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- COUNCIL MEETING -
January 11, 2021**

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**VIA EMAIL**

Office of the Regional Chair
1151 Bronte Road
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December 23, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford, MPP, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Doug Downey, MPP, Attorney General of Ontario
The Honourable Laurie Scott, MPP, Minister of Infrastructure
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Solicitor General of Ontario

I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention a critical issue that is of importance to Halton Regional Council.

Halton Region's rapidly growing population has stretched the current capacity of local provincial courthouses causing residents and legal professionals to feel the shortfalls of a system, which requires immediate attention. This longstanding issue has meant that Halton's current court infrastructure has not met either historic or current growth demands.

Halton Region and the Halton Police Service have long advocated for improvements to the courthouse in Milton and the need for a new consolidated courthouse. The inadequacies of Halton's court resources and infrastructure have led to a number of pressing issues including the adequacy of the facility space, which must be addressed.

On June 21, 2017, the Provincial Government announced the approval of a new consolidated courthouse in Oakville that would replace the Milton courthouse to be able to reduce time-to-trial and better serve the needs of people living and working in Halton Region. Unfortunately, on May 8, 2020, the Provincial Government announced the decision not to proceed with the Halton Consolidated Courthouse construction project, which we were very disappointed about.

The Province of Ontario currently owns the land on which the proposed courthouse facility had been designed to be located upon, in the Town of Oakville. Halton Regional Council is calling upon the Provincial Government to design and build a new court facility that is adequate to meet the needs both current and future within this Region, giving proper consideration to ongoing modernization initiatives.

Accordingly, at its meeting held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Regional Municipality of Halton

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MOTION: Halton Region Provincial Court Facility

WHEREAS the Region of Halton continues to be served by an inadequate and antiquated regional court facility situated at 491 Steeles Avenue Milton, Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the regional courthouse has been found to be completely inadequate in meeting the constantly increasing demands of the Region of Halton – the fastest growing Region in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS numerous studies and reviews of the current facility have found it to be inadequate and unsafe in many measures, including but not limited to: access points, in custody prisoner holding areas, court rooms and judges' areas;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General of Ontario and the Province of Ontario recently cancelled the project that had been approved to build a new and modern consolidated court facility that would serve the needs of the citizens of Halton currently and into the future;

AND WHEREAS Halton Regional Council adopted a resolution unanimously at its meeting of May 20, 2020 requesting that this consolidated courthouse project be postponed instead of cancelled;

AND WHEREAS Halton Regional Council adopted a resolution unanimously at its meeting of January 28, 2015 requesting the Province take immediate steps to take all necessary action to ensure that proper and adequate court infrastructure is put in place to serve Halton's existing residents and to keep pace with mandated provincial growth;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario already owns the land on which the new proposed courthouse facility had been designed to be located upon, in the Town of Oakville;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General of the Province of Ontario has altered the manner in which many court related services are delivered as a result of COVID-19, and have moved to modernize the justice system to the greatest degree possible;

AND WHEREAS the Region of Halton will continue to require a court facility that meets the needs of our various justice sector partners, of the community of Halton and surrounding area, and addresses the many health and safety concerns voiced by those who must work within the current facility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Halton Regional Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to design and build a new court facility that is adequate to meet the needs both current and future within this Region, giving proper consideration to the ongoing modernization initiatives;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario work with the various partners of the justice system in designing and delivering an adequate and sufficiently scaled regional court facility for the Region of Halton;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Region of Halton ask the Province to deliver this new court facility in a timely fashion in order to address the ongoing and ever growing issues, including serious health and safety issues, with the current facility;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forward to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Minister Doug Downey, Minister Laurie Scott, Minister Sylvia Jones, Halton's MPP's, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Halton Regional Police Service and the City of Burlington, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton and Town of Oakville.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

cc. The Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills
Jane McKenna, MPP, Burlington
Parm Gill, MPP, Milton
Stephen Crawford, MPP, Oakville
Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP, Oakville North – Burlington
Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Chief, Stephen J. Tanner, Halton Regional Police Service
Kevin Arjoon, Clerk, City of Burlington
Suzanne Jones, Clerk, Town of Halton Hills
Meghan Reid, Clerk, Town of Milton
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VIA EMAIL

