sale and consumption of cannabis at festivals and events such as music or food festivals, etc. (3% undecided, 40% in favour)

- 67% felt that municipalities should be able to decide/govern the sale and consumption of cannabis in cafés and lounges (11% undecided, 23% not in favour)
- 72% felt that municipalities should be able to decide/govern the sale and consumption of cannabis at special events (7% undecided, 21% not in favour); and

Whereas we do not yet have an understanding of whether any restrictions would be placed on the sale and consumption of additional regulated substances, such as alcohol, at the same locations as cannabis products; and

Whereas we do not yet have enough information on the impacts of consuming cannabis products in public places and whether additional safety protocols must be in place such as setting limits to avoid over consumption at those establishments;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

The Council of the City of Burlington is not yet open to the sale and consumption of edible cannabis products in additional locations such as cafes and lounges until we have a better understanding of the impact of consumption in public places nor the impact of their consumption in combination with other regulated substances such as alcohol; and

That the City of Burlington does not support the sale or consumption of any cannabis products in public spaces or at public events such as outdoor festivals and concerts; and

That we ask the Government of Ontario to allow municipalities to make their own local decisions on these matters and permissions; and

That we ask the Government of Ontario to ensure that no additional permissions on the use of cannabis would be granted in such a manner as to contravene the Smoke-Free Ontario Act of 2017 or any Halton Region by-laws that exist at the time of their decision; and

That we ask the Government of Ontario to formulate responsible consumption regulations and guidelines to reduce risk of impairment and risk of adverse health impacts.

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

Sincerely,



Kevin Arjoon
City Clerk



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April 29, 2020

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Re: Support Resolution - High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario

At its meeting held on April 28, 2020, the Council of the Township of Armour passed Resolution #6 supporting our Councillor Rod Ward's letter regarding the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in the rural areas of Ontario.

A copy of Council's Resolution #6 dated April 28, 2020 and Councillor Ward's letter is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlene Watt
Deputy Clerk

Cc: MPP Norm Miller, MP Scott Aitchison and Ontario Municipalities

Enclosures



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

RESOLUTION

Date: April 28, 2020

Motion # 6

That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the letter, dated April 15, 2020 from Councillor Rod Ward, on the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas. Furthermore, that this resolution and the letter be circulated to Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka and all Ontario municipalities requesting their support.

Moved by:

Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Seconded by:

Blakelock, Rod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Blakelock, Rod
Brandt, Jerry
MacPhail, Bob
Ward, Rod
Whitwell, Wendy

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April 15, 2020

To whom it may concern,

The COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario has highlighted both our positive responses to a crisis, and some definite shortcomings in infrastructure, systems and services which need to be addressed on a long-term basis. Setting priority on solving these issues will be a challenge, given the differing agendas and the strained budgets. Solving fundamental issues should focus on the most basic needs as a starting point. One of the clear needs in a rural community such as the Almaguin Highlands, highlighted further by recent events, is the need for proper high-speed internet connectivity. Healthcare and education are both going down a path where appropriate connectivity is assumed. Like many models that move outward from metropolitan areas, this assumption is lost on rural areas. For the vast majority of households in our community, true high-speed connectivity simply does not exist. For the vast majority of future strategies in healthcare and education, there is an assumption that it does exist.

Even in areas in the Almaguin Highlands which have 'high-speed' internet, the overall infrastructure is still limited. It is certainly not designed to deal with a sudden huge peak in demand. Whereas the capacity in large urban centres is built to handle the added throughput, there are clear limitations here. The best way to explain it is a comparison to hydro. Imagine if everyone went home at the same time and turned their lights on, but because there wasn't enough hydro capacity overall, all lights were 50% dimmer than normal and some appliances simply didn't work. We no longer have to imagine what happens with internet speed during peak usage. Suddenly during the COVID pandemic, people are working from home who have never worked from home. Kids are trying to do courses on-line. People who are not working are turning on-line to stay connected. Video-conferencing, which was a totally foreign concept to many, is now part of daily routine. Any idea how much internet bandwidth video uses? It's no wonder we hit a wall.

The future of healthcare sees patients being monitored and cared for in their own homes, through the use of technology. The future of education sees students doing much of their learning on-line. The future of business and commerce sees the ability to function outside the 'bricks and mortar' of an office location. Malls disappear and on-line shopping is the norm. For some, that future has already arrived. Our area has already been drastically affected by cutbacks in the area of healthcare and education through gradual decreases in budgets and services. Technology offers us the ability to level the playing field to a great extent. High-speed connectivity cannot be seen as a luxury or a nice-to-have, any more than hydro should be seen that way. In order to solve some other problems (i.e. skyrocketing budgets in healthcare and education) the wise investment is in providing connectivity for every resident in the province.



Rod Ward
Councillor
Armour Township

**West Nipissing Ovest****Joie de vivre**

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March 3, 2020

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Honourable Premier Ford:

SUBJECT: PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT WETLANDS DESIGNATION

At its regular meeting held on February 25, 2020, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed resolution **2020/080**, attached hereto. The resolution supports a request circulated by the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, asking the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries.

