



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
JUNE 14, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION &
IN-PERSON AT THE PUSLINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE –
23 BROCK RD S, PUSLINCH

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A G E N D A ADDENDUM

DATE: Wednesday June 14, 2023

CLOSED MEETING: Directly following Section 13 Announcements

REGULAR MEETING: 10:00 A.M.

Addendum

6.43 County of Wellington Committee Report – Paddock Bridge – B035087 Update

14.3 Confidential report regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Human Resource matter

≠ Denotes resolution prepared

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Moment of Reflection**
- 4. Confirmation of the Agenda ≠**
- 5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof**
- 6. Consent Agenda ≠**



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- 6.1 Adoption and Receipt of the Minutes of the Previous Council and Committee Meetings:
 - 6.1.1 May 24, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
 - 6.1.2 February 21, 2023 Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
 - 6.1.3 May 1, 2023 Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes
- 6.2 Wellington County Police Services Board - Lake Road Speed changes and Enforcement May 2023
- 6.3 Grand River Conservation Authority - General Membership Meeting - May 26, 2023
- 6.4 City of Guelph - 220 Arkell Road - Notice of Revised Application
- 6.5 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Streamlining of Approvals under Aggregate Resources Act
- 6.6 Dufferin Aggregates Monthly Monitoring Report - Mill Creek Pit - License 5738
- 6.7 Municipality of Wawa - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
- 6.8 Township of Woolwich - Support of Bill 5 , Stopping the Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
- 6.9 Township of Johnson - Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
- 6.10 Township of Eanturel - Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
- 6.11 Municipality of Casselman - Stopping Harassment and Abuse By Local Leaders Act
- 6.12 Municipality of Moonbeam - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders
- 6.13 Municipality of Wawa - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 6.14 Municipality of West Grey - Support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 6.15 Township of Amaranth - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 6.16 Township of Clearview - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 6.17 Township of Eanturel - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 6.18 Municipality of Huron Shores - School Board Elections
- 6.19 Municipality of Moonbeam - School Boards Elections
- 6.20 Town of Amherstburg - Support Highway Traffic Act Amendments
- 6.21 City of Port Colborne - Support Highway Traffic Act Amendments
- 6.22 Town of Cobourg - Support City of Cambridge - Highway Traffic Act Amendment
- 6.23 Township of Georgian Bay - Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
- 6.24 Town of Bancroft - Support Resolution for the Town of Essex - Retention of Surplus Tax Proceeds
- 6.25 Township of Limerick - Tax Sale Proceeds
- 6.26 Northumberland County - Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
- 6.27 Township of Georgian Bay - Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
- 6.28 Municipality of Huron Shores - Municipal Insurance Cost
- 6.29 Township of Limerick - Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
- 6.30 Northumberland County - Municipal Oath of Office



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- 6.31 Municipality of Wawa - Protecting Privacy of Candidates and Donors
- 6.32 Town of Coburg - Support for Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms
- 6.33 Town of Cobourg - Support for Municipal Heritage Register
- 6.34 Township of Limerick - Provincial Policy Statement
- 6.35 City of Pickering - Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services
- 6.36 Township of Clearview - Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
- 6.37 Township of Ryerson - Water Aerodrome
- 6.38 Town of Plympton-Wyoming -Bell-Hydro Infrastructure
- 6.39 Township of Enniskillen - Support Township of Puslinch Resolution Regarding Roadside Litter
- 6.40 County of Lanark - Letter of Support - Paramedic Safety
- 6.41 Town of Fort Francis - Response to Opioid Crisis
- 6.42 Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen - Cannabis Act Review
- 6.43 County of Wellington Committee Report – Paddock Bridge – B035087 Update

7. **Delegations ≠**

- 7.1 Specific Interest (Items Listed on the Meeting Agenda)
 - 7.1.1 None
- 7.2 General Interest (Items Not Previously Listed on the Meeting Agenda)
 - 7.2.1 **10:05 AM** Delegation by Sarah Bowers-Peter Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington (CSGW) regarding program update and request for partnership
 - 7.2.2 **10:15 AM** Delegation by Jana Burns, Wellington County Economic Development regarding economic development opportunities

8. **Public Meetings**

- 8.1 None

9. **Reports ≠**

- 9.1 **Puslinch Fire and Rescue Services**
 - 9.1.1 None
- 9.2 **Finance Department**
 - 9.2.1 None
- 9.3 **Administration Department**
 - 9.3.1 Report ADM-2023-027 - Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law - Housekeeping Amendments and Set Fines≠
 - 9.3.2 Report ADM-2023-028 - 21 Queen Street Special Event Sign Variance Request≠



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- 9.3.3 Report ADM-2023-029 - Heritage Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives Report≠
- 9.3.4 Report ADM-2023-030 - 880 Victoria Rd S City of Guelph Expression of Interest≠
- 9.3.5 Report ADM-2023-031 - Proposed Community Guide & Business Directory and associated programs≠
- 9.3.6 Report ADM-2023-032 – Proposed Changes Regarding ERO Posting 019-6813 – Follow-up Report≠

9.4 Planning and Building Department

- 9.4.1 None

9.5 Emergency Management

- 9.5.1 None

9.6 Roads and Parks Department

- 9.6.1 None

9.7 Recreation Department

- 9.7.1 None

10. Correspondence ≠

- 10.1 ERO Posting 19-6767 regarding proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act, Ontario Regulation 244/97 to expand self-filing activities and a new policy regarding amendments to existing aggregate approvals≠
- 10.2 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry response regarding request for exception under the Conservation Authorities Act Subsection 14 (1.1)≠
- 10.3 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry response regarding Council Resolution No. 2022-335 regarding CBM Aggregate Peer Review≠

11. Council reports ≠

- 11.1 Mayor' Updates
- 11.2 Council Member Reports (verbal or written updates from members who sit on boards/committees)

12. By-laws ≠

- 12.1 First, Second and Third Reading
 - 12.1.1 BL2023-030 – Being a by-law to amend the Township's Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law 18/018

13. Announcements



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14. **Closed Session – Pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001**
 - 14.1 Confidential report regarding information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Litigation relating to compliance issues
 - 14.2 Confidential report regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – Planning Act application
 - 14.3 Confidential report regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Human Resource matter
15. **Business Arising from Closed Session**
16. **Notice of Motion**
17. **New Business**
18. **Confirmatory By-law ≠**
 - 18.1 BL2023-031 Confirm By-law – June 14, 2023 ≠
19. **Adjournment ≠**



MINUTES

DATE: May 24, 2023

CLOSED MEETING: None

COUNCIL MEETING: 10:00 A.M.

The May 24, 2023 Council Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 10:00 a.m. via electronic participation and in-person at 23 Brock Rd S, Puslinch.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Sara Bailey
Councillor Russel Hurst
Councillor Jessica Goyda
Councillor John Sepulis
Mayor James Seeley

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Glenn Schwendinger, CAO - absent
2. Mike Fowler, Director of Public Works, Parks and Facilities
3. Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer
4. Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk
5. Justine Brotherston, Deputy Clerk
6. Mirela Oltean, Deputy Treasurer
7. Tom Mulvey, Fire Chief
8. Andrew Hartholt, Chief Building Official

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 2023-162:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Council approves the May 24, 2023 Agenda and Addendum as circulated; and

That Council approves the additions to the agenda as follows:

Consent Item 6.1.6 Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the May 24, 2023 Council agenda.

CARRIED

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

Councillor Goyda declared a potential conflict of interest related to item 7.1.1 10.5.1 and 10.5.2, although I do not have a pecuniary interest to receive these reports and information, I will refrain from providing comment due to a potential pecuniary area interest with an active development application by my employer which may be impacted by proposed legislation.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1 Adoption and Receipt of the Minutes of the Previous Council and Committee Meetings:
 - 6.1.1 May 4, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
 - 6.1.2 March 6, 2023 Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes
 - 6.1.3 April 3, 2023 Youth Advisory Committee Minutes



- 6.1.4 April 11, 2023 Committee of Adjustment Minutes
6.1.5 April 11, 2023 Committee of Adjustment Minutes
6.1.3 May 24, 2023 Council questions and Staff Responses
6.2 City of Guelph - Notice of Adoption - Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review
6.3 City of Guelph - Notice of Passing - Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review
6.4 Grand River Conservation Authority - Summary of April General Membership Meeting
6.5 City of Belleville - Support Puslinch Resolution - Litter on Highway 401
6.6 Township of Lucan Biddulph - Support Township of Puslinch for Roadside Litter Action
6.7 Township of Mulmur - Support Township of Puslinch - Roadside Litter on Highway 401
6.8 The Women of Ontario Say No - Bill 5 The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
6.9 City of Port Colborne - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
6.10 Montague Township - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
6.11 Port Hope - Support Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
6.12 Municipality of Shuniah - Stopping Harassment and Abuse By Local Leaders Act
6.13 Town of Cobourg - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022
6.14 Town of Orangeville - Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022
6.15 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
6.16 Township of Lanark Highlands - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
6.17 Township of Wellington North - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
6.18 Township of Mulmur - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders
6.19 Township of Southgate - Association of Municipalities of Ontario – Bill 5
6.20 Municipality of Dysart et al - Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
6.21 Municipality of West Grey - Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
6.22 Tay Valley Township - Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
6.23 Municipality of Tweed - Insurance Costs
6.24 Township of Carlow Mayo - Support for Reducing Municipal Insurance
6.25 Municipality of Central Manitoulin - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
6.26 Perth County - Support School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
6.27 Tay Valley Township - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
6.28 Town of Bracebridge - School Bus Stop Arm Camera
6.29 Township of Perth South - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
6.30 Upper Grand District School Board - Transportation Protection for Bused Students
6.31 City of Cambridge - Highway Traffic Act Amendments
6.32 Township of Perth South - Funding and Support for VIA Rail Service
6.33 Region of Waterloo - Protecting the Privacy of Candidates and Donors
6.34 Town of Plympton-Wyoming - Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms
6.35 Township of Bonfield - Protect the Privacy of Candidates and Donors on Publicly Available Forms
6.36 Township of Alnwick-Haldimand - Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors
6.37 City of Cambridge - Support for Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement
6.38 County of Prince Edward - Proposed New Provincial Planning Statement
6.39 Township of The Archipelago - Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites
6.40 Township of Armour - Water Aerodromes
6.41 Municipality of Tweed - Bell-Hydro Infrastructure
6.42 Municipality of Wawa - Oath of Office
6.43 Town of Cochrane Resolution - Barriers for Women in Politics
6.44 County of Prince Edward - Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
6.45 Township of Alnwick Haldimand - A Call to the Provincial Government to End Homelessness in Ontario
6.46 Township of Perth South - Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services

Resolution No. 2023-163: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda items with the exception of items 6.1.1 6.8-6.19, 6.31, 6.39 listed for MAY 24, 2023 Council meeting be received for information.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-164: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst



That the Consent Agenda item 6.8 regarding The Women of Ontario Say No - Bill 5 The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act be received; and

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch Council supports Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act; and

That this resolution be sent to Premier Ford, Speaker Arnold, MPP Rae the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-165:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.39 regarding Township of The Archipelago - Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites be received; and

That Council direct staff to engage the working group on this issue.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-166:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.31 regarding City of Cambridge - Highway Traffic Act Amendments be received; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch is in receipt of correspondence from the Cambridge City Clerk to Minister Mulroney dated May 10, 2023 concerned with requesting the Minister to amend the HTA;

**Be it Resolved that the Township of Puslinch supports the resolution therein
“that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;” and**

That Council direct staff to forward this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Speaker Arnott, MPP Rae, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), County Roads Committee, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-167:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda item 6.1.1 regarding Township of Puslinch May 3, 2023 Council meeting Minutes be received for information.

CARRIED

7. DELEGATIONS:

- (a) Specific Interest (Items Listed on the Meeting Agenda)

Councillor Goyda declared a potential conflict of interest related to item 7.1.1, although I do not have a pecuniary interest to receive these reports and information, I will refrain from providing comment due to a potential pecuniary area interest with an active development application by my employer which may be impacted by proposed legislation and refrained from participating in discussion and voting on the matter.