December 23, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford, MPP, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction
The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, December 16, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

**MOTION: Inequities for Businesses in Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation
 82/20**

WHEREAS we must do everything possible to protect our economy, while at the same time balancing the interests of public health and safety;

WHEREAS while Halton Region continues to support the Province's COVID-19 response framework, it is critical to recognize that some of the public health measures have created an uneven playing field in affected jurisdictions, placing small businesses and local retailers at a significant competitive disadvantage when lockdowns or the red control level are implemented, such as larger retail outlets being permitted to remain open in lockdown and sell more than just essentials in direct competition with small retailers, which are limited to online sales and curbside pick-up or delivery; and

WHEREAS the survival of small businesses is essential to the Province's recovery efforts, and as such, the current inequity in lockdown zones between small businesses required to limit their sales to online or curbside pickup and those businesses permitted to remain open and continue in-person sales must be addressed to avoid unfair competitive advantage between businesses and to provide consistency with continued effective health risk management in consultation with Public Health; and

WHEREAS as we move through the pandemic, Halton Region will continue to seek opportunities to work with the Province to help its residents and businesses to innovate and provide localized solutions, recognizing that public health measures and restrictions on business are not one size fits all and need to be varied based on local public health conditions, demographics and geographic scale; and

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WHEREAS the provincial government has been responsive in rolling out and adapting public health measures on a provincial scale; and

WHEREAS as we move into the second year of managing the pandemic response it must be acknowledged that what is appropriate in the Province's largest cities may not be appropriate in smaller municipalities that are facing different issues in managing public health while balancing supporting local businesses and economic growth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the provincial government be requested to revise the Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 ("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 THAT the provincial government be requested to revise the physical distancing with capacity limits determined on a per square metre basis for persons admitted to all businesses, including restaurants, which are currently under the red control level of the COVID-19 response framework in Halton Region subject to a hard-capped occupancy limit of 10 regardless of business size or capacity based on the current provincial re-opening framework subject to consultation on Public Health best practices;

AND THAT Halton Region calls on the Province to partner with municipalities to pilot unique/additional parameters and programs with our local business community that may be key to offering a safe consumer and employee experience so that businesses can remain open and viable while recognizing the unique makeup of local communities; and

AND THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Halton's MPPs', AMO, the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), the Small Urban GTHA Mayors, all Halton Chambers of Commerce and Halton's Local Municipalities.

Sincerely,



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

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Parm Gill, MPP, Milton
Stephen Crawford, MPP, Oakville
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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON



THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY REGIONAL COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2020.

WHEREAS we must do everything possible to protect our economy, while at the same time balancing the interests of public health and safety;

WHEREAS while Halton Region continues to support the Province's COVID-19 response framework, it is critical to recognize that some of the public health measures have created an uneven playing field in affected jurisdictions, placing small businesses and local retailers at a significant competitive disadvantage when lockdowns or the red control level are implemented, such as larger retail outlets being permitted to remain open in lockdown and sell more than just essentials in direct competition with small retailers, which are limited to online sales and curbside pick-up or delivery; and

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WHEREAS the provincial government has been responsive in rolling out and adapting public health measures on a provincial scale; and

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AND THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Halton's MPPs', AMO, the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), the Small Urban GTHA Mayors, all Halton Chambers of Commerce and Halton's Local Municipalities.



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VIA EMAIL

December 18, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, PC, MP, Prime Minister
The Honourable Doug Ford, MPP, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Patty Hajdu, PC, MP, Minister of Health
The Honourable Christine Elliott, MPP, Minister of Health
The Honourable Merilee Fullerton, MPP, Minister of Long-Term Care
The Honourable Steve Clark, MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, December 16, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

MOTION: The Opioid Crisis in Canada

WHEREAS the opioid addiction and overdose emergency is affecting municipalities across Ontario and Canada, including the municipalities of Oakville, Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and the Region of Halton;

WHEREAS in Canada, from January 2016 through March 2020, more than 16,000 people died from apparent opioid-related causes;

WHEREAS during the first three months of 2020, there were 1,018 opioid related deaths recorded in Canada, the vast majority of which (96%) were accidental;

