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- COUNCIL MEETING -
March 22, 2021**

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March 8, 2021	Queen Street in Acton slated for reconstruction this spring
March 8, 2021	Mayor's Message - March 2021

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MEMORANDUM TO: Acting CAO Chris Mills
Town Clerk Valerie Petryniak
Fire Chief Jon Rehill

FROM: Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: March 11th, 2021

SUBJECT: Fire Safety Grant Announcement

Earlier today, the Government of Ontario announced a one time \$5M grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the start of the pandemic, Ontario's fire services have faced unprecedented challenges and have voiced those concerns to me as Fire Marshal. The ability to train fire service members in a COVID environment brought with it new restrictions and despite opportunities to train online and through other modes, I know that not all training priorities may have been met over the last year. In addition, my office has heard concerns from fire departments about fire code enforcement and the ability to enter premises to conduct inspections and promote fire safety. It is hoped that this grant will work to support fire services through this period of uncertainty and ongoing challenges.

I am pleased to advise that the Town of Halton Hills is eligible to receive up to **\$19,600.00** as part of this grant program.

The grant is intended to provide fire departments with the flexibility to support two priority areas. First, this grant may be put towards ongoing training needs including registration, administrative programming, technology upgrades and associated costs for attending as well for providing services. In addition, if code compliance and inspections continue to be challenging, addressing opportunities for an inspection program may include technology, capital costs and training to ensure that fire services are able to meet the demand of this need at the local level.

In order to receive funds, the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) requires that the attached application be submitted by a representative of the municipality. As decisions regarding

the grant may not have time to proceed to municipal council for approval within the timeframes identified below, my office would be comfortable with the fire chief accepting the grant in principle on behalf of the municipality, pending formal approval from the council. To help facilitate this process, once the grant applications are approved, I will send the respective fire chief a letter of intent that will be contingent upon council's deliberations. In order to allocate funds before March 31, 2021, all applications must be received by my office no later than March 19, 2021. In addition, as a condition of the grant, these funds must be spent by August 1, 2021, and a report back to the Fire Marshal will be required by September 1, 2021, to outline how the grant was utilized at the department level.

Completed agreements should be sent by email to the Office of the Fire Marshal at ofm@ontario.ca. If you have any questions about this grant, do not hesitate to reach out to your Fire Protection Adviser.

Yours truly,

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal



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VIA EMAIL

March 9, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Halton Region is undertaking an update to the Regional Official Plan to ensure it responds to the Provincial Planning framework.

Planning to implement extensive and impactful provincial policies for new growth, housing and jobs requires extensive community engagement to ensure that residents can meaningfully contribute in shaping the vision for growth in Halton to 2051.

While the Regional Official Plan Review is progressing, Regional Council is concerned that the significant changes to the Provincial Planning framework in recent months coupled with our overriding focus on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, does not provide sufficient time and opportunity to confirm priorities for significant long-term growth with our residents.

On February 17, 2021, Regional Council unanimously approved the attached resolution respectfully requesting that the Province enable Halton Region to delay its final report on its Official Plan Review until proper, in person, informed consultation with the public can be conducted. The resolution also requests that the Province suspend the conformity deadline until the impacts of the pandemic on growth planning can be better understood and addressed as part of the land needs assessment framework.

Halton Region remains supportive of Provincial objectives to increase housing supply and support growth and economic development. Additional time will enable a result that is responsive to Provincial goals while allowing Halton to continue our long standing approach in managing growth in an environmentally, socially and fiscally sustainable manner.

Sincerely,

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Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Regional Municipality of Halton

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- c. The Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Brian Rosborough,
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Town of Milton, Meaghan Reid
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Town of Halton Hills, Valerie Petryniak
Andrea Horwath, MPP, Leader of the Official Opposition
Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, MPP, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario
County of Northumberland, Nancy MacDonald
County of Peterborough, Lynn Fawn
City of Peterborough, John Kennedy
City of Kawartha Lakes, Cathie Ritchie
City of Orillia, Gayle Jackson
City of Barrie, Wendy Cooke
County of Simcoe, John Daly
County of Dufferin, Michelle Dunne
County of Wellington, Donna Bryce, County Clerk
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City of Brantford, Tanya Daniels
County of Brant, Heather Boyd
Haldimand County, Evelyn Eichenbaum
Region of Niagara, Ann-Marie Norio
City of Hamilton, Andrea Holland
City of Guelph, Stephen O'Brien
Region of Peel, Kathryn Lockyer
City of Toronto, John Elvidge
Region of York, Chris Raynor
Region of Durham, Ralph Walton



The Regional Municipality of Halton

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY REGIONAL COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has mandated Halton Region to conduct a municipal comprehensive review (MCR) of its Official Plan whereby decisions must be made as to how all of the population and employment growth is to be accommodated in the local municipalities for the years 2031 to 2051;

AND WHEREAS since June 2019 the Province has amended a number of Provincial Statutes and policies that impact how municipalities plan for growth including the following:

- The Provincial Policy Statement,
- A Place to Grow: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe,
- The Development Charges Act,
- The Planning Act,
- The Environmental Assessment Act, and
- The Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS these significant Provincial changes include:

- reduced density targets in new greenfield development from 80 persons and jobs per hectare to 50 persons and jobs per hectare,
- reduced intensification targets from 60% beyond 2031 to 50%,
- setting minimum population and employment growth forecasts that can be exceeded subject to Provincial approval,
- extended the planning horizon from 2041 to the year 2051,
- introduced market demand as a consideration in determining the housing mix, and
- revisions to how municipalities fund growth;

AND WHEREAS these Provincial changes signal an abrupt shift from the emphasis on creating compact and complete communities to a planning regime that facilitates lower density and car dependent communities;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills, Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Region have all declared climate change emergencies and must consider the role of land use planning in their strategies to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS these Provincial changes create pressure to convert more class 1, 2 and 3 farmland in Halton to urban uses than would otherwise be necessary which is contrary to Halton's Official Plan and its 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, which both have as a goal to protect a permanent agricultural system in Halton;

AND WHEREAS ensuring that Ontarians have access to healthy safe food in the future requires thoughtful consideration of the long term impact of converting thousands of acres of prime agricultural lands in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to urban uses;

AND WHEREAS in 2016 Halton Regional Council directed the Regional Chair to write to the Premier of Ontario expressing support for creating a provincial permanent agricultural system;

AND WHEREAS the change of the planning horizon to 2051 by the Province means that future municipal councils and the public will have little power to change decisions where they will grow after 2031 to the 2051 planning horizon;

AND WHEREAS in the rural areas internet service is often poor, making it difficult for rural residents to participate in Zoom calls;

AND WHEREAS Halton Region has adopted a public engagement charter that is based on transparency, notification and participation;

AND WHEREAS the current pandemic is making effective, in person public consultation impossible at a time when robust, informed public consultation is needed more than ever.