- 7.1.1 **10:25 AM** Delegation by John McNie regarding Item 10.5 Proposed Legislative Changes ERO

Council recessed from 11:53am to 12:17pm

Roll Call

**Councillor Goyda
Councillor Sepulis
Councillor Bailey
Councillor Hurst
Mayor Seeley**

Resolution No. 2023-168: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That Council receives the Delegation by John McNie regarding item 10.5 Proposed Legislative Changes ERO for information.

CARRIED

- 7.1.2 **10:35 AM** Delegation by Alastair McCluskey & Cameron McConnell regarding Item 9.4.1 Report PD-2023-004 Zoning By-law Amendment Application.

The delegates did not address Council.

- 7.1.3 **10:45 AM** Delegation by Pierre Chauvin regarding Item 9.4.1 Report PD-2023-004 Zoning By-law Amendment Application

Resolution No. 2023-169: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That Council receives the delegation by Pierre Chauvin regarding Item 9.4.1 Report PD-2023-004 Zoning By-law Amendment Application and the applicant formally requests Council to defer its decision on the application to a future date.

CARRIED

1.1 General Interest (Items Not Previously Listed on the Meeting Agenda)

- 1.1.1 **10:05 AM** Delegation by Steve McCabe, Councillor Township of Wellington North regarding ROMA update

Resolution No. 2023-170: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council receives the Delegation by Steve McCabe, Councillor Township of Wellington North regarding ROMA update for information.

CARRIED

- 1.1.2 **10:15 AM** Delegation by Ann Caine and Debbie Allen regarding the Rotary Eradicating Human Trafficking Committee

Resolution No. 2023-171: Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst



That Council receives the Delegation by Ann Caine and Debbie Allen regarding the Rotary Eradicating Human Trafficking Committee for information; and

That Councillor Bailey connect the Safe Communities Committee with the Rotary Eradicating Human Trafficking Committee in order to collaborate and report back to Council on options to increase awareness in the community including signage options.

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

9. REPORTS:

9.1 Puslinch Fire and Rescue Services

9.1.1 None

9.2 Finance Department

9.2.1 Report FIN-2023-016 - 2023 Final Tax Levy and Rates

Resolution No. 2023-172:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

THAT Report FIN-2023-016 entitled 2023 Final Tax Levy and Rates be received; and

THAT the final property tax rates as identified in Schedule B and Schedule C to Report FIN-2023-016 be approved; and

THAT the final property tax due dates be established as Thursday August 31, 2023 and Tuesday October 31, 2023; and

THAT Council give 3 readings to By-law No. 2023-025 being a by-law for the levy and collection of property taxes for the 2023 taxation year.

CARRIED

9.2.2 Report FIN-2023-020 – 2022 Annual Building Permit Report

Resolution No. 2023-173:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

THAT Report FIN-2023-020 entitled 2022 Annual Building Permit Report be received.

CARRIED

9.2.3 Report FIN-2023-021 - 2022 Township General Surplus

Resolution No. 2023-174:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

THAT Report FIN-2023-021 entitled 2022 Township General Surplus be received; and

THAT the 2022 General Surplus amount of \$44,019 be allocated to the Asset Management Discretionary Reserve in accordance with Council Resolution No. 2019-347; and



That Council direct staff to report on the upper and lower limit thresholds for the asset management plan.

CARRIED

9.2.4 Report FIN-2023-022 - Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Resolution No. 2023-175:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

THAT Report FIN-2023-022 entitled Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales be received; and

THAT Council direct Township staff to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Wellington County Council, MPP Ted Arnott, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

CARRIED

9.2.5 Report FIN-2023-023 - First Quarter Financial Report – 2023

Resolution No. 2023-176:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

THAT Report FIN-2023-023 entitled First Quarter Financial Report – 2023 be received.

CARRIED

9.3 Administration Department

9.3.1 Report ADM-2023-020 Open Air Burning By-law - Housekeeping Amendments and Set Fines

Resolution No. 2023-177:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Council receives report ADM-2023-020 regarding the Open Air Burning By-law – Housekeeping Amendments and Set Fines; and

That Council gives three readings to By-law 2023-27 being a By-law to amend the Township's Open Air Burning By-law 2014/045, attached to this report as Schedule A.

CARRIED

9.3.2 Report ADM-2023-024 Township Planning Services

Resolution No. 2023-178:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Report ADM-2023-024 entitled Township Planning Services be received; and

That Council direct staff to proceed with the recruitment for the full time permanent position of Senior Planner for the Township of Puslinch; and



That the position be funded as detailed in Report ADM-2023-024.

CARRIED

9.3.3 Report ADM-2023-025 Clean Water Act Annual Report

Resolution No. 2023-179:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Report ADM-2023-025 regarding 2022 Source Protection Annual Reports Pursuant to the Clean Water Act be received for information.

CARRIED

9.4 Planning and Building Department

9.4.1 Zoning By-law Amendment Application Recommendation Report – 128 Brock Rd S

Resolution No. 2023-180:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the order of business be revised to advance the consideration of the Report PD-2023-004 entitled Zoning By-law Amendment Application Recommendation Report – 128 Brock Rd S earlier in meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-181:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That consideration of Report PD-2023-004 entitled Zoning By-law Amendment Application Recommendation Report – 128 Brock Rd S be deferred until a future date; and

Whereas the agent for the application has formally requested that the application be deferred;

That Council defer its decision on the Zoning By-law Amendment Application to a future date.

CARRIED

9.5 Emergency Management

9.5.1 None

9.6 Roads and Parks Department

9.6.1 Report PW-2023-001 Tender Results for the 2023 Asphalt Program

Resolution No. 2023-182:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Report PW-2023-001 entitled Tender Results for the 2023 Asphalt Program be received; and

That the tender for the 2023 Asphalt Program be awarded to Cox Construction Limited at their tendered amount of \$2,079,412 inclusive of the non-refundable portion of HST; and



That the remaining portion of funding required of \$214,112 from the 2023 approved budget be funded by the Asset Management Discretionary Reserve, Canada Community Building Fund, and Roads and Related Services Development Charges; and

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the required contract documents.

CARRIED

9.7 Recreation Department

9.7.1 None

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 CBM Response to Council Resolution 2023-073 regarding McMillan Pit (5737)

Resolution No. 2023-183:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Council receive Correspondence item 10.1 regarding CBM Response to Council Resolution 2023-073 regarding McMillan Pit (5737) for information; and

That Council direct staff to follow up with the Ministry regarding a response to the March 11, 2023; and

That Council direct staff to forward this letter to Ken DeHart at the County of Wellington in regard to the industrial use on the property.

CARRIED

10.2 2023 AMO Conference Delegation Request Form

Resolution No. 2023-184:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council receive Correspondence item 10.2 regarding 2023 AMO Conference Delegation Request Form; and

That Council direct staff to request the following delegations at AMO:

1.2 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the follow matters:

- 1.2.1 **Aggregate compliance with site plans;**
- 1.2.2 **Burden on the municipality relating to liability of the pit operations;**
- 1.2.3 **ARA license timeframes and rehabilitation timing;**
- 1.2.4 **Enforcement consistency from Ministry staff;**
- 1.2.5 **Establishment of reporting on cumulative impacts of aggregate;**
- 1.2.6 **Better rehabilitation planning in order to establish a meaningful end use for the host municipality and involving the host municipality in those discussions.**

1.3 Ministry of Transportation regarding the following matter:

- 1.3.1 **Auditor General's Report and coalition letter to advocate for the Morrison By-pass.**

CARRIED

10.3 County of Wellington Resolution regarding County Official Plan Review – Urban Expansion Requests

Resolution No. 2023-185:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis



That Council receive Correspondence item 10.3 regarding County of Wellington Resolution regarding County Official Plan Review – Urban Expansion Requests for information.

CARRIED

10.4 County of Wellington Roads Committee Report regarding Highway 6 Hanlon Expressway Midblock Interchange – Proposed Wellington Road 53 and 54

Resolution No. 2023-186: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council receive Correspondence item 10.4 regarding the County of Wellington Roads Committee Report regarding Highway 6 Hanlon Expressway Midblock Interchange – Proposed Wellington Road 53 and 54 for information.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-187: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the order of business be revised to advance the consideration of correspondence item 10.5 - Proposed Legislative Changes ERO Postings to earlier in meeting.

CARRIED

10.5 Proposed Legislative Changes ERO Postings

10.5.1 Planning recommendation report prepared by Debbie Vandenakker, Planscape (Under separate cover

10.5.2 County of Wellington Planning Committee Report regarding Proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2023

Councillor Goyda declared a potential conflict of interest related to item 10.5.1 and 10.5.2, although I do not have a pecuniary interest to receive these reports and information, I will refrain from providing comment due to a potential pecuniary area interest with an active development application by my employer which may be impacted by proposed legislation and refrained from participating in discussion and voting on the matter.

Resolution No. 2023-188: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That Council receive Correspondence items 10.5.1 and 10.5.2 for information; and

Whereas Council discussed the proposed changes included in the Provincial Planning Statement and Bill 97 Changes in depth;

That Council direct staff to submit the following comments to the Province for consideration as follows:

- 1. What are your thoughts on the policies that have been included from the PPS and A Place to Grow in the proposed policy document, including the proposed approach to implementation?**

In general Puslinch Council is in agreement except as noted below:

Not having proposed natural heritage or environmental policies to review in concert with these planning policies is problematic. Comments may change based on review of the proposed natural heritage or environmental policies.

2. What are your thoughts on the proposed policy direction for large and fast-growing municipalities and other municipalities?

Not applicable.

3. What are your thoughts regarding the proposed policies to generate housing supply, including an appropriate range and mix of housing options?

2.2 Housing

The responsibility of communal systems should be the responsibility of the planning approval authority.

That rural consents on agricultural lots should be limited to a maximum of one instead of three and that multi aquifer penetrating wells be cased adequately to limit contamination into the deep aquifer for all newly created lots.

Generally, newly created lots are approximately a minimum of 0.4 hectares in order to accommodate servicing, a maximum lot size should be considered in order to limit the potential for subdividing the newly created lot in the future to protect the integrity of agricultural operations. The amount of newly created lots and additional accessory units on subdivide lots as a cumulative total as proposed is a concern to the Township. This potential scenario of clustered residential uses creates concern in regards to established livestock facilities and their ability to expand.

3.5 Land Use Compatibility

Puslinch Council disagrees that sensitive areas (residential areas) should encroach at all on industrial areas where there is a risk to human health.

4. What are your thoughts on the proposed policies regarding the conservation of agriculture, aggregates, natural and cultural heritage resources?

4.3.5 Non-Agricultural Uses in Prime Agricultural Areas

The Draft policy 4.3.5.2 requiring an agricultural impact assessment should be mandatory regardless of the circumstances.

4.5.2 Protection of Long-Term Resource Supply

“Demonstration of need for mineral aggregate resources, including any type of supply/demand analysis, shall not be required, notwithstanding the availability, designation or licensing for extraction of mineral aggregate resources locally or elsewhere.”

This statement should not be included until such time that the Province completes a comprehensive study of supply of aggregate in order to determine how much aggregate is currently licensed and therefore subsequently required.

The minor changes to the existing term “agricultural condition” raise a concern about what the added term “enhanced” means as it relates to the rehabilitation of agricultural soil. The direction of “maintained” or “restored” seem to indicate that the pre-extraction soil conditions will be brought back once rehabilitated, but “enhanced” is an added term which could have a much broader meaning. Clarification on the meaning of this term is necessary.

5. What are your thoughts on the proposed policies regarding planning for employment?

2.8.2 Employment Areas

Employment areas should include commercial and institutional in order to support the concept of complete communities and areas that support the community’s local employment and economic development.



6. Are there any other barriers to, or opportunities for, accelerating development and construction (e.g., federal regulations, infrastructure planning and approvals, private/public partnerships for servicing, provincial permitting, urban design guidelines, technical standards, zoning, etc.)?