WHEREAS a report released by the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network, the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario/Ontario Forensic Pathology Service, Public Health Ontario, and the Centre on Drug Policy Evaluation stated that if the number of opioid-related deaths continues to increase at the weekly pandemic rate for the rest of 2020, it is anticipated that there will be 2,271 opioid-related deaths in the province by the end of the year, representing a 50% increase from 2019;

WHEREAS according to Public Health Ontario, 167 Halton residents have died between 2014 and 2019 as a result of opioid overdoses (2019 data is preliminary);

WHEREAS from January to November 2020, there have been 236 calls related to opioids responded to by the Halton Regional Police Service, and 25 suspected opioid-related overdose deaths among Halton residents, based on preliminary data from the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario, and the Halton Regional Police Service;

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WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is calling on the Government of Canada to take concrete actions to meaningfully and urgently address the Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy, with an emphasis on: harm reduction; treatment; prevention and enforcement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government and Government of Ontario work collaboratively with the Region of Halton, the Halton Regional Police Service, Halton Region Public Health, first responders, and community organizations to develop a long-term and comprehensive strategy to address the opioid crisis in our communities with an emphasis on: harm reduction, treatment and prevention, while maintaining enforcement.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Canada's Minister of Health, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, the Ontario Minister of Long-Term Care, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton's Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the City of Burlington, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton and Town of Oakville.

Sincerely,



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

cc. The Honourable Karina Gould, MP, Burlington
The Honourable Anita Anand, MP, Oakville
Adam van Koeverden, MP, Milton
Pam Damoff, MP, Oakville-North Burlington
The Honourable Michael Chong, MP Wellington-Halton Hills
The Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills
Jane McKenna, MPP, Burlington
Parm Gill, MPP, Milton
Stephen Crawford, MPP, Oakville
Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP, Oakville North – Burlington
Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Carole Saab
City of Burlington, Kevin Arjoon
Town of Halton Hills, Suzanne Jones
Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck
Town of Milton, Meghan Reid

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government and Government of Ontario work collaboratively with the Region of Halton, the Halton Regional Police Service, Halton Region Public Health, first responders, and community organizations to develop a long-term and comprehensive strategy to address the opioid crisis in our communities with an emphasis on: harm reduction, treatment and prevention, while maintaining enforcement.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Canada's Minister of Health, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, the Ontario Minister of Long-Term Care, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton's Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the City of Burlington, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton and Town of Oakville.

**VIA EMAIL**

December 17, 2020

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City of Burlington, Kevin Arjoon
Town of Halton Hills, Suzanne Jones
Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck
Town of Milton, Meghan Reid
Halton Regional Police Service, Chief Tanner
Conservation Halton, Hassaan Basit
Credit Valley Conservation, Deborah Martin-Downs
Grand River Conservation Authority, Samantha Lawson

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, December 16, 2020, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: FN-44-20 - 2021 Budget and Business Plan and Disposition of the 2020 Surplus

1. THAT the 2021 Tax-Supported Operating Budget for Regional Services (excluding Halton Regional Police Service), with total gross expenditures of \$580,190,048 and a net levy requirement of \$285,847,393 as set out in Attachment #1 to Report No. FN-44-20 re: "2021 Budget and Business Plan and Disposition of the 2020 Surplus", be approved.
2. THAT the 2021 Tax-Supported Capital Budget for Regional Services (excluding Halton Regional Police Service and other Boards & Agencies), with total expenditures of \$196,026,000 as set out in Attachment #3 to Report No. FN-44-20, be approved.
3. THAT the 2022-2030 Tax-Supported Operating Budget Forecast for Regional Services (excluding Halton Regional Police Service and other Boards & Agencies) as set out in Attachment #4 to Report No. FN-44-20 be approved.
4. THAT the 2022-2030 Tax-Supported Capital Budget Forecast for Regional Services (excluding Halton Regional Police Service and other Boards & Agencies) as set out in Attachment #3 to Report No. FN-44-20 be approved.
5. THAT the 2021 Halton Regional Police Service Operating Budget, as approved by Halton Regional Police Service Board on October 29, 2020, with total gross expenditures of \$179,570,946 and a net levy requirement of \$168,832,213 as set out in Attachment #1 to Report No. FN-44-20, be approved.