AND WHEREAS the nature of work has evolved in response to the pandemic which may cause long term changes to the assumptions underlying the province's Land Needs Assessment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regional Council direct the Regional Chair to write to request the Province to allow the Region to delay its final report on its Official Plan Review until proper, in person, informed consultation with the public has been conducted on the growth concepts and the preferred growth concept;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to make ROPA 48, being the scoped Regional Official Plan Amendment which identifies non-discretionary components of a Regional Urban Structure that support local plans and priorities inside the current urban boundaries, exempt from the requirement for in-person consultation with the public;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement to ensure that the public can fully participate in the process of planning their communities for the growth planning period covering 2031 to 2051;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province suspend the deadlines it has set for conformity until the Land Needs Assessment Framework can be revisited to adjust to the significant changes to the nature of work that are reducing office space and parking space needs.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton's Local Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the leaders of the Provincial opposition parties, Halton's MPP's, and the Greater Golden Horseshoe municipalities.

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**VIA EMAIL**

February 26, 2021

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, February 17, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: LPS05-21 - Regional Official Plan Review – Phase 2 Initial Consultation Summary

1. THAT Report No. LPS05-21 re: "Regional Official Plan Review – Phase 2 Initial Consultation Summary" be received.
2. THAT Regional Council direct staff to release the "Regional Official Plan Review Initial Consultation Summary" attached to Report No. LPS05-21 to all participants in the consultation and to post publicly as a means of confirming initial comments on the Regional Official Plan Review Discussion Papers to date.
3. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS05-21, to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, and Grand River Conservation Authority, for their 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", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
graham.milne@halton.ca

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, February 17, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: LPS18-21 - Regional Official Plan Review - Integrated Growth Management Strategy - Growth Concepts Discussion Paper

1. THAT Report No. LPS18-21 re: "Regional Official Plan Review – Integrated Growth Management Strategy – Growth Concepts Discussion Paper" be received.
2. THAT Regional Council direct staff to release the "Regional Official Plan Review –Integrated Growth Management Strategy – Growth Concepts Discussion Paper" (under separate cover) and associated landing page attached to Report No. LPS18-21, as a basis for public consultation on the Regional Official Plan Review to conclude at the end of May 2021.
3. THAT the input received from the Local Municipalities, public agencies, and the public, be considered in the development of a draft Preferred Growth Concept to accommodate population and employment growth to 2051, for the consideration of Regional Council at the next stage of the Integrated Growth Management Strategy.
4. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS18-21, the Integrated Growth Management Strategy - Growth Concepts Discussion Paper (document under separate cover) and attached Landing Page, to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, and the Grand River Conservation Authority, for their information.

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Included please find a copy of Report No. LPS-18-21 for your information. Links to the attachments are below.

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

Sincerely,



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[Attachment #1](#)

[Attachment #2](#)

[Attachment #3](#)

[Attachment #4](#)

[Attachment#5](#)

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, February 17, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: LPS12-21 - Update on the Proposed Expansion to the Burlington Quarry (Nelson Aggregate Co.), Submission of Letter of Objection, File No. RQ61A

1. THAT Regional Council receive Report No. LPS12-21 re: "Update on the Proposed Expansion to the Burlington Quarry (Nelson Aggregate Co.), Submission of Letter of Objection, File No. RQ61A", for information.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS12-21 re: "Update on the Proposed Expansion to the Burlington Quarry (Nelson Aggregate Co.), Submission of Letter of Objection, File No. RQ61A" to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville, Conservation Halton, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for their information.

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, February 17, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: LPS-17-21 - Regional Official Plan Amendment 48 - An Amendment to Define a Regional Urban Structure

1. THAT Regional staff be authorized to release the draft "Regional Official Plan Amendment 48 - An Amendment to Define a Regional Urban Structure", attached to Report No. LPS17-21 and to initiate the statutory public process required by the Planning Act.
2. THAT Report No. LPS17-21 together with Attachment #1 (Draft Regional Official Plan Amendment 48) be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of Section 17(17.1) of the Planning Act.
3. THAT Regional staff be directed to include the southern portion of the Agerton Secondary Plan (lands south of hydro corridor) to facilitate the Major Transit Station Area and the southerly Milton Education Village employment land conversions as part of the draft "Regional Official Plan Amendment 48 – An Amendment to Define a Regional Urban Structure", attached to Report LPS17-21 and work with Town of Milton staff to frame the supporting rationale and basis for the inclusion of these lands.

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4. THAT given the changing nature of employment and the need to understand the role of employment in the mixed use growth nodes, request that Regional staff consider a policy which would allow for changes in the ratio between population and jobs within each of the growth nodes outside of municipal comprehensive reviews. A policy should allow for changes to capture the evolving nature of employment uses which are flexible and responsive to the market and which capture the contribution the mix of employment and residential uses which contribute to the vibrancy and success of the growth nodes.
5. THAT Regional staff consider the local input in the defining the growth node policies.
6. THAT Regional staff comment on the ability of the growth nodes to contribution to higher density employment and how this is factored into the land needs for employment forecasts.
7. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS17-21 to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, Grand River Conservation, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, for their information.

Included please find a copy of Report No. LPS-17-21 for your information. Please note that the resolution adopted by Council differs from the staff recommendation in the report. A link to the attachment is listed below.

As per Recommendation #2, a letter and copy of the report has been circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

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

Sincerely,



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[Attachment #1](#)

Fire Marshal's

COMMUNIQUE

du commissaire des incendies

March 4, 2021

No. 2021-02

ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION

This Fire Marshal's Communiqué is issued as a follow up to the January 13, 2021 announcement regarding the decommissioning of the Ontario Fire College (OFC) and the modernization of fire safety training in Ontario.

This Communiqué provides an overview of OFC training modernization through several modes, including online and blended courses, Regional Training Centres (RTCs) and Learning Contracts.

A fire department's training program should be designed to meet its set level of fire protection service, based on its needs and circumstances, and guided by the advice of the fire chief. A training program can include a combination of different OFC training modes as well as local in-house training.

While the decommissioning of the OFC campus in Gravenhurst is set for March 31, 2021, staff will continue to play a leading role in developing training courses. This will include curriculum design and development, registration services, online training development and maintenance, training development to build capacity in RTCs, and monitoring performance and quality assurance of programs at the local level.

As part of this plan, OFC instructors will be assigned regionally so that fire departments have a central point of contact for all training inquiries within their region. Instructors will work collaboratively to ensure the availability of training across Ontario.

Available options for OFC training are outlined below:

1. Online and Blended Courses
2. Learning Contracts
3. Regional Training Centres (RTC)
4. Mobile Live Fire Training Units (MLFTUs)

Inquiries on any of the options available, or how to contact the instructor assigned to your region can be directed to Guy Degagne, Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal, Training and Certification (Guy.Degagne@ontario.ca).

1. Online and Blended Courses

Online courses are generally self-paced, which allows for greater flexibility in completing coursework.

Blended courses have a portion of the course online, combined with specific in-person training sessions. The purpose of blended learning is to focus in-person training to elements that cannot be taught online. Blended courses are offered through RTCs or Learning Contracts.