There should be a mechanism to resolve disagreement on planning matters between upper and lower tiers. Lower tiers have better local knowledge and understanding of the needs of their community.

We encourage the Government give municipalities sufficient time to understand and implement the final Provincial Planning Statement before introducing more planning policy and regulatory changes.

CARRIED

11. **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

11.1 Mayor' Updates

11.1.1 Mayor Seeley provided an update on his meeting with MPP Arnott and MPP Rae regarding aggregate and the upcoming TAPMO meeting.

11.1.2 Mayor Seeley asked staff to comment on the success of the new drop in roller skating program.

11.2 Council Member Reports

11.2.1 Councillor Bailey provided an update on the Safe Communities releasing a survey on Engage Puslinch website later this week.

Resolution No. 2023-189:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council receive the Mayors and Council member updates for information.

CARRIED

12. **BY-LAWS:**

12.1.1 BL2023-025 – Being a By-law to provide for the levy and collection of property taxes for the 2023 taxation year.

12.1.3 BL2023-027 – Being a by-law to To Amend the Open Air Burning By-law.

Resolution No. 2023-190:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the following By-laws be taken as read three times and finally passed in open Council:

12.1.1 BL2023-025 – Being a By-law to provide for the levy and collection of property taxes for the 2023 taxation year.

12.1.3 BL2023-027 – Being a by-law to To Amend the Open Air Burning By-law.

CARRIED

13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

13.1 Councillor Bailey mentioned the upcoming Bike Rodeo event being held on Saturday June 3, 2023

13.2 Mayor Seeley asked about the annual clean-up day. Staff indicated that it was very successful.

14. **CLOSED SESSION:**

None



15. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

None

16. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

None

17. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

18. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW:**

(a) By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch

Resolution No. 2023-191:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the following By-law be taken as read three times and finally passed in open Council:

By-Law 2023-028 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its meeting held on the 24 day of May 2023.

CARRIED

19. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution No. 2023-192:

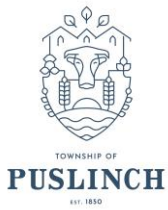
Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council hereby adjourns at 4:17 p.m.

CARRIED

James Seeley, Mayor

Courtenay Hoytfox, Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
FEBRUARY 21, 2023 RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

MINUTES

DATE: February 21, 2023

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

The February 21, 2023 Recreation Advisory Committee was held on the above date and called to order at 7:00 p.m. via in person participation at the Puslinch Community Centre at 23 Brock Rd S and via electronic participation.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance:

Councillor Jessica Goyda
Mary Christidis
Joanna Jefferson
Vince Klimkosz
Stephanie McCrone

Staff in Attendance:

Mike Fowler, Director of Public Works, Parks and Facilities
Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk
Justine Brotherston, Deputy Clerk
Sarah Huether, Taxation and Customer Service Supervisor

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 2023-001:

Moved by Vince Klimkosz
Seconded by Joanna Jefferson

That the Recreation Advisory Committee approves the February 21, 2023 Agenda as circulated.

CARRIED.



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5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 September 20, 2022 Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

7.2 Facility Revenues and previous year comparators for November 2022 to January 31, 2023

Resolution No. 2023-002:

Moved by Vince Klimkosz

Seconded by Stephanie McCrone

That Consent Agenda items 7.1-7.2 listed for the February 21, 2023 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting be received for information.

CARRIED.

8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Report – REC-2023-001 – Committee Orientation Training

Resolution No. 2023-003:

Moved by Joanna Jefferson

Seconded by Vince Klimkosz

That staff report REC-2023-001 regarding Committee Orientation Training be received for information.

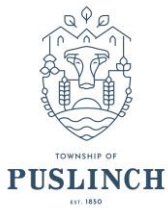
CARRIED.

8.2 Report – REC-2023-002 – 2022-2026 Committee Goals and Objectives Training

Resolution No. 2023-004:

Moved by Vince Klimkosz

Seconded by Joanna Jefferson



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That staff report REC-2023-002 regarding 2022-2026 Committee Goals and Objectives Training be received for information.

CARRIED.

8.3 Report – REC-2023-003 – 2021-2022 Committee Goals and Objectives Review

Resolution No. 2023-005:

Moved by Mary Christidis
Seconded by Joanna Jefferson

That staff report REC-2023-003 regarding 2021-2022 Committee Goals and Objectives Review be received for information.

CARRIED.

8.4 Report – REC-2023-004 – Recreation Facility Survey Results

Resolution No. 2023-006:

Moved by Joanna Jefferson
Seconded by Vince Klimkosz

That staff report REC-2023-004 regarding Recreation Facility Survey Results be received for information.

CARRIED.

8.5 Report – REC-2023-005 – 2023 Conference Opportunities

Resolution No. 2023-007:

Moved by Joanna Jefferson
Seconded by Stephanie McCrone

That staff report REC-2023-005 regarding 2023 Conference Opportunities be received for information; and further,



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That the Recreation Advisory Committee send the following Committee Member Mary Christidis to one day of the PRO Educational Forum.

CARRIED.

8.6 Report – REC-2023-006 – Alternate Chair Schedule in the event of the Chair’s abence or vacancy

Resolution No. 2023-008:

Moved by Joanna Jefferson
Seconded by Mary Christidis

That staff report REC-2023-006 regarding Alternate Chair Schedule in the event of the Chair’s abence or vacancy be received for information; and,

That the Committee adopts the Alternate Chair Schedule in the event of the Chair’s absence or vacancy as outlined in this report.

CARRIED.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. ANNOUCEMENTS

None

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

Committee Member Vince Klimkosz Vinne requested update work to be completed at the Puslinch Community Centre.

Director of Public Works, Parks and Facilities Mike Fowler advised that lights are being installed in the back soccer field with a projected completion date of June 2023. Mr. Fowler further stated that Puslinch Community Centre implementation of the Parks Master Plan includes a new playground, tennis courts, new pedestrian patio and additional parking to complement the back soccer field. Mr. Fowler also advised that there is also a playground and shade structure to be built at Boreham Park along with soft landscaping. Finally, Mr. Fowler advised that pickleball lines and three pointer lines are being painted in the Optimist Recreation Centre Gym this year.



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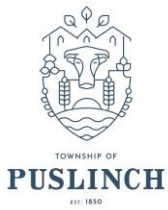
13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2023-009:

Moved by Vince Klimkosz
Seconded by Joanna Jefferson

That the Recreation Advisory Committee hereby adjourns at 8:17 p.m.

CARRIED.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
MAY 6, 2023 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

MINUTES

DATE: May 1, 2023

MEETING: 1:00 P.M.

The May 1, 2023 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 1:02 p.m. via in person participation at the Puslinch Community Centre at 23 Brock Rd S. and via electronic and in-person participation.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance:

Councillor Russel Hurst
Andy Day
Chris Saunders
Kristine O'Brien
Lily Klammer-Tsuji

Absent

Josh Heller

Staff in Attendance:

Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk
Justine Brotherston, Deputy Clerk
Lisa Madden, Communications and Committee Coordinator

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 2023-011:

Moved by Chris Saunders
Seconded by Kristine O'Brien

That the Heritage Advisory Committee approves the May 1, 2023 Agenda as circulated.

CARRIED.



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5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 March 6, 2023 Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes

7.2 Community Heritage Ontario – Winter 2023 Newsletter

Resolution No. 2023-012:

Moved by Kristine O'Brien

Seconded by Andy Day

That the Consent Agenda items listed for the May 1, 2023 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting be received for information.

CARRIED.

8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Report – HER-2023-007 – Finance and Budget Training

Resolution No. 2023-013:

Moved by Chris Saunders

Seconded by Andy Day

That staff report HER-2023-007 entitled Finance and Budget Training be received for information.

CARRIED.

8.2 Report – HER-2023-008 – 39 Brock Road Inquiry

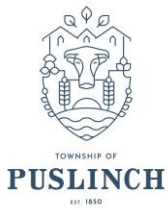
Resolution No. 2023-014:

Moved by Andy Day

Seconded by Chris Saunders

That staff report HER-2023-008 entitled 39 Brock Road S. Inquiry be received for information.

CARRIED.



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8.3 Report – HER-2023-009 – Interactive Heritage Map and Digital Archive Analytics

Resolution No. 2023-015:

Moved by Chris Saunders
Seconded by Kristine O'Brien

That staff report HER-2023-009 entitled Interactive Heritage Map and Digital Archive Analytics be received for information.

CARRIED.

8.4 Report – HER-2023-010 – 2023 Heritage Conferences

Resolution No. 2023-016:

Moved by Andy Day
Seconded by Chris Saunders

That report HER-2023-010 entitled 2023 Heritage Conferences be received for information; and,

That the following Committee members be approved to attend the Community Heritage Ontario Conference (OHC);

- i. Lily Klammer-Tsuji and
- ii. Russell Hurst;

That Staff be directed to register the approved Committee members for the OHC prior to May 16, 2023 in order to be eligible for the early bird conference rate; and further,

That the following Committee members be approved to attend the National Trust Conference;

- i. Kristine O'Brien and;
- ii. Lily Klammer-Tsuji.

CARRIED.

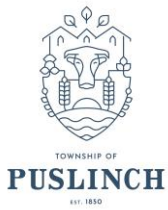
8.5 Report – HER-2023-011 – Heritage Register Designations Update

Resolution No. 2023-017:

Moved by Andy Day
Seconded by Lily Klammer-Tsuji

That staff report HER-2023-011 entitled Heritage Register Designation Update be received for information.

CARRIED.



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8.6 Report – HER-2023-012 – Proposed 2022-20226 Goals and Objectives Heritage Register Designations

Resolution No. 2023-018:

Moved by Chris Saunders
Seconded by Andy Day

That report HER-2023-012 entitled 2022-2026 Goals and Objectives be received for information; and,

That the Committee approves the 2022-2026 Heritage Advisory Committee Goals/Objectives as presented for Council’s endorsement at a future Council meeting; and,

That the following Committee Members be appointed to the Doors of Puslinch Poster Sub-Committee:

- i. Lily Klammer-Tsuji; and,
- ii. Kristine O’Brien.

That the following Committee Members be appointed to the Engagement Opportunities Sub- Committee:

- i. Chris Saunders; and,
- ii. Councillor Hurst.

CARRIED.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. ANNOUCEMENTS

Committee Member Chris Saunders advised the Committee that the Puslinch Historical Society will be hosting an Open House on May 27, 2023 at the Puslinch Library from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Committee Member Chris Saunders provided comments regarding a project canlled heritage Estates in Markham where heritage buildings are being relocated instead of demolished. The Committee member suggested the Committee should consider investigating what opportunities for similar work could be completed within the Township.



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11. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2023-019:

Moved by Chris Saunders
Seconded by Kristine O'Brien

That the Heritage Advisory Committee hereby adjourns at 2:01 p.m.

CARRIED.



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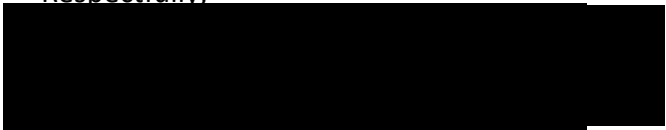
Courtenay Hoytfox
Municipal Clerk
Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Road 34
Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0

Dear Ms. Hoytfox,

The Wellington County Police Services Board (WCPSB) received the Township's letter dated April 25, 2023 respecting speed changes on Lake Road and enforcement.

The Board has referred the correspondence to Inspector Thomas for response.

Respectfully,



Scott Wilson
WCPSB Secretary

c. Inspector Steve Thomas, Detachment Commander, Wellington County OPP
Warden Andy Lennox, County of Wellington
Earl Campbell, Chair, WCPSB

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Grand River Conservation Authority

Summary of the General Membership Meeting – May 26, 2023

To GRCA/GRCF Boards and Grand River watershed municipalities - Please share as appropriate.

