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#### October 29, 2020

Your Worship Rick Bonnette and members of the Halton Hills Council,

Shaarei Beth El is a welcoming Reform synagogue with a sense of tradition and a spirit of openness and acceptance. Located in near downtown Oakville, we are a congregation that fills a broad range of spiritual, educational, and social interests for all the Jewish residents of Halton Region. A small congregation with a big heart, we are a community based on inclusiveness, where everyone is welcome.

As the spiritual leader of Shaarei-Beth El, I would like to thank you for moving forward with the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) motion which is currently before council.

Our community is deeply concerned about the alarming rise of antisemitism. Knowing that we have the support and solidarity of our elected representatives in combating hate is meaningful and greatly appreciated by the Jewish community from across Halton Region.

We cannot properly counter antisemitism without defining it. That is why it is crucial for your council to use the internationally recognized definition of antisemitism. The impact of the IHRA antisemitism motion will extend far beyond our community – we know that what starts with Jews, never ends with Jews and as chair of the Interfaith Council of Halton, (https://www.interfaithcouncilhalton.com/) we are stand behind the acceptance of the IHRA.

With your help supporting this motion, you will help insulate all Canadians from the growing threat of hate.

We applaud your leadership and look forward to your continued support.

Best regards,

Rabbi Stephen Wise



To: The Regional Municipality of Halton

The City of Burlington
The Town of Halton Hills

The Town of Milton
The Town of Oakville
Canadian Police Boards

From: Rob Burton, Chair, Halton Police Board

**Date:** October 30, 2020

Re: International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition of Antisemitism

#### Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

On June 25, 2019, the Hon. Pablo Rodriguez, PC, MP, then-Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism, announced that the Government of Canada would adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism as part of *Building a Foundation for Change: Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy 2019–2022.* 

The IHRA's definition, explained further at its website <a href="https://www.cija.ca/ihra/">https://www.cija.ca/ihra/</a>, is as follows:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

Accordingly, at its meeting of October 29, 2020, the Halton Police Board adopted the following resolution:

THAT the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism as adopted by the Parliament of Canada be endorsed by the Halton Police Board, and;

THAT the Board Chair write a letter to the Councils of the Regional Municipality of Halton, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the

Town of Oakville and all Police Boards in Canada encouraging them to endorse the IHRA definition.

I invite you to consider adopting a similar resolution at your respective Councils and Boards in order to demonstrate support for Canada's Jewish Community.

Sincerely,

Rob Burton

Chair, Halton Police Board

## To combat the world's oldest form of hatred, we must define it.

## The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism...

## ...is essential

Sometimes antisemitism is easy to identify. Other times, because of the evolving nature of the world's oldest hatred, it can be hard to spot. The first step in combating this persistent form of bigotry is accurately identifying it. This is why the IHRA definition of antisemitism is so important.

The IHRA definition helps us determine what is, and what is not, antisemitic, which allows us to work toward a society that is better for ALL of us, Jewish and non-Jewish alike. History has repeatedly taught us that when antisemitism is left unchecked, it undermines society to the detriment of all.

## ...has its roots in Canada

Canada is one of the 34 member countries in IHRA and, for 20 years, has played a leadership role in the development of the IHRA definition.

## ...is deliberately smeared by its detractors

The IHRA definition is advisory, rather than legally binding. It encourages freedom of expression, and welcomes legitimate criticism that is a core attribute of all liberal democracies. While a vocal minority seek to mischaracterize the IHRA definition as stifling debate about Israel, the text of the definition clearly states:

"... criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. "

## ...is used widely

The Government of Canada included the IHRA definition in Building a Foundation for Change: Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy 2019–2022, with the definition's use supported by the Conservatives, Liberals, and NDP. Increasingly, provinces and municipalities are integrating it into their fight against hatred, with cross-party support for its adoption.

The IHRA definition is used around the world by governments, civil society organizations, and institutions dedicated to combating antisemitism. Endorsed by more than 34 countries, the IHRA definition has also been adopted by the European Union, the UN Secretary General, and the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief.

## ...is necessary in Canada

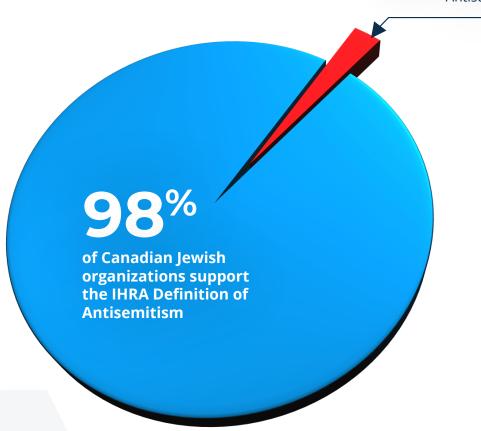
Canada is one of the best countries in the world in which to be Jewish, but statistics tell us that we are not immune to hatred. Reports from the Peel, Toronto, York, Hamilton, and Ottawa Police departments demonstrate that Jews are disproportionately targeted by hate crimes. In Toronto, where 3.8% of the population is Jewish, in 2018, Jews were victims in 36% of hate crimes. In Hamilton, in 2019, where the lewish population is 1% of the total, a staggering 69% of religion-motivated hate crimes targeted the lewish community.

Based on Statistics Canada data, on average, an antisemitic hate crime occurs in Canada once a day.

## ...is supported by Canadian Jewish organizations

The overwhelming majority of Jewish organizations in Canada – community centres, synagogues, youth groups, social service providers, and educational institutions – believe the IHRA definition is an important tool in their fight against antisemitism, and they support its adoption.

of Canadian Jewish organizations oppose the IHRA Definition of **Antisemitism** 



## ...is supported by the Canadian Jewish community

The Jewish community in Canada is diverse, with a wide range of opinions about most issues, including Israeli politics. However, a connection with Israel is a core component of the identities of the vast majority of Canadian Jews. A 2018 Environics Institute Survey of Jews in Canada illustrated this connection:



Nearly 9 in 10 (90%) have an attachment to Israel, and most have visited Israel at least once.



The same holds true for younger Jews (ages 18-29), where 74% have an emotional attachment to Israel and 42% say they are very attached.



1 in 5 who have visited Israel have lived there for 6+ months.

- On the question of Attachment to Israel, 90% of Canadian Jews said they have an attachment to Israel, and most have visited at least once.
- On the question of Level of Canadian Government Support for Israel, 81% of Canadian Jews are happy with the support given to Israel or believe that Canadian support should be increased.

Vilifying this connection to Israel means vilifying the deeply held beliefs of hundreds of thousands of Jewish Canadians, for whom a connection to Israel is a core component of their identity. The IHRA definition provides a crucial differentiation between legitimate criticism of Israel and the vilification of the connection most Jews in Canada have to their ancestral homeland.

