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December 14, 2020**

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<https://www.haltonhills.ca/Modules/news/en>

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November 19, 2020	New Climate Change Exhibition at the Helson Gallery
November 19, 2020	Mayor's Message - November 2020
November 24, 2020	Mayor Says All Welcome But Stay Home if You Can
November 25, 2020	Town Awarded for Energy Efficient Actions at Mayors' Megawatt Challenge Forum 2020
November 30, 2020	Local Artists Show and Sale at the Cultural Centre
December 8, 2020	Town Approves 2021 Budget
December 8, 2020	Mayor Bonnette's 2020 Virtual Chamber Speech
December 9, 2020	Local Culture Days Celebration Achieves Top 10 National Ranking



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December 2, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford,

On November 26th, Peel Regional Council passed the enclosed resolution (Resolution Number 2020-976) requesting the provincial government revise the Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 to address the inequity created between small businesses required to close and businesses permitted to open and conduct sales.

The Region of Peel's fundamental priority throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has been to protect the health and safety of Peel residents and this continues to be the highest priority during this crisis, which is why we support the Province's decision to move the Region of Peel into the "Grey: Lockdown Level" of the provincial COVID-19 framework.

While we continue to support this decision, it is critical to recognize that some of the lockdown measures have created an uneven playing field, placing small businesses and local retailers at a significant competitive disadvantage. Larger retail outlets, which are permitted to remain open, sell more than just essentials and are in direct competition with small retailers, which are limited to online sales and curb side pick-up or delivery.

With the holiday shopping season upon us, we must do everything possible to support small businesses. The survival of these businesses is essential for Peel's and the Province's recovery efforts. As such, the Region of Peel is requesting that the Province revise the Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 (the "lockdown") to address the inequity created between small businesses required to limit their sales to online or curbside pickup and businesses permitted to open and continue in-person sales; to avoid unfair competitive advantage between businesses; and to provide consistency with continued effective health risk management in consultation with Public Health.

In addition, the Region is requesting that clearly defined requirements for masking, physical distancing with capacity limits on a per square meter basis, and limits on numbers of persons admitted to big box and other businesses be implemented and strictly enforced, with additional provincial resources to support enforcement.



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The Region encourages the Province to move forward with these measures expeditiously, as many small businesses and local retailers are on the brink of insolvency and need support from all levels of government. It is our shared priority to reach a balance in preventing further spread of COVID-19 to keep our community safe, while supporting these businesses that will form the foundation upon which we build back an even stronger economy.

As we move through this pandemic, the Region will continue to seek opportunities to work with you to help and support Peel's residents and business. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 905-791-7800 x4310. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

Kindest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nando Iannicca', written over a light gray rectangular background.

Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair & Chief Executive Officer
Region of Peel

CC: Peel-area MPPs
GTHA Municipalities

Attached: Resolution 2020-976

Region of Peel

**APPROVED AT REGIONAL COUNCIL
November 26, 2020**

8. COVID19 RELATED MATTERS

8.1 Update Regarding Public Health Staffing in Response to COVID-19

Resolution Number 2020-976

Moved by Councillor Crombie

Seconded by Councillor Brown and Councillor Groves

Whereas on November 23, 2020, the Region of Peel entered the province's "Grey Zone: Lockdown," which has put significant restrictions on business operations in the Region, including the closure of small businesses, except for those that can provide online shopping, curbside pick-up, or delivery;

And whereas, daily COVID-19 numbers in Peel continue to increase;

And whereas, hospitalization numbers and the number of patients in the ICU, throughout Peel, continue to rise;

And whereas, the safest way to shop to stop the spread of COVID-19 is through infrequent trips to the store, online shopping, by curbside pick-up, or through take-out;

And whereas, in an effort to keep the supply chain operating and ensure people can get the essentials they need like groceries, large retailers have been permitted to continue to operate, albeit with capacity limits;

And whereas, larger retailer outlets sell more than just essentials and are in direct competition with small retailers who are not allowed to open, or only with online shopping or curb side pick-up, creating an uneven playing field for small businesses and local retailers;

And whereas, the holiday shopping season has begun, a critical time for small businesses due to the provincial restrictions;

Therefore be it resolved, that the provincial government be requested to revise the Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 (the "lockdown") to address the inequity created between small businesses required to close and businesses permitted to open and continue sales; to avoid unfair competitive advantage between businesses; and to provide consistency with continued effective health risk management in consultation with Public Health;

And further, that strict enforcement of requirements for masking, physical distancing with capacity limits on a per square metre basis, and limits on numbers of persons admitted to big box and other businesses be emphasized and pursued;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Peel-area MPPs:

*Sara Singh, MPP Brampton Centre
Gurratan Singh, MPP Brampton East
Kevin Yarde, MPP Brampton North
Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP Brampton South
Amarjot Sandhu, MPP Brampton West
Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon
Natalia Kusendova, MPP Mississauga Centre
Kaleed Rasheed, MPP Mississauga East-Cooksville
Sheref Sabawy, MPP Mississauga-Erin Mills
Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP Mississauga-Lakeshore
Deepak Anand, MPP Mississauga-Malton
Nina Tangri, MPP Mississauga-Streetsville,*

with a request that they advocate and speak up on behalf of the businesses that they are elected to represent

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the City of Toronto and Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area municipalities.

Carried

REPORT TO: Conservation Halton Board of Directors

REPORT NO: # CHBD 07 20 03

FROM: Barbara J. Veale, Director, Planning & Watershed Management

DATE: October 22, 2020

SUBJECT: Halton Region Official Plan Review: Conservation Halton Discussion Paper Comments
CH File: MPR 734

Recommendation

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **endorse the staff report entitled “Halton Region Official Plan Review: Conservation Halton Discussion Paper Comments”;**

And

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **direct staff to send the report entitled “Halton Region Official Plan Review: Conservation Halton Discussion Paper Comments” to the Region of Halton, the local Halton Area municipalities and conservation authorities.**

Executive Summary

A review of the Region of Halton’s Official Plan (ROP) commenced in 2014. Phase 2 of the review is currently underway and has involved background research, technical analysis and the development of five discussion papers related to Rural and Agricultural System, Natural Heritage, Regional Urban Structure, Climate Change and North Aldershot Planning Area. Conservation Halton staff has engaged with Regional staff throughout the ROP review process, as a member of the Halton Area Planning Partnership (HAPP).

CH staff has reviewed all five discussion papers and has responded to the discussion questions in each paper. Staff’s review and comments focused on the areas that fall within CH’s areas of expertise and on matters of interest to CH, including topics related to natural hazards, natural heritage, water resources, source protection and climate change. Staff recommends that the CH Board of Directors endorse Report No. CHBD 07 20 06.

Report

Background

Halton Region’s Official Plan (ROP) review commenced in 2014. Phase 1 of the ROP review was completed in 2016 and included the establishment of key directions and a work plan.

Phase 2 of the ROP review is currently underway. Phase 2 involved on background research, technical analysis and the development of discussion papers related to key themes of the ROP review. Five discussion papers have been prepared on the following topics: [Rural and Agricultural System](#), [Natural Heritage](#), [Regional Urban Structure](#), [Climate Change](#) and [North Aldershot Planning Area](#). The discussion papers explore issues related to each of these topic areas and options for how the ROP could address issues and achieve conformity with the Provincial Plans and Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). These reports are available on Halton Region's website.

Regional Council endorsed the discussion papers for public release at the Regional Council meeting on July 15, 2020. The Region is currently undertaking a broad public consultation on the discussion papers until the end of October 2020.

Conservation Halton (CH) staff has engaged with Regional staff throughout the Regional OP review process, as a member of the Halton Area Planning Partnership (HAPP). Staff will continue to participate in HAPP reviews and technical meetings throughout the OP review and will keep the Board of Directors apprised of progress at critical milestones.

Key comments

CH staff has reviewed the discussion papers and has responded to the discussion questions raised in each paper (Attachment A). Staff's review and comments were focused on the areas that fall within CH's areas of expertise and on matters of specific interest to CH, including topics related to natural hazards, natural heritage, water resources, source protection and climate change. Key comments for the Region to consider as part of the ROP review are:

1. ROP natural hazard policies should be strengthened.

The current ROP policies are limited and focused on flooding. Through the ROP review, there is an opportunity to strengthen and develop broader policies to address all natural hazards, as identified in Section 3.1 of the PPS. At a minimum, CH staff recommends ROP policies include clear language that identifies natural hazards as a constraint, whether mapped or not, and directs the reader to the appropriate Conservation Authority's regulatory mapping and local Official Plans/zoning by-laws as a source of information. ROP policies should also guide the user to consult with and conform to conservation authority (CA) regulatory policies, as they relate to development in and adjacent to hazard lands (excluding wildfire hazards). CA regulatory policies direct how and where development can proceed as it relates to hazard lands. Opportunities exist for the ROP to support CA policies and promote CA consultation.

CAs have the delegated responsibility to represent the Province on the natural hazard policies of the PPS (3.1.1-3.1.7 inclusive). These delegated responsibilities require CAs to review and provide comments on municipal policy documents (Official Plans and comprehensive zoning by-laws) and applications submitted pursuant to the *Planning Act*, as part of the Provincial One Window Plan Review Service. It is recommended that CH staff be actively engaged in the development of natural hazard policies of the ROP.

2. CH's Floodplain Mapping Program can support planning decisions.

In 2018, CH embarked on a renewed Floodplain Mapping Program. New technologies and tools offer opportunities to provide more accurate depiction of flood hazards. This information is used to support CH's regulatory program and planning decisions, as well as infrastructure planning, design and maintenance, flood forecasting and warning, emergency planning and response and prioritization of flood mitigation efforts. It also provides an opportunity for CH, the Region and local municipalities to work collaboratively to identify priority areas to be mapped, such as new growth areas (e.g., MTSA boundary delineation, settlement area expansions) or areas of concern. CH will engage with municipal planning staff in this regard.

3. CH has data and expertise that can support the identification of a Water Resources System and the development of source protection related policies and mapping.

Given CH's roles as a watershed management agency, regulatory authority, and Source Protection Authority (SPA), CH has data and expertise that would benefit the Region in the identification of a Water Resources System (WRS), as required in the Provincial Plans, and as it relates to source water protection. CH staff would be pleased to provide support to the Region in the development of WRS and source protection mapping or policies.