Action Items

The Board approved the resolutions in the following reports as presented in the agenda:

- General Membership Composition Committee
- GM-05-23-41 - Financial Summary
- GM-05-23-45 - Changes to the Land Disposition Process for Section 38 Land Holdings
- GM-05-23-43 - ERO Posting 019-6813 - Review of proposed policies adapted from A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement
- GM-05-23-44 - Provincial Offences Act Officer Designation - Section 29 (Conservation Areas)
- Property Disposition – City of Kitchener (Closed Agenda)

Information Items

The Board received the following reports as information:

- Conservation Authorities Act Committee - May 10, 2023
- GM-05-23-42 - 2024 Budget Framework - New Regulations
- GM-05-23-40 - Cash and Investment Status
- GM-05-23-46 - Current Watershed Conditions

Correspondence

The Board received the following correspondence:

- Natasha Huyer re: Wetlands Protection
- Guelph re: Provincial Amendments to Guelph Official Plan Amendment 80

Delegations

The Board heard from the following delegations:

- Martina Cotter - Entrance fees at Elora Quarry

Source Protection Authority

The General Membership of the GRCA also acts as the Source Protection Authority Board

Action Items

The SPA Board approved the resolutions in the following reports as presented in the agenda:

- SPA-05-23-01 - Source Protection Committee Appointments

For full information, please refer to the [May 26 Agenda Packages](#). Complete agenda packages and minutes of past meetings can be viewed on our [online calendar](#). The minutes of this meeting will be posted on our online calendar once they have been approved.

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Notice of Revised Planning Applications

220 Arkell Road

File: OZS19-017

Date: May 12, 2023

Purpose and Effect of Planning Applications

The applicant has submitted a revised a Draft Plan of Subdivision to create lots and blocks on the 'subject lands' (220 Arkell Road) for 30 single detached dwellings and 68 stacked cluster townhouses. In total, 98 new dwelling units are proposed in the revised draft plan of subdivision (See Schedule-1 to this Notice). The draft plan also includes a 0.33 hectare park block, a stormwater management block, an open space block, and two ecological linkage blocks.

A revised Zoning Bylaw Amendment application has also been submitted to the City to rezone the subject lands. On April 18, 2023, the City of Guelph adopted a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law (2023)-20790. Under this new by-law, the subject lands are zoned "Residential Low Density 1" (RL.1) and "Natural Heritage System" (NHS). The following zones have been requested with the revised Zoning By-law Amendment application:

- Lots 1 to 30 – 'Low Density Residential 2' (RL.2)
- Block 31 – 'Medium Density Residential 6' (RM.6)
- Blocks 32, 33, 36, & 37– 'Natural Heritage System' (NHS)
- Block 35 – 'Neighbourhood Park' (NP)
- Blocks 34, & 38– 'Open Space' (OS)

The initial development applications were deemed complete on January 20, 2020, and a statutory Public Meeting was held on May 27, 2020.

Application Revisions

Revisions have been made to the original applications and include:

- Inclusion of the existing driveway from Arkell Road to the South side of Dawes Avenue to be conveyed to the City for a future public walkway.
- Redesign of the Stormwater Management Facility.
- Reformatting of the North property boundary to be consistent with the final changes to Registered Plan of Subdivision for the land to the North (i.e. Phase 2 of the Victoria Park Village subdivision).
- Increasing the width of the public walkway/emergency access along the West side of Block 31 from 6.0m to 8.0m.
- Removal of future road allowance to Poole St. in the Northeast corner.

- Increasing the amount of cluster townhouse units from 60 to 68, resulting in 98 total units within the development.

New Materials Submitted (Second Submission)

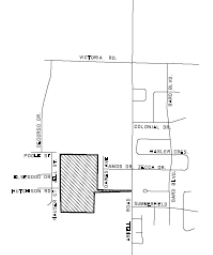
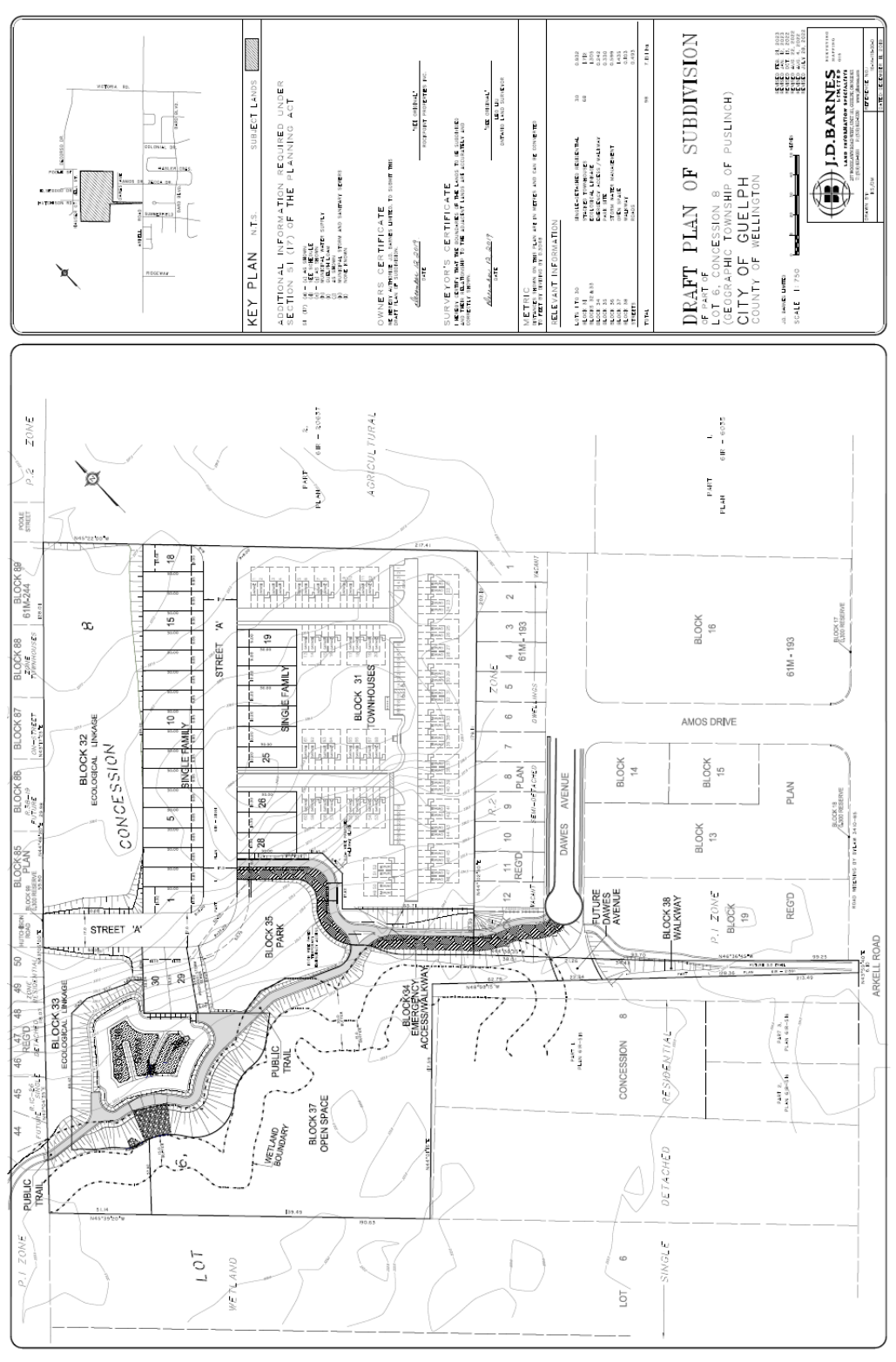
On April 24, 2023, the following items were submitted to the City for review:

- Revised Draft Plan of Subdivision, prepared by Black, Shoemaker, Robinson & Donaldson Limited, revised February 21, 2023;
- Planning Policy Update, prepared by Black, Shoemaker, Robinson & Donaldson, dated April 2023;
- Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Addendum, prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd., dated April 17, 2023;
- Updated Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd., updated April 30, 2021
- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and Remedial Excavation, prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd., dated January 13, 2020
- Reliance Letter for Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments, prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd., dated May 6, 2021
- Revised Water Balance Calculations in Response to First Submission Comments, prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd., dated March 29, 2023
- Revised Preliminary Servicing, Grading and Stormwater Management Report, prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd., dated April 4, 2023;
- Transportation Impact Study Update, prepared by Paradigm Transportation Solutions Limited, dated April 2023
- Tree Preservation Plan, prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd., dated April 20, 2023;

These documents as well as previous submission materials are available online at **guelph.ca/development** under **220 Arkell Road**. For additional information please contact the planner managing the file:

Michael Witmer
Senior Development Planner
Planning and Building Services
Phone: 519-837-5616, extension 2790
Email: michael.witmer@guelph.ca

Schedule 1 – Draft Plan of Subdivision 23T-19502 (Revised)



KEY PLAN INTS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 51 (17) OF THE PLANNING ACT

- 1. 51 (17) (a) - PLAN OF SUBDIVISION
- 2. 51 (17) (b) - PLAN OF SUBDIVISION
- 3. 51 (17) (c) - PLAN OF SUBDIVISION
- 4. 51 (17) (d) - PLAN OF SUBDIVISION
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NO.	DESCRIPTION	AREA	PERCENTAGE
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2	LOT 2	100.00	100.00
3	LOT 3	100.00	100.00
4	LOT 4	100.00	100.00
5	LOT 5	100.00	100.00
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43	LOT 43	100.00	100.00
44	LOT 44	100.00	100.00
45	LOT 45	100.00	100.00
46	LOT 46	100.00	100.00
47	LOT 47	100.00	100.00
48	LOT 48	100.00	100.00
49	LOT 49	100.00	100.00
50	LOT 50	100.00	100.00
TOTAL		10000.00	100.00

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OF PART OF CONCESSION 8
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF PUSLINCH
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SCALE 1:750



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Notice of Revised Applications

220 Arkell Road
File: OZS19-017
Date: May 12, 2023



To: Agencies and Departments

The City of Guelph is currently reviewing the revised Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment application materials for the lands municipally known as 220 Arkell Road.

If you have not already done so, please submit your comments by **June 30, 2023**. If you have any questions or require further information, please call Michael Witmer at 519-837-5616 Extension #2790, or email at michael.witmer@guelph.ca.

If you have no comments or concerns regarding these revised applications for 220 Arkell Road, please sign and submit this form to:

Michael Witmer, Senior Development Planner
Planning and Building Services
City of Guelph
1 Carden Street
Guelph, ON N1H 3A1
Email: michael.witmer@guelph.ca

Agency

Representative (Please Print)

Representative (Signature)

Date

RE: Streamlining of Approvals under the *Aggregate Resources Act* and Supporting Policy

Greetings,

Ontario's aggregate industry plays a key role in our government's vision to Build Ontario, supporting vital development and jobs across the province. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (the ministry) is proposing changes to [Ontario Regulation 244/97](#) under the *Aggregate Resources Act* to expand the list of changes that can be made to existing pit or quarry site plans without ministry approval, called self-filing changes (subject to conditions and eligibility), as well as seeking feedback on a new policy that provides direction for making changes to licences, permits and site plans that do require ministry approval.

The ministry is proposing to expand the list of small or routine site plan changes to an existing pit or quarry that can be self-filed, provided they satisfy detailed eligibility requirements and specified conditions. If approved, five additional site plan changes will be added to the list of self-filed amendments in the regulation. These are:

- Enabling recyclable aggregate material to be imported (concrete, asphalt, bricks, glass, or ceramics) to aggregate sites
- Adding or relocating entrances or exits to aggregate sites when the operator can provide proof of the relevant road authority approval for the change
- Adding, removing or changing portable processing equipment at aggregate sites (e.g., for crushing or screening aggregate material)
- Adding, removing or changing portable concrete or asphalt plants where required for public authority projects
- Adding, removing or changing above-ground fuel storage at aggregate sites

In addition, the ministry is proposing a new policy to clarify requirements including notification requirements when amendments are proposed to existing licenses, permits, or site plans that require ministry approval. The ministry is also outlining criteria or considerations to determine whether these changes are significant or not.