The following courses are available in either an online and/or blended format:

Course	Online	Blended
Legislation	X	
NFPA 1521	X	
NFPA 1031 – Level 1	X	
NFPA 1035 – PIO	X	
NFPA 1035 – Level 1	X	
NFPA 1021 – Level 1	X	X
NFPA 1021 – Level 2		X
NFPA 1021 – Level 3		X
NFPA 1021 – Level 4		X
NFPA 1041 – Level 1	X	X
NFPA 1041 – Level 2		X
Fire Code – Part 2	X	
Fire Code – Part 6	X	
Fire Code – Part 9	X	
NFPA 1001 – Level 1		X
NFPA 1001 – Level 2		X
NFPA 1002		X
NFPA 1006 – Ice/Water Rescue		X
NFPA 1033 – Fire Investigator		X

The remaining National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) courses are scheduled to be upgraded to online and/or blended by the 2022-23 OFC calendar year. These include:

Course	Online	Blended
NFPA 1031 – Level 1	X	
Fire Code – Part 3	X	
Fire Code – Part 4	X	
Fire Code – Part 5	X	
Courtroom Procedures	X	X
NFPA 1072 Haz Mat Operations		X

2. Learning Contracts

Learning contracts provide access to OFC programs through in-house training that is affordable and scalable, and they are provided at the local fire department at their pace. Learning contracts are set up within one fire department, but there is an opportunity for smaller departments to share in the training.

The OFC supports learning contracts with full OFC course delivery including full registration in the OFC database; OFC course numbers; OFC course material; OFC assistance with arranging ASE testing; OFC support in case of Ministry of Labour investigations; and OFC certificates of completion for each student.

Course delivery costs \$65 per student. Training can occur during working hours to reduce overtime costs and can be provided by fire departments' training staff.

3. Regional Training Centres (RTC)

RTCs are operated by municipalities, community colleges, or associations. They are strategically located across the province and provide access to training for career, composite, volunteer, Northern Fire Protection Program (NFPP), and First Nations fire departments.

RTCs are capable of delivering all NFPA programs, including certification testing, and courses meet professional qualification standards including classroom and outdoor fire ground training. It is important to note that course availability across Ontario will be based on a needs analysis that must support local fire departments and the RTC's infrastructure and capacity to deliver.

A number of factors may result in cost savings or avoidance for fire departments that train at RTCs including mileage to and from the home location, costs to backfill fire department personnel, meal reimbursement, banked time and overtime costs.

The interest to open and operate a new RTC has grown significantly since the announcement in January. A map of current RTC locations is provided below, along with some additional locations being considered. Please note that potential locations are continually being updated and not all locations are reflected in the attached map.

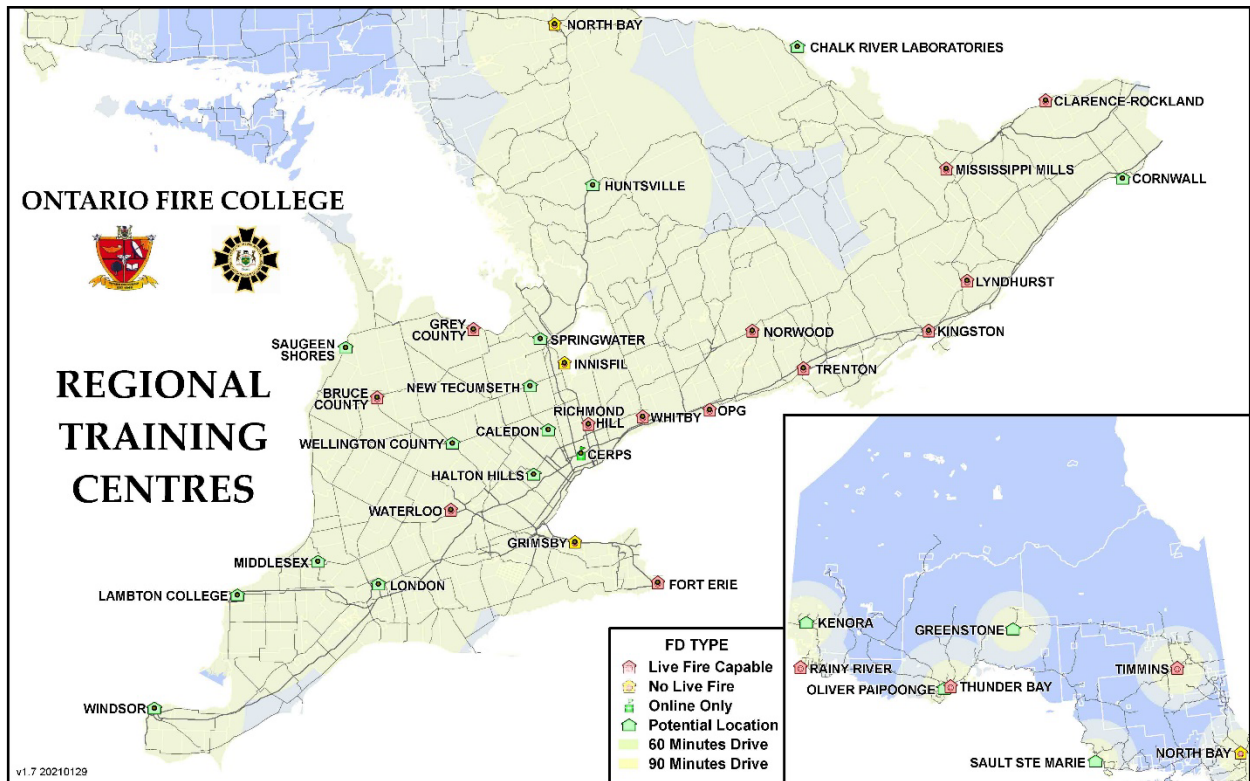
4. Mobile Live Fire Training Units (MLFTUs)

The OFM has purchased two mobile live fire training units that will be available to fire departments across Ontario. In order to support training across the province, one unit will be deployed in northern Ontario and one in southern Ontario. However, this will be continually reviewed to assess where there is the greatest need.

The MLFTUs offer diverse options for live fire training to meet the unique needs of training including: a confined space rescue hatch; main level training rooms; different attack options; multi-prop fire simulators; and portable props.

The OFM will be deploying these units in 2021 and can have them delivered to any location. The MLFTUs will need to be booked in advance and will be available seasonally between May and October. Please contact the OFC Registrar at ApplyOFC@ontario.ca to reserve a unit.