Under the *Clean Water Act*, CH was designated the lead SPA for the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region. In 2019, CH's roles and responsibilities in source water protection were further reinforced, when the *Conservation Authorities Act* was amended to prescribe source protection as a mandatory program and service for CAs to deliver. In 2021, CH will be updating the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Plan, as well as the underlying science. The Plan update will support continued protection of Lake Ontario and groundwater aquifer sources of municipal drinking water and consider changing landscape uses and activities, climate change and new water sources, among other things. CH staff will continue to engage municipalities throughout the Plan update process to ensure that any changes are addressed in the ROP.

4. ROP policies and a corporate strategy will help Halton respond to climate change.

CH supports the Region's intention to develop climate change policies in the ROP that can be implemented through land use planning and sees opportunities to embed climate change mitigation and adaptation direction throughout the ROP, including within the natural heritage, natural hazard, water/source water sections of the ROP. Maintaining and enhancing policies related to watershed planning and natural assets/green infrastructure would also strengthen the Region's approach to addressing the impacts of climate change. The Region should consider developing a corporate Climate Change Strategy to address climate change corporate mitigation and adaptation actions that fall outside of the land use planning arena.

5. CAs are important partners for the development of a Regional Natural Heritage Strategy.

The CAs that have jurisdiction in Halton should be recognized as key partners in helping the Region develop a Regional Natural Heritage Strategy, particularly given that CAs deliver numerous programs and services that support the Region's vision and objectives (e.g., environmental education, environmental monitoring, stewardship, land securement, protection of greenspaces). Furthermore, CAs have decades monitoring data and expertise that can help support such initiatives.

Next Steps

Consultation on the discussion papers will conclude at the end of October 2020. Phase 3 of the Regional Official Plan review will focus on the development of policy directions including a draft amendment to the ROP. There will be additional opportunities for public engagement throughout the Regional Official Plan Amendment process in Phase 3, which Conservation Halton staff will participate in and report to the Board of Directors at critical milestones.

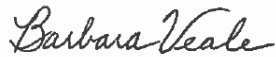
Impact on Strategic Goals

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

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to this report.

Signed & respectfully submitted:



Barbara Veale, PhD, MCIP, RPP
Director, Planning & Watershed Management

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November 25, 2020

Hon. Sylvia Jones
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RE - Bill 229 and the Conservation Authorities

Dear Honourable Sylvia Jones:

Shelburne Town Council passed the following resolution unanimously at its Council meeting held Monday November 23, 2020:

Moved By Councillor Walter Benotto
Seconded By Councillor Kyle Fegan

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 - Conservation Authorities Act; and

WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authority's' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications; and

WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act; and

WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without conservation authority watershed data and expertise; and



WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs; and

WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on Conservation Authority Boards should be a municipal decision, and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Conservation Authority Board should be duly elected; and

WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a Conservation Authority Board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed; and

WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative; and

WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and

WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229);
2. THAT the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth;
3. THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority and municipal relationships; and



4. THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.

CARRIED, Mayor Wade Mills

This motion was passed unanimously.

Thank You

J. Willoughby

Jennifer Willoughby
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Town of Shelburne

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Andrea Horwath, Leader, Official Opposition
Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
Sandy Shaw, Critic, Finance and Treasury Board
Ian Arthur, Critic, Environment
Peter Tabuns, Critic, Climate Crisis

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November 19, 2020

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
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Sent by email

Attention: Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer NVCA
Keith White, NVCA Board Chair
Marlane McLeod, NVCA Vice Chair

Re: Township of Essa Council Resolution No. CR204-2020
Bill 229 "Protect, Support and Recover from COVID19 Act – Schedule 6 –
Conservation Authorities Act"

Please be advised that at its meeting of November 18, 2020, Council of the Township of Essa received a copy of information in relation to Bill 229 in addition to a verbal report from the NVCA Board Chair on the impacts to Conservation Authorities and the trickle effect to municipalities and citizens in Ontario should the Bill pass

As a result of the discussions, Council of the Township of Essa passed the following Resolution:

Resolution No: CR204-2020 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act; and

WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications; and

WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act; and

WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without conservation authority watershed data and expertise; and

WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs; and

WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on Conservation Authority Boards should be a municipal decision, and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Conservation Authority Board should be duly elected; and

WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a Conservation Authority Board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed; and

WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative; and

WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and

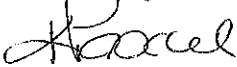
WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- *THAT the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229)*
- *THAT the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth*
- *THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority and municipal relationships; and*
- *THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.*

----Carried----

Sincerely,



per; Lisa Lehr, CMO
Clerk

cc. Conservation Ontario – Kim Gavine, General Manager
Conservation Ontario – Wayne Emmerson, Chair
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
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November 25, 2020

SUBJECT: PROTECTING CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES RESOLUTION

Please be advised that at its meeting held Monday, November 23, 2020, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas the City of Burlington has been well served by both Conservation Halton and Credit Valley Conservation; and

Whereas we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property, and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development under the Conservation Authorities Act, ensuring compliance with the Regulations and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act; and

Whereas new legislation introduces changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder conservation authorities' participation in and support of local planning appeal processes and their ability to protect development from natural hazards; and

Whereas the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without consideration of local conditions, the Conservation Authority Board approved policies, watershed data and technical expertise; and

Whereas the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs; and

Whereas municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs; and

Whereas municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on conservation authority boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the conservation authority boards should be duly elected; and

Whereas the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed; and

Whereas conservation authorities have already aligned approaches through Memorandums of Understanding with local watershed municipalities to reduce delays, avoid duplication and improve service delivery for all clients; and

Whereas changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, their municipal partners, and cause delays in the development approval process; and

Whereas municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within conservation authority jurisdictions for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value conservation authorities' work to ensure safe drinking water;

Therefore be it resolved;

That the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address their concerns by repealing and/or amending changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act set out in Bill 229; and

That the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns; and

That the Province of Ontario provide a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of conservation authority municipal budget processes; and

That the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships; and

That the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, our local MPPs, our local MPs, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Leaders of all opposition parties, Halton Region, the City of Burlington, the Town of Milton, the Town of Halton Hills, the town of Oakville, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and be made publicly available.

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

Sincerely,



Kevin Arjoon
City Clerk



November 19, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL/MAIL TO:

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Subject: Protecting Conservation Authorities

At its meeting on November 16, 2020, Oakville Town Council approved the following resolution with respect to the subject item noted above:

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November 19, 2020

Subject: Protecting Conservation Authorities

WHEREAS The Town of Oakville has been well served by both Conservation Halton and Credit Valley Conservation;

WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property, and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development under the Conservation Authorities Act, ensuring compliance with the Regulations and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act;

WHEREAS new legislation introduces changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder conservation authorities' participation in and support of local planning appeal processes and their ability to protect development from natural hazards;

WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without consideration of local conditions, the Conservation Authority Board approved policies, watershed data and technical expertise;

WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs;

WHEREAS municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs;

WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on conservation authority boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the conservation authority boards should be duly elected;

WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed;

WHEREAS conservation authorities have already aligned approaches through Memorandums of Understanding with local watershed municipalities to reduce delays, avoid duplication and improve service delivery for all clients;

WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, their municipal partners, and cause delays in the development approval process;

AND WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within conservation authority jurisdictions for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value conservation authorities' work to ensure safe drinking water;

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November 19, 2020

Subject: Protecting Conservation Authorities

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address their concerns by repealing and/or amending changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act set out in Bill 229;

THAT the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns;

THAT the Province of Ontario provide a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of conservation authority municipal budget processes;

THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships;

THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, local MPPs, local MPs, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Leaders of all opposition parties, Halton Region, the City of Burlington, the Town of Milton, the Town of Halton Hills, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, AMO, and be made publically available.

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,



Vicki Tytaneck
Town Clerk

November 24, 2020

BY EMAIL

To: Grand River Watershed Member Municipalities

Re: Bill 229: Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures)

I am writing on behalf of the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) to provide you with an update on our concerns regarding the Province's proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act under Bill 229: Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures).

On Monday, November 23, 2020, the GRCA General Membership held a special board meeting to review and discuss the Province's proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act through Schedule 6 in Bill 229.

While the GRCA board expressed support for the Province's stated objectives to modernize the Conservation Authorities Act, and enhance transparency and accountability, the board also voiced deep concern that some of the proposed changes may have a considerable impact on conservation authorities, their watershed management responsibilities, and consequently, on the health and wellness of the Grand River watershed and its residents.

At the meeting, board members passed a motion requesting staff to send *GRCA Report GM-11-20-85 Proposed Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act through Bill 229* to the Premier of Ontario, the Ministers of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Natural Resources and Forestry, Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Finance, as well as all watershed MPPs, watershed municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association. The report outlines the proposed changes in five key areas of concern for the GRCA: Objects, Powers and Duties; Regulatory; Enforcement; Governance and Other.

Please find attached the GRCA board report, as well as a letter that has been sent to the Province detailing our concerns. The GRCA is requesting that:

- the clause in S.21.1.2 of Bill 229 be edited to remove the ability for the Minister to prescribe standards and requirements for non-mandatory, municipal and local programs and services;
- the amendment to the Planning Act be removed from Schedule 6 of Bill 229;
- Bill 229 Schedule 6 clauses in S.28 be amended by removing references to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal and replacing it with the Mining and Lands Tribunal;
- the existing un-proclaimed clauses in the Conservation Authorities Act 2019 related to Powers of entry (30.2) and Stop Order (30.4) remain in the Conservation Authorities Act and proposed amendments related to these clauses be removed from Bill 229 Schedule 6;

- the wording for fiduciary responsibilities in the CA Act be amended back to: “Every member of an authority shall act honestly and in good faith with a view to furthering the objects of the authority”; and that
- a future regulation regarding the transition plan have an implementation date that is 18-24 months after the regulation is approved.

We would encourage our watershed municipalities to contact their local MPPs and ask that the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address these concerns, before the changes are enacted.

We look forward to continuing our productive partnership with our watershed municipalities, as we work together to address local issues and opportunities that benefit the entire watershed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Jowett', with a stylized, flowing script.

Helen Jowett, Chair
Grand River Conservation Authority

cc Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipalities Association

November 24, 2020

BY EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Office of the Premier
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Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Bill 229: Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures)

I am writing on behalf of the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) to express our concerns regarding the Province's proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act under Bill 229: Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures).