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6. THAT the 2021 Halton Regional Police Service Capital Budget, as approved by Halton Regional Police Service Board on October 29, 2020 with total expenditures of \$6,239,000 as set out in Attachment #3 to Report No. FN-44-20, be approved.
7. THAT the 2022-2025 Halton Regional Police Service Operating Budget Forecast, as presented to the Halton Regional Police Service Board on October 29, 2020 as set out in Attachment #4 to Report No. FN-44-20, be approved.
8. THAT the 2022-2030 Halton Regional Police Service Capital Budget Forecast, as presented to the Halton Regional Police Service Board on October 29, 2020 as set out in Attachment #3 to Report No. FN-44-20, be approved.
9. THAT the Boards and Agencies (excluding Halton Regional Police Service) levy requests for 2021 be approved as follows:
 - a. \$9,162,703 to Conservation Halton
 - b. \$631,491 to Credit Valley Conservation
 - c. \$291,880 to Grand River Conservation Authority
10. THAT the 2021 Rate-Supported Operating Budget, with total gross expenditures of \$238,428,310 and a net utility rate requirement of \$220,740,442, as set out in Attachment #1 to Report No. FN-44-20, be approved.
11. THAT the 2021 Rate-Supported Capital Budget, with total expenditures of \$257,613,000 as set out in Attachment #3 to Report No. FN-44-20, be approved.
12. THAT the 2022-2030 Rate-Supported Operating Budget Forecast for Regional Services, as presented in Attachment #4 to Report No. FN-44-20, be approved.
13. THAT the 2022-2030 Rate-Supported Capital Budget Forecast for Regional Services, as presented in Attachment #3 to Report No. FN-44-20, be approved.
14. THAT the Fees & Charges for Regional Services as presented in Attachment #5 of Report No. FN-44-20 be approved.
15. THAT the non-union salary budget grid increase of 2.0% for 2021 be approved as described in Report No. FN-44-20.

16. THAT any net shortfall resulting from the Region's 2020 Tax-Supported Programs, after utilizing the \$12.6 million in Safe Restart Agreement Phase 1 funding, be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (501020).
17. THAT any net surplus resulting from the Region's 2020 Tax-Supported Programs, be allocated to the Tax Stabilization Reserve (501020) up to the 10% target level, and any residual surplus (excluding Police) be allocated to the Tax Capital Reserve (505010).
18. THAT any net surplus resulting from the Region's 2020 Rate-Supported Programs be allocated to the Water/Wastewater Rate Stabilization Reserve (501110) up to the 15% target level, and any residual surplus be allocated to the Water Capital General (505220) and Wastewater Capital General (505320) Reserves.
19. THAT any net shortfall from the Region's 2020 Rate-Supported Programs be funded from the Water/Wastewater Rate Stabilization Reserve (501110).
20. THAT any surplus or deficit resulting from a difference in the actual assessment growth from the budgeted assessment growth be transferred to or from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (501020), respectively.
21. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws.

Included please find a copy of Report No. FN-44-20 for your information.

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

Sincerely,



Graham Milne
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Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair & CEO

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December 14, 2020

Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau. P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister
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Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford:

Re: Federal and Provincial Support for Adequate Paid Sick Day Benefits

On behalf of Region of Peel Council, I would like to thank you both for your leadership on the response to COVID-19. We appreciate your past and ongoing support of the Region of Peel to control the spread of the virus and keep residents safe, including economic and financial supports to businesses and individuals that have been directly affected by the pandemic.

Despite the current economic and financial supports, more must be done. Peel remains in 'Lockdown', the most restrictive stage of Ontario's COVID-19 response framework and continues to face challenges in our efforts to prevent transmission of COVID-19. One area we have identified that should immediately be enhanced is paid sick day supports for workers who have COVID-19 or need to isolate because they may have been exposed to the virus. Insufficient paid sick days, financial/income supports, and sick leave protection are known barriers to compliance to COVID-19 control measures, including testing and self-isolation.

This challenge is particularly evident with workers who are in precarious employment and are most likely to not have paid sick days. These include low-income workers, essential workers, contract and agency workers, those who cannot work remotely, and many health-care workers. Some are precariously employed in our transportation, service and manufacturing sectors, which are reported to have some of the highest share of COVID-19 cases among occupation categories. Due to the lack of paid sick days, many of these workers simply cannot afford to take time off work when sick, fearing income-loss and financial hardship.