We trust the enclosed is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Deputy Clerk / Assistant to the
Chief Administrative Officer

\Encl.

cc: Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing /
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ouest

Resolution No.

2020 / 0 8 0

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Moved by / Proposé par :

Seconded by / Appuyé par :

WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing received resolution no. R-029-20 from the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, attached hereto; pertaining to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's practices and procedures when designating of Provincially Significant Wetlands;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requesting that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully provide supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of wetlands designations within their boundaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing calls upon the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

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LARABIE, Roland		
MALETTE, Léo		
ROVEDA, Dan		
SÉGUIN, Jeremy		
SÉNÉCAL, Denis		
SÉNÉCAL, Lise		
SAVAGE, Joanne (MAYOR)		

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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

February 5, 2020

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: Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation

Please find attached the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's Resolution No. R-029-20, with respect to the Village's concerns surrounding the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's practices and procedures while implementing designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands.

While the attached resolution is tailored to a Village-specific issue, it is Council's position that the concerns expressed therein are being experienced by municipalities Province-wide.

Thank you in advance for the consideration that you give this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Robertson".

Doug Robertson
CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development

- c. Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Andy Brown, CAO of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
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Recorded Vote Requested By:

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Halpenny	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Resolution Number: R - 029 - 20

Date: January 27, 2020

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

WHEREAS the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is endeavouring to adopt a new Official Plan as required per Section 17 of the *Planning Act* and the Village is required to incorporate the Provincial Policy Statements of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statements require the Village to provide in its Official Plan the updated provisions of new and expanded Provincially Significant Wetlands designations;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that the expansion of these wetlands is detrimentally affecting certain landowners and the Village's assessment base;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands have occurred throughout the Province of Ontario without the provision of supporting evidence;

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AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned about the expansion of the Provincially Significant Wetlands in the Northeast quadrant of the Village;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that these wetlands designations have been expanded without the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry having provided to the Village supporting evidence to justify said expansion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby respectfully request that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry provide the Village with supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of these wetlands designations;

AND THAT the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re-evaluate the subject properties without delay;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Hon. John Yakabuski
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Whitney Block 6th Flr Rm 6630,
99 Wellesley St W,
Toronto, ON M7A 1W3

Honourable Minister Yakabuski:

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE CHANGES IN BILL 132

At its regular meeting held on March 3, 2020, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed resolution **2020/101**, attached hereto. The resolution supports a request circulated by the Township of Puslinch, supporting AMO's position on the legislative changes in Bill 132 with respect to the *Aggregate Resources Act* and the *Safe Drinking Water Act*.

We trust the enclosed is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Deputy Clerk / Assistant to the
Chief Administrative Officer

\Encl.

cc: Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing /
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ouest

Resolution No.

2020 / 1 0 1

MARCH 3, 2020

Moved by / Proposé par :

Seconded by / Appuyé par :

WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing received resolution no. 2020-010 from the Township of Puslinch supporting the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) position on the Legislative Changes in Bill 132 with respect to the *Aggregate Resources Act* and the *Safe Drinking Water Act*;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing also supports AMO's position on the Legislative Changes in Bill 132 with respect to the *Aggregate Resources Act* and the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, as supported by the Township of Puslinch;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

	YEAS	NAYS
DUHAIME, Yvon		
FISHER, Christopher		
LARABIE, Roland		
MALETTE, Léo		
ROVEDA, Dan		
SÉGUIN, Jeremy		
SÉNÉCAL, Denis		
SÉNÉCAL, Lise		
SAVAGE, Joanne (MAYOR)		

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

DEFERRED OR TABLED: _____



February 20, 2020

RE: AMO's position on the Legislative Changes in Bill 132 with respect to the Aggregate Resources Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on January 2, 2020, considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2020-010: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

**That Council receives the Intergovernmental item 7.9 Queens Park Update; and
That Council direct staff to send correspondence in support of AMO's position on the
Legislative Changes in Bill 132 with respect to the Aggregate Resources Act and the Safe
Drinking Water Act.**

CARRIED

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

Yours very truly,
Courtenay Hoytfox
Development and Legislative Coordinator

Courtenay Hoytfox

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:17 AM
To: Courtenay Hoytfox
Subject: Queen's Park Update - December 16, 2019

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December 16, 2019

Queen's Park Update

Cannabis

On December 12th, the government amended Ontario Regulation 478/18 under the *Cannabis License Act, 2018*. This opens Ontario's cannabis retail market in 2020. Retail applications begin on January 6, 2020 and the new changes in the regulation include:

- Ceasing the lottery for retail licenses
- Eliminating pre-qualification requirements for retailers
- Allowing licensed producers to open retail store connected to a production facility

On March 2, 2020, the restrictions on the total number of store authorizations permitted in the province will be revoked. Licensed operators will be allowed to have up to 10 stores until September 2020, up to 30 stores until September 2021 and up to 75 stores afterwards. Store applications will only be eligible in municipalities that have opted-in to sell cannabis.