## **Appendix A**

## Canadian Jewish organizations who have given their **Support for IHRA include:**

Atlantic Jewish Council Edmonton Jewish Federation Federation CIA of Montreal Hamilton Jewish Federation lewish Federations Canada-UIA Jewish Federation of Calgary Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver lewish Federation of Ottawa lewish Federation of Windsor UJA Federation of Greater Toronto

#### Hillel chapters representing Jewish university and college students across Canada including:

Hillel British Columbia

Hillel Calgary

Hillel Edmonton

Hillel Guelph

Hillel Laurier

Hillel McMaster

Hillel Montreal

Hillel Ontario

Hillel Ottawa

Hillel Queen's

Hillel Ryerson

Hillel University of Toronto

Hillel Waterloo

Hillel Western University

Hillel Winnipeg

Hillel York

#### Museums and arts organizations including:

Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada Montreal Holocaust Museum Ontario Jewish Archives Saint John Jewish Historical Society Toronto Jewish Film Foundation Toronto Jewish Film Society Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre

#### Youth and educational organizations including:

Canadian Young Judaea Federation of Teachers in Hebrew Schools of Toronto March of the Living Canada Mesivta Lubavitch Toronto National Conference of Synagogue Yeshiva Darchei Torah

#### Social service and not-for-profit organizations including:

Bernard Betel Centre Beth Tikvah Foundation of Hamilton Hamilton Jewish Family Services Hillel Lodge Jewish Addiction Community Services Toronto Jewish Family Services Edmonton Jewish Family Services of Ottawa Jewish Family and Child Services Toronto Jewish Free Loan Toronto Jewish Immigrant Aid Services Toronto **IVS Toronto** Kayla's Children Centre Kehilla Residential Programme Reena Shalom Village Tamir Yetta Nashman Jewish Family Institute

#### Cultural, religious and community organizations including:

Arbeiter Ring Asper Foundation Canadian Foundation for Masorti Communauté juive de la Rive-Sud Communauté Sépharade Unifiée du Ouébec Ga'ava Montreal Jewish Community Centre of Victoria Jewish Community of Greater Moncton Jewish Moroccan Community of Toronto Jews for Judaism Jewish Seniors Alliance Maramoresher Society of Toronto MERCAZ Canada Montreal Council of Women National Council of Jewish Women of Toronto Board of Rabbis Va'ad Harabanim of Toronto

#### Canadian-Israeli and political organizations including:

Canadian Friends of the Israel Museum Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University |Space Canada Jewish National Fund of Canada -Toronto Region New Israel Fund of Canada

#### **Canadian Synagogues including:**

Am Shalom Congregation Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation Beth Jacob Synagogue Beth Shalom Synagogue Bethel Synagogue Chabad Jewish Centre of Barrie Congregation Beth Hamidrash Congregation Machzikei Hadas Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Har Tikvah Congregation of Brampton Holy Blossom Temple Kehilat Shalom Makom Sephardic Kehila Centre Shaar Hashomayim Shaar Shalom Congregation Shaare Zion Congregation Shaarei-Beth El Congregation Shaarei Shomayim Congregation Solel Congregation

## **Appendix B**

## The IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism

Below is the complete text of the IHRA definition and examples. Inseparable from the definition, the examples serve to illustrate some of the ways in which antisemitism can manifest, including classic antisemitic tropes and modern-day instances, such as accusations of dual loyalties, ascribing collective responsibility to the entire Jewish community, and propagating conspiracy theories.

#### The Working Definition of Antisemitism:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward lewish or non-lewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

#### To guide IHRA in its work, the following examples may serve as illustrations:

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for "why things go wrong." It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing lews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing lewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of lews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.

## **Appendix B**

## The IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism cont.

- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.
- Antisemitic acts are criminal when they are so defined by law (for example, denial of the Holocaust or distribution of antisemitic materials in some countries).

Criminal acts are antisemitic when the targets of attacks, whether they are people or property – such as buildings, schools, places of worship and cemeteries – are selected because they are, or are perceived to be, Jewish or linked to Jews.

Antisemitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in many countries.



## Legislative Services City Clerk's Office

November 2, 2020

The Honourable D. Ford Premier of Ontario,

Via e-mail: <a href="mailto:premier@ontario.ca">premier@ontario.ca</a>

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via e-mail: <a href="mailto:regionalclerk@peelregion.ca">regionalclerk@peelregion.ca</a>

L. Hall
Director and Town Clerk
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Re: GTA West Corridor

Honourable C. Mulroney Minister of Transportation minister.mto@ontario.ca

G. Milne Regional Clerk Regional Municipality of Halton via e-mail: Graham.Milne@halton.ca

S. Jones
Town Clerk and Director of Legislative Services
Town of Halton Hills
via e-mail: suzannej@haltonhills.ca

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Brampton passed the following resolution at its meeting of September 30, 2020:

C363-2020 WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Transportation initiated Stage 1 of the GTA West Environmental Assessment in 2008;

AND WHEREAS in May 2017 the GTA West Advisory Panel released its final report and its recommendations to the MTO determining that the highway contravened the province's planning objectives, was bad for the environment and was not an effective way to reduce traffic congestion;

AND WHEREAS this GTA West Highway has created uncertainty for many land owners in the protected area of Brampton since 2008; AND WHEREAS in February 2018 the Province announced that it would not be proceeding with the GTA West project;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government reversed the previous decision and restarted the GTA West project on June 19, 2019; AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government announced on August 7, 2020 the Preferred Route for the GTA West project;

AND WHEREAS the Province recently proclaimed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan to the Greater Golden Horseshoe that shows the Future Transportation Corridor conceptually extending from Highway 427 to the broader region of Guelph/Waterloo area in Schedule 6 of the Plan;

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AND WHEREAS the Province has set out the vision in the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) to achieve strong, livable and healthy communities that promote and enhance human health and social well-being, are economically and environmentally sound, and are resilient to climate change;

AND WHEREAS the Province has set out the vision in the Growth Plan for the Golden Horseshoe (2020) will support the achievement of complete communities with access to transit networks, protected employment zones and an increase in the amount and variety of housing available;

AND WHEREAS City Council endorsed in principle of an 'urban boulevard' as part of the City's vision for the Heritage Heights Secondary Plan and the plan supported by PDC089-2020 and C308-2020:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the City of Brampton supports the GTA West corridor with the Heritage Heights urban Boulevard portion through Brampton's City limits.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province continue to advance the GTA West Corridor EA process to assess the merits of the 'urban boulevard' envisioned in the City's Heritage Heights Vision Concept;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, The Minister of Transportation, the Region of Peel, the Town of Caledon, the Town of Halton Hills and the Region of Halton.

Yours truly,

Peter Fay

City Clerk, Legislative Services

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cc: Mayor and Members of Council

Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate Leadership Team



October 26, 2020

City of Burlington, Kevin Arjoon Town of Halton Hills, Suzanne Jones Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck Town of Milton, Meghan Reid

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

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, October 21, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION: LPS85-20 – 2019 State of Housing Report

- 1... THAT Report No. LPS85-20 Re: "2019 State of Housing Report" be received for information.
- 2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS85-20 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. LPS85-20 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

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October 26, 2020

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Conservation Halton, Barb Veale City of Burlington, Kevin Arjoon Town of Halton Hills, Suzanne Jones Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck Town of Milton, Meghan Reid

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, October 21, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION:** LPS88-20 - Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Update

- 1. THAT Report No. LPS88-20 Re: "Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Update", be received for information.
- 2. THAT the budget for T5800G, Burlington Beach – Hydro Tower Relocation (T5800G) be created at \$150,000 to inform future decision-making with respect to hydro line burial and financed as set out in Attachment #7 to Report No. LPS06-20.
- 3. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS88-20 to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville and Conservation Halton for their information.