The GRCA is governed through a partnership of 38 watershed municipalities, which work together to address local issues and opportunities that benefit the entire watershed. Elected or appointed representatives from these municipalities form the membership of the GRCA board, making us directly accountable to our member municipalities and the people that live in the watershed. We work closely with our municipal partners to deliver programs and services that mitigate flood damage, provide access to outdoor spaces, share information about the natural environment and make the watershed more resilient to climate change.

For example, through the Rural Water Quality Program, the GRCA has built strong relationships with the farming community. The GRCA delivers this voluntary program on behalf of 6 Upper Tier municipalities in the watershed to help farmers implement best practices to improve and protect surface and groundwater quality. Since 1998, more than \$56 million has been invested by municipalities and landowners – an investment that supports the rural economy and source water protection, builds green infrastructure and climate change resiliency on the landscape, and helps to improve the quality of the Grand River.

While we support the Province's stated objectives to modernize the Conservation Authorities Act, and enhance transparency and accountability, we are also concerned that some of the proposed changes will have a considerable impact on conservation authorities, their watershed management responsibilities, and consequently, on the health and wellness of the Grand River watershed and its residents.

The GRCA is requesting that:

- the clause in S.21.1.2 of Bill 229 be edited to remove the ability for the Minister to prescribe standards and requirements for non-mandatory, municipal and local programs and services;
- the amendment to the Planning Act be removed from Schedule 6 of Bill 229;
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- the wording for fiduciary responsibilities in the CA Act be amended back to: "Every member of an authority shall act honestly and in good faith with a view to furthering the objects of the authority"; and that
- a future regulation regarding the transition plan have an implementation date that is 18-24 months after the regulation is approved.

Please find attached *GRCA Report GM-11-20-85 Proposed Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act through Bill 229*, which outlines our key areas of concern. We are asking that the Province work with conservation authorities to address these concerns before Bill 229 is passed. We would also like to offer our assistance and technical expertise to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on any working groups or technical committees established to review future changes to the regulations, policies or provincial standards related to the implementation of the Conservation Authorities Act.

We look forward to continuing our productive relationship with the Province, and supporting your government's effort to improve the governance and accountability of conservation authorities.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Jowett, Chair
Grand River Conservation Authority

- c. Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks; Hon. John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry; Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Housing and Affairs, Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance; Grand River watershed Members of Provincial Parliament

Grand River Conservation Authority

Report number: GM-11-20-85

Date: November 23, 2020

To: Members of the Grand River Conservation Authority

Subject: Proposed Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act through Bill 229

Recommendation:

THAT Report Number GM-11-20-85 – Proposed Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act through Bill 229 be approved as amended;

AND THAT Grand River Conservation Authority Report GM-11-20-85 be submitted to the Premier, Ministers of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Natural Resources, Municipal Housing and Affairs and Finance, watershed MPPs, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, and circulated to watershed municipalities;

AND THAT staff be directed to draft a cover letter which highlights the GRCA's key concerns with the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act which will accompany the report to be distributed.

Summary:

On November 5, 2020, through Bill 229 Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), the province introduced amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* (Schedule 6) and the *Planning Act*. If enacted, some changes will significantly impact the role of a conservation authority board to establish programs and services. As well, the proposed amendments will enable Regulations that will either limit or completely change the role of conservation authorities to protect Ontario's environment and ensure people and property are safe from natural hazards.

Report:

Background:

A provincial review of the *Conservation Authorities Act* has been ongoing since 2015. Amendments were approved in 2017, a minor change in 2018 and these were followed by further amendments in 2019. In 2019, the province indicated the proposed amendments were to help conservation authorities focus and deliver on the core mandate and to improve governance. The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) provided comments on the Environmental Registry Posting through GM-04-19-41- Environmental Registry Posting 013-5018- Modernizing Conservation Authority Operations. The amendments were later passed through Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act. At that time, the scope of the changes to conservation authority board

governance and composition; mandatory, municipal and other programs and services; natural hazard permits and other areas were to come out through various regulations.

In the fall of 2019, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) hosted meetings with each individual conservation authority (CA) to gain a better understanding of the programs and services provided by each Authority. In the early winter of 2020, the MECP also hosted stakeholder consultation sessions across the province to gain feedback from the various groups, agencies and organizations who deal with, or work with CAs. The Vice-Chair and senior staff attended the South-western session and submitted formal written comments in response to questions posed by the MECP. MECP has confirmed that they received over 2,500 submissions in response to these consultation sessions; however, the results of these sessions have not been publicly shared.

Bill 229

On November 5, 2020, the province introduced Bill 229 Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act which includes amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* (Schedule 6). The province identified these changes as necessary to improve transparency and consistency in conservation authority operations, strengthen municipal and provincial oversight and streamline conservation authority roles in permitting and land use planning.

While previously proposed changes to the Act have been posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for a period of public comment; these new changes are posted on the ERO for information only. Under Section 33 of the Environmental Bill of Rights (1993), public consultation is not required if the proposal forms part of or gives effect to a budget or economic statement that is presented to the Legislative Assembly. It is anticipated that Bill 229 will be passed in the next few weeks as the legislature is due to rise on December 10th.

On November 9, 2020, MECP hosted an information session with all 36 Conservation Authority General Managers to provide additional information on the proposed amendments and timelines. MECP has indicated that regulations to implement the Act will be released for public comment in the coming weeks and a second set of regulations will be released for public comment in early 2021.

Proposed Amendments:

Attached as appendix 1 is a summary chart of the proposed amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and comments on the effects of those changes. This document was prepared by Conservation Ontario and circulated to the Board on November 13, 2020.

The changes to *Conservation Authorities Act* can be categorized into 5 sections:

- 1. Objects, Powers and Duties**
- 2. Regulatory**
- 3. Enforcement**
- 4. Governance**
- 5. Other**

Key changes to the Act under each of these categories are discussed below:

1. Objects, Powers and Duties

- Narrows the objects of a conservation authority from providing “programs and services designated to further conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources other than gas, oil, coal and minerals” (*Conservation Authorities Act*, s20(1)) to: (i) mandatory programs and services, (ii) municipal programs and services, and (iii) other program and services.
- A number of proposed clauses that would enable the Minister to make regulations that would prescribe standards and requirements for Municipal Programs and Services (i.e. Service agreements between municipalities and CAs) and Other Programs and Services (i.e. as determined by the Board and if municipal levy is used would require municipal agreements)
- Proposed amendment of the *Planning Act* to include conservation authorities to subsection 1(2) which would remove CAs as a public body and name CAs under the one window approach of MMAH for the purposes of appeals only. This may remove conservation authorities, who are private landowners, from the right of appeal.
- Removal of power for CAs to expropriate lands for existing and future projects

GRCA Comments:

The purpose of the *Conservation Authorities Act* remains the same. “The purpose of the Act is to provide for the organisation and delivery of programs and services that further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources in watershed in Ontario.” 2017, c.23. Sched. 4, s.1. The objects within the *Conservation Authorities Act* have been amended to reflect the mandatory program and services that will be prescribed by regulations. At this time, it is anticipated that the changes to the objects would not impact the way in which the organization operates. In the next few weeks, the province has indicated that it will be releasing regulations that will further define the mandatory programs and services which could potentially have an impact on the scope and scale of current programs.

Although clauses related to non-mandatory programs already exist in the previously amended Act through Bill 108, the province has proposed additional wording that allows the Minister to dictate the standards and requirements for municipal or other programs and services agreed upon through service level agreements (non-mandatory programs). Historically, GRCA has negotiated directly with municipalities to tailor agreements to the need of the service for that specific municipality. Local autonomy in these program and services could be compromised with prescribed provincial standards and requirements. The non-mandatory, municipal and other local programs, do not receive funding from the province and through agreement, may be funded by municipal levy or other sources.

The proposed consequential changes to the *Planning Act* are still being clarified with the Ministry, however it is anticipated that it would remove conservation authorities ability to appeal a municipal planning decision to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), unless it is through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. It is unclear if a conservation authority can participate in an appeal to support a municipality upon request or when this is included in an agreement between the conservation authority and municipality.

The ability to appeal is a tool that is a necessary but seldom used tool in our toolbox. The Ministry staff stated that this change only affects the role of the conservation authority in an appeal process and that participation in reviewing land use planning applications would still be occurring. Conservation Authorities participation in land use

planning and the ability to appeal a decision ensures that key issues are identified and addressed early in the approval process so the landowner may proceed with other approvals such as the conservation authority permit in an efficient manner. It also ensures that the watershed lens is being applied to planning and land use decisions and that people and their property in or near new development or redevelopment are protected from natural hazards such as flooding.

When necessary GRCA attends LPAT hearings to support the municipality and to ensure that policies and development conditions are imposed to reduce flood risks and to ensure mitigation and setbacks are in place to address other natural hazards such as erosion hazards or along the Lake Erie shoreline. Extreme weather events and changing climate increase the importance of our role in the planning process.

The 2019 Provincial Flood Advisor's report notes the important role that conservation authorities play in the land use planning process. The main legislative tools used to manage flood risk, the report states, include the *Planning Act* together with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and the *Conservation Authorities Act*. As a result of the Flood Advisor's recommendations, the 2020 PPS was revised to state that mitigating natural hazard risks, including those associated with climate change, will require the province, planning authorities, and conservation authorities to work together. Similarly, the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan asserts that within the context of environmental planning, conservation authorities' core mandate is protection from natural hazards and conserving natural resources.

Another significant concern is that this change may also remove our right to appeal planning decisions as a landowner. This is of significant concern as GRCA owns and manages over 48,000 acres of property throughout the watershed to support flood hazard management, to maintain a reliable water supply, to protect natural areas and biodiversity, to provide community recreation/education and to manage other environmentally sensitive natural lands. Conservation authorities are considered private landowners (not public lands) and the potential removal of the right to appeal a land use planning decision is a significant concern.

The amendments to the Act also removes the ability to utilize the *Expropriation Act* for existing and future projects. MECP has recommended that should this be required for a CA project that the municipality or the province could expropriate the lands necessary.