Appendix 1

Map of Ontario's 20 Current Regional Training Centres

Appendix 2

Ontario Fire College – Geographic Coverage Areas

Andrew Blair – Eastern Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northumberland • Peterborough • Hasting • Prince Edward • Lennox Addington • Frontenac • Lanark • Ottawa • Leeds and Grenville • Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry • Prescott-Russell
Robert King – Central Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kawartha Lakes • Haliburton • Muskoka • Simcoe • Grey • Bruce • Dufferin
Ken Benoit – GTA / Niagara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durham • York • Peel • Toronto • Halton • Hamilton • Niagara
Lyle Quan – Southwest Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington • Waterloo • Brant • Haldimand • Norfolk • Oxford • Perth • Huron • Middlesex • Elgin • Lambton • Chatham-Kent • Essex

Grant Love – Northeast Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renfrew• Nipissing• Parry Sound• North Bay• Temiskaming
Jamie Meyer – Rainbow / Algoma / Far Northeast	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sudbury• Algoma (Wawa and East and South of Wawa)• Cochrane• Manitoulin
Jennifer Grigg – Northwest Ontario (Nipigon and East)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thunder Bay (Area East of Nipigon)• Algoma (Wawa and West and North of Wawa)
Tim Beebe – Northwest Ontario (Nipigon and West)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kenora• Rainy River• Thunder Bay (Area West of Nipigon)

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Lyle WARDEN RESOLUTION NO 75-2021SECONDED BY SAM McDONELL DATE March 1, 2021

WHEREAS COVID-19, a disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus, has resulted in the deaths of almost 7,000 Ontarians;

AND WHEREAS Canada currently lags behind dozens of nations in terms of the proportion of the population that has received doses of COVID-19 vaccines;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has moved too slowly and is failing to foster domestic vaccine-production capacity;

AND WHEREAS the number of administered vaccines in Ontario is not keeping pace with the number of doses that have been received by the provincial government;

AND WHEREAS the provincial COVID-19 vaccine booking system is not yet operational;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry urges Premier Doug Ford and the Province of Ontario to procure approved COVID-19 vaccines to be distributed to the residents of the Province of Ontario, increase the Province's vaccination rate to keep pace with the doses that have been received and accelerate the launch of its COVID-19 vaccine booking system;

AND FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Jim McDonnell, Hon. Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and all Ontario municipalities.

☒ CARRIED

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Mayor Frank Prevost



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March 4, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits

At its meeting held on March 1, 2021, Sarnia City Council discussed the challenges local businesses are facing with respect to the colour coded system within the Province's COVID-19 Response Framework. The following motion was adopted:

That Sarnia City Council strongly advocate to the Province of Ontario that they adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system.

The following rationale was provided with the introduction of the motion:

- The red zone currently only allows 10 people indoors at a dining or a sporting / recreational facility (regardless of the size), places of worship are capped at 30% or 50 people, and retail / small business is limited to a 50% capacity.
- These businesses and organizations have heavily invested in facility improvements and expensive upgrades to ensure safe social distancing and have all the appropriate safety and protection measures in place.
- Businesses in particular cannot properly plan under the current uncertainty and that means the loss of jobs and income for both workers and owners as well as mental health challenges.

- Indoor capacity limits for restaurants, dining, sporting / recreational facilities, event centers, retail / small business, and places of worship should not involve arbitrary numbers (regardless of size), but instead be changed to the amount of people per facility which ensures that strict and safe social distancing can be maintained.

Sarnia City Council has requested that all municipalities in Ontario join this advocacy effort.

On behalf of Sarnia City Council, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Amy Burkhart
Acting City Clerk

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Ms. Marilyn Gladu, MP Sarnia-Lambton
Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton



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March 2, 2021

Via Email

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

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Capacity Limits for Restaurants in Stage 2 under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised Council is striving to support their local businesses during this pandemic however, the uncertainty they face day to day as rules change have become overwhelming and onerous to these small businesses and something needs to change. With that said, Council at their last regular meeting on March 2, 2021 had a wholesome discussion regarding the challenges our businesses are facing. The following resolution is a result of those discussions:

"Resolution #8(b)/03/02/21

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed O. Reg. 263/20, Rules for Areas in Stage 2 under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020;

AND WHEREAS Schedule 2, Subsection 1(7) states that the total number of patrons permitted to be seated indoors in the establishment must be limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person in the establishment, and in any event cannot exceed 10 patrons;

AND WHEREAS restaurants throughout the Province are facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the amount of patrons being turned away is impacting the overall experience of the restaurants;

AND WHEREAS many restaurants fluctuate in size and would be able to accommodate more than 10 patrons, while maintaining a physical

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distance of at least two metres from every other person in the establishment;

AND WHEREAS the inequity of establishing a capacity limit of no more than 10 patrons for larger restaurants continues to impact the financial viability of the restaurants during this difficult time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that the Provincial Government review and reconsider the capacity limits for restaurants across the Province be based on the size of the square footage of the seating area instead of a flat occupancy.

AND FURTHER THAT the concept of introducing capacity limits for other businesses listed in Schedule 2 of O.Reg 263/20 being impacted by the constant uncertainty of their operations during this pandemic including restaurants, personal care services, resorts, camps, fitness and recreational amenities, churches, etc. be considered while in lockdown status.

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Premier, Doug Ford, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and all Ontario municipalities."

Council appreciates and thanks you for all your hard work and dedication during these unprecedented times and is hopeful that the above-noted resolution will assist in amending the restrictions set out in the COVID-19 Response Framework.

Sincerely,


Carrie Sykes, Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
CS/cw

Copy to: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
All Ontario Municipalities

December 3, 2020

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Hardeman:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the December 1, 2020 Howick Council meeting:

Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality; and further, this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, Perth-Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation Of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities. Carried. Resolution No. 288/20

If you require any further information, please contact this office, thank you.

Yours truly,

Carol Watson

Carol Watson, Clerk
Township of Howick

**Background Information to the Township of Howick
Resolution No. 288-20 Requesting Amendments to the
Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act**

Rational for Proposed Amendments

Over the years, Howick Township staff have received many requests for tile drainage information on farmland. Usually these requests come after a change in ownership of the farm. Some of these drainage systems were installed recently but many are 30 to 40 or more years old. Many were installed by contractors who are no longer in business or who have sold the business and records are not available.

Information is generally available if the tile was installed under the Tile Drain Loan Program because a drainage plan is required to be filed with the municipality. If the tile system was installed on a farm without using the Tile Drain Loan Program, there likely are no records on file at the municipal office.

The other benefits to filing tile drainage plans with the municipality are identified in Section 65 of the Drainage Act.

- 65(1) – Subsequent subdivision of land (severance or subdivision)
- 65(3) – Drainage connection into a drain from lands not assessed to the drain
- 65(4) – Drainage disconnection of assessed lands from a drain
- 65(5) – Connecting to a municipal drain without approval from council

Section 14 of the Act states:

(1) “The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

(a) providing for the manner of issuing licences and prescribing their duration, the fees payable therefor and the terms and conditions on which they are issued;

(a.1) exempting classes of persons from the requirement under section 2 to hold a licence, in such circumstances as may be prescribed and subject to such restrictions as may be prescribed;

(b) Repealed: 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (5).

(c) establishing classes of machine operators and prescribing the qualifications for each class and the duties that may be performed by each class;

- (d) providing for courses of instruction and examinations and requiring licence holders or applicants for a licence under this Act to attend such courses and pass such examinations;
- (e) prescribing the facilities and equipment to be provided by persons engaged in the business of installing drainage works;
- (f) prescribing standards and procedures for the installation of drainage works;
- (g) prescribing performance standards for machines used in installing drainage works;
- (h) prescribing forms and providing for their use;
- (i) respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act. R.S.O. 1990, c. A.14, s. 14; 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (4, 5)."

I believe it would be beneficial if a regulation required the installer, of agricultural drainage, to file a plan of the drainage system with the municipality following completion of the work.

While most of Section 14 deals with contractor, machine and installer licences, I think that Section 14(f) or 14(i) may allow a regulation change. This would be a better solution than an amendment to the Act.