Amendment requests can include changes to site plans, conditions of a licence or permit, or any other information normally included on licences, permits, or wayside permits (e.g., name of operator, address, etc.). Amendment requests can vary in type and complexity ranging from small or administrative changes to significant changes to operations and rehabilitation. Significant changes may require consultation and notification.

We invite you to review the changes and offer comments.

**Ministry of Natural Resources and
Forestry**

Resources Planning and Development
Policy Branch
Policy Division
300 Water Street
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

**Ministère des Richesses Naturelles et
des Forêts**

Direction des politiques de planification et
d'exploitation des ressources
Division de l'élaboration des politiques
300, rue Water
Peterborough (Ontario) K9J 3C7

A complete summary of the proposed regulatory and policy changes can be found on the Environmental Registry at the following address: www.ero.ontario.ca. Then search for notice: 019-6767.

There are several ways you can comment on this proposal, including:

1. Directly through the Environmental Registry posting (click on the "Submit a comment" button)
2. By email to aggregates@ontario.ca, or
3. By mail to:

Resources Development Section
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
300 Water Street, 2nd Floor South
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

If you have any questions, you can contact Jamie Prentice at aggregates@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Keyes,
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch



Dufferin Aggregates
2300 Steeles Ave W, 4th Floor
Concord, ON L4K 5X6
Canada

May 12th, 2023

Seana Richardson
Aggregates Technical Specialist
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Guelph District
1 Stone Road West
Guelph, Ontario
N1G 4Y2

Attention: Ms. Richardson

**Re: Monthly Monitoring Report – April 2023
Mill Creek Pit, License #5738
Township of Puslinch, Wellington County**

Please find enclosed the required monitoring data for the month of April 2023 for those monitoring wells that could be measured. There were no exceedances to report.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]
Jonathan Clark
Superintendent

CC: Township of Puslinch
Sonja Strynatka (GRCA)
Kevin Mitchell (Dufferin Aggregates)
University of Guelph

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Township of Puslinch

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 Canada

Monthly Reporting
 Mill Creek Aggregates Pit
 April 2023

Date	DP21 (mASL)	Threshold Value (mASL)	Exceedance
3-Apr-23	305.99	305.60	NO
14-Apr-23	305.83	305.60	NO
20-Apr-23	305.82	305.60	NO
27-Apr-23	305.86	305.60	NO

Date	BH13 (mASL)	DP21 (mASL)	Head Difference (m)	Threshold Value (m)	Exceedance
3-Apr-23	306.26	305.99	0.28	0.11	NO
14-Apr-23	306.16	305.83	0.33	0.11	NO
20-Apr-23	306.15	305.82	0.33	0.11	NO
27-Apr-23	306.17	305.86	0.31	0.11	NO

Date	DP17 (mASL)	Threshold Value (mASL)	Exceedance
3-Apr-23	305.46	305.17	NO
14-Apr-23	305.31	305.17	NO
20-Apr-23	305.31	305.17	NO
27-Apr-23	305.32	305.17	NO

Date	BH92-12 (mASL)	DP17 (mASL)	Head Difference (m)	Threshold Value (m)	Exceedance
3-Apr-23	305.83	305.46	0.37	0.14	NO
14-Apr-23	305.66	305.31	0.35	0.14	NO
20-Apr-23	305.64	305.31	0.33	0.14	NO
27-Apr-23	305.67	305.32	0.35	0.14	NO

Date	DP3 (mASL)	Threshold Value (mASL)	Exceedance
3-Apr-23	305.02	304.54	NO
14-Apr-23	304.80	304.54	NO
20-Apr-23	304.81	304.54	NO
27-Apr-23	304.83	304.54	NO

Date	DP6 (mASL)	DP3 (mASL)	Head Difference (m)	Threshold Value (m)	Exceedance
3-Apr-23	305.80	305.02	0.78	0.73	NO
14-Apr-23	305.65	304.80	0.85	0.73	NO
20-Apr-23	305.71	304.81	0.90	0.73	NO
27-Apr-23	305.71	304.83	0.88	0.73	NO

Date	DP2 (mASL)	Threshold Value (mASL)	Exceedance
3-Apr-23	304.14	303.69	NO
14-Apr-23	304.09	303.69	NO
20-Apr-23	304.07	303.69	NO
27-Apr-23	304.13	303.69	NO

Date	BH92-27 (mASL)	DP2 (mASL)	Head Difference (m)	Threshold Value (m)	Exceedance
3-Apr-23	304.95	304.14	0.81	0.34	NO
14-Apr-23	305.00	304.09	0.92	0.34	NO
20-Apr-23	304.99	304.07	0.91	0.34	NO
27-Apr-23	304.89	304.13	0.76	0.34	NO

Date	DP1 (mASL)	Threshold Value (mASL)	Exceedance
3-Apr-23	304.48	303.97	NO
14-Apr-23	304.40	303.97	NO
20-Apr-23	304.40	303.97	NO
27-Apr-23	304.42	303.97	NO

Date	BH92-29 (mASL)	DP1 (mASL)	Head Difference (m)	Threshold Value (m)	Exceedance
3-Apr-23	304.98	304.48	0.49	0.17	NO
14-Apr-23	305.07	304.40	0.67	0.17	NO
20-Apr-23	305.04	304.40	0.63	0.17	NO
27-Apr-23	305.07	304.42	0.65	0.17	NO

Date	DP5CR (mASL)	Threshold Value (mASL)	Exceedance
3-Apr-23	303.53	302.86	NO
14-Apr-23	303.41	302.86	NO
20-Apr-23	303.41	302.86	NO
27-Apr-23	303.41	302.86	NO

Date	OW5-84 (mASL)	DP5CR (mASL)	Head Difference (m)	Threshold Value (m)	Exceedance
3-Apr-23	303.80	303.53	0.27	0.18	NO
14-Apr-23	303.71	303.41	0.30	0.18	NO
20-Apr-23	303.70	303.41	0.29	0.18	NO
27-Apr-23	303.73	303.41	0.32	0.18	NO

Note: No exceedances to report for the month of April.



Monthly Reporting
Mill Creek Aggregates Pit
April 2023

Max. Allowable as per PTTW- Main Pond		
(Imperial Gallons)		(Litres)
2,500	per minute	11,365
1,800,000	per day	8,183,000

Max. Allowable as per PTTW- Silt Pond		
(Imperial Gallons)		(Litres)
2,597	per minute	11,806
3,739,477	per day	17,000,000

Total Monthly Precipitation (mm):	85.5	Kitchener/Waterloo (Actual)
Total Monthly Normal Precipitation (mm):	74.5	Waterloo-Wellington A (30-year Normal)

Date	Below Water Table Extraction Phase 5	Below Water Table Extraction Phase 2	Water Pumped from Main Pond (gals)	Water Pumped from Active Silt Pond (gals)	Main Pond Level (mASL)	Exceedance Y/N (BELOW 305.5 mASL)	Phase 2 Pond Level (mASL)	Exceedance Y/N (BELOW 305.0 mASL)	Phase 3 Pond Level (mASL)	Exceedance Y/N (BELOW 303.85 mASL)	Phase 4 Pond Level (mASL)	Exceedance Y/N (BELOW 304.5 mASL)
1-Apr-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-Apr-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-Apr-23	0	3,600	1,657,688	0	306.28	N	305.70	N	305.03	N	305.86	N
4-Apr-23	0	3,600	1,662,088	0	306.29	N	305.70	N	305.05	N	305.76	N
5-Apr-23	0	3,450	1,557,162	0	306.30	N	305.71	N	305.05	N	305.77	N
6-Apr-23	0	3,600	1,792,309	0	306.31	N	305.71	N	305.08	N	305.77	N
7-Apr-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8-Apr-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9-Apr-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-Apr-23	0	3,150	1,744,356	0	306.30	N	305.71	N	305.11	N	305.78	N
11-Apr-23	0	3,600	1,745,456	0	306.30	N	305.72	N	305.11	N	305.79	N
12-Apr-23	0	3,600	1,739,297	0	306.30	N	305.72	N	305.11	N	305.79	N
13-Apr-23	0	3,600	1,789,010	0	306.30	N	305.72	N	305.11	N	305.79	N
14-Apr-23	0	1,800	1,799,128	0	306.30	N	305.72	N	305.11	N	305.79	N
15-Apr-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-Apr-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17-Apr-23	0	3,600	1,775,812	0	306.29	N	305.72	N	305.12	N	305.79	N
18-Apr-23	0	3,150	1,798,249	0	306.29	N	305.72	N	305.12	N	305.79	N
19-Apr-23	0	2,400	1,543,744	0	306.29	N	305.72	N	305.12	N	305.79	N
20-Apr-23	0	1,950	1,798,029	0	306.28	N	305.73	N	305.12	N	305.79	N
21-Apr-23	0	1,800	1,785,050	0	306.28	N	305.73	N	305.12	N	305.79	N
22-Apr-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23-Apr-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24-Apr-23	0	3,600	1,769,653	0	306.31	N	305.76	N	305.11	N	305.79	N
25-Apr-23	0	3,600	1,798,469	0	306.31	N	305.75	N	305.11	N	305.79	N
26-Apr-23	0	3,600	1,442,998	0	306.30	N	305.77	N	305.13	N	305.79	N
27-Apr-23	0	3,450	1,797,809	0	306.31	N	305.76	N	305.13	N	305.79	N
28-Apr-23	0	1,500	1,652,409	0	306.31	N	305.76	N	305.11	N	305.79	N
29-Apr-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-Apr-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0	58,650	32,648,716	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: No exceedances to report.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Resolution # RC23133	Meeting Order: 4
Moved by: [REDACTED]	Seconded by: [REDACTED]

RESOLVED THAT the City of Oxford County and the Township of Montague Council expressed support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

THEREFORE RESOLVE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa support the City of Oxford County and the Township of Montague Council for Bill 5 and;

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be circulated to the municipalities represented by the Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus and;

FURTHERMORE, that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP, Stephen Blais, Orleans MPP and all Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Mitch Hatfield	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato	

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O’NEILL
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]



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WOOLWICH

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May 24, 2023

By email

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

Honorable Premier:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Support of Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on May 16, 2023:

THAT the Council of the Township of Woolwich considering a resolution passed by the Township of Montague and other municipalities in Support of Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, endorse the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe; and

WHEREAS Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election; and

WHEREAS over 20 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5; and

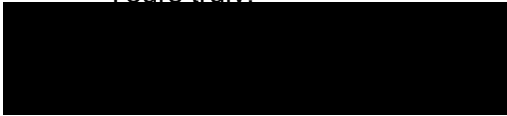
WHEREAS Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Woolwich express its support for Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act; and further

THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the local MP, the local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dolores Black, by email at dblack@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Region of Waterloo MPP
Ontario Municipalities

From: Janet Maguire <jmaguire@johnsontownship.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2023 3:54 PM
Subject: Bill 5

Hi

This is to inform you that on May 24, 2023 The Corporation of The Township of Johnson passed Res: 87-2023 moved by Councillor J. Kern and second by Councillor E. Aelick-Junor that they support Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, and encourages other Municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting all and promoting gender equality and women in all areas of society.

Thank you
Janet



Janet Maguire
Clerk/CAO
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Emailed: premier@ontario.ca

May 25, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
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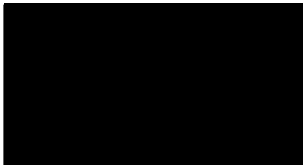
Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Support – Bill 5 – *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel, at the regular council meeting of May 24, 2023, resolved to express its support for Bill 5 – *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*.

Find enclosed a true copy of Township of Evanturel Resolution No. 7 passed in open council May 24, 2023, authorizing this support.