For more information, visit www.agco.ca.

End of the Fall Legislative Session

The Legislative Assembly of Ontario ended its 2019 legislative session on December 12th and is adjourned until February 18, 2020. Here are some short summaries of Bills of municipal interest that have received Royal Assent.

Bill 132, Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019 – Received Royal Assent on Dec. 10th.

The legislative changes in Bill 132 of most municipal concern are to the *Aggregates Act*. While it is an improvement that a change will require an application process for below water table extraction, rather than just an amendment to a licence, it still allows the province to issue licences for below water table extraction while the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, Section 19 stipulates that owners of municipal drinking water sources are guilty of an offence if they fail to exercise care over a drinking water system, like a well. As aquifers are connected, a decision of the province to allow below water table extraction could lead to contamination of municipal drinking water sources.

Given the conflict between these two Acts, AMO had asked for a concurrent amendment to the *Safe Drinking Water Act* to indemnify Council members for decisions on *Aggregates Act* applications that the province makes. This amendment was not made to the legislation that now has Royal Assent. We believe this will result in municipal councils appealing all provincial decisions on below water table extraction to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) to show appropriate due diligence.

As well through Bill 132, the *Highway Traffic Act* was amended to allow municipal governments to pass by-laws that will allow some off-road vehicles to be driven on municipal highways.

For more information on this omnibus bill, please refer to AMO's [Bill 132 submission](#).

Bill 138, Plan to Build Ontario Together Act, 2019 – Received Royal Assent on December 10th.

This omnibus Bill accompanied the 2019 Fall Economic Statement and affected 40 statutes. This included:

- Section 26.1 of the *Development Charges Act* is amended and will remove industrial development and commercial development from eligible development types that can be charged.
- Subsection 329 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and section 291 (2) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* has been amended regarding calculating property taxes when the permitted uses of land change.
- The *Supply Chain Management Act* specifies how the broader public sector may carry out supply chain management and procurement. AMO has confirmed that these provisions will not apply to municipalities.
- Section 37 of the *Planning Act* has been amended to set out a process for a person or public body to appeal a community benefits charge by-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.
- Section 40 (1) of the *Liquor Licence and Control Act* permits municipal councils to designate a recreational area under its jurisdiction to prohibit the possession of liquor.

Bill 136, Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 – Received Royal Assent on December 5th.

This bill creates an animal welfare framework. Under the Act, in the event of a conflict between a municipal by-law and the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act*, the provision that affords the greater protection to animals will prevail. The legislation

requires an implementation of a full provincial government-based animal welfare enforcement model.

The province has confirmed that all enforcement mechanisms will be performed by them.

Bill 124, Protecting a Sustainable Public Sector for Future Generations Act, 2019

– Received Royal Assent on November 7th.

Under Bill 124, broader public sector employee salary increases will be limited to 1% for the next three years. AMO has been assured that this Act does not apply to employers that are a municipality, a local board as defined in the *Municipal Act*, and persons and organizations that are appointed or chosen under the authority of a municipality.

AMO Contact:

You can contact AMO's Policy Team at policy@amo.on.ca or 416-971-9856.

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- Careers with AMO and Norfolk County.

AMO Matters

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To learn more about the new batteries regulation, register for AMO's webinar on March 11th from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Provincial Matters

As the scope of the COVID- 19 outbreak continues to increase internationally, the risk in Ontario remains low. Ontario continues to work to make sure the province's readiness to contain and respond to a range of outbreak scenarios. For the most up-to-date and accurate information about coronavirus, this Government of Ontario site is the place to find it.

The Ministry of Transportation is hosting a virtual discussion with municipal governments regarding proposals on municipal authority to permit off-road vehicles on municipal roads. The meeting will be held 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10th.

Please confirm attendance by email: sebastian.plicht@ontario.ca or by phone at 437.777.7850. Meeting details: [Click here](#) to join the Zoom Meeting, or, to dial in: 647.558.0588 (Meeting ID 853 683 617).

Eye on Events

Ilona Dougherty, a leading thinker on engaging new generations in the work place and community, is one of the exciting speakers participating in the 2020 OSUM Conference. *Spring Time in Paris* will be hosted by Brant County April 29 through May 1. [Registration](#) and [room booking](#) are now available.

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Technation's initiative brings industry, government, and academic experts together with municipal leaders to collaboratively develop cybersecurity best practices for municipalities. Municipalities with populations between 10,000 to 25,000 are encouraged to attend. The event will be held Thursday, March 26, 7:30 a.m - 3:00 p.m., in Waterloo, Ontario. Please [register here](#).