Recommendations:

- Request by municipal resolution that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations, under the Act, that would require tile drainage contractors file all farm tile drainage installation plans in the Municipality where the installation took place
- Send the municipal resolution to:
 - Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 - Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron Bruce
 - Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington
 - Rural Ontario Municipal Association roma@roma.on.ca
 - [OFA](#)
 - [CFFO](#)
 - All Ontario municipalities
 - the Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario (LICO), and
 - the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario (DSAO)

Wray Wilson, Drainage Superintendent
Township of Howick
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February 26, 2021

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only: ernie.hardeman@pc.ola.org

Dear Mr. Hardeman,

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the February 10, 2021 Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council meeting.

*Moved by: Deputy Mayor Meadows
Seconded by: Councilor Hall-Chancey*

Resolved, THAT the Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality; and further,

THAT this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Minister Ernie Hardeman), Jim Wilson, MPP Simcoe-Grey, Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron Bruce, Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation Of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Alice Byl

Alice Byl
Deputy Clerk
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio

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**Credit Valley
Conservation**
inspired by nature

March 12, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL - comm-legisassembly@ola.org

RE: Ontario Bill 245: Accelerating Access to Justice Act, 2021 - Schedules 6 and 10

To the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly

Credit Valley Conservation

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is one of Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities (CAs) operating under the mandated purpose as described in Section 0.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CA Act):

'... to provide for the organization and delivery of programs and services that further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources in watersheds in Ontario.'

CVC and Ontario Land Tribunals

CVC is engaged with the Ontario Land Tribunals' (OLTs') five tribunals/board as a commenting agency under the *Planning Act* and *Environmental Assessment Act* (representing CVC's mandated programs and services), technical advisors to member municipalities through memorandum of understanding/service level agreements (representing shared interests in support of municipal partners), administrators of Ontario Regulation 160/06 (pursuant to Section 28 of the CA Act), and development proponents (on CVC owned lands) or landowners throughout our jurisdiction.

Bill 245 – Schedules 6 and 10

At its meeting on March 12, 2021 the CVC Board of Directors (the Board) passed CVC Resolution #35/21 as follows:

WHEREAS the Province introduced Bill 245, the *Accelerating Access to Justice Act, 2021* on February 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS this Bill contains Schedule 6 which proposes to amalgamate five provincial tribunals into a single entity to be known as the Ontario Land Tribunal (the OLT) and sets out substantive procedural changes for OLT proceedings and Schedule 10 which proposes amendments to several provincial environmental laws, including elimination of existing rights of appeal under the *Environmental Protection Act* (EPA), *Ontario Water Resources Act* (OWRA), and other statutes; and

WHEREAS no consultation was undertaken on these proposed changes with environmental organizations; and

WHEREAS the Bill has been referred to the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly for Hearings on March 11 and 12, 2021 with written comments due by 7 pm on March 12, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of CVC endorses staff to submit comments on this act to the Standing committee before the submission deadline; and further

THAT a copy of the letter and comments be circulated to watershed municipalities, GTA conservation authorities, Conservation Ontario, watershed MPPs, Attorney General Doug Downey and Premier Doug Ford.

CVC has reviewed Bill 245: *Accelerating Access to Justice Act*, 2021 (the Bill), and is of the view that **Schedules 6 and 10 of the Bill should be withdrawn** for the reasons described below.

SCHEDULE 6

1.) Loss of Expertise

Schedule 6 of the Bill proposes to amalgamate five tribunals - the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT), the Mining and Lands Tribunal, the Conservation Review Board, the Board of Negotiation, and the Environmental Reviews Tribunal (ERT) - into one tribunal called the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

The practical effect of amalgamating the five tribunals is that any member of the OLT may preside over any proceeding that was previously within the exclusive jurisdiction of one of the five tribunals. CVC is concerned the impact this will have on the long-established experience, familiarity, and expertise of current Tribunals/Board will be transformed into one 'generalist' tribunal. The subject matter and process expertise currently held by these Tribunals/Board provides for fair, transparent, efficient and just decisions, which will be lost if this amalgamation proceeds.

2.) Inappropriate limits on non-party participation

Schedule 6 of the Bill proposes to greatly limit non-party participation at public hearings. In particular, section 17 of the Bill states that a non-party can make submissions to the OLT in writing only.

Both the ERT and the LPAT have well established rules to allow non-parties at hearings to make oral submissions. To date, this has provided an important mechanism for individuals, citizen groups, and agencies (particularly those who are unrepresented and/or under resourced), to participate in hearings without facing the risk of an adverse cost award by virtue of being a party.

Schedule 6 of the Bill and the draft OLT Rules will undoubtedly result in a significant loss of public participation rights, thereby likely depriving OLT members of relevant evidence and perspectives - adversely impacting access to justice.

3.) Expansion to the (proposed) OLT's authority to summarily dismiss an appeal

Section 19(1)(c) of Schedule 6 proposes to allow the OLT, on the motion of any party or its own initiative, to dismiss the proceeding without a hearing if the OLT is of the opinion that the proceeding has "no reasonable prospect of success."

This would (unjustly) expand the tribunal's authority to dismiss without a hearing (currently set by section 4.6 of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*) which currently only allows dismissals for proceedings outside the tribunal's jurisdiction or for proceedings that are frivolous, vexatious, or in bad faith.

This proposed 'new test' is undefined in Schedule 6, and it is unclear whether section 19 empowers the OLT to partially dismiss an appeal, as opposed to dismissing an appeal in its entirety. In addition, section 19 fails to include any meaningful criteria to assist the OLT (and hearing parties) in determining what is, or when, the "no reasonable prospect of success" test is – or is not – satisfied on the facts or in law.

The OLT's broad discretion to summarily dismiss a matter pursuant to section 19 of Schedule 6 raises concerns that proceedings may be terminated abruptly and unfairly after a preliminary assessment before the appellant's evidence (including opinion evidence from experts) has even been presented to the OLT. This risk is considerably exacerbated by the loss of subject-matter expertise that will result from amalgamation, as described above.

SCHEDULE 10

4.) Improper elimination of ministerial appeals

Schedule 10 of the Bill proposes to eliminate appeals to the Minister from decisions made by the OLT under environmental legislation.

At present, for example, decisions of the ERT under the *Environmental Protection Act* may be appealed to the Minister on questions of fact or policy. The existence of ministerial appeal rights provides an important safeguard and accountability, particularly since appeals from ERT decisions to Divisional Court are restricted to a question of law.

5.) Other Ontario governmental measures that undermine access to justice

The implications of Schedules 6 and 10 should be considered in conjunction with other changes that the Ontario government has recently made in relation to the ERT and LPAT. Although these changes pre-date Bill 245 and are therefore not a direct consequence of Schedules 6 and 10 of this Bill, it is nevertheless important to situate the Bill within the broader context of other government measures that, individually and collectively, impede access to justice.

For example, the provincial government has significantly increased the filing fees for commencing an appeal to the LPAT. Beginning on July 1, 2020, fees for appeals to the LPAT of an official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment were set at \$1,100, which was more than a three-fold increase of previous fees. The imposition of costly filing fees will undoubtedly deter under resourced members of the public and agencies from commencing legitimate appeals, and constitutes an inappropriate financial barrier.