Enclosed please find a copy of Report No. LPS88-20 for your information. Please note that Attachment #6 to this report is confidential and is not enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

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October 26, 2020

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, October 21, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION:** LPS66-20 - Memorandum of Understanding for an Integrated Halton Area Planning System Implementation Update

- 1. THAT Report No. LPS66-20 re: "Memorandum of Understanding for an Integrated Halton Area Planning System Implementation Update", be received for information.
- 2. THAT staff be directed to implement additional continuous improvement activities related to review and approval of local official plan policy updates as outlined in Report No. LPS66-20.
- 3. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS66-20 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, and the Niagara Escarpment Commission for their information.

Included please find a copy of Report No. LPS66-20 for your information.

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Sincerely,

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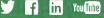
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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, October 21, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION:** LPS89-20 - Regional Official Plan Review: Supplemental Discussion Paper on Downtown Burlington Urban Growth **Centre and Major Transit Station Area**

1. THAT Report No. LPS89-20 re: "Regional Official Plan Review: Supplemental Discussion Paper on Downtown Burlington Urban Growth Centre and Major Transit Station Area" be received.

- 2. THAT Regional Council direct staff to release the "Supplemental Discussion Paper on Downtown Burlington Urban Growth Centre and Major Transit Station Area" and "Supplemental Discussion Paper on Downtown Burlington Urban Growth Centre and Major Transit Station Area Landing Page" attached to Report No. LPS89-20 as a basis for public consultation as described in this Report.
- 3. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS89-20, to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, and Grand River Conservation Authority, for their information.





Included please find a copy of Report No. LPS89-20 for your information.

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Sincerely,

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

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, October 21, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION:** LPS90-20 - UPDATE 2: Mandatory Non-Medical Masks/Face Coverings in Certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region

- THAT Report No. LPS90-20 re: "UPDATE 2: Mandatory Non-1. Medical Masks/Face Coverings in Certain Enclosed Public Places in Halton Region" be received for information.
- 2. THAT Regional Council approve the extension of By-law 47-20 until May 31, 2021, substantially in the form of the draft amending by-law appended to Report No. LPS90-20 as Attachment #2.
- 3. THAT Regional Council approve Option #1 – Do Not Expand the Bylaw to Private Offices.
- THAT Report No. LPS90-20 be forwarded to the City of Burlington, 4. 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. LPS90-20 for your information.

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October 2, 2020

Sent via email to all Ontario Municipal Clerks

Dear Municipal Clerks,

At its meeting held September 24, 2020, Wellington County Council approved the following recommendation from the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee:

WHEREAS previous assessment methodologies for aggregate resource properties valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands; and

WHEREAS Wellington County Council supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation determined, with the participation only of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, revised criteria for assessing aggregate resource properties; and

WHEREAS Wellington County Council has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Wellington County Council does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and
- (b) That Wellington County Council believes there is a need to review the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values; and
- (c) That Wellington County Council hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and

(d) That Wellington County Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Ministers of Finance; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Natural Resources and Forestry; and to AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and local MPP(s).

Please find the Aggregate Resource Property Valuation and Advocacy report and Municipal Resolution enclosed.

Wellington County Council is requesting that all Ontario municipalities adopt the Municipal Resolution and forward to Donna Bryce, Wellington County Clerk at <a href="mailto:donnab@wellington.ca">donnab@wellington.ca</a> upon passing.

Should you have any questions please contact Ken DeHart, County Treasurer, at kend@wellington.ca or call 519.837.2600 ext 2920.

Sincerely,

Kim Courts Deputy Clerk

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## COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

To: Chair and Members of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee

From: Ken DeHart, County Treasurer Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Subject: Aggregate Resource Property Valuation and Advocacy Report

#### **Background:**

Through the County's Assessment Base Management Policy and Programme approved in 2016; Wellington County has made significant efforts to maintain, protect and enhance the quality of the assessment roll. This includes reviewing the accuracy of individual assessments and ensuring the equitable distribution of the tax burden. The County remains a strong advocate for the accurate and equitable valuation and property tax treatment of all properties, including gravel pit and aggregate resource properties in the County and throughout Ontario.

The County has been actively pursuing fair and accurate assessment valuations for gravel pits through two streams:

- 1. Assessment appeals heard by the Assessment Review Board
- 2. Advocacy through the province on a permanent policy solution

#### **Assessment Appeals**

The County has filed assessment appeals on all aggregate producing properties in its three southern-most municipalities, being Puslinch, Erin and Guelph/Eramosa for the 2017 to 2020 taxation years. The purpose of these appeals is to ensure that the current value assessment of these properties is captured through the existing legislation, and to deal with how those properties are classified for taxation purposes.

The effect of the current property tax valuation structure by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation ("MPAC") unfairly sees active gravel pits incurring less property tax than many single-family homes and small businesses as a result of unduly low and inaccurate current value assessments. It also leads to properties that are located in the same areas and are similar to gravel pits receiving vastly different property valuations, which contradicts the principle of fairness and transparency underpinning our taxation system that similar properties should be treated and taxed equally. Arbitrarily classifying gravel pits as among the lowest form of farmland (Class 5) sets an artificial cap on these producers' property assessments and keeps their property taxes well below what they should be paying. In turn, residents and businesses are subsidizing the break that gravel producers are receiving.

In terms of next steps for these appeals, a settlement conference is scheduled to take place on September 16 and hearings are scheduled for the weeks of November 16 and 23.

#### **Advocacy for a Permanent Policy Solution**

The County has been working with its colleagues through the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) to raise awareness of the assessments and the inequitable treatment of these properties and ask the government to review how these properties are assessed and treated from a property tax policy perspective through the MPAC review that is currently taking place.

Through this work, TAPMO endorsed the attached municipal resolution to be shared with TAPMO municipalities for consideration at local Councils. The resolution formally asks the province to review how these properties are assessed in light of the inequitable treatment in comparison to other residential and business properties in the municipality. Several municipalities across the province have approved and forwarded this resolution to the province and local MPPs.

To be clear, the County believes MPAC's property valuation is incorrect even within the current legislation, however, the County is looking for further direction and possible legislative or regulatory changes that will eliminate future disputes. This kind of permanent policy change is in everyone's best interest to resolve this issue once and for all.

Staff recommend that the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee support the resolution and pass it along to County Council for approval. This is also an opportunity for the County to remind its member municipalities to review and give consideration to this resolution as well.

#### **AMO Delegation Meeting**

On August 18, 2020, in collaboration with the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO), County representatives met with Stan Cho, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, to discuss the need to improve how aggregate properties are assessed across Ontario under an equitable valuation system. The meeting was held during the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference. This is where municipal and provincial policymakers come together to discuss pressing issues facing both levels of government.

Wellington County and other TAPMO members presented several policy-driven solutions to Mr. Cho that would make MPAC's property tax valuations accurate and equitable. There are many possible legislative, regulatory or policy changes that can achieve a permanent solution. These include:

- Creating a separate class for aggregate producing properties (as was done for landfills in 2015);
- Directive (or regulation) from the Minister to MPAC regarding how to assess these types of properties to reflect their true market or industrial value;
- Remove the aggregate exemption from the Assessment Act (as was the situation prior to 2008).