Peel Regional Council does acknowledge that both of your governments have implemented measures to encourage and support workers to comply with pandemic control measures and protect them from having their employment



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terminated due to COVID-19. However, these measures have limitations and are simply not enough.

The federal Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) for instance requires an employed or self-employed individual, who is off due to COVID-19 and has received one week of benefits, to apply again to receive a second week of benefits. This is not aligned with the science of a two-week incubation period for the virus. Moreover, the CRSB provides just two weeks of benefits for the entire year, which is a barrier for a worker who is sick for more than two weeks and needs to isolate for a longer period of time. The application process and waiting period for payment create a gap in income and a disincentive to stay home when sick. Income replacement for individuals who want to do the right thing and stay home when sick needs to be implemented with minimal administrative burden.

Further, at the outset of COVID-19 pandemic in March, the Province of Ontario introduced infectious disease emergency leave to protect employees from termination because they are off work due to COVID-19, which is scheduled to remain in force until January 2, 2021. Without such job protection in place, workers could go to work while sick because they fear being fired.

At its December 10th meeting, Peel Regional Council passed a resolution (attached) requesting that federal and provincial governments implement and fund the necessary policies and programs to provide adequate paid sick day benefits. This would ensure accessible and timely income/financial supports and remove barriers facing precariously employed Peel residents, allowing them to get tested, self-isolate and follow necessary COVID-19 control measures without fear of income-loss and financial hardship. We also acknowledge that the burden of this income support should not fall on businesses; especially small businesses that cannot take on additional costs at this time.

Further, it is requested that the Province to Ontario quickly move to extend infectious disease emergency leave beyond January 2, 2021. This will offer workers continued job protection and peace of mind. For administrative and communication purposes, the Province may want to consider linking this job protected leave for the duration of COVID-19 emergency period.

Given the urgency of the current state of the pandemic, we cannot afford to wait to do more to prevent the spread of the virus in our community. We encourage your governments move forward to implement these recommendations expeditiously, which are necessary to protect some of our most vulnerable workers who not only deserve respect and protection but will ultimately be critical to the post-pandemic recovery of our economy.

If you have any questions regarding our recommendations, 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Nando Iannicca', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Nando Iannicca,
Regional Chair and CEO

CC:
Peel-area MPs and MPPs
GTHA Municipalities

Attached: Resolution - Paid Sick Days

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Regional Chair & CEO

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Resolution

Agenda Number: 8.1

Date: Regional Council, December 10, 2020

Moved by Councillor Brown, Councillor Crombie and Councillor Thompson

Whereas the Region of Peel is currently in lockdown and, as of December 7, 2020, has an incidence rate of 202.9 cases per 100,000 population and a test positivity rate of 10.6 per cent, which are well above the threshold for the control or red level under the Provincial COVID-19 response framework;

And whereas, workplaces are a source of COVID-19 transmission in Peel and a Peel Public Health Surveillance identifies that among COVID-19 cases the most frequently reported occupation categories after health (8.9 per cent), are trades, transport and equipment operators (5.5 per cent), sales and service (3.9 per cent) and manufacturing and utilities (3.4 per cent);

And whereas, it is workers in precarious employment who are most likely to not have paid sick days, including low-income workers, essential workers, contract and agency workers, those who cannot work remotely, and many health-care workers;

And whereas, many of these workers simply cannot afford to take time off work;

And whereas, the federal government has established the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) which provides support to eligible employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they are sick with COVID-19 or may be sick with COVID-19, or need to self-isolate due to COVID-19, or have an underlying health condition that puts them at greater risk of getting COVID-19;

And whereas, the CRSB is only limited to \$450 (after taxes are withheld) for a one-week period and the employed or self-employed individual must apply again to receive a second week of benefits and that only a total of two weeks of benefits are available, which is a barrier for a worker who is sick and needs to isolate for a longer period of time;

And whereas, the Ontario government through Bill 186, *Employment Standards Amendment Act (Infectious Disease Emergencies)*, 2020, created job protected infectious disease emergency leave so that an employee cannot be threatened, fired or penalized in any other way because the employee took or plans on taking an infectious disease emergency leave for COVID-19;

And whereas, on September 3, 2020, the Ontario government through Ontario Regulation 228/20 extended infectious disease emergency leave, which is set to end on January 2, 2021;