CVC Recommendation

In summary, CVC is concerned that the 'merger' proposal combined with other provisions in Schedules 6 and 10 described above will impair access to justice and diminish the quality and credibility of administrative decision-making under Ontario's environmental and land use statutes.

Accordingly, CVC recommends that both Schedules 6 and 10 be withdrawn from Bill 245.

Yours sincerely,



Karen Ras
Chair



Tom Adams
Vice Chair

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario - doug.ford@pc.ola.org
Attorney General Doug Downey - doug.downey@pc.ola.org
CVC Watershed MPPs
Conservation Ontario
CVC Watershed Municipalities
GTA Conservation Authorities



March 4, 2021

CL 4-2021, February 25, 2021

DISTRIBUTION LIST

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Re: Schedule 6, Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 25, 2021, passed the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That while the Region of Niagara supports the Act's open-for-business approach, the municipality **CALLS** upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the 'host'

municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction;

2. That a copy of this motion **BE FORWARDED** to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local M.P.P.s., and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and;

3. That a copy of this resolution **BE FORWARDED** to all Ontario municipalities with a request for supporting motions to be passed by respective Councils and copies of the supporting motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

In accordance with the resolution, it is respectfully requested that your municipality consider passing a supporting resolution to be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

CLK-C 2021-043

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March 4, 2021

CL 4-2021, February 25, 2021
PHSSC 2-2021, February 16, 2021
Minute Item No. 5.1, February 16, 2021

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO)

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Motion respecting Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara
Minute Item No. 5.1

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 25, 2021, approved the following resolution from its Public Health and Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS Niagara Region prides itself as being a caring and compassionate community that continually strives to be a place where people want to live, work and play;

WHEREAS providing access to safe, adequate and affordable housing for everyone is fundamental to achieving that goal;

WHEREAS Niagara Region acknowledges that mental health, mental illness, addiction and homelessness, while important issues, are not homogenous, interchangeable or consistently interconnected, and doing so may over simplify exceptionally complex issues that require targeted policy solutions and intervention;

WHEREAS Niagara Region's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP), A Home For All, outlines the Region's vision, challenges, and the actions required to achieve its goals;

WHEREAS Niagara Region has embarked on an ambitious effort to end chronic homelessness through participation in the national Built for Zero campaign;

WHEREAS Regional Council formally adopted Mental Health and Wellbeing (2.2) and Addressing Affordable Housing Needs (2.3) as strategic priorities for the current term of our Council;

WHEREAS a recent KPMG report commissioned by Niagara Region indicated that Council invests more levy funding than its peers into homelessness, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to addressing the issue;

WHEREAS Niagara Region acknowledges that people living in shelters are part of the crisis and not the solution;

WHEREAS Niagara Region has two planned housing projects that would directly address those in Niagara who experience chronic homelessness;

WHEREAS the implementation plan for Council's strategic objectives states that staff will identify gaps within the mental health system to increase the functionality and collaboration within it;

WHEREAS the same implementation plan directed staff to partner with Ontario Health (formally the LHIN) to review the local landscape to identify opportunities, including new investment;

WHEREAS the treatment and supports for mental illness, addiction, and homelessness are predominantly funded and directed by the Province;

WHEREAS the success of the Region's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan is dependent on a commitment of sustained and increased funding (both operational and capital) from all levels of government to address the issues of housing insecurity and homelessness in Niagara; and

WHEREAS the needs of the community far outweigh Niagara Region's available resources and funding required to effectively address these issues, and the support of both the Provincial and Federal governments are needed to meet these needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That Niagara Region Council officially **ACKNOWLEDGE** that a significant crisis exists in Niagara in regard to the prevalence of chronic homelessness and the lack of affordable housing that far surpasses the Region's ability to meet the vision dictated in its 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP);
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send advocacy letters directly to the appropriate Federal and Provincial ministries outlining Niagara's current situation and requesting additional funding be provided to ensure Niagara can meet the vision outlined in its housing action plan;
3. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to advocate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development for the required operational funding for the planned supportive and bridge housing initiatives;
4. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED**, in alignment with the planned review of Council's strategic priorities, to produce a report specifically highlighting the progress being made and critical gaps in regard to services related to mental health, addictions and wellbeing;
5. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue providing Regional Council updates on the HHAP and Built for Zero initiatives;
6. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to request an update from the Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara (OPENN) regarding the current status of the actions being taken to address addiction related issues in Niagara; and

7. That a copy of this motion be sent to all members of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann-Marie Norio', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk
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The Corporation of the

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March 10, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Re: Advocacy for Reform of Joint and Several Liability

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

During our budget deliberations and the review of the pricing for insurance for the 2021 year, Council is requesting that reform of the Joint and Several Liability system be undertaken. For the Municipality of Tweed, a small municipality within the County of Hastings, with population of 6,044 and total households of 3,023, as at the last census in 2016, we are experiencing significant increasing costs of insurance.

Over the last 5 years, we have experienced increase in our insurance premiums due to Joint and Several Liability. Our last 5 years of insurance premiums have been:

2017	\$161,441.84
2018	\$164,497.28
2019	\$171,649.20
2020	\$213,466.36
2021	\$265,170.24

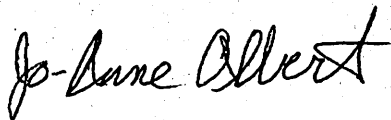
Over the last 5 years, the annual premium has increased by \$103,728.40. That is 64.25%. For the Municipality of Tweed, the 2021 increase of \$51,703.88 results in a tax levy increase of 1.25%. Therefore, when Council wishes to keep the levy no higher than a 2% increase, especially under the financial times that residents have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than half of this increase is allocated to insurance premiums. For a population of only 6,044, the annual cost of insurance per household is \$87.72 in 2021, compared to only \$53.41 in 2017.

This phenomenon is not unique to the Municipality of Tweed, nor is this a new concern. In 2010, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) submitted *The Case for Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario* on April 1, 2010 (copy can be found at <https://www.amo.on.ca/sites/default/files/assets/DOCUMENTS/Reports/2010/TheCaseforJointandSeveralLiabilityReforminOntario20100401.pdf>).

Because many view municipalities as having "deep pockets", they are often funding a larger portion of awards from court than what the fault percentage is. However, these "deep pockets" are at the cost of every taxpayer within the Municipality.

The Municipality of Tweed is advocating for reform and reconsideration of the *Negligence Act, R.S.O. 1990, c N. 1* to provide for alternatives. Many alternatives were provided in the 2010 AMO report previously referenced, including, but not limited to, Joint and Severable Liability at a set percentage of fault or Joint and Severable Liability based on type of damage.

Respectfully submitted,



Jo-Anne Albert
Mayor

cc. Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
All 444 Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Niagara Escarpment Commission Commission de l'escarpement du Niagara

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February 9, 2021

555816 Ontario Inc.
Attn: Luciana Guerrieri
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Sent via email: msttkelly@sympatico.ca

Dear Ms. Guerrieri:

**Re: Surrender of Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) Licence No. 5479
 3475 Campbellville Road
 Part Lot 6, Concession 4
 Town of Milton, Region of Halton**

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has notified the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) that they have accepted the surrender of Licence No. 5479, finding the final rehabilitation of the lands to be satisfactory and in accordance with the requirements within the approved site plan.