LAS

Webinar March 11 @ 10am – The Municipal Group Buying Program's [Tire Offering](#) helps municipalities access high quality tires at great prices from suppliers Goodyear, Michelin, Kal-Tire, and Tirecraft. Save time and money sourcing tires for all your needs, from small cars to heavy construction equipment. [Register here](#).

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March 12, 2020

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Managing Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) due diligence can be challenging, regardless of size of municipality. AMO's partner, 4S Consulting Services Inc., [offers a program tailored for smaller municipalities](#) to ensure they are in compliance with OHS requirements.

eSCRIBE, AMO's partner of cloud-based meeting management solutions for public sector boards and councils, has unveiled eSCRIBE Lite. [Learn how this program can help](#) smaller municipalities cross the digital divide.

Provincial Matters

Miss the recent MECP webinar about On-Site and Excess Soil Management Regulation and Amendments to Records of Site Condition (Brownfields) Regulation? MECP is offering another webinar - April 2, 1-4 pm - to provide municipalities an opportunity to learn more. [Register here](#).

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As a precautionary measure in response to COVID-19, Technation's in-person event scheduled for March 26 in Waterloo has been cancelled. Technation is exploring an online/virtual alternative so municipal leaders can participate in developing cybersecurity best practices. Contact Randy Duro for more information.

LAS

Need more information about the Carbon Tax? [Read our latest blog](#) for more information on what municipalities can expect almost one year after the tax was introduced.

Get ready for spring with the LAS [Culvert Offering](#). Armtec's infrastructure products are sure to save you time and money on your drainage, bridge and road construction projects. Contact [Tanner](#) (Southern Ontario) or [Ainsley](#) (Northern Ontario) to learn about other exciting offerings in our [Municipal Group Buying Program](#).

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Municipal Wire

A [Peterborough County resolution](#) resolves to support Bill C-211, an *Act to amend the Criminal Code (assaults against health care professionals and first responders)*, and urges the Federal Government to pass Bill C-211.

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[Manager, Global City Relations and Business Development – World Council on City Data \(WCCD\)](#). Reporting to the WCCD Senior Executive Team, the Manager of Global City Relations and Business Development will have responsibilities across the organization, including several direct reports who liaise daily with cities and stakeholders worldwide. Please send a CV and a one-page letter of motivation to info@dataforcities.org by March 22, 2020. This position is based in Toronto.

[Purchasing Specialist - Town of Lakeshore](#). Reports to: Manager of Financial Analysis. This position is being posted under the provisions of the Collective Agreement between C.U.P.E. Local 702.4 and the Town of Lakeshore. Qualified applicants are invited to visit [Town of Lakeshore Careers](#) to view the full job description of the position and to submit your application. The deadline to apply is March 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

[General Manager, Planning & Building Services/Chief Planner - City of Guelph](#). Reports to: Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise Services. Qualified applicants can apply using our online application system by Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

All applicants must complete the online questionnaire specific to this position at the time they submit their resume and cover letter in order to be considered. Please visit the job posting listed on our [careers page](#) and click on the “Apply for this job” button. Instructions will follow.

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COVID-19 Update

With a provincial emergency declaration in place and municipal governments taking appropriate local emergency action, AMO will continue to keep you informed on the municipal aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. For the most up-to-date and accurate provincial COVID-19 information about coronavirus, the best source is the [Government of Ontario](#) site. AMO has put together a [one-stop COVID-19 page](#) with all the links and information you might need at this time.

AMO Matters

To support municipal communicators during the pandemic, AMO has made the recent one-hour Social Media Webinar, '[Social Media Use During a Crisis](#),' available to view for free via YouTube.

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Eye on Events

In response to the current COVID-19 situation, the OSUM 2020 Conference scheduled to have occurred in Brant County, April 29 - May 1 has been cancelled. The OSUM Executive is currently considering next steps. For all refunds please contact events@amo.on.ca.

OSUM, FONOM, and NOMA conferences are cancelled. Planning for the AMO conference in August continues. If it proceeds as planned, lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic will be a key topic of learning and discussion. Visit the [AMO website](#) for details and registration information.

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LAS

Las Blog: AMO and LAS are adapting to ensure our work can continue as Ontario faces COVID-19. [Click here to learn](#) what this means for the normal operations of AMO and LAS.

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ONE Investment

HISA Rate Update: Due to the Bank of Canada's second interest rate cut in the month of March in response to the coronavirus, the Bank has reduced Prime Rate to 2.95%. New effective rate for HISA is 1.415% (based on Bank Prime Rate less 1.535%) as of March 17, 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario (MEPCO)

The MEPCO Board met this week and the [newsletter is available now](#). It includes details of two plan changes being considered by OMERS, as well as highlights from the meeting.

Municipal Wire

[Request for Proposals](#) are being accepted by the County of Renfrew for the services of a qualified consultant to undertake a comprehensive review of its services and organization. Submission deadline: 12:00 p.m. EST, April 9, 2020.