2. Regulatory

- Allow an applicant, within 120 days of a conservation authority receiving a permit application, to appeal to the LPAT if no decisions by the conservation authority has been made.
- Authorize the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to issue an order to take over and decide an application for a permit under section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act in place of the conservation authority (i.e. before the conservation authority has made a decision on the application).
- Allows an applicant, within 30 days of a conservation authority issuing a permit, with or without conditions, or denying a permit, to request the minister to review the conservation authority's decision.
- Where the minister has taken over a permit application or is reviewing a permit decision by a conservation authority, allow an applicant to appeal

directly to LPAT where the minister fails to make a decision within 90 days.

- In addition to the provision to seek a minister's review, provide the applicant with the ability to appeal a permit decision to LPAT within 90 days after the conservation authority has made a decision.

GRCA Comments:

The proposed 120 day timeline for a CA to make a decision on permit applications may be problematic since there is no indication from the province when the 120 day timeline is triggered (submission of application) or if there will be a requirement for complete applications. There is a broad spectrum and complexity of applications that CAs deal with and the majority of permits that are submitted with satisfactory construction or development plans and technical reports can be reviewed in a timely manner. For complex files, there may be additional time required for the applicant and/or their consultants to address GRCA technical comments on the proposal e.g. floodplain mapping analysis. The proposed timeline of 120 days for a decision oversimplifies the permitting process.

Over the past several years, and again in 2019 Conservation Ontario and CAs have worked with the province, AMO, landowners groups and the building industry to develop the recently CA wide adopted 'Client Service Standards for Conservation Authority Plan and Permit Review'. This document sets forth industry standards and procedures to ensure CA plan and permit review process are transparent, predictable and fair. GRCA permit application decisions are consistently made within the current client service standards. The current standards exclude the time period the applicant or their consultants are preparing responses to GRCA technical or policy comments which can take several weeks or in limited cases a few months.

The current appeal process for permits has been administered through the Mining and Lands Tribunal. With these proposed amendments, all permit appeals will be processed through LPAT. There is concern regarding the change in tribunals; the Mining and Lands Tribunal has the history and natural hazard technical experience in adjudicating *Conservation Authorities Act* cases for decades. Due to the volume of appeals at LPAT, it is anticipated that there could be lengthy delays for hearings and inconsistent decisions across the province. This also has the potential to redirect staffs' time to focus more on managing the appeal process for permit applications then what was previously required.

Under these proposed amendments, the Minister will be able to step in and take over the issuance or denial of a permit under Section 28 without consultation with the CA. A significant concern with this is a decision is made without watershed specific technical information required to make the decisions and the precedent that could be set for future application similar in nature.

Many of the amendments to this section of the legislation provide the Minister with significant additional powers to intervene in the permit process.

3. Enforcement

- Eliminated the (not yet proclaimed) powers for officers appointed by conservation authorities to issue stop orders (*Conservation Authorities Act* provision 30.4)

- Clarified conditions for officers appointed by conservation authorities to enter lands without a warrant for the purposes of:
 - determining whether to issue a permit (amendment to unproclaimed *Conservation Authorities Act* provision 30.2(1))
 - ensuring compliance with the prohibitions, regulations, or permit conditions, only when the officer has “reasonable grounds to believe that a contravention of a provision of the Act or a regulation...is causing or likely to have significant effects...” (*Conservation Authorities Act* provision 30.2(1.1))

GRCA Comments:

In previous updates to the Act, the province recognized that many compliance tools were outdated. The legislation prior to 2017 was not a deterrent for illegal activities and rapid response tools were not available to stop ongoing illegal activities. Although the fines have been substantially increased in 2017 (not yet enacted), the current proposal would remove a much needed compliance tool – the Stop (work) Order. The Made-In-Ontario Plan also recognized the role of conservation authorities in enforcement and it includes the provincial action “Work with municipalities, conservation authorities, other law enforcement agencies and stakeholders to increase enforcement on illegal dumping of excess soil.” Although not yet enacted, the Stop Order provision would have provided another tool to use when managing enforcement challenges and could have helped to avoid a time consuming and costly injunction process.

Obtaining injunctions takes further staff time and conservation authorities will incur significant costs for legal and court fees. Given the lack of provincial funding this cost will continue to be borne by municipalities and ultimately the taxpayers. The time needed to obtain such an order can be lengthy resulting in unnecessary and significant damage to the environment, impacts to natural hazard areas such as development in a floodplain which then puts people and property at risk.

Removing an officer's ability to enter lands (s. 30.2) within the authority's jurisdiction is inconsistent with similar municipal and provincial legislation. Coupled with the removal of a Stop Order provision (s. 30.4), these amendments do not afford officers an ability to “prevent or reduce the effects or risks” associated with illegal and egregious activities. Examples of other provincial legislation with Stop Orders include *Building Code Act* S.14, *Environmental Protection Act* S.8, *Planning Act* S. 49.

4. Governance

- Removing the power to define in regulation the composition, appointment or minimum qualifications for a Board member (S.40 (1)(a) and replaced it with:
 - Mandate that the municipal councillors appointed by a particular municipalities as members of a conservation authority be selected from that municipality's own councillors only S.14 (1.1)
 - Enabling the Minister to appoint an additional member to the Board to represent the agricultural sector (new *Conservation Authorities Act* provision 14(4)).
- Limit the term of the Chair and Vice-Chair to one year and to no more than two consecutive terms (new *Conservation Authorities Act* provision 17 (1.1))

- Amending the duties of members to act on behalf of their respective municipalities rather than the Conservation Authority

GRCA Comments:

As previously mentioned in formal comments provided to the province in April 2019 and comments provided to the province during stakeholder consultation in 2020, the GRCA is supportive of changes that increase transparency and accountability of conservation authorities. GRCA is also supportive of the province's intent to clearly define mandatory programs and services provided by the conservation authorities and we look forward to the opportunity to provide input on the regulations that will be posted for public input.

There are a number of proposed amendments that require the posting of documents, board agendas and minutes, financial audits and standard accounting practices that are already undertaken by the GRCA.

Municipalities will no longer be able to appoint a member of the public to the Board. Over the years, the GRCA has benefited from having citizen appointments to the Board. This has helped to incorporate a diverse perspectives for watershed decision making. In order to ensure that a municipal Mayor may participate on a conservation authority board it is recommended that the specification of 'municipal councillor' in the proposed amendments be changed to "municipally elected official".

In the event that the Minister appoints a member to represent the agricultural sector, the appointment process has not been specified, and it is assumed that these appointments would have the same voting privileges as all members and would be entitled to receive per diems and to be appointed as the chair or vice-chair. It is unclear how the change to fiduciary duty would affect this member.

The current legislation deferred board composition to a future Regulation. The proposed amendment removed this clause and replaced it with clauses that specify who can be a members of the board so there will be no opportunity for further input on determining who is eligible to be a member of the Board.

The proposed amendments have set a limit to the Chair and Vice-chair to hold office for one year term and no more than two consecutive terms. Under GRCA By-law 3-2020, the by-law states, "The individuals elected shall hold office until their successors are elected and will be eligible for re-election to the same office for up to a maximum of five one-year terms."

Conservation Authorities are corporate entities. Good governance dictates that the Board acts on behalf of the organization and in the public interest. By changing the duty of members to act on behalf of their respective municipalities, it contradicts the concept of fiduciary duty of a Board Member to represent the best interests of the corporation they are overseeing. It puts an individual municipal interest above the broader watershed interests further to the purpose of the Act. The standards of care for directors are set out under the *Business Corporations Act*.

‘Every director and officer of a corporation in exercising his or her powers and discharging his or her duties to the corporation shall, (a) act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the corporation...; and (b) exercise the care, diligence and skill that a responsible prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances’

Additionally, the Auditor General of Ontario recommended in their report on the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority that, “to ensure effective oversight of conservation authorities’ activities through boards of directors, we recommend that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks clarify board members’ accountability to the conservation authority” to which the ministry response was in agreement.

5. Other

The amendments to the Act also include the requirement for a transition plan to be developed and implemented to ensure compliance with the regulations for mandatory programs and services and agreements or MOUs with municipal partners. Through discussions with MECP staff, it has been stated that the transition plan should be completed and implemented in time to support the 2022 budget process.

It has been GRCA’s experience that it can take one to two years to negotiating and finalizing a municipal agreement or MOU given the complexity of the agreement and the number of stakeholders involved (municipal and CAs).

The development and implementation of the transition plan will require a change to GRCA’s budget model, an assessment of all programs and services to ensure compliance with the regulations and development and negotiation with municipalities for MOU for non-mandatory programs and services (up to 26).

It is unknown when regulations will be posted for public input and approved.

Summary of GRCA’s Response to Proposed Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act:

- GRCA requests that the clause be edited to remove the ability for the Minister to prescribe standards and requirements for non-mandatory, municipal and local programs and services.
- GRCA requests that the amendment to the *Planning Act* be removed from Schedule 6 of Bill 229.
- GRCA requests that Bill 229 Schedule 6 clauses in S.28 be amended by removing references to LPAT and replacing it with the Mining and Lands Tribunal.
- GRCA requests that the existing unproclaimed clauses in the *Conservation Authorities Act* 2019 related to Powers of Entry (30.2) and Stop Order (30.4) remain in the *Conservation Authorities Act* and proposed amendments related to these clauses be removed from Bill 229 Schedule 6.
- GRCA requests that the wording for fiduciary responsibilities in the *Conservation Authorities Act* be— amended back to: “Every member of an authority shall act honestly and in good faith with a view to furthering the objects of the authority.”
- GRCA requests that a future regulation regarding the transition plan have an implementation date that is 18-24 months after the regulation is approved.

Most of the amendments proposed would be implemented through new or amended legal instruments or policies. The GRCA will contact MECP and MNRF to offer assistance and technical expertise on any working groups/technical committees

established to review future changes to the regulations, policy and/or provincial standards related to the implementation of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Financial implications:

Without the details of the proposed regulations, it is difficult to determine the financial implications for the amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Additional reports will come to the Board regarding updates to the program and services of the GRCA as they are posted to the Environmental Bill of Rights.

Other department considerations:

Operations, Administration, Resource Management and Engineering Divisions were consulted on the preparation of this report.