This letter is to inform you that given the licence has been surrendered, a site-specific Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) Amendment will now be initiated by the NEC to address the land use designation on the subject property. Mineral Resource Extraction Areas within the NEP Area are intended to be interim land uses and once the aggregate resources in such areas are depleted and the licence surrendered, the Plan requires that the lands be re-designated appropriately. An amendment will propose the re-designation of the subject lands from Mineral Resource Extraction Area, to a more appropriate land use designation(s), as determined under the Designation Criteria of the NEP. The new land use designation(s) would then inform future potential land uses.

Once an Initial Staff Report with a recommendation is prepared, it will be presented by Staff to the Commission at a monthly Commission meeting. Prior to this meeting, you will receive notice with a copy of the Staff Report and an invitation to attend the meeting and opportunity to address the Commission should you desire.

Please note that a NEP amendment application for the re-designation of the adjacent lands at 4000 Campbellville Rd is also being processed, given that the licence on these lands has also been surrendered.

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If you have any questions on the NEP amendment process, please contact the undersigned at (289) 839-0304.

Sincerely,



Lisa Grbinicek. MCIP, RPP
Senior Strategic Advisor

- c. Clerk, Town of Milton
Clerk, Region of Halton

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February 25, 2021

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AMO Matters

AMO is very excited to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website. We believe you will find our refreshed site to be much more streamlined, mobile friendly and AODA compliant.

Federal Matters

The Healthy Communities Initiative is a \$31 million dollar investment from the federal government to support a broad range of organizations, including municipal governments, for projects that help communities with safe and vibrant public spaces, improving mobility options and providing innovative digital solutions to connect people and improve health. Organizations can apply up until March 9, 2021.

Eye on Events

AMO is proud to announce keynote speaker Sheila Watt-Cloutier on the social, cultural, and economic impacts of climate change and what that means for your communities.

Register today for AMO's free webinar on Municipal Long-Term Care Advocacy. It will take place on March 24, 2021 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm.

Municipalities and healthcare providers struggle to protect public safety while managing high volumes of COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments. On February 25, eSolutionsGroup will discuss the challenges of handling unprecedented requirements and how Appointio can address the challenges while decreasing the

administrative burden on staff. [Register now](#).

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EPT Spotlight: Regulation Compliance. Keep all your utility data in one place, with built in forms to make provincial reporting for O.Reg 507/18 quick and easy. Energy tracking and reporting is complex, EPT makes it simple! [Contact us](#) to learn more.

The [Group Buying Program](#) webinar series continues! Join us on March 10 to hear about our new [Survey Equipment](#) category, and on March 24 for an update/refreshers on the [procurement rules](#) behind cooperative purchasing. Missed a webinar? [Check out the video archives](#).

Municipal Wire*

[Register today](#) for the Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association (CHFCA) webinar March 9 from 1 - 2:30 pm on "Seizing the Hydrogen Opportunity: Municipalities and the Future of Zero Emission Vehicles."

Careers

Program Analyst - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). Support best-in-class administration of vital infrastructure funds to municipalities with your strong data analysis and communications skills. Resumes should be submitted to careers@amo.on.ca by 4 p.m, March 17, 2021.

Director, Technology & Client Services - Ministry of the Solicitor General. Location: Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Communications Technology & Services Bureau, Orillia. Duration: 1 Permanent. Please apply online, only, by Tuesday, March 9, 2021, by visiting [Ontario Public Service Careers](#). Please follow the instructions to submit your application.

Fire Chief/Health and Safety Coordinator - The Nation Municipality / Chef pompier/Coordonnateur santé et sécurité - La municipalité de La Nation. Position status: Full time, permanent. Requests for the detailed job description should be submitted via email to [Josée Brizard](#), Chief Administrative Officer. Resumes will be accepted until March 11, 2021 at noon (12 p.m.) and should be addressed to Josée Brizard, Chief Administrative Officer, The Nation Municipality, 958 Route 500 West, Casselman, ON K0A 1M0 or email at jbrizard@nationmun.ca.

Manager, Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer - Town of Amherstburg. Reports to: Treasurer. Visit Amherstburg [Employment Opportunities](#) for a detailed job description. Applicants are invited to submit a resume no later than Friday, March 12, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. to resumes@amherstburg.ca.

Treasurer - Municipality of Dutton Dunwich. Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk. Interested and qualified candidates are requested to submit a detailed resume and cover letter marked CONFIDENTIAL no later than 4:30 p.m., March 12,

2021: Kate Morreau, Human Resources. Email: kmorreau@duttondunwich.on.ca. Municipality of Dutton Dunwich, 199 Currie Road, Dutton ON N0L 1J0.

City Solicitor - City of Hamilton. Contribute to the City of Hamilton, one of Canada's largest cities – home to a diverse and strong economy, an active and inclusive community. Reports to: General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services. To explore this opportunity further in confidence, please contact amanda.bugatto@odgersberndtson.com or submit your resume and letter of interest online by March 19, 2021 at Odgers Berndtson Opportunities.

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Provincial Matters Matters

As of March 1, 2021, MTO pilot regulations allow cargo electric bicycles on Ontario roads in municipalities that pass by-laws to allow them. The pilot program is permissive and at the discretion of municipal governments. Those that choose to allow e-bikes on their streets must inform MTO by sending an email to SPDB@ontario.ca and are subject to reporting requirements. For more information, see the [pilot regulations](#), [MTO municipal guidance](#) and [cargo e-bike program](#).

Federal Matters

The Healthy Communities Initiative is a \$31 million dollar investment from the federal government to support a broad range of organizations, including municipal governments, for projects that help communities with safe and vibrant public spaces, improving mobility options and providing innovative digital solutions to connect people and improve health. Organizations can [apply](#) up until March 9, 2021.

Eye on Events

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Managing high volumes of COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments are challenges faced by municipalities and healthcare providers. AMO's partner, [eSolutionsGroup](#), shows how its [Appointio](#) solution can [address these challenges](#) while decreasing the administrative burden on your staff.

LAS

EPT Spotlight: Communicating complex energy data to Council, management, or

residents can be tricky. The new built-in reports in EPT make it simple to keep everyone informed on energy use and trends over time. Enhance your energy program - [contact us to learn more](#).

Municipal Group Buying Webinars: Register today to learn about our NEW! [survey equipment category](#) on March 10 @ 10am, and to get a refresher on how to [stay legal and trade compliant](#) while using cooperative purchasing on March 24 @ 10am. All part of the [LAS Municipal Group Buying Program](#), and used by over 150 municipalities across Ontario.

Careers

[Program Analyst - Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\)](#). Support best-in-class administration of vital infrastructure funds to municipalities with your strong data analysis and communications skills. Resumes should be submitted to careers@amo.on.ca by 4 p.m, March 17, 2021.