Yours truly,



Virginia Montminy
Clerk
THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF EVANTUREL

Encl:

c.c. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – *emailed*
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - *emailed*
John Vanthof – MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane - *emailed*
Ontario Municipalities - *emailed*

Resolution of Council

Moved by: Councillor Beachey

Date: May 24, 2023

Seconded by: Councillor Belanger

Resolution No: 7

WHEREAS elected leaders of municipalities do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace;

AND WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5 – *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies (the Policies) of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the Policies, and as well restrict officials whose seat have been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel hereby resolves to express its support for Bill 5 – *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be directed to the Premier of Ontario, and sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); John Vanthof – MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried


Derek Mundle - Reeve

DIVISION VOTE

YEAS	NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL	NAYS
	BARBARA BEACHEY, COUNCILLOR	
	GISELE BELANGER, COUNCILLOR	
	ROB MACPHERSON, COUNCILLOR	
	JOHN SIMMENS, COUNCILLOR	
	DEREK MUNDLE, REEVE	
	TOTALS	

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – Report to Council TWP2019-05 – Form A – Reeve Mundle ___; Councillor

Certified to be a true copy of Resolution No. 7 of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel
passed in open Council on the 24th day of May, 2023.


Virginia Montminy – Clerk
Township of Evanturel



MUNICIPALITÉ DE
CASSELMAN
MUNICIPALITY

May 10th, 2023

Jocelyn Hay

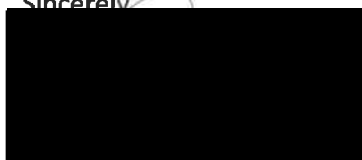
Via email – jocelyn@jocelynhay.com

RE: Jocelyn Hay – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act – request for a letter of support

Please be advised that Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was considered by the Council of the municipality of Casselman at its regular meeting, held on May 9th, 2023, and that Council adopt a resolution to support the Bill which require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies. Furthermore, the Bill allows municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 613-764-3139 Ext 204.

Sincerely,



Genevieve Lajoie
Mayor

Cc: via e-mail

Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario – premier@ontario.ca

Steve Clark, minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – steve.clark@pc.ola.org

Stephen Blais,



La Corporation du canton de Moonbeam
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moonbeam@moonbeam.ca

LA CORPORATION DU CANTON DE MOONBEAM RÉSOLUTION

NUMÉRO: 070-2023
DATE: Le 11 mai 2023
PROPOSÉE PAR: Nadine Morin
APPUYÉE PAR: Jacques Della-Pieta

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Moonbeam received correspondence from the Township of Mulmur; and

AND WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Moonbeam and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Moonbeam endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Moonbeam expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Adoptée Rejetée Différéé

Éric Côté

Président

Vote enregistré demandé par:

Nom	Oui	Non
Côté, Éric		
Della-Pieta, Jacques		

Gibson Demers, Jessica		
Le Saux Néron, Hélène		
Morin, Nadine		

Certifiée par



Greffière



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Resolution # RC23136	Meeting Order: 7
Moved by	Seconded by:

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day and;

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20) and;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones and;

WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities and;

WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program and;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Table with 4 columns: RESOLUTION RESULT, RECORDED VOTE, YES, NO. Rows include CARRIED, DEFEATED, TABLED, RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT), PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED, and WITHDRAWN.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence. Clerk:

Table with 2 columns: MAYOR - MELANIE PILON, CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL. Both cells contain redacted information.



**Corporation of the
Municipality of West Grey**

402813 Grey Road 4, RR 2 Durham, ON N0G 1R0
519 369 2200

May 23, 2023

RE: Support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on May 16, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230516-010 as follows:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of North Perth respecting school bus stop arm cameras, council supports the resolution and directs staff to send a letter of support to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, provincial opposition party leaders, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Rick Byers, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities."

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: Municipality of North Perth – School Bus Stop Arm Cameras Resolution

Cc. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition Party Leaders
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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Pls be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell Seconded by Councillor Blazek

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcine@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition Parties
MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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May 15, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

SENT BY EMAIL TO: Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Sylvia Jones MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 3, 2023, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

Resolution #: 3

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Council of the Township of Amaranth urges the Provincial Government to:

1. Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
2. Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Sylvia Jones MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information in this matter.

Yours truly,



Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk



CLEARVIEW

May 31, 2023

C00.2023

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4

Re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on May 29, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from Tay Valley regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Whereas almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped the stop-arm extended (O.Reg. 424/20);

And Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019, in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

And Whereas police resources cannot be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

And Whereas the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview urges the Provincial Government to:



CLEARVIEW

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the province for the start of the 2023/2024 school year; and,
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

And Further that this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial Opposition parties, Brian Saunderson MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario. Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Sasha Helmky, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition parties
Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Emailed: premier@ontario.ca

May 23, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
111 Wellesley St. W
Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras – Support – North Perth

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel, at the regular council meeting of May 10, 2023, resolved to support the Municipality of North Perth with its resolution regarding the installation of School Bus Stop Arm Cameras on all school buses for the start of the 2023-24 school year.

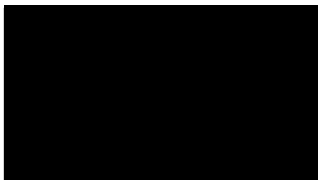
Safety for all who travel on school buses, every day, throughout the Province of Ontario is of the utmost importance; and anything that can be implemented to ensure their safety should be a top priority. The request to install these cameras has been echoed by many municipalities in the Province of Ontario; and the Council of the Township of Evanturel urges the Government of the Province of Ontario to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province of Ontario for the start of the 2023-24 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities.

Find enclosed a copy of the resolution from the Municipality of North Perth directed to your office.

Also, find enclosed a true copy of Township of Evanturel Resolution No. 5, passed in open council May 10, 2023, authorizing this support.

Yours truly,



Virginia Montminy
Clerk
THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF EVANTUREL
Encl:

- c.c. Honourable Doug Downey – Attorney General – *emailed*
Honourable Stephen Lecce – Minister of Education - *emailed*
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) - *emailed*
John Vanthof – MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane - *emailed*
Municipalities – Ontario - *emailed*



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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Blazek

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

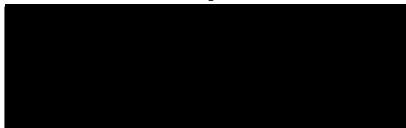
- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition Parties
MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Resolution of Council

Moved by: Councillor MacPherson

Date: May 10, 2023

Seconded by: Councillor Beasley

Resolution No: 5

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel hereby resolves to support the Municipality of North Perth with its resolution to Premier Doug Ford regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras, dated March 14, 2023;

AND FURTHER that Council urges the Government of the Province of Ontario to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province of Ontario for the start of the 2023-24 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be addressed to Premier Doug Ford and forwarded to Attorney General Doug Downey; Minister of Education Stephen Lecce; John Vanthof – MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Derek Mundle - Reeve

DIVISION VOTE

YEAS	NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL	NAYS
	BARBARA BEACHEY, COUNCILLOR	
	GISELE BELANGER, COUNCILLOR	
	ROB MACPHERSON, COUNCILLOR	
	JOHN SIMMENS, COUNCILLOR	
	DEREK MUNDLE, REEVE	
	TOTALS	

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – Report to Council TWP2019-05 – Form A – Reeve Mundle ___; Councillor

Certified to be a true copy of Resolution No. 5 of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel
passed in open Council on the 10th day of May, 2023.



Municipality of Huron Shores
7 Bridge Street, PO Box 460
Iron Bridge, ON P0R 1H0
Tel: (705) 843-2033 Fax: (705) 843-2035

May 12, 2023

Re: Res. #23-11-29 – School Board Elections

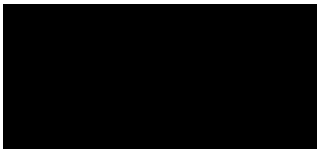
The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #23-11-29 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, May 10th, 2023, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports in principle, the Town of Petrolia's resolution regarding School Board Elections;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Michael Mantha, the County of Lambton, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk
NR/KN



La Corporation du canton de Moonbeam
53, St-Aubin Avenue, C.P. 330
Moonbeam, ON P0L 1V0
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moonbeam@moonbeam.ca

LA CORPORATION DU CANTON DE MOONBEAM RÉSOLUTION

NUMÉRO: 075-2023
DATE: Le 11 mai 2023
PROPOSÉE PAR: Nadine Morin
APPUYÉE PAR: Jacques Della-Pieta

Que le Conseil du Canton de Moonbeam reçoive la correspondance de la municipalité d'Howick, concernant les élections des commissions scolaires; et

Que le conseil appuie la résolution adoptée par le conseil du canton de Petrolia pour demander que les conseils scolaires deviennent responsables de la conduite de leurs propres élections d'administrateurs ou, au minimum, que les municipalités soient rémunérées par les conseils scolaires pour superviser ces élections d'administrateurs ; et

Que le personnel transmette cette résolution à l'honorable Stephen Lecce, ministre de l'Éducation, et à tous les conseils municipaux de l'Ontario.

/ **That** the Council of the Township of Moonbeam receives the correspondence from the Town of Howick, regarding School Board Elections; and

That Council supports the Resolution passed by the Township of Petrolia Council to request that School Boards become responsible for conducting their own Trustee elections, or at a minimum, municipalities be compensated by the School Boards for overseeing such Trustee elections; and

That Staff forward this Resolution to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, and to all Ontario Municipal Councils.

Adoptée Rejetée Différéé

Éric Côté

Président

Vote enregistré demandé par:

Nom	Oui	Non
Côté, Éric		
Della-Pieta, Jacques		
Gibson Demers, Jessica		
Le Saux Néron, Hélène		
Morin, Nadine		

Certifiée par:


Greffière



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

May 29, 2023

VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A Z8
Email: Caroline.Mulroney@pc.ola.org

Re: Support for Highway Traffic Amendments

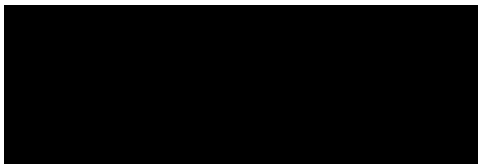
Dear Hon. Minister Mulroney

Please be advised that, at its meeting of May 23, 2023 the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg resolved as follows:

*That correspondence received from the City of Cambridge regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments, **BE SUPPORTED.***

A copy of the resolution from the City of Cambridge is enclosed for your reference.

Regards,



Sarah Sabihuddin
Deputy Clerk, Town of Amherstburg
(519) 736-0012 ext. 2216
ssabihuddin@amherstburg.ca

cc.
The Honourable Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Anthony Leardi MPP – Essex
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Division
The City of Cambridge
50 Dickson Street, P.O. Box 669
Cambridge ON N1R 5W8
Tel: (519) 740-4680 ext. 4585
mantond@cambridge.ca**

May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

AND WHEREAS speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

AND WHEREAS barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

AND WHEREAS our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

AND WHEREAS our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

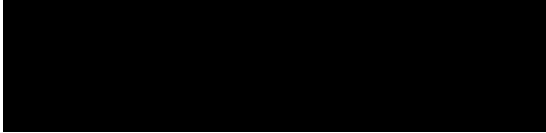
AND WHEREAS s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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May 16, 2023

Via Email: minister.mto@ontario.ca

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A Z8

Dear Ms. Mulroney:

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Please be advised that, at its meeting of May 23, 2023 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence received from the City of Cambridge regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,


Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

cc.
The Honourable Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Jeff Burch, MPP – Niagara Center
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
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May 10, 2023

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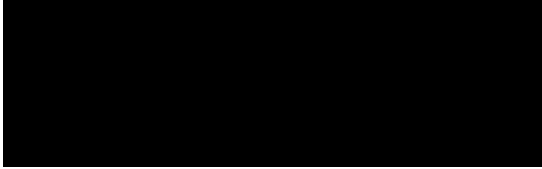
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AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

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Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



Moved By	Councillor Miriam Mutton	Resolution No.: 180-23
Last Name Printed	Mutton	
Seconded By	Councillor Adam Bureau	Council Date: May 23, 2023
Last Name Printed	Bureau	

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on May 23, 2023, Council considered a Resolution from the City of Cambridge, regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the request of City of Cambridge to amend the Highway Traffic Act

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
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mantond@cambridge.ca**

May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

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Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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The Township of Georgian Bay Resolutions Council - 08 May 2023

Item 13.(d)

Date: May 8, 2023

C-2023-220

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Steven Predko

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on May 8, 2023, Council considered correspondence from the Town of Cobourg regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bochek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



**Regular Meeting of Council
May 9, 2023**

Resolution #118-2023

Motion Details
Moved by Barry McGibbon, Seconded by Mary Kavanagh

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bancroft supports the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions; and
FURTHER DIRECTS THAT: this resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMAH), the Ministry of Finance (MOF), MPP Ric Bresee, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
	Mayor Paul Jenkins		
	Deputy Mayor Charles Mullet		
	Councillor George Eastman		
CARRIED:	✓ Councillor Barry McGibbon		
TABLED:	Councillor Tracy McGibbon		
DEFEATED:	Councillor Valerie Miles		
RECORDED VOTE (SEE LEFT):	Councillor Mary Kavanagh		

CHARLES MULLETT, DEPUTY MAYOR	JENNIFER PEPLINSKI, ACTING CLERK



The Honorable Steve Clarke
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Minister.mah@ontario.ca

The Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance
minister.fin@ontario.ca

DEVLIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 31, 2023

RE: Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting of April 17, 2023, the Township of Limerick Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

Motion052-2023

Moved by Councillor Grace Hamm

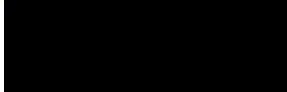
Seconded by Councillor Jan MacKillican

That Council support item '9.2.5' of correspondence from the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at clerk@township.limerick.on.ca.