Prepared by:

Samantha Lawson
Chief Administrative Officer



VIA EMAIL

December 2, 2020

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, November 25, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: LPS94-20/PW-31-20 re: Water Supply for 720, 768, and 780 Mountain Brow Road West in North Aldershot, Burlington

1. THAT Report No. LPS94-20/PW-31-20 re: "Water Supply for 720, 768, and 780 Mountain Brow Road West in North Aldershot, Burlington" be endorsed.
2. THAT Regional Council amend the Urban Services Guidelines, as outlined in Attachment #6, to support municipal water connections that cross municipal boundaries, outside of Halton Region's Urban Areas, without the need for a Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) only under the following conditions:
 - a. Where an existing or planned municipal water service is located along the frontage of the properties requiring only a service connection;
 - b. Where the municipal water connection is for an existing approved land use, and can be provided without financial impact to Halton Region;
 - c. Where the abutting municipality assumes the Halton residents receiving the water connection will become customers for the municipal water service of that municipality to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and,
 - d. Where there is no plan to comprehensively service the area from the Halton system to the satisfaction of the Chief Planning Official.
3. THAT Regional Council amend the Drinking Water System By-Law No. 71-19 as outlined in Attachment #7 to Report No. LPS94-20/PW-31-20.

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4. THAT Regional Council support a municipal water service connection from the City of Hamilton to service the existing dwellings at 720, 768, and 780 Mountain Brow Road West on the basis that the connection can meet the revised requirements of the Urban Services Guidelines as outlined in Recommendation #2 of Report No. LPS94-20/PW-31-20.
5. THAT Regional Council direct the Commissioner of Public Works to enter into any necessary agreements with the City of Hamilton and/or the owners of 720, 768, and 780 Mountain Brow Road West, to facilitate the water service connection as outlined in Report No. LPS94-20/PW-31-20.
6. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS94-20/PW31-20 and attachments to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville, the City of Hamilton, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, Conservation Halton, and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for their information.

Enclosed please find a copy of Report No. LPS94-20/PW31-20 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
graham.milne@halton.ca

**VIA EMAIL**

December 2, 2020

Legislative & Planning Services
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Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck
Town of Milton, Meghan Reid

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, November 25, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: LPS98-20 – 407 Transitway Project Update

1. THAT Report No. LPS98-20 Re: “407 Transitway Project Update” be received.
2. THAT the Regional Chair prepare a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing highlighting the importance of advancing the Neyagawa station with the 407 Transitway project as an integral Provincial infrastructure project required to support growth in Halton Region.
3. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS98-20 to the Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton Members of Provincial Parliament, 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. LPS98-20 for your information.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Milne', enclosed within a blue circular scribble.

Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
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**VIA EMAIL**

December 2, 2020

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, November 25, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: PW-30-20 – Proposed Regulations for Producer Responsible Blue Box Programs

1. THAT Report No. PW-30-20 re: "Proposed Regulations for Producer Responsible Blue Box Programs" be received for information.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. PW-30-20 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. PW-30-20 for your information.

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

Sincerely,

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October 30, 2020



TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Suzanne Jones
Clerk
Town of Halton Hills
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Re: HDSB 2019-2020 Long-Term Accommodation Plan

Dear Ms. Jones,

On October 21, 2020, the Halton District School Board approved the 2019-2020 Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP). The 2019-2020 LTAP provides enrolment projections for the years 2020 to 2029 for each Elementary and Secondary Review Area (ERA and SRA) in the Board as well as each elementary and secondary school within the system.

Enrolment projections are compared to school building and portable capacities to identify schools and review areas where enrolment pressures will occur within the immediate future. Schools that are underutilized and over utilized are identified through the LTAP, which provides data for the creation of boundary reviews dedicated to relieving enrolment pressures at certain schools or review areas. Where enrolment increases cannot be reasonably addressed through a boundary review, the LTAP also informs the Board of the need for new schools to address enrolment increases. This data forms the foundation for requests to the Ministry of Education for financial support for capital projects to build new schools or to renovate existing schools to increase capacity. Where declines in enrolment suggest the underutilization of a school, the LTAP provides data to the Board to support Program and Accommodation Reviews (PARs) that may result in school consolidations or closures. The decision to proceed with a consolidation or to request the Ministry to support a new school is made through motions of the Board.

The LTAP is available as a PDF document through our website at,
<https://www.hdsb.ca/our-board/Pages/Publications/Long-Term-Accommodation-Plan.aspx>

Community Planning and Partnerships

The Halton District School Board is committed to sharing planning information through the annually-released Long Term Accommodation Plan. The intent of this information sharing is to provide the opportunity for the school board and other entities to work together for the benefit of its students and the wider community to optimize the use of board-owned public assets.

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Opportunities for community partnerships will include sharing of space in new schools and schools undergoing significant renovations, such as opportunities for co-building. In addition, opportunities for community partnerships will exist for unoccupied space in open and operating schools through leasing of unused space or purchase of future surplus properties of the Board. The following information within the LTAP can be used to examine potential opportunities:

- Enrolment projections by school;
- Capacity and utilization information; and,
- Future Capital Projects (subject to Ministry of Education funding).

On December 11, 2019, the Board held its annual Community Planning and Partnerships meeting where details of suitable facility partnership opportunities and supplementary information regarding the process were presented. Following which, staff-level meetings were also held throughout the year with interested community partners to discuss potential opportunities.

The Board will host its annual Community Planning Partnership meeting to review and discuss potential partnership opportunities in the winter of 2021. A notification regarding the meeting will be circulated to all community partners identified by the Board in Appendix 1 of its Community Planning and Partnerships policy.

We would also request that this information be shared with the appropriate staff and/or departments for their review for the purpose of recognizing any potential co-building or leasing opportunities. In the event that opportunities are identified, please contact myself or Ian Gaudet, Superintendent of Facility Services.

If there are specific questions regarding the 2019-2020 LTAP, please visit the Frequently Asked Questions page on our website or contact me by telephone at (905) 335-3663 ext. 3375, or by e-mail at thibeaultf@hdsb.ca.

Yours truly,

Frederick Thibeault
General Manager of Planning

cc: Ian Gaudet, Superintendent of Facilities Services



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November 25, 2020

**SUBJECT: CITY OF BURLINGTON RESOLUTION CALLING FOR GAS-FIRED
ELECTRICITY GENERATION PHASE-OUT**

Please be advised that at its meeting held Monday, November 23, 2020, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas the Government of Ontario is planning to increase electricity generation and greenhouse gas pollution from Ontario's gas-fired power plants by more than 300% by 2025 and by more than 400% by 2040, reversing more than a third of the greenhouse gas pollution reductions achieved by phasing out our coal-fired power plants; and

Whereas greenhouse gas pollution is causing temperatures in Canada to rise at more than double the rate of the rest of the world, causing impacts to municipal operations and affecting residents of the City of Burlington; and

Whereas the City of Burlington has declared a climate emergency and is taking measures to mitigate and adapt to the climate impacts caused by increasing greenhouse gas pollution; and

Whereas there are feasible, cost-effective alternatives to increasing gas-fired electricity generation without increasing greenhouse gas pollution at costs well below the current price for Ontario's nuclear energy (9.5 cents/kWh), including:

- energy efficiency investments; and
- low-cost, distributed, renewable energy, providing employment in Ontario communities and restoring our leadership in this industry; and
- the purchase of low-cost power offered by the Province of Quebec from its existing hydroelectric generating stations; and
- using Quebec's system of reservoirs like a giant battery to back-up made-in-Ontario renewable power, eliminating the need to use gas-fired power plants for this purpose;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Burlington requests the Government of Ontario to place an interim cap of 2.5 megatonnes per year on greenhouse gas pollution from Ontario's gas-fired power plants and develop and implement a plan to address future energy needs through investing in renewable energy and purchasing low-cost hydro-electric power from the Province of Quebec, making gas-fired electricity generation no longer necessary and supporting its phase-out by 2030 to help Ontario and the City of Burlington meet their climate targets; and

That this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and copied to the Region of Halton and local municipalities of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills. 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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November 25, 2020

SUBJECT: REGIONAL SMOKING AND VAPING IN PUBLIC PLACES BY-LAW

Please be advised that at its meeting held Monday, November 23, 2020, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas on July 15, 2020 Halton Regional Council approved Report MO 15-20 – Smoking and Vaping in Public Places and enacted Halton Region By-law 40-20, to Prohibit Smoking and Vaping in Public Places within the Regional Municipality of Halton; and

Whereas pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, Section 115, (5) when a smoking in public places by-law from an upper tier municipality is passed, a majority of councils of all its lower municipalities must pass a resolution giving their consent, representing a majority of all electors in the upper tier municipality;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the City of Burlington consents to the passage and implementation of Halton Region By-law 40-20, to Prohibit Smoking and Vaping in Public Places within the Regional Municipality of Halton; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the municipal clerks of Halton Region, Town of Oakville, Town of Milton and the Town of Halton Hills to provide notice of giving consent to Halton Region By-law 40-20.

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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The Honourable Steve Clark,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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November 3, 2020

SUBJECT: BILL 218, SUPPORTING ONTARIO'S RECOVERY AND
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT, 2020

Please be advised that at its meeting held Monday, November 2, 2020, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas after a public review of the Municipal Elections Act, that included input from the public, municipal councils and staff from across the province, in 2016 The Province of Ontario passed the Municipal Elections Modernization Act, 2016 giving municipalities the option of using ranked ballots in future elections; and

Whereas on November 28, 2016 Burlington City Council voted to "Direct the City Clerk to monitor ranked ballot elections in Ontario and report back to Council with a comprehensive report following the 2018 Municipal Election"; and

Whereas on September 28, 2020 the City Clerk in Burlington did provide Burlington City Council with this comprehensive report and Burlington City Council voted to have staff initiate a public consultation process on the use of ranked ballots in future municipal elections; and

Whereas every one of the 444 municipalities in Ontario is unique and should have the ability to choose a voting system that meets their needs and provides residents with a voting system that ensures public confidence, encourages voting and participation in the democratic process, is accessible and inclusive, safe guards the public trust in the election process and will result in a council that can effectively represent constituents' interest; and

Whereas every political party in Ontario uses a ranked ballot voting system to elect its leader, including the present provincial leadership; and

Whereas the City of Burlington has approached municipalities throughout Ontario to come together to form a collective alliance to share consulting costs as well as

any collaborative procurement opportunities to reduce the financial impact to all, if our residents support a change; and

Whereas Bill 218, Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020, proposes removing the option of using ranked ballots for municipal elections from municipalities, was introduced with no prior consultation with municipalities, and while many municipalities had yet to complete their public consultation on ranked ballots;

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is requested to remove the proposed changes to the Municipal Act from Bill 218 that eliminate the option for municipalities to choose a ranked ballot voting system; and

That the provincial government meaningfully consult with municipalities on municipal issues before introducing legislative changes of this magnitude; and

That the City Clerk be directed to communicate Council's position with the Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayors' Caucus, Halton Region, Halton's local municipalities and the Municipalities of Kingston, Cambridge, London and Barrie.