Careers

[Corporate Communications Specialist - County of Bruce](#). Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer. Applicants should review the entire job posting, and then apply online at [County of Bruce](#), following the outlined process. Deadline for applications is 12:00 midnight on Sunday, March 29, 2020.

[Corporate Fleet Business Improvement Specialist - City of Burlington](#). Employment Status: Contact position (8 months). Department: Roads, Parks and Forestry. Reports to: Manager, Fleet Services & Operations Centre. Posting closes: April 1, 2020. To apply, please visit [Burlington Career Opportunities](#) and click on "View Jobs". Please note applications are only accepted online.

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COVID-19 Update

Under EMCPA, the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) has frozen all proceedings; the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) will not have hearings until June 30th and all proceedings have been suspended. AMO's COVID-19 resource page will be adding other proceeding suspensions as they become known.

AMO COVID-19 Resources

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Building on AMO's Meeting Guidance for Heads of Councils; AMO's Executive Director, Brian Rosborough sits down with municipal experts to dig deeper into how to prepare for and manage electronic meetings.

AMO's Executive Director Brian Rosborough speaks with Brian Lambie, President of Redbrick Communications. AMO worked with Brian Lambie to create a Communication Guide for Councils to assist in their response to COVID-19.

Join AMO's municipal expert virtual Question Box Panel on Friday, March, 27 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm (Eastern time) to discuss experiences and everything you need to consider in planning for and hosting virtual council meetings.

Redbrick Communications and AMO are compiling COVID-19 infographics for municipalities. Visit AMO's COVID-19 Resources webpage to download.

AMO Matters

In response to COVID-19 challenges, AMO may be able to provide project extensions to MSRI-funded projects, if requested. If your projects are complete, please submit the final report by May 15, 2020. Contact Adam Garcia with questions.

Register today for an AMO Webinar Update on the Blue Box Program, Wednesday, April 8 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. For more information, contact Amber Crawford.

AMO is exploring partnerships to provide innovative ways of helping members support the mental health of their employees. Join us on March 26 at noon for a webinar where we will demonstrate how you can help your employees, and their dependents, easily access effective mental health care through BEACON.

Eye on Events

The OSUM Executive is pleased to announce that the this year's OSUM Conference has been moved to 2021 and will be held in Brant County. OSUM 2020 - *Springtime in Paris* - was cancelled due to COVID-19. Refunds for this year's event are being processed. Contact events@amo.on.ca.

AMO is monitoring all developments with COVID-19 and will be advising members of new developments if and when they emerge. Please contact Poonam Ruparelia with questions. Visit the AMO website for updates, details and registration information.

Recognizing how quickly things are changing in the environment of COVID-19, and in appreciation of our valued exhibitors, AMO is extending the cancellation deadline for exhibitors. We are committed to taking every step necessary to ensure the health and safety of those attending our conference. Exhibitor information can be found here.

LAS

Webinar April 8 @ 10am - Capital Purchasing using Sourcewell is part of the Municipal Group Buying Program. This offering lets municipalities access everything from heavy equipment to fire trucks to auction services. Join us to learn how this offering works on some of your biggest purchases. Register today.

Webinar April 22 @ 10am - Cooperative purchasing greatly benefits municipalities, but staff need to be confident they are getting the best value for tax dollars. Join us for an in-depth conversation on the procurement processes that make up our Municipal

[Group Buying Program](#). [Register here](#).

ONE Investment

HISA Rate Update: Due to the Bank of Canada's second interest rate cut in the month of March in response to the coronavirus, the Bank has reduced Prime Rate to 2.95%. New effective rate for HISA is 1.415% (based on Bank Prime Rate less 1.535%) as of March 17, 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

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- Municipal Group Buying Program webinar: Procurement.
- Career with City of Brantford.

AMO COVID-19 Resources

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AMO Matters

Municipal Act and the *City of Toronto Act* amendments now permit councils, council committees, and local boards to meet virtually during a municipal or provincial emergency. [Learn how AMO's digital meeting management partner, eSCRIBE, can help your municipality implement electronic meetings so that elected officials and staff](#)

can meet virtually and interact through the platform.

If your municipality has an innovative approach to service delivery and partnerships that have improved capital and/or operating efficiency, submit your [Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award entry](#) by May 1 for committee review.

[Register today](#) for an AMO Webinar Update on the Blue Box Program, Wednesday, April 8 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. For more information, contact [Amber Crawford](#).

As COVID-19 impacts ways of working, Notarius' electronic signatures are helping municipalities ensure business continuity and work remotely efficiently. AMO members can try the [Business 5 version](#) of their e-signature platform ConsignO Cloud free for 60 days. This includes 5 users, unlimited signature projects and signers. Contact [Marc St-Jacques](#) for details.

Provincial Matters

The consultation period for MNRF's Regulatory Proposal entitled *Proposed amendments to O. Reg. 244/97 and the Aggregate Resources of Ontario Provincial Standards under the Aggregate Resources Act on the [Environmental Registry](#)*, number 019-1303, has been extended from March 30 to **May 15, 2020**.