Best Regards



Victoria Tisdale
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Limerick

cc. Ric Bresee – MPP, Hastings-Lennox and Addington
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX

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Honourable Steve Clark

March 22, 2023

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park 17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

RE: The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Dear Honourable Steve Clark,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Mayor Bondy brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council's consideration regarding the reinstatement of previous legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales. It was discussed that, prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction. It was further noted that the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-03-081

Moved by: Mayor Bondy

Seconded by: Councillor Allard

That Council direct Administration to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Shelley Brown

Acting Clerk

sbrown@essex.ca



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c.c. Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

minister.fin@ontario.ca

Mary Birch, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

mbirch@countyofessex.ca

Anthony Leardi, MPP

anthony.leardi@pc.ola.org

Association of Municipalities of Ontario ("AMO")

resolutions@amo.on.ca

All other municipalities in Ontario

Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: May 2, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2023-05-02- 323

Moved by: B. Ostrander

Seconded by: M. Martin

Council Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

"That the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered Correspondence from City of Owen Sound, Town of Plympton-Wyoming, and Town of Cobourg regarding 'Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Council Resolution

Moved By B. Ostrander

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2023-05-17- 343

Seconded By J. Logel

Council Date: May 17, 2023

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the four Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held May 1, 2 and 3, 2023), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
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And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried [REDACTED]
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Staci Landry, Deputy Clerk
City of Owen Sound
808 2nd Avenue East
Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4



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Email: slandry@owensound.ca
Website: www.owensound.ca

April 4, 2023

Via email

To All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Support for Municipality of Chatham-Kent's Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

City Council, at its meeting held on March 27, 2023, considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230327-009 as follows:

"WHEREAS escalating insurance costs are one of this Council's Advocacy Priorities in the 2022-2023 Intergovernmental Action Plan;

AND WHEREAS at the January 12, 2023 Corporate Services Committee meeting, staff presented Report CR 23-008 that highlighted the City's annual insurance premiums have increased from \$782,331 to \$1,281,512 from 2020 to 2023, representing an accumulated increase of 64% over this period;

AND WHEREAS the annual increases to the City of Owen Sound's insurance premiums have been one of the most significant constraints in limiting yearly tax levy increases over the past four years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council directs staff to send a letter to all other municipalities in Ontario supporting the Municipality of Chatham-Kent calling for action to reduce insurance costs;

AND THAT the City Manager have staff participate in any groups that may be formed through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) or directly with other municipalities to support this effort;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the AMO, Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, Attorney General, Doug Downey, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Rick Byers, Premier Doug Ford, and MPP Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party and Leader of the Opposition."

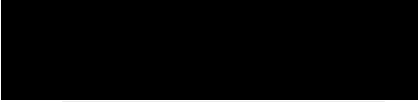
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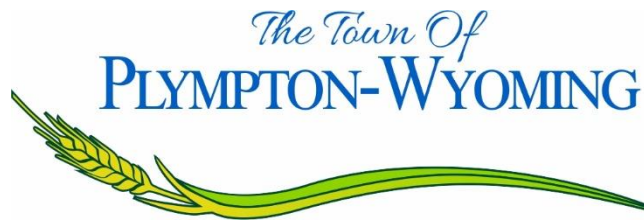
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Staci Landry
Deputy Clerk

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party and Leader of the
Opposition
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



Judy Smith
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

March 31st 2023

Re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Dear Ms. Smith,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 29th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

Motion 12

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

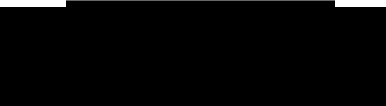
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,


Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

March 6, 2023

To All Ontario Municipalities

Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

“Whereas Chatham-Kent has faced multiple double digit increases to insurance premiums over the past years;

And Whereas the costs on insurance are having a significant impact on municipal budgets in Chatham-Kent and around the Province;

Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider, or legislative changes to address insurance costs to municipalities.

And administration report back to Council regarding the result of this engagement and any recommended Council resolutions to support improvements to municipal insurance in Ontario.

Further that administration be directed to forward this motion to all other municipalities in Ontario seeking support and collaboration on this issue.”

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

Sincerely,


Judy Smith, CMC
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

C AMO



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg
Legislative Services Department
Victoria Hall
55 King Street West
Cobourg, ON K9A 2M2

Brent Larmer
Municipal Clerk/
Director of Legislative Services
Telephone: (905) 372-4301 Ext. 4401
Email: blarmer@cobourg.ca
Fax: (905) 372-7558

SENT VIA EMAIL

April 17, 2023

To all Ontario Municipalities

Re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

At a meeting held on April 11, 2023, the Municipal Council of the Town of Cobourg approved the following Resolution #116-23:

Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Moved by Councillor Miriam Mutton

Seconded by Councillor Randy Barber

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on April 11, 2023, Council considered correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs;

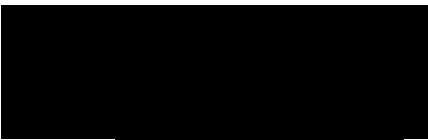
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to send a letter of support regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs to all municipalities in Ontario.

084-23

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at blarmer@cobourg.ca or by telephone at (905)-372-4301 Ext. 4401.

Sincerely,



Brent Larmer
Municipal Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
Returning Officer
Legislative Services Department

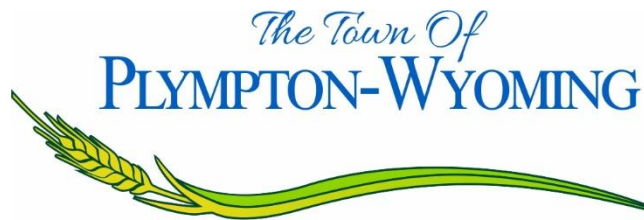




Moved By	<u>Councillor Miriam Mutton</u>	Resolution No.:
Last Name Printed	MUTTON	116-23
Seconded By	<u>Councillor Randy Barber</u>	Council Date:
Last Name Printed	BARBER	April 11, 2023

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on April 11, 2023, Council considered correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to send a letter of support regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs to all municipalities in Ontario.



Judy Smith
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

March 31st 2023

Re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Dear Ms. Smith,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 29th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

Motion 12

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

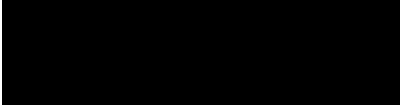
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,


Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

March 6, 2023

To All Ontario Municipalities

Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

“Whereas Chatham-Kent has faced multiple double digit increases to insurance premiums over the past years;

And Whereas the costs on insurance are having a significant impact on municipal budgets in Chatham-Kent and around the Province;

Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider, or legislative changes to address insurance costs to municipalities.

And administration report back to Council regarding the result of this engagement and any recommended Council resolutions to support improvements to municipal insurance in Ontario.

Further that administration be directed to forward this motion to all other municipalities in Ontario seeking support and collaboration on this issue.”

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

Sincerely,


Judy Smith, CMC
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

C AMO



**The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Council - 08 May 2023**

Item 13.(e)

Date: May 8, 2023

C-2023-221

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Steven Predko

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on May 8, 2023, Council considered correspondence from the Town of Greater Napanee regarding the reducing of municipal insurance costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council send a letter of calling for action to reduce municipal insurance costs; and

THAT this letter be circulated to all Ontario municipalities and the Minister of Municipal Affairs 7 Housing.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bochek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



Municipality of Huron Shores
7 Bridge Street, PO Box 460
Iron Bridge, ON P0R 1H0
Tel: (705) 843-2033 Fax: (705) 843-2035

May 12, 2023

Re: Res. #23-11-30 – Municipal Insurance Cost

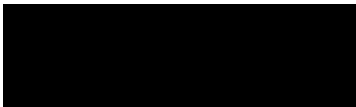
The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #23-11-30 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, May 10th, 2023, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports, in principle, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's resolution regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs;

AND THAT Council direct staff to send a letter of support to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk
NR/KN



Judy Smith
Director of Municipal Governance/Clerk
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

DEVLIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 31, 2023

RE: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Dear Ms. Smith,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting of April 17, 2023, the Township of Limerick Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

Motion 051-2023

Moved by Councillor Glenn Locke

Seconded by Councillor Shawn Pack

That Council support item '9.2.2' of correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding reducing municipal insurance costs.

Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at clerk@township.limerick.on.ca.

Best Regards,


Victoria Tisdale
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Limerick

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

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March 6, 2023

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Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

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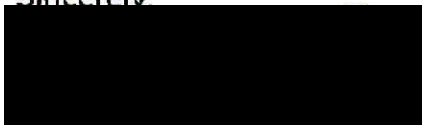
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Sincerely



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

C AMO

Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: May 2, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.c

Resolution Number: 2023-05-02 309

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: S. Dibb

Council Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

"That the Corporate Support Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of Trent Lakes and Township of Lake of Bays regarding 'Municipal Oath of Office', recommend that County Council support the correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), Alderville First Nation, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Council Resolution

Moved By B. Ostrander

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2023-05-17- 343

Seconded By J. Logel

Council Date: May 17, 2023

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the four Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held May 1, 2 and 3, 2023), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
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And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried [REDACTED]
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature



760 Peterborough County Road 36, Trent Lakes, ON K0M 1A0 Tel 705-738-3800 Fax 705-738-3801

February 28, 2023

Via email only

To: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
doug.fordco@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha
dave.smithco@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Michelle Ferreri, MP Peterborough-Kawartha
michelle.ferreri@parl.gc.ca
Curve Lake First Nation
audreyp@curvelake.ca
The Association of Municipalities Ontario
amo@amo.on.ca

Re: Oath of Office

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held February 21, 2023, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2023-119**

Moved by Councillor Franzen
Seconded by Deputy Mayor
Armstrong

Whereas most municipalities in Ontario have a native land acknowledgement in their opening ceremony; and

Whereas a clear reference to the rights of Indigenous people is the aim of advancing Truth and Reconciliation; and

Whereas Call to Action 94 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada called upon the Government of Canada to replace the wording of the Oath of Citizenship to include the recognition of the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas on June 21, 2021 an Act to amend The Citizenship Act received royal assent to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework; and

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

Therefore be it resolved that Council request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office: I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples; and further

That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Dave Smith, MP Michelle Ferreri, Premier Doug Ford and Curve Lake First Nation.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities

March 14, 2023

Via email: clerk@trentlakes.ca

Municipality of Trent Lakes
Attn: Jessie Clark/Clerk
760 Peterborough County Road 36
Trent Lakes ON K0M 1A0

**RE: Resolution of Support for Municipality of Trent Lakes – re: Resolutions
regarding an Oath of Office, dated February 28, 2023**

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled Council meeting on March 14, 2023, and the following resolution was passed.