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

Sincerely,



Amanda Fusco
Deputy City Clerk

Cc:
Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP
Parm Gill, MPP
Jane McKenna, MPP
Region of Halton
Association of Municipalities Ontario
Ontario Big City Mayors
Town of Milton
City of Oakville
Halton Hills
City of Kingston
City of Barrie
City of London
City of Cambridge



Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair & CEO

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November 26, 2020

The Honourable Rod Phillips
Minister of Finance
95 Grosvenor St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y8

Dear Minister Phillips:

Re: Motion Regarding Property Tax Exemptions for Veteran Clubs

Each year on November 11th we pause to remember the heroic efforts of Canadians who fought in wars and military conflicts and served in peacekeeping missions around the world to defend our freedoms and secure our peace and prosperity. One way that the Province and Ontario municipalities have recognized veterans and veteran groups is by exempting their properties from property taxation.

In late 2018, your government introduced a change to the *Assessment Act* that exempted Royal Canadian Legion Ontario branches from property taxes effective January 1, 2019. Veterans clubs however were not included under this exemption. While veterans' clubs in Peel are already exempt from Regional and local property taxes, they still pay the education portion of property taxes.

To address this gap, your government has proposed in the 2020 budget bill (*Bill 229*) to amend the *Assessment Act* that would provide a full property tax exemption to veterans' clubs retroactive to January 1, 2019. The Region of Peel thanks you for introducing this change in recognition of our veterans.

At its November 12, 2020 meeting, Peel Regional Council approved the attached resolution regarding this exemption and look forward to this change coming into effect as soon as possible after Bill 229 is passed. This would ensure that veteran clubs benefit from the exemption in a timely way.

I thank your government for moving quickly to address this gap and for your support of veterans.

Kindest personal regards,

Nando Iannicca,
Regional Chair and CEO

CC: Peel-area MPPs
Ontario Municipalities
Stephen Van Ofwegen, Commissioner of Finance and CFO



Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair & CEO

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Resolution Number 2020-939

Whereas each year on November 11, Canadians pause to remember the heroic efforts of Canadian veterans who fought in wars and military conflicts, and served in peacekeeping missions around the world to defend our freedoms and democracy so that we can live in peace and prosperity;

And whereas, it is important to appreciate and recognize the achievements and sacrifices of those armed forces veterans who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace;

And whereas, Section 6.1 of the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. A31 as amended, Regional Council may exempt from Regional taxation land that is used and occupied as a memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds by persons who served in the armed forces of His or Her Majesty or an ally of His or Her Majesty in any war;

And whereas, through By-Law Number 62-2017 Regional Council has provided an exemption from Regional taxation to Royal Canadian Legions and the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Clubs that have qualified properties used and occupied as a memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds;

And whereas, local municipal councils in Peel have provided a similar exemption for local property taxes;

And whereas, Royal Canadian Legion branches in Ontario are exempt from all property taxation, including the education portion of property taxes, under Section 3 (1) paragraph 15.1 of the Assessment Act, and that a municipal by-law is not required to provide such an exemption;

And whereas, the 2020 Ontario Budget provides for amendments to the Assessment Act to apply the existing property tax exemption for Ontario branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, for 2019 and subsequent tax years, to Ontario units of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Regional Chair write to the Minister of Finance, on behalf of Regional Council, to request that upon passage of the 2020 Ontario Budget, the amendment to the Assessment Act be implemented as soon as possible;

And further, that copies of this resolution be sent to Peel-area Members of Provincial Parliament as well as to all Ontario municipalities for consideration and action.

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

*Office of the Mayor
Jim Harrison*



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November 19, 2020

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

RE: Bill 229 - Protect, Support, and Recover from Covid-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on November 16, 2020 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No. 20-222 – Bill 229 - Protect, Support, and Recover from Covid-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

Moved by Cassidy
Seconded by Alyea

That the Council of the City of Quinte West requests that the Province withdraw Schedule 6 from proposed Bill 229 pertaining to the Conservation Authorities Act;

And further requests that the Province consult with municipalities in relation to the above;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte MPP Todd Smith and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. **Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Harrison'.

Jim Harrison
Mayor

cc: The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
The Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte MPP
Mr. Jamie McGarvey, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,
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November 23, 2020

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #723

Motion No. 723

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports the Township of Lake of Bays in asking the Provincial government to consider an amendment to Bill 124 to make it a requirement that the building contractor name be disclosed and that the contractor must provide proof of insurance, thus providing greater accountability and responsibility and ensuring that municipalities will not bear the burden alone and FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,



Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

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November 23, 2020

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #722

Motion No. 722

Moved by: Jeff Elliott Seconded by: Jim Hanna

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports Northumberland County and Town of Wasaga Beach in asking that the Provincial government develop tougher laws with larger financial penalties when dealing with unauthorized car rallies and participants and FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the local O.P.P Detachment Commander, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,



Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

November 23, 2020

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #720

Motion No. 720

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby support The City of Clarence-Rockland in requesting the Ministry modify the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores and to instruct the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to evaluation criteria, and provide added weight to the comments of a municipality concerning matters in the public interest when considering the application of new stores and FURTHER directs staff to forward this resolution to to all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kelly Lush".

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

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November 23, 2020

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #719

Motion No. 719

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports Northumberland County, the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, Municipality of Tweed and Township of Asphodel-Norwood in their request that a governing body be established to regulate cannabis production and to take a unified approach to land use planning and restrictions AND in also requesting to amend the legislation under which these facilities operate to ensure the safety and rights of the local communities in which they are situated are respected AND FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Provincial Police, AMO and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

Sincerely,



Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk



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November 17, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL

Norfolk County
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Simcoe, ON N3Y 4H3

Attention: Andy Grozelle, County Clerk (andy.grozelle@norfolkcounty.ca)

**RE: SUPPORT RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORFOLK
COUNTY, ILLICIT CANNABIS OPERATIONS**

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at Special Council Meeting held on November 16, 2020, endorsed and passed the following motion in support of Norfolk County's motion (attached) regarding Illicit Cannabis Operations that was passed and ratified on October 20, 2020.

Moved by: Councillor Paul MacPherson; Seconded by: Councillor Dianne Rintjema

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln support the correspondence item as attached from Norfolk County dated October 26, 2020 regarding Illicit Cannabis Operations.

CARRIED

Regards,

Julie Kikelos
Town Clerk
jkikelos@lincoln.ca

cc: Sam Oosterhoff, MPP
Dean Allison, MP
All Ontario Municipalities



Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

October 26, 2020

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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

cc. Toby Barrett- MPP Haldimand-Norfolk
Diane Finley – MP Haldimand-Norfolk
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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 debbiefrence@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>

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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)

<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)

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3216967588368948&extid=jTObBPn7swAbfxrz>

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

Article: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/project-woolwich-cannabis-niagara-1.5695691>

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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)

<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/>

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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)
<https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/marijuana-setback-relief-denied>

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)
<https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/cannabis-producer-enters-guilty-plea>

Article: East Gwillimbury takes medical marijuana facility to court (York Region Aug 12, 2020)
<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/10134439-east-gwillimbury-takes-medical-marijuana-facility-to-court/>

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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)

<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>

City of Greater Sudbury
Ville du Grand Sudbury



November 25, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
823 Albion Road
Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A3

Dear Mr. Ford:

Re: Motion regarding – Notice to withdraw from Schedule 6 from Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act

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The following resolution #CC2020-272 was passed by the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on November 24, 2020:

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance of the Province of Ontario has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the critical role of Ontario's conservation authorities in regulating development, in the permit appeal process and when engaging in planning applications;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury relies on the watershed expertise provided by the Nickel District Conservation Authority (operating as Conservation Sudbury) to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis. The Authority reduces risks to our community from hazards such as flooding in low-lying neighbourhoods, erosion of the banks of rivers such as the Vermilion and the Whitson, the dynamic shorelines of Wanapitei Lake and our more than 300 other lakes, and unstable ground near wetlands and steep valley slopes, which is achieved by regulating development and by engaging in reviews of proposals subject to the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to make decisions without the benefit of a conservation authority's science based watershed data and expertise;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation provides the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks with the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs, which locally could impact the education offerings that include school field trips to the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. This would also apply to events such as the popular family fishing days and to the public's access to Camp Bitobig that runs in July and August. These are and must be local-level agreements between the City of Greater Sudbury and Conservation Sudbury to serve demands in our community;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury believes that the appointment of representatives to the Conservation Sudbury Board should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair should be duly elected annually;

AND WHEREAS the proposed changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a Conservation Sudbury board Member. Our appointed Members serve our residents by acting in the best interests of Conservation Sudbury and invariably its member municipality, as it carries out its responsibilities to the watershed;

AND WHEREAS all conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, the land development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative;

AND WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more "red tape", increasing costs for both Conservation Sudbury and therefore the taxpayers in the City of Greater Sudbury and will potentially result in delays and greater uncertainty in the development-approval process;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury values and relies on our natural spaces and water resources for the health and well-being of residents; we value Conservation Sudbury's work to prevent and reduce the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and we value our conservation authority's contributions to ensure safe drinking water;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury, with the support of Conservation Sudbury, requests the following:

- THAT the Minister of Finance withdraws Schedule 6 from Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act and,*
- THAT the Province of Ontario works with all conservation authorities to find viable solutions to reduce "red tape" and create conditions for growth,*
- AND THAT the Province support its long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities by providing them with the tools and financial resources needed to effectively implement their watershed management role.*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Honourable John Yakubuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Jamie West MPP for Sudbury, France Gelinis MPP for Nickel Belt, to Conservation Sudbury and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,



Eric Labelle
City Solicitor and Clerk



Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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November 16, 2020

Via email: jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

Julie Kirkelos, Town Clerk
Town of Lincoln
4800 South Service Rd
Beamsville ON L0R 1B1

**Re: Support Resolution for Cannabis Production Facilities,
The Cannabis Act and Health Canada Guidelines**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

"That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution from the Town of Lincoln regarding Cannabis Production Facilities, The Cannabis Act and Health Canada Guidelines."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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905-563-8205

October 27, 2020

Municipality of Tweed
(Sent via email)
clerk@tweed.ca

RE: SUPPORT RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF TWEED, CANNABIS PRODUCTION FACILITIES, THE CANNABIS ACT AND HEALTH CANADA GUIDELINES

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at Special Council Meeting held on October 26, 2020, endorsed and passed the following motion in support of the Municipality of Tweed's motion (attached) regarding Cannabis Production Facilities, the Cannabis Act and Health Canada Guidelines that was passed on August 25, 2020.