Eye on Events

AMO monitors all COVID-19 developments and will advise members of changes to the Annual Conference as they emerge. Please contact [Poonam Ruparelia](#) with questions. Visit the AMO [website](#) for updates, details and registration information.

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ONE Investment

Access our [brand new website](#) with the latest information! HISA Rate Update: The Bank of Canada has made a third emergency interest rate cut in response to COVID-19 hit on the economy that has reduced the Bank Prime Rate to 2.45%. New effective rate for [HISA](#) is 0.915% (based on Bank Prime Rate less 1.535%) as of March 30, 2020.

LAS

Did you know that since 2015, LAS has helped municipalities to save over \$200,000

in energy/maintenance cost savings? Take advantage of our turn-key [Facility Lighting Service](#) to upgrade your old light fixtures to LED. Contact [Christian Tham](#) today for a free proposal.

Energy treasure hunts are just one of the favorite things about our custom [Energy Training Workshops](#). And all workshops qualify for up to 75% SaveONenergy incentives. Don't wait - book your 2020 workshop with LAS and Stephen Dixon today. Contact [Christian Tham](#) for more details.

Spring is here! Pollinators are the hidden heroes who keep our gardens green and our grocery store full. Check out the [LAS Blog](#) to learn more about pollinators, and find out how your municipality can be a welcoming host to these tiny superheroes.

Webinar April 8 @ 10am - The [Capital Purchasing](#) offering through our [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) uses Sourcewell for products - from tractors and fire trucks to rentals and facility equipment. Join us to learn more about Sourcewell, their processes and how this offering works. [Register here](#).

Webinar April 22 @ 10am –The [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) started in Alberta and has been adopted for municipalities by their Associations nationwide. Join LAS and RMA for a deep dive on the procurement and set up of a wide range of offerings in this program. [Register here](#).

Careers

[Director of Information Technology Services - City of Brantford](#). Job ID# 1036. Reports to: General Manager, Corporate Services/City Treasurer. To apply online, please visit [City of Brantford Careers](#) and click on Current Opportunities. Closing date for applications: Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.

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- AMO's popular social media webinar series available through Municipal Education.
- Municipal Group Buying Program webinar: Procurement.
- Upcoming ONE Investment webinars: April 15 and 16.

AMO COVID-19 Resources

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AMO Matters

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Eye on Events

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LAS

Webinar April 22 @ 10am - Group Buying can help municipalities save time and money on the things they buy every day, but spending resident tax dollars must be done with care and diligence. Join us to learn how the procurement process works in our [Municipal Group Buying Program](#), and how we help ensure compliance with legislation and trade agreements. [Register here](#).

ONE Investment

ONE is holding 2 important webinars to discuss in detail how COVID-19 has impacted the ONE Legal List Portfolios:

- April 15: Canadian Bonds and Money Markets: Hosted by MFS Investment Management. [Register here](#).
- April 16: Canadian Equity Markets: Hosted by MFS Guardian Capital. [Register here](#).

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April 16, 2020

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- Review your Employee Group Benefits Plan.
- Municipal Group Buying Program webinar: Procurement.
- Municipal Group Buying Program COVID-19 updates.
- COVID-19 and municipal cybersecurity.

AMO COVID-19 Resources

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Our next COVID-19 Communicators Virtual Meeting takes place at 10.30am on April 21. An expert panel takes your questions and discusses perspectives from municipal governments, large and small. To join the mailing list and receive weekly invites, send an email to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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AMO Matters

AMO is finalising a discussion paper on the establishment of new OPP Detachment Boards. Members are invited to [register to have a sneak peek](#) at the paper through a webinar presentation on April 24, starting at 11:00 am with Matthew Wilson, AMO Senior Advisor.

If Main Street Revitalization Initiative funded projects are complete, please submit the final report by May 15, 2020. Due to COVID-19 challenges, AMO may be able to provide extensions for final reporting if requested. Contact Adam Garcia with questions.

Provincial Matters

Just in case you missed it on March 19, the amendment to the *Municipal Act* which allows council members participating electronically to count toward quorum comes with some guidance.

Eye on Events

eSCRIBE, AMO's partner of cloud-based meeting management solutions for public sector boards and councils, has unveiled eSCRIBE Lite. Register for a webinar on April 29 at noon and learn how this solution can help municipalities with under 20,000 people cross the digital divide.

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LAS

When is the best time to review your employee group benefits plan? Read our latest blog to learn more.

Webinar April 22 @ 10am - group buying saves time and money, though there are a number of rules that need to be followed. Grab a coffee and join us to learn all about the procurement for our popular Municipal Group Buying Program. Register here.

The Municipal Group Buying Program is still available to meet your needs and keep your municipalities running smoothly during this pandemic. Check out our new COVID-19 Update Page for messages from LAS and some of our key suppliers.