And whereas, the lack of paid sick days, financial/income supports, and sick leave protection are known barriers to compliance to COVID-19 control measures, including testing and self-isolation, due to the fear of income-loss and financial hardship;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Regional Chair write to the Prime Minister of Canada and Premier of Ontario, on behalf of Regional Council, to request that:

- the federal and provincial governments implement and fund the necessary policies and programs to provide adequate paid sick day benefits to ensure accessible and timely income/financial supports in order to remove barriers facing precariously employed Peel residents, which will allow them to get tested, self-isolate and follow necessary COVID-19 control measures without fear of income-loss and financial hardship;
- the provincial government extend infectious disease emergency leave beyond January 2, 2021 and do this expeditiously to give workers job protection and peace of mind;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Peel-area MPs and MPPs for their awareness and active support;

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



December 8, 2020

Via email: admin@ltvca.ca

Mark Peacock, P.Eng
Lower Thames Conservation
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Chatham ON N7I 2Y8

Re: Resolution Bill 229 and the Conservation Authorities

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on December 7, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Faas, Seconded by Councillor Thompson

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

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

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

WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without CA watershed data and 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 believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229)

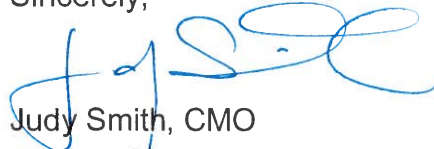
THAT the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth

THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority/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.

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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Honourable Premier of Ontario

Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance (rod.phillips@pc.ola.org)

Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks
(jeff.yurek@pc.ola.org)

Hon. John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
(john.yakabuski@pc.ols.org)

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SENT BY EMAIL

December 11, 2020

Re: Council Resolution – Bill 229

Further to the Meeting of Council on December 1, 2020 Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake passed the following motion:

MOTION2020DEC01-276

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mike Stevens
Seconded by Councillor Ron Derry

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

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.

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.

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WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected.

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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.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229).

THAT the Province continues to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth.

THAT the Province respects 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.

THAT Council supports the resolution of the Town of Mono passed on November 24, 2020, regarding Schedule 6 of Bill 229.

AND THAT Council supports the resolution of the City of Quinte West passed on November 16, 2020, regarding Schedule 6 of Bill 229.

FURTHER THAT this resolution is forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Bay of Quinte MPP Todd Smith, AMO, Conservation Ontario, CVCA and Quinte Conservation.

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
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cc: The Honourable Doug Ford
Todd Smith, MPP Prince Edward-Hastings
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Conservation Ontario
Crowe Valley Conservation Authority
Quinte Conservation
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities within the Province of Ontario



December 14, 2020

Sent via email to all Ontario Municipal Clerks

Dear Municipal Clerks,

At its meeting held on December 10, 2020, Dufferin County Council approved the following recommendation from the General Government Services Committee:

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dufferin County Council does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties;

AND THAT Dufferin County Council believes there is a need to review the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values;

AND THAT Dufferin County Council hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value;



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

Regards,

Michelle Dunne
Deputy Clerk

Cc Minister of Finance
 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
 AMO
 ROMA
 Kyle Seeback, MP
 Sylvia Jones, MPP

December 14, 2020

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
48 Rosemount Avenue
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VIA EMAIL

Dear Honourable Minister:

At the December 8th, 2020 session of The Town of Carleton Place Council, Resolution 1-132-10 was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted childcare options for nearly every family in our community and has profoundly increased the cost to operate safe childcare forcing childcare spaces or centres to close.

AND WHEREAS Ontario has among the highest average childcare fees of any Canadian province and while costs vary regionally for licensed childcare, families are paying between \$9,000 and \$20,000+ per year for each child and these costs continue to rise steadily which makes passing the associated COVID-19 costs to families not possible;

AND WHEREAS a 2012 study identified that in Ontario, public investment in the early years and childcare has a ripple effect in positive economic benefits resulting in an economic output of \$2.27 for every dollar invested in childcare;

AND WHEREAS the economic recovery of Carleton Place, Lanark County and Ontario is dependent on families having access to safe, reliable, and affordable childcare that incorporates early learning principles;

AND WHEREAS we are committed to working with the provincial government and childcare service managers to deliver positive and affordable options for our families;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Carleton Place request the Government of Ontario:
 - a. prioritize children and childcare as part of its overall post pandemic recovery plan;

- b. develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support facilities through the provision of licensed childcare and early learning education; and
 - c. provide increased funding to childcare providers reflective of COVID-19 operating cost increases to ensure a safe reopening and long-term sustainability for the sector; and
2. this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, Randy Hillier MPP, Scott Reid, MP, the Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and the provincial Minister of Education.