Moved by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva; Seconded by: Councillor Paul MacPherson

THAT Council support the correspondence item as attached from the Municipality of Tweed regarding Cannabis Production.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

cc: Prime Minister of Canada
Health Canada
Premier of the Province of Ontario
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Provincial Police
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All municipalities within the Province of Ontario

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting



Resolution No.

343.

Title:

County of Hastings and County of Lennox & Addington

Date:

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Moved by

J. Flieler

Seconded by

J. Palmateer

WHEREAS the Government of Canada passed the *Cannabis Act S.C. 2018, c. 16* legislation legalizing properties to grow a maximum of 4 plants without a licence; and

WHEREAS Health Canada issues licences for medicinal cannabis production that are specific to set properties without municipal consultation and regardless of land use zoning by-laws; and

WHEREAS pharmaceutical companies and industries are required to follow strict regulations and governing legislation to produce medicinal products including *Narcotic Control Regulations C.R.C., c. 1041* and *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Police Enforcement) Regulations SOR/9-234*; and

WHEREAS Municipalities are authorized under the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C. P 13* to pass a comprehensive zoning by-law that is in compliance with the appropriate County Official Plan which must be in compliance with the Provincial Policy Statement, Under *The Planning Act, 2020*; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement, Official Plan and Zoning By-Law in effect for each area is designed to secure the long-term safety and best use of the land, water and other natural resources found in that area's natural landscape; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed has passed *Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 2012-30* and further amended it by the *Cannabis Production By-Law 2018-42*, limiting cannabis production facilities to rural industrial zoned lands with required setbacks from residential zoned properties; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licences for properties not in compliance with the Municipal zoning by-laws for a cannabis production facility; and

WHEREAS the Province needs to amend legislation to establish a new Provincial Offence Act fine regime that creates an offence(s) when unlicensed cannabis operations break planning and environmental regulations, ignore Building Code requirements and build without a permit at a fine of at least \$100,000 per offence;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed requests that immediate action be taken by all levels of government for medical cannabis licencing to follow similar regulations and guidelines as all other pharmaceutical industries;

AND FURTHER, that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario advocate with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for advocacy to the Government of Canada for similar regulations and guidelines for medical cannabis licencing in alignment with other pharmaceutical industries;

AND FURTHER, that the distribution of medical cannabis be controlled through pharmacies in consistency of all other medications;

AND FURTHER, that Health Canada withhold licencing until the potential licence holder can provide evidence of acceptable zoning of the intended property in question;

AND FURTHER, that licenced locations be disclosed in advance to the municipalities hosting the licenced locations; and

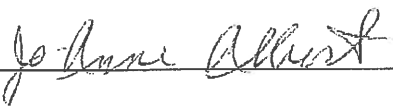
AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Health Canada, the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all upper, lower and single tier municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

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Mayor





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November 16, 2020

Via email: mayor@norfolkcounty.ca

Mayor Kristal Chopp
Norfolk County
50 Colborne St S.
Simcoe ON N3Y 4H3

Re: Support Resolution for Illicit Cannabis Operations

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

"That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution from the County of Norfolk with regard to Illicit Cannabis Operations."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

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Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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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

Health Canada
Address Locator 0900C2
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0K9

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

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

cc. Toby Barrett- MPP Haldimand-Norfolk
Diane Finley – MP Haldimand-Norfolk
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November 16, 2020

Via Email: gdesjardins@clarence-rockland.com

Guy Desjardins, Mayor
City of Clarence Rockland
1560 Rue Laurier St
Rockland, ON K4K 1P7

Re: Support Resolution for Regulations Governing Retail Cannabis Stores

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

"That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution by the City of Clarence-Rockland regarding Cannabis Stores."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF
CLARENCE-ROCKLAND
REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION

Resolution: 2020-191
Title: Member's resolution presented by Councillor Mario Zanth and seconded by Councillor Samuel Cardarelli regarding cannabis stores
Date: October 19, 2020

Moved by Mario Zanth
Seconded by Samuel Cardarelli

WHEREAS as the regulator for private cannabis retail in Ontario, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has the authority to license, regulate and enforce the sale of recreational cannabis in privately run stores in Ontario; and

WHEREAS on December 17, 2018, Council agreed to 'opt-in' to the Provincial direction to allow Cannabis Retail to occur in the City of Clarence-Rockland; and

WHEREAS Council considers a matter of public interest to include a 150 metre distance separation from other Licensed Cannabis Stores, as the Board of Health has noted concerns that excessive clustering and geographic concentration of cannabis retail outlets may encourage undesirable health outcomes, and Economic Development and Planning are concerned that over-concentration may cause undesirable impacts on the economic diversity of a retail streetscape including the distortion of lease rates, economic speculation, and the removal of opportunity for other commercial businesses; and

WHEREAS cannabis retail is a new and unproven market, and no studies or precedent exists to determine the number or distribution of stores that can reasonably be supported by the local economy, and it is therefore prudent to establish the means by which the AGCO, with input from a municipality, can regulate over-concentration as the cannabis retail market evolves; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, to write the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance of Ontario, and the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, requesting the Ministry to modify the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores to instruct the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to consider over-concentration as an evaluation criteria, and provide added weight to the comments of a municipality concerning matters in the public

interest when considering the application of new stores; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the other municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED



Maryse St-Pierre
Deputy Clerk



Certified true copy



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November 16, 2020

Via Email: macdonald@northumberlandcounty.ca

Nancy MacDonald, Clerk
Northumberland County
555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6

Re: Support Resolution for Cannabis Production Regulations

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

"That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution by the County of Northumberland regarding Cannabis Production Regulations."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

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Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
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Northumberland
County

Resolution

Moved By _____

Agenda
Item 8a

Resolution No.
2020-10-21-321

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Seconded By _____

Council Date: October 21, 2020

Last Name Printed Henderson

"Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Northumberland County Council provide support for the resolution adopted by the Township of Asphodel Norwood regarding their request that:

- a governing body be created to regulate cannabis production; and
- the governing body take a unified approach be taken to land use planning restrictions; and
- the governing body enforce the regulations under the Cannabis Act on behalf of the licencing agency and ensures local authorities are in fact provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation within their region; and
- the governing body communicates more readily with local governments; and
- the governing body provides local government with more support; and

Further Be It Resolved That Northumberland Council forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario, MP Philip Lawrence and MPP David Piccini (Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, requesting that legislation be enacted to support local governments with cannabis land use management and enforcement issues."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

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Warden's Signature

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Warden's Signature

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Warden's Signature

City of Belleville
Corporate Services Department
169 Front Street, Belleville ON
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SENT BY EMAIL

November 25, 2020

Re: Council Resolution – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
– Website support

Further to the Meeting of Council on November 17, 2020 Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake passed the following motion:

MOTION2020NOV17-260

Moved by Councillor Bernie Donaldson

Seconded by Councillor Ron Derry

WHEREAS Section 14(4) of O. Reg 191/11 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requires designated public sector organizations to conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA by January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS the City remains committed to the provision of accessible goods and services; and

WHEREAS the City provides accommodations to meet any stated accessibility need, where possible; and

WHEREAS the declared pandemic, COVID-19, has impacted the finances and other resources of the City; and

WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act contemplates the need to consider technical or economic considerations in the implementation of Accessibility Standards;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake requests that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to municipalities to meet these compliance standards; and

THAT this resolution is forwarded to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, Prince Edward-Hastings M.P.P., Todd Smith, Hastings -Lennox & Addington M.P.P., Daryl Kramp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of Marmora and Lake supports the resolution passed by the City of Belleville.

Carried

I trust this is the information you require, however, should additional information or clarification be required do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bennett,
Deputy Clerk
613-472-2629 ext. 2232
jbennett@marmoraandlake.ca

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford
Todd Smith, MPP Prince Edward-Hastings
Daryl Kramp, MPP Hastings – Lennox & Addington
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities within the Province of Ontario



RE: Propose Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act: Schedule 6 of Bill 229

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 18, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2020-331: Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda items 6.2, 6.3, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12, and 6.13 be received; and

GIVEN THAT The Township of Puslinch does not want to see an increased risk to public safety, or increased liabilities to the Province, municipalities, and conservation authorities. Nor does the Township of Puslinch want more red tape, disruption and ultimately delays in helping the government achieve its goal of economic recovery; and

GIVEN the time sensitive nature of this Bill, we encourage the Province to consult with Municipalities and Conservation Authorities in an expedient manner; and

GIVEN that the Township of Puslinch feels that there are better solutions to deal with actual and perceived issues.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Puslinch respectfully requests the Province to withdraw Schedule 6 from Bill 229 until a more thorough analysis of the appropriate solutions can take place, with more clarity on what problems were identified through the consultation process. The Township of Puslinch also encourage the Province to engage with municipalities and Conservation Authorities as the Province works on regulations that will eventually define the various Conservation Authorities Act clauses. The Township of Puslinch feels this is critical to ensure that the focus and performance of Conservation Authorities is actually improved where required.

FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,



**the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Finance, Conservation
Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,
Courtenay Hoytfox
Deputy Clerk



November 19, 2020

In This Issue

- Seeking expressions of interest for 2 municipal staff vacancies on AMO Board.
- AMO participates in Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission.
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- LAS Blog: Electricity Program Pricing Details for 2021.
- Investments 101 - Online training.
- Careers with AMO, Orillia, OPS, Greater Sudbury and TTC.