Municipal Wire*

Cyber criminals are taking advantage of both human and system weaknesses during the COVID-19 crisis. Municipal councils and staff need to be vigilant when protecting their IT systems by enhancing cybersecurity measures. Here are a [few tips](#) to help.

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Check out AMO's webpage for the [latest news](#) on broadband and cellular connectivity. Any questions on the material can be directed to [Amber Crawford](#).

Diabetes Canada has written an open letter to Canada's mayors and municipalities requesting your help to clear garbage and soiled textiles from their donation bin sites. For more information [click here](#).

WSIB is offering a financial relief package to help alleviate burden from COVID-19. Both Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 employers will benefit from this automatically. For additional information, [click here](#).

The deadline to submit an application for the [PJ Marshall Award](#) has been extended to Friday, May 29, 2020. Please review updated requirements.

With the COVID-19 emergency, waste management operations have been a priority to ensure continued vital collections for the health and well-being of Ontarians. However, the move of all waste diversion programs towards full producer responsibility continue. AMO applauds the government's commitment as these programs will create Ontario jobs and help our economic recovery. The government has committed to deliver a draft Blue Box regulation in summer 2020. At the same time, we have a new Batteries Regulation and development of programs for Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste. Given this, AMO staff have revamped their website to provide the [latest updates](#). For more information, contact [Dave Gordon](#) (Senior Advisor) or [Amber Crawford](#) (Policy Advisor).

Provincial Matters

Working with the [OCSA](#), the government launched a new [Ontario Community Support Program](#) to expand existing Meals on Wheels services to reach low-income seniors, and people with disabilities and chronic medical conditions. The program will also develop the capacity of community organizations to help deliver medication and other essentials. Local 211 services will provide information and referral. For more information on government initiatives to serve vulnerable residents, see the [Ontario Newsroom](#).

A new section to the *Planning Act* (Sec. 70.11) was enacted to help municipal government manage/suspend the planning process while focusing on COVID-19. The [Guidance](#) on how to implement the new [Sec. 70.11](#) of the *Planning Act* and [O.Reg. 149/20](#) has now been posted on the ERO.

The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services has extended the [consultation period](#) on the proposal to implement administrative penalties (APs) under the *Consumer Protection Act, 2002* (CPA) by four weeks, to May 25, 2020.

Eye on Events

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LAS

LAS's Home and Auto Insurance Program partner, Cowan Group, keeps you updated with the [latest information](#) on personal insurance news and resources related to COVID19.

Just because we're social distancing doesn't mean we can't learn! In partnership with Stephen Dixon (TdS Dixon), LAS still offers the [same great energy workshops](#) you've come to expect, now ONLINE! These can even include virtual energy hunts! Up to 75% incentive available through the IESO. Contact [Christian Tham](#) to discover the possibilities!

We are working with our Group Buying partner, Grainger, to ensure PPE is available to all municipalities. Be sure to check out our new [COVID-19 Update Page](#) for this and other important information from our Group Buying vendors. [Contact us](#) for more information.

Webinar April 29 @ 11am – Gasboy/Gilbarco, one of many [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) vendors, is hosting a webinar on Fuel Reconciliation and Fuel Audits using Gasboy/Ekos. Interested? [Contact us](#) for registration information.

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ONE Investment

Two important webinars hosted by ONE, in conjunction with our external investment managers, discuss in detail how COVID-19 has impacted the ONE Legal List Portfolios. To watch, click [ONE Investment website](#) or [ONE YouTube channel](#).

Municipal Wire

The Township of Limerick [resolution](#) encourages all organizations within the mandate of Ontario municipalities to lower their respective flags to half mast in honour of those who have been lost and to support the residents of Colchester County.

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AMO COVID-19 Resources

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In a 3-part special series of our On Topic Podcast, Nigel Bellchamber and David Siegel examine the role of CAOs during COVID-19. Parts 1 & 2 [available now](#), part 3 coming Friday.

Many municipalities are offering tax deferrals and waiving late payment penalties. Here is [a list assembled by AMO](#). The list is not exhaustive but it gives a sense of municipal efforts to support property taxpayers. If you have a council-approved plan to add a deferral, please email: mstaveley-watson@amo.on.ca.

AMO Matters

Please be advised that in accordance with the Association's governing by-law, the Secretary-Treasurer is requesting nominations to the 2020 - 2022 AMO Board of Directors. A [completed nomination form and supporting material](#) must be received no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, June 22, 2020.

AMO is looking for feedback on the [draft municipal comments on a Blue Box regulation](#). If you haven't done so already, direct comments to Amber Crawford ASAP at acrawford@amo.on.ca.

Provincial Matters

Ontario's Cyber Security Community of Practice (CoP) is for cyber practitioners in the broader public services to discuss monitored cyber events, and to share research and insights on keeping public service delivery systems secure. Email cyber.advice@ontario.ca to request an invitation.

Eye on Events

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For AMO industry partners, the AMO Conference is an unparalleled opportunity to make and solidify relationships. We are currently working on a contingency plan that will transform the conference to a virtual conference. An update will be provided to our valued partners soon. In the meantime Exhibitor information can be [found here](#).