This would enable municipalities to maintain stability in local taxation levels and meet the needs of their communities. Directing MPAC on how to assess these properties based on their true market value makes common sense and will result in stability and accuracy in the assessment process. The solution to remove the exemption of aggregate in the *Assessment Act* would allow MPAC to assess the full value of the property.

#### Summary

Aggregate sites are important job creators and an increasingly critical element of public works that help to fuel steady economic growth across Ontario, especially as part of municipalities' post-pandemic recovery. Yet, under the current MPAC valuation formula, their current value assessment is inaccurate such that these sites generate significantly less revenue for municipalities and the Province than other possible uses for the same land. This costs Ontario municipalities millions of dollars in lost tax revenue every year and negatively impacts their abilities to deliver more fulsome services and programmes to residents. The current system also generates less Education property taxes which shifts even more tax burden onto homeowners and small businesses. Municipalities are therefore eager to find a solution that is fair for all involved: the municipality, taxpayers, and aggregate producers.

COVID-19 has highlighted the urgency for a policy-driven, equitable approach. Municipalities across Ontario are fighting to continue providing a high standard of services to our families and businesses who need them now more than ever. The lost tax revenue undermines our ability to enhance those services and make key infrastructure investments at a time when our residents are suffering. The County wants to be fair to aggregate producers while recognizing that they should be part of the solution in terms of helping families and businesses get back on their feet – the very people who are carrying the burden of the current MPAC system.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Aggregate Resource Property Valuation and Advocacy Update Report be received for information; and

That the attached resolution be supported by County Council and sent to the Ministry of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken DeHart, CPA, CGA County Treasurer

#### **SCHEDULE A – MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS previous assessment methodologies for aggregate resource properties valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands; and

WHEREAS Wellington County Council supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation determined, with the participation only of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, revised criteria for assessing aggregate resource properties; and

WHEREAS Wellington County Council has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties;

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Wellington County Council does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and
- (b) That Wellington County Council believes there is a need to review the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values; and
- (c) That Wellington County Council hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and
- (d) That Wellington County Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Ministers of Finance; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Natural Resources and Forestry; and to AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and local MPP(s).



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October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

The Right Honourable Rod Phillips Minister of Finance Frost Bldg S 7<sup>th</sup> Floor 7 Queen's Park Cres, Toronto M7A 1Y7

Dear Mr. Phillips:

#### Re: Assessing Aggregate Resource Properties

This letter will confirm support of the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford of County of Wellington Resolution dated September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee including that:

That South-West Oxford Council does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and

That South-West Oxford Council believes there is a need to review the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values; and

That South-West Oxford Council hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and

That South-West Oxford Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Ministers of Finance; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Natural Resources and Forestry; and to AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and local MPP(s).

Yours truly,

Julie Forth, Clerk

Township of South-West Oxford

cc. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
all Ontario municipalities;
MPP Ernie Hardeman



# Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

October 26, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Legislative Building Toronto ON M7A 1A1 Health Canada Address Locator 0900C2 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

Ontario Provincial Police General Headquarters Lincoln M. Alexander Queen's Park Building 777 Memorial Avenue Orillia, ON L3V 7V3

Dear Right Honourable Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford,

#### Re: Illicit Cannabis Operations

At their meeting of October 20, 2020 Norfolk County Council approved Resolution No. 6 of the Council-In-Committee meeting of October 13, 2020 which reads as follows:

#### Res. 6

WHEREAS illicit cannabis grow operations are a significant issue in many municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS there are often significant negative impacts from illicit cannabis operations upon surrounding communities and residents;

AND WHEREAS the intent of legalizing cannabis was to eliminate the 'black market' not allow it to expand with relative impunity;

AND WHEREAS Norfolk County estimates that there are approximately 70 cannabis operations in our municipality;



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Mayor issue a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Health Canada and the Ontario Provincial Police;

AND THAT Norfolk County Council request that solutions to the current crisis which may include but are not limited to; better regulation and tracking of the prescription of cannabis in Canada by doctors, increased regulatory and enforcement presence by Health Canada, increased OPP resources, increased funding to municipalities to deal with complaints and By-Law issues generated by illicit cannabis grow operations;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the submission by Debbie France be attached to the Mayor's letter.

Your attention to this important issue is appreciated.

Yours Truly,

Mayor Kristal Chopp Norfolk County

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cc. Toby Barrett- MPP Haldimand-Norfolk
Diane Finley – MP Haldimand-Norfolk
All Ontario Municipalities

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Note: The list of links in this document is a small representation of information mostly connected to news articles that show there are significant issues connected to Marijuana Cultivation in Agricultural areas throughout the Province of Ontario. We encourage anyone viewing this document to search and reach out in their municipality to discover how the issues are unfolding in the Municipality they call home. Further investigation is likely to uncover similar issues in areas throughout the Province of Ontario and across the Country. We expect that further investigation is likely to uncover other elected officials who have been actively trying to find solutions for the constituents they were elected to serve. We encourage anyone viewing this information to connect with the author of the letter that accompanies this list or they can email their contact information and concerns to debbiefrance@live.ca and a representative of this group will reply to help address their concerns.

#### **Cannabis Articles**

## 1) General knowledge

**Article:** Gaping hole in pot legislation is hitting Norfolk hard (Ontario Farmer Jan 24, 2020) (Perhaps best article to understand entire issue)

https://www.ontariofarmer.com/features/gaping-hole-in-pot-legislation-is-hitting-norfolk-hard/

**Article:** Change is in the wind (Ontario Planners June 1, 2018)

(Outlines challenges for Municipalities from a planning perspective)

https://ontarioplanners.ca/blog/planning-exchange/june-2018/change-is-in-the-wind

**Article:** Stench among concerns as Bradford council hears about cannabis cultivation in Holland Marsh (Barrie Today Jun 14, 2020)

(Outlines common complaints amongst those living nearby grow ops)

 $\frac{https://www.barrietoday.com/local-news/bradford-council-hears-from-public-about-cannabis-cultivation-in-holland-marsh-2433271$ 

Article: County council concerned by marijuana licences (Belleville Intelligencer June 25, 2020) https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/local-news/county-council-concerned-by-marijuana-licences

### 2) Cannabis land use reports

Article: Final Land Use Study on Cannabis Production in The Town of Pelham

(Explains potential issues between Municipal By-laws & Farm & Food Protection Act relating to Cannabis) Review sections... 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7 to understand potential issues

https://pelham-pub.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=21743

## 3) Municipalities not permitting Cannabis grow ops on agricultural lands

**Article:** Brighton sets limits on where cannabis production facilities can locate (Northumberland news Apr 9, 2019)

https://www.northumberlandnews.com/news-story/9274359-brighton-sets-limits-on-where-cannabis-production-facilities-can-locate/

Article: Prime agricultural land no place for cannabis, Oro-Medonte coalition says (Simcoe May 31, 2020)