AMO Matters

There are 2 vacancies on the AMO Board: staff positions on Rural and Large Urban Caucuses. Details about qualifications and appointment process are [here](#). Deadline, including Council resolution, is November 30.

AMO is developing short- and long-term recommendations on the Long-Term Care sector as it relates to COVID-19. AMO also presented to the [Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission](#) in October. Check the [AMO website](#) for details.

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association has released a [Broadband Connectivity Primer and Roadmap](#) for municipal councils and staff. A webinar will be hosted on December 1. [Register here](#).

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

Provincial Matters

Through the new Inclusive Community Grant, municipalities and local organizations can receive up to \$60,000 for projects that facilitate community involvement for seniors and persons with disabilities. Applications will be accepted until December 21, 2020. For more information and to apply, visit the [Ontario website](#).

Eye on Events

Delegates attending the [2021 ROMA Conference](#) are now able to request meetings with both the NDP and Green Party of Ontario. Follow the instructions listed on the [ROMA Delegations page](#). You must be a registered delegate to participate in these meetings.

Last Thursday's AMO-BEACON webinar is [now available to watch](#). Learn more about the critical principles municipalities should embrace to help employees protect and improve their mental health post-COVID 19. The Town of Whitby also provided insights into their experience implementing and using the platform.

AMO's partner [eSolutionsGroup](#) is hosting a complimentary webinar on available products and services for the AODA legislation deadline of January 1, 2021 and digital solutions to help you screen, track and detect COVID-19. [Join us on November 26](#) at noon for more information.

LAS

Have you checked out our new [Energy Planning Tool](#) software yet? It's hip, it's modern - with exciting new features like benchmarking, graphing, and GHG emissions making it even easier to track and report your energy. [Contact LAS](#) to start using this powerful online tool.

LAS recently completed the purchase process for the 2021 Electricity Program hedge. [Check out the LAS blog](#) for the full details.

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Careers

[Policy Advisor - AMO](#). The ideal candidate is an excellent public policy analyst with a related post secondary degree. You excel in policy research and analysis, are proactive in issue identification and problem solving with an advanced understanding of the current public policy and municipal, provincial and federal political environments. Apply in confidence by 12 noon, November 27, by email to careers@amo.on.ca.

[Policy Intern - AMO](#). Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. Please apply in confidence to: careers@amo.on.ca by Friday, December 18, 2020 at 12 noon.

[Special Events Coordinator - AMO](#). Support and grow the events and training activities

of AMO, including its premier event, the Annual General Conference. Resumes should be submitted to careers@amo.on.ca by 4 pm December 11, 2020. Include reference number MEMEC2020 in the subject line.

Deputy City Treasurer - City of Orillia. Orillia offers an excellent quality of life with four-season recreation and cultural opportunities for every age including an impressive parks and trail system, festivals, galleries, music and live theatre. Applications will be accepted until noon, November 27, 2020. Applications will only be accepted online at City of Orillia [Employment Opportunities](#).

Director, Integrated Analytics and Exploration at MCCSS and Director, Centre for Data Intelligence and Innovation at SolGen - Ontario Public Service. Please indicate which position(s) you are interested in: a. Director, Integrated Analytics and Exploration; b. Director, Centre for Data Intelligence and Innovation; c. Both. Please [apply online](#), only, by Monday, December 7, 2020.

Director of Planning Services - City of Greater Sudbury. Reports to: General Manager, Growth & Infrastructure. For more information please visit Greater Sudbury [Current Opportunities](#). Please indicate competition number EX20-590 on your application. Qualified candidates should submit their resumes in confidence by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020. Applicants may email or fax their resumes to hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca or 705.688.3979.

Inaugural Director, Diversity - Toronto Transit Commission (TTC). Reports to: Inaugural Chief, Diversity & Culture. Interested applicants can submit their resume to [Odgers Berndtson Opportunities](#). The TTC and Odgers Berndtson are 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 jmurray@bipocsearch.com.

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November 26, 2020

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- Comments on Draft Blue Box Regulation and Plastics consultation.
- Accessible municipal websites.
- New intake for the National Disaster Mitigation Program.
- ROMA 2021: Ontario Government delegation requests close November 30.
- Fire equipment webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
- Now booking for 2021 Road/Sidewalk Assessments.
- Investments 101 - Online training.
- Careers with AMO, The Blue Mountains, Mississippi Mills, TTC and Manitouwadge.

AMO Matters

ROMA has released two new resources on broadband tailored specifically for Ontario's rural municipalities. A webinar will be held December 1 to discuss the [Primer](#) and [Roadmap](#) for members. [Register today](#).

Submissions are being prepared on the [draft Blue Box Regulation](#) (due December 3), and the federal [Plastics discussion paper](#) (due December 9). For more information, contact [Dave Gordon](#) or visit AMO's [website](#).

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

Federal Matters

The [National Disaster Mitigation Program](#) provides municipal governments, conservation authorities and other organizations access to funds for flood mitigation projects. Proposal and risk assessment forms are due on December 1, 2020. MMAH administers the program in Ontario.

Eye on Events

Get your issues in front of provincial decision makers. The deadline to submit your request for provincial delegation is less than a week away - November 30, 2020. For more information and to request a virtual delegation meeting, [click here](#). Only registered conference delegates will have access to attend these meetings. Full registration details are available [here](#).

LAS

Fire departments across Ontario need a wide range of supplies to do their work. Join us December 2 at 10 am to hear from Grainger and Motion Industries, two of our fire equipment providers under the [Municipal Group Buying Program](#). [Register here](#).

Is your municipality planning a road needs study next year? The [LAS Road and Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) has been used by nearly 100 municipalities across Ontario to make the best use of every dollar in their maintenance and repair budgets. Contact [Tanner](#) for a free, no obligation quote.

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[Policy Intern - AMO](#). Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. Please apply in confidence to: careers@amo.on.ca by Friday, December 18, 2020 at 12 noon.

[Capital Projects Communications Coordinator - Town of The Blue Mountains](#). Job #20-47. Reports to: Manager, Communications & Economic Development. Position Status: Full Time. A detailed job description and instructions on how to apply are available on the [Town's website](#) under Town Hall - Employment Opportunities. The submission deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m. on Monday December 7, 2020.

[Sustainability Coordinator - Town of The Blue Mountains](#). Job # 20-46. Position Status: Full Time. A detailed job description and instructions on how to apply are available on the [Town's website](#) under Town Hall - Employment Opportunities. The submission deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m. on Monday December 7, 2020.

[Roads and Public Works Technologist - Municipality of Mississippi Mills](#). One year contract; Reports to the Acting Director of Roads and Public Works. Visit mississippimills.ca for a detailed job description. Interested candidates can forward their resume by Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 12:00 noon to svagner@mississippimills.ca.

[Inaugural Director, Diversity - The Toronto Transit Commission \(TTC\)](#). The successful candidate possesses a deep knowledge and understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and has the capacity to help drive the TTC's mission to further weave DEI into its very identity. Interested applicants can submit their resume to [Odgers Berndtson Opportunities](#). Applicants from the BIPOC community may wish to send their resume to [Jason Murray](#). Closing date: December 20, 2020.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) - Township of Manitouwadge. The Township is a Northern community, located 450km West of Sault Ste. Marie and 400km East of Thunder Bay, Ontario, serving a population of approximately 1,800 residents. Qualified candidates are encouraged to electronically submit their resume and a covering letter no later than 4:00 pm on January 4, 2021 to: Attn: Owen Cranney, Acting CAO (Confidential), The Township of Manitouwadge, PO Box 910, 1 Mississauga Drive, Manitouwadge, ON P0T 2C0; Email: owen@manitouwadge.ca.

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December 3, 2020

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- Report out on November 27th AMO Board meeting.
- Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS).
- Accessible municipal websites.
- Rowan's Law Phase 2 proclamation date moved to July 2021.
- Follow ROMA for chance to win 2021 ROMA Conference pass!
- Investments 101 - Online training.
- Careers with AMO, Augusta, Durham and Orillia.

AMO Matters

AMO President Graydon Smith [recaps the highlights](#) of the November 27, 2020 AMO Board meeting.

370 of 444 municipalities in Ontario have now posted on [MIDAS](#) their 2019 Financial Information Returns (FIRs), and 444 have posted their 2018 FIRs. Access to MIDAS is free and available to all Ontario municipalities, creating opportunities to generate reports and compare data. Browse the [MIDAS brochure](#) to see what it can do for you. To get access, email midasadmin@amo.on.ca.

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

Provincial Matters

Given the impacts/restrictions that sport organizations and facilities are experiencing, the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture has extended Phase 2 of the implementation of the [proclamation date](#) of [Rowan's Law](#) to July 1, 2021. All other legislative and regulatory requirements will remain the same. See FAQs [here](#).

Eye on Events

ROMA is giving away a free registration to its [2021 conference](#). For a chance to win, follow ROMA on [Twitter](#) and 'like' the ROMA [Facebook](#) page by midnight Thursday, December 10.

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Careers

Policy Intern - AMO. Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. Please apply in confidence to: careers@amo.on.ca by Friday, December 18, 2020 at 12 noon.

Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Augusta. The Township is a thriving rural community, situated along the St. Lawrence River, serving a population of approximately 7,350 residents. For a full description of the position, please see the Township's website. Please forward a complete resume by no later than 4:30 p.m. December 14, 2020 to: Ray Morrison, CAO/Treasurer, Township of Augusta, 3560 County Road 26, Prescott, ON, K0E 1T0. Email: rmorrison@augusta.ca.

Business Analyst - Region of Durham. Position Status: Temporary up to 18 months. Job ID#: 13481. Reports to: myDurham 311 Program Manager. The myDurham 311 Project is an enterprise project focusing on modernizing the customer experience through an innovative approach to contact centres, face-to-face engagements and digital channels. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit Durham Region Job Postings and apply online directly to Job ID# 13481 on or before December 17, 2020.

Supervisor, Asset Maintenance (Two-Year Contract) - City of Orillia. Department: Environment & Infrastructure Services. Please apply through the City's on-line portal at City of Orillia Employment Opportunities. Applications will be accepted until December 21, 2020 at noon.

Director, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Region of Durham. The Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, a newly created position, reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. To explore this opportunity further, please contact Kristen Manning at Odgers Berndtson at kristen.manning@odgersberndtson.com, or submit your resume and letter of interest online to Odgers Berndtson Opportunities by January 6th, 2021.

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