Recordings of AMO's Social Media webinar series are now available for a nominal fee through AMO's Municipal Education Portal. [Register now](#).

LAS

Like nearly everything, commodity pricing has been impacted by recent global events. Check out the [LAS Blog](#) to see how our [Natural Gas Commodity Program](#) is doing in this rapidly changing environment.

Webinar May 14, 2020 @ 10am - The [Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) software is being improved to serve you better! Join us to learn about key updates and for a sneak peek at the new mobile work order management tool in Streetlogix. [Register here](#).

Municipal Wire*

Please find [attached](#) a message of thanks from colleagues at the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for the support Nova Scotia received, at this exceptionally difficult time, from the Canadian municipal sector.

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AMO COVID-19 Resources

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources page](#) is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

All [3 episodes](#) of our special On Topic Podcast series on the work of municipal CAOs during COVID-19 are now available. They feature discussions between Nigel Bellchamber and David Siegel.

AMO Matters

Please be advised that in accordance with AMO's governing by-law, the Secretary-Treasurer is requesting nominations to the 2020 - 2022 AMO Board of Directors. A [completed nomination form and supporting material](#) must be received no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, June 22, 2020.

If your municipality has an innovative approach to service delivery and partnerships that have improved capital and/or operating efficiency, submit your [Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award](#) entry by May 29, 2020 for committee review.

If Main Street Revitalization Initiative funded projects are complete, please submit the final report by May 15. AMO may be able to provide extensions if requested due to

COVID-19 challenges. Contact [Adam Garcia](#) with questions.

eSCRIBE, AMO's [digital meeting management and livestreaming partner](#), has developed a solution tailored for small municipalities. View [our webinar](#) to learn about [eSCRIBE Lite](#) and how it can be implemented to digitally transform your meetings.

Eye on Events

AMO has moved to a virtual platform for the 2020 Conference. From August 17-19, delegates will participate in discussions that include Minister's delegations and forums, sessions on COVID recovery, keynote speakers, AMO's AGM and more will be part of this year's exciting event. Visit the AMO [website](#) for details and [registration](#) information.

Even though this year's Conference is going virtual, delegates will be able to interact with exhibitors in new and innovative ways that ensures access to resources that will have an important role in your communities the days, weeks and months ahead. We will be sharing this exciting information with you shortly.

AMO's [partnership with BEACON](#) provides members with an innovative approach to support the mental health of employees. [Join us on May 14 at noon for a webinar](#) where we will demonstrate how you can help your employees and their dependents, easily access effective mental health care.

Recordings of AMO's social media webinar series are now available for a nominal fee through AMO's Municipal Education Portal. [Register now](#).

LAS

LAS and Stephen Dixon are offering an [online RETScreen workshop](#) on June 1. Learn how to build a business case and analyze energy efficiency technologies. This workshop is eligible for 50% IESO training incentive. Cost is \$240 and space limited - register early!

[Webinar May 14 @ 10 am](#): LAS is always improving its programs - the popular [Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) is no exception! Join us for an in-depth review of features added to the Streetlogix software and a sneak peak at the work order management app.

Don't forget to check out the [Municipal Group Buying Program Update](#) page for up-to-date messages from our vendors and other program-related developments due to COVID-19.

Careers

[Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Safety Division - Ministry of Transportation](#). Location: Toronto, ON. Duration: 1 Permanent position. Please apply online, only, by Tuesday, May 19, 2020, by visiting Ontario Public Service Careers. Please follow the

instructions to submit your application.

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- LAS Blog: The quest continues to full producer responsibility.
- Municipal Group Buying Program: New Gasboy website.

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A recording of this week's AMO and Redbrick Communicators Series Virtual Meeting is available [online now](#) under the AMO Podcasts and Webinars tab, along with recordings of all previous calls in this popular series.

Code for Canada's [Open Call](#) is a catalogue of free, open source tools to assist all orders of government serve residents and build digital services during COVID-19. Technical support is provided [free of charge](#) to implement these tools within your municipality.

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AMO has responded to the Province's poverty reduction strategy consultation. Recommendations include continuing provincial investments in municipal services that will reduce poverty and promote healthier and more prosperous local communities.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is proposing new rules for school bus camera deployment and off-road vehicles on local roads. Comments are due May 26, 2020. Municipal officials are advised to review and provide comments.

The Province's first Day of Action on Litter took place yesterday. Post your photos or videos on social media using the hashtag #ActONLitter. For more information check out the ON Environment website.

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LAS Blog: Big changes are in the works for Ontario's recycling systems. What does "full producer responsibility" mean, and how will it impact your municipality? Check out the LAS Blog to learn more.

Fuel Management Solutions provider Gasboy/Gilbarco is one of the many vendors available under the Municipal Group Buying Program. They recently launched a webpage made just for Ontario municipalities to learn about their tools for managing fuel distribution.

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