<a href="https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/10001301-prime-agricultural-land-no-place-for-cannabis-oro-medonte-coalition-says/">https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/10001301-prime-agricultural-land-no-place-for-cannabis-oro-medonte-coalition-says/</a>

## 4) Municipal Panel & Roundtable Discussion with Local & Provincial Law Enforcement

**Article:** East Gwillimbury Cannabis Production Facilities Panel Discussion OPP & YRP discuss organized crime's active involvement in Cannabis production and the risks that it poses to residents (YouTube video) https://youtu.be/Oisv7MEIV14

**Article:** Hastings-Lennox & Addington Roundtable on Illicit Cannabis Operations – **Fed MP Derek Sloan** <a href="https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3216967588368948&extid=jTObBPn7swAbfxrz">https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3216967588368948&extid=jTObBPn7swAbfxrz</a>

## 5) Police Intervention - Police shut down massive illegal cannabis operation, seize more than 100k plants (CBC News Aug 21, 2020)

**Article:** <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/project-woolwich-cannabis-niagara-1.5695691">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/project-woolwich-cannabis-niagara-1.5695691</a>

## 6) Police Intervention - Cannabis production allegedly fueling synthetic drug production labs (Project Moon)

Article: More than \$45m in drugs and cash seized as twin drug gangs dismantled in York Region (CP24 Aug 8, 2019)

https://www.cp24.com/news/more-than-45m-in-drugs-and-cash-seized-as-twin-drug-gangs-dismantled-in-york-region-1.4541063

## 7) Police Intervention – raids involving production exceeding limits

#### St. Catharines

**Article:** Niagara police bust \$34m illegal cannabis operation (Global News July 1, 2020) https://globalnews.ca/news/7128873/niagara-illegal-cannabis-grow-op/

#### King Township

**Article:** Police seize \$4.7m in illegal drugs after search of former Joe's Garden property in King (York Region Oct 7, 2019)

https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9633352-police-seize-4-7m-in-illegal-drugs-after-search-of-former-joe-s-garden-property-in-king/

Article: 8 charged after \$400k worth of 'excess cannabis' found on King Township grow-op (CBC News Oct 2, 2018)

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/eight-charged-marijuana-trafficking-cannabis-farms-york-region-1.4847114

**Article:** Police bust marijuana grow op in King Township worth \$6.5m, seize 4,000 plants (CTV News Aug 3, 2018)

https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/police-bust-marijuana-grow-op-in-king-township-worth-6-5m-seize-4-000-plants-1.4039863

#### Stouffville

**Article:** Police bust cannabis grow op in excess of licence limits near Aurora (YorkRegion Jan 29, 2019)

 $\frac{\text{https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9148816-police-bust-cannabis-grow-op-in-excess-of-licence-limits-near-aurora/}{}$ 

## 8) Police Intervention - Cannabis busts at US/Canada border

**Article:** Canadian resident arrested in relation to massive cannabis bust at U.S. border (Global News June 16, 2020)

https://globalnews.ca/news/7070697/canadian-involved-significant-drug-seizure-u-s-border/

## 9) Federal MP's mentioned in articles who are actively requesting Health Canada to solve Cannabis issue

Article: MP Finley brings the issue of unlicensed large-scale marijuana producers to Parliament (Norfolk Today July 27, 2020) - Fed MP Diane Finley

https://www.norfolktoday.ca/2020/07/27/96986/

Article: Stomp out cannabis criminality: Sloan (Quinte News July 2, 2020) - Fed MP Derek Sloan https://www.quintenews.com/2020/07/02/stomp-out-cannabis-criminality-sloan/

Article: 'Stinks like 10000 skunks': Tottenham residents want more potent restrictions for medical-marijuana growers (Simcoe Feb 11, 2020) - Fed MP Terry Dowdall

https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/9844540--stinks-like-10-000-skunks-tottenham-residents-want-more-potent-restrictions-for-medical-marijuana-growers/

## 10) Municipal guide to Cannabis legislation (by FCM)

https://fcm.ca/en/resources/municipal-guide-cannabis-legalization

## 11) The final report of the task force on Cannabis legalization and regulation

https://hoban.law/2017/01/the-final-report-of-the-task-force-on-cannabis-legalization-and-regulation/

## 12) Municipalities who have refused requests for exceptions to bylaws

Article: Marijuana setback relief denied (Simcoe Reformer May 29, 2019)
<a href="https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/marijuana-setback-relief-denied">https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/marijuana-setback-relief-denied</a>

Article: Council officially denies the marijuana micro-cultivation facility (NewTecTimes March 6, 2020)
http://newtectimes.com/?p=24388

## 13) Court cases - Bylaw/Zoning violations

Article: Cannabis producer pleads guilty to violating bylaw
(Simcoe Reformer Feb 20, 2020)

<a href="https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/cannabis-producer-enters-guilty-plea">https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/cannabis-producer-enters-guilty-plea</a>

Article: East Gwillimbury takes medical marijuana facility to court

(York Region Aug 12, 2020)

<a href="https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/10134439-east-gwillimbury-takes-medical-marijuana-facility-to-court/">https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/10134439-east-gwillimbury-takes-medical-marijuana-facility-to-court/</a>

## 14) Nuisance bylaw amendment - Cannabis odour

**Article:** Council enacts nuisance by-law addressing cannabis odour concerns (Bradford Today Jun 19, 2020)

https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-enacts-nuisance-by-law-addressing-cannabis-odour-concerns-2441245

**Article:** Hamilton targets large-scale personal grow operations with nuisance bylaw amendment (Global News Apr 23, 2020)

https://globalnews.ca/news/6857506/city-of-hamilton-nuisance-bylaw-amendments-personal-grow-operations-cannabis/

**Article:** Nuisance bylaw to deal with cannabis odour coming soon to Lincoln (Niagara This Week Aug 3, 2020)

https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/10128119-nuisance-bylaw-to-deal-with-cannabis-odour-coming-soon-to-lincoln/

**Article:** Pelham gives stamp of approval on odour bylaw to deal with cannabis operations (Niagara This Week Mar 27, 2020)

https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/9918340-pelham-gives-stamp-of-approval-on-odour-bylaw-to-deal-with-cannabis-operations/

**Article:** Niagara area town buys \$5,000 device to measure weed smell after repeated complaints from residents (Timmins Today Jul 7, 2020)

 $\underline{https://www.timminstoday.com/around-ontario/ontario-niagara-area-town-buys-5000-device-to-measure-weed-smell-after-repeated-complaints-from-residents-2545977$ 

## 15) Municipalities that have requested assistance from Province

**Article:** Council supports request for more control over cannabis production in municipalities (Bradford Today May 22, 2020)

https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-supports-request-for-more-control-over-cannabis-production-in-municipalities-2366228

#### GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

NOVEMBER 9, 2020





October 9, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Email: premier@ontario.ca

#### Re: Funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on September 28, 2020, the Council of Loyalist Township passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2020.35.16** 

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Hegadorn Seconded by: Councillor Porter

"Whereas, the world health organization characterized covid-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020

And whereas, travel restrictions were put in place March21st, 2020 with emergency orders being established under the quarantine act

And whereas, the province of Ontario entered a state of emergency on March 17, 2020

And whereas Loyalist Township declared a state of emergency on March 26, 2020

And whereas the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Public Health Unit have enacted orders under Section 22 of the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990

And whereas the above noted state of emergencies and orders restricted the ability for charities, community groups and service clubs to raise or acquire funds through conventional methods

And whereas these charities, community groups and service clubs provide vital resources and support critical to community members

And whereas these charities, community groups and service clubs' partner with municipal governments reducing the financial pressures on the government while enhancing the lives of residents

Therefore be it resolved that Loyalist Township council requests confirmation from the governments of Ontario and Canada that funding will be available for these local smaller charities, community groups and service clubs.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; MP Derek Sloan, Hastings - Lennox and Addington; the Honourable Daryl Kramp, MPP Hasting-Lennox and Addington; the Association of Municipalities Ontario; Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario".