[Elections Officer - City of Oshawa](#). Posting Number: 002955. Department: Corporate Services. Branch: City Clerk Services. Reports to: Deputy Clerk. This position is a two (2) year temporary contract with the possibility of extension. Please apply to this position by 4:30 p.m., March 9, 2021 through City of Oshawa [Current Job Postings](#).

[Asset Management & Infrastructure Coordinator - The Nation Municipality /](#)
[Coordonnateur des infrastructures et de la gestion des actifs - La municipalité de La Nation](#). Position status: Contract of 24 months with possibility of extension. Supervisor: Treasurer. Please send your resume by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021 to: Cécile Maisonneuve, Treasurer, 958 Route 500 West, Casselman, ON K0A 1M0. Email: cmaisonneuve@nationmun.ca; Telephone: 613.764.5444, ext. 224.

[Director of Corporate Services - County of Dufferin](#). Job ID: C22-21. Job Type: Permanent Full Time (Non Union). The Corporate Services department includes Treasury, Procurement, Information Technology (I.T.) and Clerks. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Deadline to Apply: 4:30 p.m., March 22, 2021. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter before the closing date and time to: hr@dufferincounty.ca.

[Director of Development & Tourism - County of Dufferin](#). Job ID: C23-21. Job Type: Permanent Full Time (Non Union). The Development and Tourism department includes Planning, Economic Development, Tourism (including the Museum of Dufferin) and Building Services. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Deadline to Apply: 4:30 p.m., March 22, 2021. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter before the closing date and time to: hr@dufferincounty.ca.

[Director of Indigenous Initiatives, Anti-Racism, Accessibility & Equity - City of Waterloo](#). The City of Waterloo invites applications from Indigenous persons, Black persons, non-Black racialized persons/persons of colour, women, persons with

disabilities, 2SLGBTQ+ persons and others who are looking to be leaders in change. Candidates are invited to submit their resume through the online application process. For more details and to apply on-line, please visit the [employment page](#) of our website. Job Posting Deadline: March 26, 2021 at 4:00 pm or until position is filled.

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March 11, 2021

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- Easily manage boards, vacancies and appointments online.
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- Careers: AMO, Georgina, Guelph, Kincardine, Toronto and Huron County.

AMO Matters

Every year at the AMO Conference the PJ Marshall Award recognizes municipal projects that demonstrate excellence in the use of innovative approaches to improve capital and/or operating efficiency and generate effectiveness through alternative service delivery and partnerships. Deadline for submissions: May 28, 2021.

Federal Matters

Infrastructure Canada has launched a Program Development Questionnaire for the upcoming Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program. Completing the questionnaire will express your interest in the program and you will be contacted when the program is launched.

Eye on Events

Mark your calendar for AMO 2021, August 15-18. Listen and learn from keynote speaker Sheila Watt-Cloutier on the social, cultural, and economic impacts of climate change and what that means for your communities. Make sure to register by April 30 for the early bird rate.

Register today for AMO's free webinar on Municipal Long-Term Care Advocacy. It will take place on March 24, 2021 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm.

What are your municipality's legal and ethical obligations to persons with disabilities?

AMO's partner, [eSolutionsGroup](#), addresses current Ontario legislation and how it affects content and systems compliance, technical aspects of updating and maintaining accessible content on your website. Register now for the [April 8](#) or [April 15](#) webinar.

LAS

Stay up-to-date with the [latest Asset Management regulation](#). The next reporting milestone is due on July 1, 2021 and requires an asset management plan covering a municipality's core infrastructure.

There are opportunities for energy savings lurking in your buildings. Sign up for an [Energy Treasure Hunt workshop](#) this spring to find them. [Find out how](#) some municipalities have already uncovered tens of thousands of dollars in savings. Contact [Christian Tham](#) to find out more!

Our popular [Facility Lighting Service](#) is helping municipalities reduce energy and save money on their hydro bills. [Read the story](#) of some of the facilities that have recently seen upgrades. Contact [Christian Tham](#) for a free proposal today!

[EPT Spotlight](#): Wondering how your building energy stacks up? EPT's NEW benchmarking tool shows how your facilities compare to their peers across the province. Use this to focus your energy conservation efforts where they can make the most impact. [Contact us](#) to learn more.

Join us for refresher on [how to stay legal and trade compliant](#) while using cooperative purchasing on March 24 @ 10am. More than 160 municipalities across Ontario are already reaping the benefits of cooperative purchasing through our [Municipal Group Buying Program](#), saving time and money on everything from paper clips to fire trucks.

AMO Partners

AMO's electronic meeting management partner, [eSCRIBE](#), recently released [Board Manager \(Lite & Plus\)](#) to help municipalities manage boards, members, vacancies and appointments electronically. Contact [Fiona Tsang](#) for more details.

Municipal Wire*

[CircularProcurement.ca](#) offers resources for municipalities to support circular procurement: guidance and best practice, business models, policies and frameworks, and case studies from around the world and for top spend categories.

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Seasonal Road Attendant - Town of Georgina. Responsible for providing general maintenance to all Town roads and Town owned road-side properties. Job ID #: 2021.13S. Department: Operations & Infrastructure. Duration: May 3, 2021 to October 1, 2021. Number of Positions: 1. Please apply by visiting the Current Opportunities section on the Careers page on our website by March 17, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

Seasonal Road Attendant (2 - Part Time) - Town of Georgina. Responsible for providing general maintenance to all Town roads and Town owned road-side properties. Job ID #: 2021.12S. Department: Operations & Infrastructure. Status: 24 hours per week. Duration: May 3, 2021 to October 1, 2021. Number of Positions: 2. Please apply by visiting the Current Opportunities section on the Careers page on our website by March 17, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise Services (IDE) - City of Guelph. The incumbent provides corporate leadership and functional oversight for the departments: Economic Development and Tourism; Engineering and Transportation Services; Environmental Services; Planning and Building Services; and Facilities and Energy Management. Qualified applicants are invited to apply by March 19, 2021 by sending their cover letter and resume as one document (pdf or word) by email to Mark Ellis, General Manager, Human Resources.

Manager of Development Services/CBO - Municipality of Kincardine. Reports to: Director, Infrastructure & Development. Position Status: Regular, Full-Time. Qualified candidates are invited to submit their application online at Municipality of Kincardine Career Opportunities no later than March 19, 2021.

Manager, Elections Services (Communications, Public Education, Training & Recruitment) - City of Toronto. Reports to: Director, Election Services (Operations). For more information on this and other opportunities with the City of Toronto, visit Jobs at the City. To apply online, submit your resume, quoting Job ID 15237, by Friday, March 19, 2021.

Manager of Strategic Initiatives - Municipality of Kincardine. This position will be responsible to lead and oversee the research, planning, and implementation of economic development, corporate communication, and community development initiatives. Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer. Qualified candidates are invited to submit their application online at Municipality of Kincardine Career Opportunities no later than March 22, 2021.

Manager of Public Works - County of Huron. Reports to: Director of Operations/County Engineer. Please note the Submission Guidelines in the job posting. Please forward your letter of application and resume by 4:30 p.m., Friday March 26, 2021 to: humanresources[at]huroncounty[dot]ca.

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