CARRIED

We look forward to hearing back from you with respect to any opportunities for funding to ensure the long-term sustainability of the childcare services sector.

Sincerely,

Stacey Blair

Town Clerk

sblair@carletonplace.ca

- cc. Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
Provincial Minister of Education
MP Scott Reid
MPP Randy Hillier
All municipalities within the Province of Ontario



Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

December 7, 2020

Please be advised that the Council of Southwest Middlesex passed the following resolution at its November 25, 2020 Council meeting:

Drainage Matters: CN Rail

Moved by Councillor McGill
Seconded by Councillor Vink

“WHEREAS municipalities are facilitators of the provincial process under the *Drainage Act* providing land owners to enter into agreements to construct or improve drains, and for the democratic procedure for the construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS municipal drain infrastructure and railway track infrastructure intersect in many areas in Ontario; and

WHEREAS coordination with national railways is required for the construction or improvement of drains that benefit or intersect with national railways; and

WHEREAS the national railways have historically participated in the process for construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS currently municipalities are experiencing a lack of coordination with national railways on drainage projects; and

WHEREAS the lack of coordination is resulting in projects being significantly delayed or cancelled within a year; and

WHEREAS municipal drains remove excess water to support public and private infrastructure and agricultural operations;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Province of Ontario work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways; and

THAT Council circulate the resolution to the Provincial Ministers of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, and Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Federal Minister of Transportation, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities.”

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Resolution #2020-274

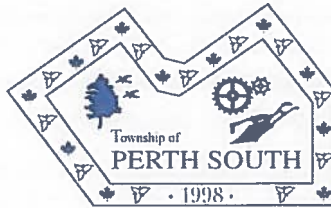
Carried

Sincerely.



Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier
CAO-Clerk

Cc: The Honorable Marc Gardeau, Minister of Transport
The Honorable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Middlesex-London
Lianne Rood, MP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
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December 16, 2020

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, CAO-Clerk

Sent by email

RE: Drainage Matters & CN Rail

At the regular meeting of the Township of Perth South council held December 15, 2020 council received the resolution sent December 7, 2020 in regards to drainage matters and the current working relationship with CN Rail. The Township has experienced similar delays with drainage projects and agrees that the situation needs to improve. Council directed staff to send a letter of support for your resolution.

If you require any additional information please contact me.

Regards,

Lizet Scott
Clerk

Cc: The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington
John Nater, MP Perth Wellington
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December 18, 2020

Monika Turner
Director of Policy
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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Dear Ms. Turner:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on December 14, 2020, passed the following resolution regarding cannabis retail in Ontario:

“WHEREAS 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 January 14, 2019 Kitchener City Council agreed to ‘opt-in’ to the Provincial direction to allow Cannabis Retail to occur in the City of Kitchener; and

WHEREAS the AGCO criteria does not take into consideration radial distance separation from other Licensed Cannabis Stores when considering applications for new Licensed Cannabis Stores; and

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener currently has two open retail locations and 12 active applications for Licensed Cannabis Stores, several within a three block radius; and

WHEREAS Council considers it a matter of public interest to include a 500 metre distance separation from other Licensed Cannabis Stores, as excessive clustering and geographic concentration of cannabis retail outlets may encourage undesirable health outcomes, and 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

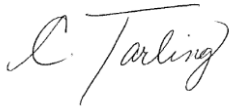
WHEREAS cannabis retail is a new and unproven market, and no studies or precedent exists to determine the number or distribution of stores that

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 Council, to write the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance of Ontario, and the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, requesting the Province modify the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores to consider over-concentration as an evaluation criteria, require a 500 metre distance separation between locations, 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 Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

c: Garth Frizzell, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Berry Vrbanovic, Mayor, City of Kitchener
Helen Fylactou, Manager of Licensing, City of Kitchener
Ontario Municipalities



December 10, 2020

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Provincial Matters

Earlier this year, Ontario finalized its Water Quantity Framework, establishing priority water uses, updating provincial authority to manage uses in stressed watersheds and establishing the ability for municipalities to formally consider their support for new or expanded water bottling operations. The [draft guidance](#) is open to comment on the EBR until February 5, 2021. AMO will be reviewing for broad municipal considerations. Municipal officials are encouraged to review and submit comments.