Regards,

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Brandi Teeple

**Deputy Clerk** 

Loyalist Township

cc. MP Derek Sloan- Hastings-Lennox and Addington MPP Daryl Kramp- Hastings- Lennox and Addington Association of Municipalities Ontario Rural Ontario Municipalities Association All Ontario Municipalities

# GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE



The Corporation of Loyalist Township (via e-mail) P.O. Box 70. 263 Main Street, Odessa, ON K0H 2H0

November 3, 2020

# Re: Support of Resolution from Loyalist Township regarding funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic

Please be advised that on October 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Council of Loyalist Township motion (attached) regarding funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic that was passed on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2020:

<u>Motion #13</u> – Moved by Bob Woolvett, Seconded by Netty McEwen that Council supports item 'n' regarding funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at <a href="mailto:ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca">ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak Clerk Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: (all sent via e-mail)

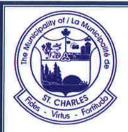
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MOVED BY:

**Councillor Monica Loftus** 

SECONDED BY:

**Councillor Richard Lemieux** 

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-179**

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles wishes to support Resolution Number CX93-20 from Grey County:

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles recognized that the need for reliable access to affordable broadband is required for education and business purposes to ensure continuity and success:

AND WHEREAS reliable broadband will continue to play an essential role in economic and social recovery across Ontario post-pandemic:

AND WHEREAS not all residents of the Municipality of St.-Charles are within a connectivity coverage area and that rural areas often receive inadequate or disproportionately low levels of service:

AND WHEREAS while it is important for the Provincial Government to look at both the number of people and the number of businesses that can be serviced by broadband expansion, it is essential, that the Province provide broadband service to areas that have a small number of people, yet cover a vast geographical area;

AND WHEREAS the need for broadband infrastructure improvement is immediate;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles representing our residents and business owners alike, call to action Premier Ford; the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek to champion the implementation of broadband in the under-serviced areas of the Municipality of St.-Charles.

CARRIED

I, Tammy Godden, Clerk of the Municipality of St.-Charles, do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Resolution No. 2020-179 passed in a Regular Meeting

# GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

**NOVEMBER 9, 2020** 



October 21, 2020

Via email: george.cornell@simcoe.ca

Warden George Cornell 1110 Highway 26 Midhurst ON L9X 1N6

Dear Warden Cornell and County Councillors:

Re: Request for Support from Mount St. Louis Moonstone/Skyline Horseshoe Resort and Hardwood Ski & Bike for their efforts to Declare Snowsports, Skiing and Snowboarding, Alpine and Nordic Deemed Essential in Stage 2.

The Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte, at its October 14th Council meeting, passed the following motion with respect to the above-noted matter:

#### Be it resolved:

that the correspondence dated October 9, 2020 from Sarah Huter, Assistant General Manager, Mount St. Louise Moonstone Ski Resort re: Request for Support from Mount St. Louis Moonstone/Skyline Horseshoe Resort and Hardwood Ski & Bike for their efforts to Declare Snowsports, Skiing and Snowboarding, Alpine and Nordic Deemed Essential in Stage 2 be received.

And whereas on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic;

And whereas the Government of Ontario, County of Simcoe and Township of Oro-Medonte remain in declared state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

And whereas all levels of Government are effectively working collaboratively in response to the evolving COVID-19 situation;

And whereas the Government of Ontario has developed a comprehensive Framework for Reopening our Province;

And whereas many low risk outdoor activities were permitted to re-open in Stage 1 and 2 of the *Provincial re-opening framework;* 

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And whereas the timing of the release of *Stage 3 framework* and Ontario Regulation 364/20 made under *Reopening Ontario(A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* has not fully considered outdoor winter recreation and the operations of Ontario's ski industry;

And whereas Ontario's ski industry generates approximately \$420 million annually to the provincial economy and supports over 14,000 jobs;

And whereas nordic skiing, alpine skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing provide low risk opportunities and outlets for participation in outdoor based activities that improve physical and mental health and overall well-being;

And whereas the ski industry has developed comprehensive operating plans and established best practices through its *Ski Well*, *Be Well* program to ensure compliance with regulations and public health directives and reduce the risk of COVID 19 transmission;

And whereas the Township of Oro-Medonte is the proud home to three of Ontario's largest ski resorts, Hardwood Ski and Bike, Horseshoe Resort and Mount St Louis Moonstone which provide significant local, regional and provincial economic benefits.

And whereas MPP Downey has advocated on behalf of these businesses.

#### Now therefore

On behalf of Hardwood Ski and Bike, Horseshoe Resort and Mount St. Louis Moonstone, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte hereby respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario consult with the ski industry through the Ontario Snow Resorts Association to review reopening policy considerations currently impacting the industry.

And Further that a copy of this resolution be sent, under the Mayor's signature, to the County of Simcoe and Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Harry Hughes

Mayor /vc

Cc: MPP Doug Downey

MPP Jill Dunlop MP Doug Shipley MPP Jim Wilson

Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

Council

Shawn Binns, Director Operations & Community Services

Ontario Municipalities

October 7, 2020

Honourable Jeff Yurek Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks College Park 5th Flr, 777 Bay St, Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Sent via email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Re: Development Approval Requirements for Landfills - (Bill 197)
Our File 35.2.2

Honourable and Dear Sir.

At its meeting held on October 5, 2020, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Schedule 6 of Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 considers amendments to the Environmental Assessment Act relating to municipal autonomy and the principle that municipalities can veto a development outside their municipal boundary in an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 empowers multiple municipalities to 'veto' development of a landfilling site within a 3.5 km zone inside the boundary of an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 establishes a dangerous precedent that could be expanded to other types of development; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 compromises municipal autonomy and the authority of municipal councils to make informed decisions in the best interest of their communities and municipal taxpayers; and

WHEREAS amendments in Schedule 6 could cause conflict in the effective management of landfill sites, put significant pressure on existing landfill capacity, and threaten the economic activity associated with these sites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the City of St. Catharines calls upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the 'host' municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPP's., the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) and Ontario's Big City Mayors (formerly Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario-LUMCO)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities with a request for supporting motions to be passed by respective Councils and copies of the supporting motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPP's, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO).

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1506.

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk

Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk

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Cc. Hon. Premier Doug Ford <a href="mailto:premier@ontario.ca">premier@ontario.ca</a>

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca

Jennifer Stevens, MPP - St. Catharines, JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca

Jeff Burch, MPP - Niagara Centre, <u>JBurch-QP@ndp.on.ca</u>

Wayne Gates, MPP - Niagara Falls, wgates-co@ndp.on.ca

Sam Oosterhoff, MPP - Niagara West-Glanbrook, <a href="mailto:sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org">sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org</a>

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Chair of Ontario's Big City Mayors, Cam Guthrie <a href="mayor@guelph.ca">mayor@guelph.ca</a>

All Ontario Municipalities (via email)





October 8, 2020

#### In This Issue

- Seeking expressions of interest for 2 municipal staff vacancies on AMO Board.
- Save the date! ROMA Annual Conference January 25-26, 2021.
- Space still available for AMO's Land Use Planning training.
- LAS Blog: Cyber Security.
- Vendor Spotlight: Municipal Group Buying Program.
- Investments 101 Training now available.
- Ontario Trillium Foundation: Resilient Communities Fund.
- Infographic on reserves and reserve funds.
- IPAC's Virtual Conference-AC2020: Building the New Normal.
- Careers with Bruce County, Northumberland, Casselman, Halton and Windsor.

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# **Eye on Events**

ROMA is pleased to announce the launch of ROMA: Connecting Rural Ontario. ROMA's 2021 Conference will be a virtual event. Registration, exciting program news and more will be available soon. Contact events@roma.on.ca with questions.

AMO's Land Use Planning workshop offers municipal decision makers deep understanding of the principles and key elements of land use planning that inform implementing and managing the land use policy framework in Ontario. Register now!

## LAS

Cyber security is a key priority for Ontario's municipalities. With more services delivered online and reliance on internet connected technologies for day-to-day work, municipalities are exposed to potential cyber threats. <u>Learn more</u> about what AMO and LAS are doing to help members with cyber security.

The <u>Municipal Group Buying Program</u> just added an Automotive Aftermarket Accessories category. Buy discounted items from ladder racks and lights to towing parts from <u>Action Car & Truck Accessories</u> through the LAS program. To learn more

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# **Municipal Wire\***

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is offering one time funding for eligible municipalities that can assist with managing the re-opening or expansion of cultural and recreation services impacted by COVID-19. <u>Join the webinar</u> on Thursday, October 15 at 1:30pm (EDT) and learn more.

The Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MFOA) has recently released <u>an infographic</u> on the basics of reserves and reserve funds, why they are a strategic management tool, and the drawbacks to improper use of the funds.

Join the Institute of Public Administration of Canada's <u>virtual annual conference</u> from November 16-18, 2020 and gain the insight and practical knowledge needed to succeed in a post-pandemic public service.

#### Careers

<u>Business & Human Services Integration Manager - County of Bruce</u>. Reports to: Director of Human Services. Position status: Full Time. Interested applicants should review the entire job posting, and then apply online at <u>County of Bruce</u>, following the outlined process. Deadline for applications is 12:00 midnight on Tuesday October 20, 2020.

<u>Chief, Paramedics - Northumberland County</u>. Position Status: Permanent, full-time. We invite you to submit your application by 4:30pm on Tuesday, October 20th, 2020 to: Human Resources, County of Northumberland, 555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6. Email: <a href="mailto:hr@northumberlandcounty.ca">hr@northumberlandcounty.ca</a>; Fax: 905.372.3046.

<u>Urbaniste / Planner - Municipalité de Casselman / Municipality of Casselman.</u> Position status: Full-Time. Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer. The complete job description is available on demand. Please submit your application in writing to the attention of the human resources at: Municipality of Casselman, P.O. Box 710, 751 St-Jean Street, Casselman, ON K0A 1M0. Fax: 613.764.5709; EMAIL: RH-HR@casselman.ca

<u>Manager, Project Portfolio Services - Region of Halton</u>. Department: Strategic Transformation Group. Reports to: Director of Business Planning & Corporate Initiatives. Position Status: Full Time, Permanent. Posting Number: STG-360-20. Apply online at Halton Job Postings.

<u>Chief Administrative Officer - City of Windsor</u>. Due to the retirement of the incumbent, the City of Windsor is seeking a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide strategic and inclusive leadership during a period of change and growth. To apply for this position, please submit your application and related materials to <a href="mailto:cmorrison@boyden.com">cmorrison@boyden.com</a> and state the title of the position in the subject line of your e-mail.

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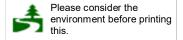
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October 15, 2020

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- Seeking expressions of interest for 2 municipal staff vacancies on AMO Board.
- Ontario Great Lakes Local Action Fund Funding proposals due November 6.
- Ontario Cannabis Store survey on social responsibility.
- ROMA 2021 Virtual Conference registration open.
- Municipal Cyber Security 101 forum: What You Need to Know.
- Municipal Group Buying Program New office supplies contract.
- Investments 101 Training now available.
- LAS Energy Planning Tool Completely new and improved!
- Conservation Authorities and development process roles.
- Careers with Montague Township, Essex County and Greater Sudbury.

# **AMO Matters**

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# **Provincial Matters**

Ontario is inviting applications through the \$1.67 million <u>Great Lakes Local Action Fund</u> for clean up and other local shoreline and coastal restoration projects. Municipalities, community groups, small businesses and indigenous communities can apply for \$50,000 grants to fund these projects. Go to <u>Transfer Payments Ontario</u> to apply. Interested groups may also register for a webinar for more information.

The Ontario Cannabis Store is <u>conducting a survey</u> on social responsibility that will inform their proposed three-year strategy. Survey will determine what environmental, social, and governance topics are most important to municipal governments. For more information, please contact <u>OCS</u>.

# **Eye on Events**

<u>Registration</u> is now open for *ROMA:* Connecting Rural Ontario, January 25-26, 2021. Do not miss this opportunity to connect with colleagues and the province, and learn from experts on important and timely rural issues.

AMO and the Municipal Information Systems Association of Ontario (MISA-ON) are co-hosting a free Municipal Cyber Security 101 forum. <u>Join us on October 22</u>, 10 am -

and hear from experts about how strengthening cyber security should be the default setting of your municipality.

## LAS

Staples Business Advantage has been awarded the new contract for office supplies under the <u>Municipal Group Buying Program</u>. This provides Ontario's municipalities even greater discounts on toner, paper, and other office essentials. Contact your <u>LAS regional rep</u> for more information.

The <u>Energy Planning Tool</u> is one of our most popular programs, allowing municipalities to manage and report their energy use quickly and easily. Over the summer we've rebuilt EPT from the ground up, adding new features to make the software easier to use and increase functionality. <u>Join us for a webinar on October 28</u> for the big reveal!

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# **Municipal Wire\***

If you have ever wondered about the role of conservation authorities vs municipal staff in the planning process, this <u>Guideline for Conservation Authority Pre-Consultation</u> offers a great explanation. While designed for CA staff, it is helpful for everyone involved in the development process.

#### Careers

Clerk Administrator - Township of Montague. Position status: Maternity Leave Coverage (12 month contract). A full job description can be seen at the <u>Township of Montague</u>. Please forward your resume, along with a covering letter, by fax, mail, or email to the following by noon on October 30, 2020: The Township of Montague, ATTN: Jasmin Ralph, Clerk Administrator, 6547 Rogers Stevens Drive, PO Box 755, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 4W6. Fax: 613.283.3112; Email: iralph@township.montague.on.ca.