Eye on Events

The ROMA Conference is an important opportunity to connect with provincial leaders. As in past years, this year's conference will feature Ministers' Forums, main stage addresses by key ministers and party leaders. Start off 2021 with important provincial updates and insights that will help you plan for the year ahead. [Early Bird rates](#) end December 31, 2020.

Holidays always come with its share of stress - but this year is like no other, with the challenges of COVID-19 and lockdown restrictions. Join [AMO's partner BEACON](#) for a webinar today at noon on insights and strategies to deal with negative stress to help you build holiday resiliency. [Register now](#).

Get your chance to ask Daniel Dwyer, Corporate Officer & IT Manager, City of Grand

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[Director, Statistics Integration Branch \(Ministry of Finance\) - Ontario Public Service](#). Location: Toronto. Job Term: 1 Permanent. Job Code: XEXE2 - Executive 2. Please apply online, only, by Wednesday, December 16, 2020, by visiting [Ontario Public Service Careers](#). Please follow the instructions to submit your application. Faxes are not being accepted at this time.

[Director, Business Affairs - Region of Durham](#). Job ID 13758. Reports to: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit [Durham Region Job Postings](#) and apply online directly to Job ID #13758 no later than December 31, 2020.

[Director, Office of Emergency Management - City of Toronto](#). Reports to the Toronto Fire Chief / General Manager of Emergency Management. If you are interested in exploring this opportunity, please submit a resume and letter of interest online at [Odgers Berndtson Opportunities](#). To acquire more information about the role, please contact Margaret Campbell at Margaret.Campbell@odgersberndtson.com or Joanne McMullin at Joanne.McMullin@odgersberndtson.com.

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December 17, 2020

Everyone at AMO wishes you, your friends and family, and your community a happy and safe holiday season!

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AMO Matters

The AMO Office will be closed from December 25, 2020 to January 1, 2021 and will re-open on January 4, 2021. The next issue of the WatchFile will be on January 7, 2021.

Provincial Matters

The Province is seeking feedback on challenges when using towing services to improve towing industry oversight and inform a regulatory model. The survey is open until January 15, 2021.

Eye on Events

The ROMA Annual Conference is a key moment for municipal and provincial officials to connect on the unique challenges faced by rural municipalities. Don't miss this year's event or the early bird deadline: December 31, 2020.

No need to book a room. AMO 2021 will be a virtual conference building on the success and lessons learned of 2020. Join the City of London as they host this exciting event. Registration opens Friday, December 18.

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[Manager, Innovation and Research \(Job ID 13762\) - Region of Durham](#). Reports to: Director, Strategic Initiatives in the CAO's Office. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit [Durham Region Job Postings](#) and apply online directly to Job ID#13762 no later than January 4, 2021.

[Policy Advisor \(Ministry of Labour, Training & Skills Development\) - Ontario Public Service](#). Location: Toronto. Additional information: 3 Temporary, duration up to 18 months (with possible extension). Note: The information that you provide for the purpose of this competition and the results from this competition may be used to fill other positions. Please apply online, only, by Friday, January 8, 2021, by visiting [Ontario Public Service Careers](#) and entering Job ID 158007 in the Job ID search field. Please follow the instructions to submit your application.

[Director, Strategic Policy & Planning - Canada Council for the Arts / Directeur ou Directrice, Politiques et planification stratégiques - Conseil des arts du Canada](#). Competition: 440024. Status: Regular Full-time. Division: Strategic Public

Affairs & Arts Engagement. Location: Ottawa. Closing date: 11:59 p.m., January 15, 2021. Canada Council is partnering with BIPOC Executive Search to ensure an applicant list that includes Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour. Interested candidates should submit their resume to: ukhan@bipocsearch.com.

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