Manager, Transportation Planning & Development - County of Essex. Job Posting Number: 37-20. The Manager is a leading member of the Infrastructure Services department. Qualified applicants are invited to apply online through the Current Job Postings section of our website at County of Essex Recruit Right, no later than November 5, 2020.

<u>Director of Communications & Community Engagement - City of Greater Sudbury.</u> To learn more about this opportunity, please visit <u>Greater Sudbury Current Opportunities</u>. Qualified candidates should submit their résumé in confidence by Monday, November 9, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. by email to <a href="mailto:hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca">hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca</a> or fax number

Please reference the Employment Opportunity number EX20-489 on your resume.

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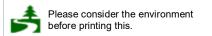
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October 22, 2020

## In This Issue

- Is flooding a local issue?
- Blue Box draft regulation posted Webinar November 4.
- ROMA 2021 Virtual Conference registration open.
- There is still time to register for the October 28 Land Use Planning Workshop.
- Lighting retrofits are saving municipalities money!
- Introducing the new and improved EPT!
- Group Buying Program Webinars Zamboni, Tech supplies.
- Investments 101 Training now available.
- Careers with Burlington, Cobourg, Kitchener and Toronto Transit Commission.

## **AMO Matters**

The AMO discussion paper "Come Hell or High Water: Flooding, Climate Change and Municipal Responses" is now available. This paper explores how the global issue of climate change and changing weather patterns impact municipal policies and strategies as it relates to flooding, high water, and erosion. The document reflects AMO members' experiences with flooding and what solutions they would like to see advocated for.

#### **Provincial Matters**

The Province has <u>posted</u> the <u>draft Blue Box regulation</u> for consultation until December 3. AMO staff are hosting a webinar on November 4 from 10 am -12 pm to discuss our response and what this means for your municipality. Register for the webinar.

## **Eye on Events**

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Back by popular demand, Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics is coming to you virtually. This training provides insight and tools to support your central role in implementing and managing the land use policy framework. Registration details.

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We've reached a milestone! Beside completing 65 LED retrofit projects, municipalities are collectively saving over \$1 million in annual energy/maintenance costs through the

can be part of the savings.

We're excited for the launch of our new and improved <u>Energy Planning Tool!</u> Over the summer we've rebuilt EPT from the ground up, adding lots of new features and making it more user friendly. <u>Join us for a webinar on October 28</u> at 10 am to see this software in action and learn more.

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#### Careers

<u>Financial Analyst, Budgets & Policies - City of Burlington</u>. Department: Finance. Employment Status: Contract (20 months). Job Number: FN-138-20. Posting Close Date: October 30, 2020. To apply, please visit <u>Burlington Career Opportunities</u> and click on "View Jobs". Please note that applications are only accepted online.

<u>Manager, Parks - Town of Cobourg</u>. Position status: Full-time Permanent. Interested applicants should forward their resume in confidence no later than November 6, 2020 at 4 pm to the attention of the Human Resources Department at <u>careers@cobourg.ca</u>. Please quote competition #20-25. NOTE: due to COVID-19 restrictions the interviews and the selection process may be delayed.

<u>Assistant City Solicitor (Development & Planning) - City of Kitchener</u>. Reports to the City Solicitor. To explore this opportunity further, please contact Kristen Manning at <u>kristen.manning@odgersberndtson.com</u> or submit your resume and letter of interest online to <u>Odgers Berndtson Opportunities</u> by November 16, 2020.

Inaugural Chief, Diversity & Culture - Toronto Transit Commission (TTC). The Chief, Diversity & Culture is a member of the senior executive team — at the decision-making table to help drive the TTC forward as a direct report to the CEO. Interested applicants can submit their resume to Odgers Berndtson Opportunities. Odgers Berndtson is partnering with BIPOC Executive Search to strengthen the diversity of the candidate pool. Applicants from the BIPOC community may wish to send their resume to Jason Murray at <a href="mailto:jmurray@bipocsearch.com">jmurray@bipocsearch.com</a>.

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October 29, 2020

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- Seeking expressions of interest for 2 municipal staff vacancies on AMO Board.
- Accessible municipal websites.
- Community Net Metering Demonstration Projects.
- Federal Rapid Housing Initiative Applications open.
- ROMA 2021: Early Bird rates close December 31.
- The "Echo" Pandemic: Supporting employee mental health in wake of COVID-19.
- Coming next week: The all-new EPT!
- Group Buying Program Webinars you'll want to see.
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- Canadian Women in Municipal Government Scholarship.
- Careers with Peterborough Police Services Board and CLASS.

## **AMO Matters**

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Need an AODA compliant municipal website in time for January 1, 2021? AMO's partner <u>eSolutionsGroup</u> has you covered. eSolutionsGroup is <u>offering</u> members engaging and accessible municipal websites on a budget. Contact <u>Karen Mayfield</u>, eSolutionsGroup President, for more information.

## **Provincial Matters**

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines is seeking <u>input on a proposal for community net metering demonstration projects</u>. Community net metering refers to a net metering arrangement that allows for the transfer or sharing of credits from generation facilities within a community across multiple metered accounts. Comments on the proposed regulatory changes are due November 22.

## **Federal Matters**

The federal government has released details and opened up the application process for the new Rapid Housing Initiative announced earlier this year. It is to create new affordable housing for people and populations who are vulnerable. Municipal governments and housing providers are eligible to apply. The deadline is December 31, 2020. For information and to access the application portal, visit the CMHC

# **Eye on Events**

<u>Register</u> for ROMA 2021 before December 31 to access the early bird rate. Registration gives you access to 2 days of content, meeting with the province, and connecting with colleagues. Program updates and registration information is posted here.

The mental health of your employees is at risk from impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Join <u>AMO's partner BEACON</u> for a <u>complimentary webinar</u> on November 12 at noon (ET), which will describe the critical principles municipalities should embrace to help your employees protect, nurture, and improve their mental health in the post-COVID reality.

# LAS

We're excited to go live with our all new <u>Energy Planning Tool</u> software next week! With exciting new features like benchmarking, graphing, and GHG emissions, EPT now helps you get even more from your energy data. In case you missed the launch webinar, it can be <u>viewed here</u>. <u>Contact LAS</u> to start using this powerful energy tool today.

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## **Municipal Wire\***

The Canadian Women in Municipal Government scholarship is open to female students enrolled in any year of study in secondary school and who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council. The <u>application period for scholarships</u> opened on October 26, 2020.

# **Careers**

Executive Assistant - Peterborough Police Services Board. File #: 20-32. Closing Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 at 4:00 pm. Send your completed documentation to: Attention: Human Resources, Peterborough Police Service, 500 Water Street, P.O. Box 2050, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 7Y4 or email to Recruitment pps@peterborough.ca.

Energy & Environmental Coordinator - Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrative School Services (CLASS). Reports to: CLASS General Manager. Qualified candidates interested in this position may submit a sever letter resume, proof of educational

qualifications and three written references from professional associates, electronically, by 3:00 pm Monday, November 16, 2020, attention: General Manger, CLASS; Email address: careers@cklass.ca.

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