“Resolution TC-68-2023

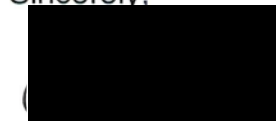
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays receives and supports the attached resolution from the Municipality of Trent Lakes requesting changes to the municipal Oath of Office, dated February 28, 2023

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities, Muskoka Area Indigenous Leadership Table (MAILT), MPP Graydon Smith, MP Scott Aitchison, and the Premier of Ontario.

Carried.”

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,



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

Copy to: Premier of Ontario
Local members of the Provincial Parliament
Municipalities in Ontario
Muskoka Area Indigenous Leadership Table

Encl: Municipality of Trent Lakes Resolution R2023-119



760 Peterborough County Road 36, Trent Lakes, ON K0M 1A0 Tel 705-738-3800 Fax 705-738-3801

February 28, 2023

Via email only

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That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Dave Smith, MP Michelle Ferreri, Premier Doug Ford and Curve Lake First Nation.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Resolution # RC23135	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: [REDACTED]	Seconded by: [REDACTED]

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all individuals wishing to be a candidate in a municipal or school board election to file Nomination Paper - Form 1 with the municipal clerk and;

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all candidates who sought election to a municipal council or school board to file Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report Candidate – Form 4 with the municipal clerk and;

WHEREAS Form 1 requires candidates to provide their qualifying address and;

WHEREAS Form 4 requires candidates to list the name and home address of any donor contributing over \$100.00 and;

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act specifies that these documents are not protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and requires the municipal clerk to make Form 4 available on a website and;

WHEREAS there has been concern expressed about those who hold public office and those who support them that they have been the subject of unnecessary attention and excessive scrutiny and;

WHEREAS the requirement to publish the personal home address of donors to specific candidates may discourage individuals from engaging in the democratic process to elect municipal and school board politicians;

THEREFORE, BE RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa calls on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms and;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

FURTHER THAT for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100.00 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published and;

FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, and all Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL



Moved By	Councillor Miriam Mutton	Resolution No.: 175-23
Last Name Printed	Mutton	
Seconded By	Councillor Aaron Burchat	Council Date: May 23, 2023
Last Name Printed	Burchat	

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on May 23, 2023, Council considered a Resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, regarding support for the for the Council of the Region of Waterloo relating to Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT support the City of Waterloo resolution to protect the privacy of the candidates and donors and reflects the direct support of the Waterloo Resolution and references the Plympton-Wyoming resolution.



The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
minister.mah@ontario.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 11th 2023

Re: Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms

Dear Minister Clark,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 10th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Region of Waterloo regarding Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms.

Motion 13

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

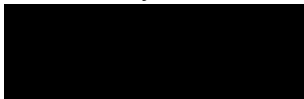
Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey

That Council support item 'M' of correspondence from the Region of Waterloo regarding Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms.

Carried.

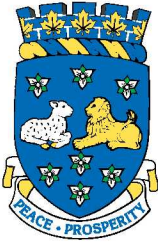
If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,



Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, Region of Waterloo
Bob Bailey – MPP, Sarnia-Lambton
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
Ontario Public School Boards' Association
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
All Ontario Municipalities



April 24, 2023

Area Members of Provincial Parliament
Sent via email

Dear Area Members of Provincial Parliament:

Re: Councillor J. Erb Notice of Motion

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on April 19, 2023, approved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all individuals wishing to be a candidate in a municipal or school board election to file Nomination Paper - Form 1 with the municipal clerk;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all candidates who sought election to a municipal council or school board to file Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report Candidate – Form 4 with the municipal clerk;

AND WHEREAS Form 1 requires candidates to provide their qualifying address;

AND WHEREAS Form 4 requires candidates to list the name and home address of any donor contributing over \$100.00

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act specifies that these documents are not protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and requires the municipal clerk to make Form 4 available on a website;

AND WHEREAS there has been concern expressed about those who hold public office and those who support them that they have been the subject of unnecessary attention and excessive scrutiny;

AND WHEREAS the requirement to publish the personal home address of donors to specific candidates may discourage individuals from

engaging in the democratic process to elect municipal and school board politicians.

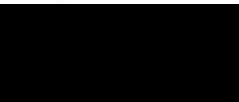
THEREFORE, BE RESOVLED THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo calls on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms.

AND FURTHER THAT for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published.

AND FINALLY, that this resolution be forwarded to the Area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, and all Ontario municipalities.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, at RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca or 519-575-4581.

Regards,



William Short

Regional Clerk/Director, Council and Administrative Services

WS/hk

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
Ontario Public School Boards' Association
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
Ontario municipalities



Moved By	Councillor Miriam Mutton	Resolution No.: 179-23
Last Name Printed	Mutton	
Seconded By	Councillor Aaron Burchat	Council Date: May 23, 2023
Last Name Printed	Burchat	

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on May 23, 2023, Council considered a Resolution from the Town of Lincoln, regarding the Municipal Heritage Register;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the Town of Lincoln's resolution on the Municipal Heritage Register.



4800 SOUTH SERVICE RD.,
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905-563-2799

May 10, 2023

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

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Municipal Heritage Register

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on May 8, 2023, passed the following motion:

Resolution Number: RC-2023-58

Moved by: Councillor Lynn Timmers; Seconded by Councillor JD Pachereva

WHEREAS the Municipal Heritage Register is an important tool for the recognition, preservation and protection of cultural heritage properties within the Town of Lincoln and throughout the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Heritage Register allows municipalities to regulate demolition on properties protected under section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act, to allow for evaluation of potential heritage value or significance, thereby ensuring that their potential cultural heritage value is preserved for future generations;

AND WHEREAS listing a property on the Municipal Heritage Register recognizes a property's potential cultural heritage value, and is generally less complex, time-consuming, and economically burdensome to local municipalities than pursuing the designation of a property as outlined within the existing process, which requires extensive research and documentation;

AND WHEREAS the new legislative requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act associated with Bill 23 mandate assessment of all properties on the

Municipal Heritage Register within two years, resulting in need for an unreasonable amount of resources and major budget implications for a local municipality within the short 2-year timeline;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln has 247 listed properties on the Municipal Heritage Register; and

AND WHEREAS the new requirement to remove the listed property after 2 years leaves resources exposed, and unprotected for up to 5 years;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Lincoln addresses this resolution to the government of the Province of Ontario, affirming the importance of the Municipal Heritage Register and its role in preserving the cultural heritage of municipalities throughout the Province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Lincoln encourages the government of the Province of Ontario to maintain the previous provisions of Section 27 of Ontario Heritage Act which promote the retention and expansion of the Municipal Heritage Register, keeping listed properties on the registry indefinitely, rather than for a maximum of 2 years in order to provide adequate time for the municipality to consider the heritage value of properties and, if necessary, initiate the designation process, before they may be demolished, and allowing properties to be re-listed within an unlimited timeframe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Lincoln circulate this resolution to the municipalities of Ontario for endorsement and circulation to the Province.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,


Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

c.c. All Municipalities of Ontario



Catalina Blumenberg - Clerk
Prince Edward County
clerks@pecounty.on.ca

DEVLIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 31, 2023

RE: Proposed Changes to the Provincial Policy Statement

Dear Ms. Blumenberg,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting of May 15, 2023, the Township of Limerick Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County regarding Changes to the Provincial Policy Statement.

Motion 068-2023

Moved by Councillor Jan MacKillican


Seconded by Councillor Grace Hamm

That Council direct staff to issue a letter of support to Prince Edward County regarding the Provincial Policy Statement.

Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at clerk@township.limerick.on.ca.

Best Regards


Victoria Tisdale
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Limerick

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities
Ric Bresee – MPP Hastings-Lennox and Addington

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Nicole Ilcio, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
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May 10, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-293

DATE: **May 9, 2023**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)



From the Office of the Clerk
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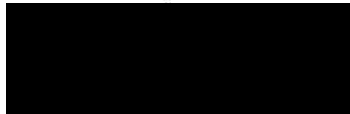
- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters;

THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO

Sent by Email

May 29, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Subject: Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services
Corr. 24-23
File: A-1400

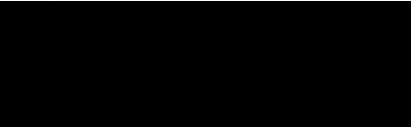
The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on May 23, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 24-23 from Chris Bantock, Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford, dated April 17, 2023, regarding Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care, Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth-Wellington, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge
Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth-Wellington
Chris Bantock, Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities
Chief Administrative Officer



City of Stratford
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Office
City Hall, P. O. Box 818
Stratford, Ontario N5A 6W1
Tel: 519-271-0250, extension 5237
Email: clerks@stratford.ca
Website: www.stratford.ca

April 17, 2023

Via email: ltcminister@ontario.ca

Ministry of Long-Term Care
6th Floor, 400 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M5G 1S5

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services

At their April 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution requesting the provincial government to support community driven home care services through the redirect of ministry beds in abeyance funding:

THAT staff be requested to send a letter to the provincial government to endorse the redirect of current ministry beds in abeyance funding towards the support of community care services.

We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,


Chris Bantock
Deputy Clerk

cc: Premier Doug Ford
Matthew Rae, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities



CLEARVIEW

May 31, 2023

C00.2023

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4

Re: Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on May 29, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from Prince Edward County regarding declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Whereas the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

Whereas every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner, and rural areas see an increased risk of Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide, and in Prince Edward County, 233 domestic violence investigations in 2022 were led by the OPP, and service provision by Alternatives for Women was provided to over 100 women and their children per year in the community; and

Whereas violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities billions of dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward has recognized that issues of violence against women in rural communities are of local importance to the health and wellness of our residents, and has demonstrated this by including it as a pillar in our Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview recognizes that:



CLEARVIEW

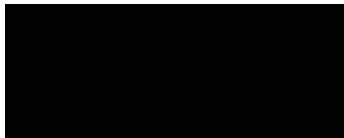
- the Renfrew Inquest is important to all rural communities;
- Council is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term consequences of gender-based violence in our community; and,

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview declares, in accordance with Recommendation #1 of the Renfrew Inquest, that Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women are epidemic; and

Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be circulated to all 444 municipalities of Ontario, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Simcoe Grey MPP, Brian Saunderson, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Sasha Helmkey, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: All Ontario Municipalities
The Hon. Charmaine A. Williams
Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Date: May 30, 2023

Resolution Number: R- 101 - 23

Moved by: Councillor Abbott

Seconded by: Councillor Patterson

WHEREAS some proponents of water aerodromes claim federal jurisdiction to bypass provincial and municipal authorities and build massive docks and boathouses under the guise of the Aeronautics Act;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada does not require proponents of water aerodromes to follow the same registration and certification procedures as land aerodromes;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada's current regulations for water aerodromes fail to state that mixed-use docks and structures are not permitted;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada does not require a proponent to be transparent with local authorities about their intentions or submit a building permit and final construction plans;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada does not require a proponent to provide the municipality with a copy of the water aerodrome registration or certification documents;

AND WHEREAS Registration and certification of water aerodromes are done without environmental impact assessments from provincial and municipal authorities;

AND WHEREAS Registration and certification of water aerodromes are done without safety assessments from local authorities;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada's loopholes in the regulations lead to lengthy court battles paid by provincial and municipal jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Ryerson supports efforts to raise awareness about the loopholes in current regulations regarding water aerodromes that allow proponents to build massive docks and boathouses without municipal consultation, approval, or adherence to bylaws and regulations.

AND FURTHERMORE, The Council of the Township of Ryerson endorses the letter from the Three Mile Lake Community Club Inc. and calls on Transport Canada to:

- Amend current legislation regarding water aerodromes to require mandatory consultation and transparency with provincial and municipal authorities prior to construction.

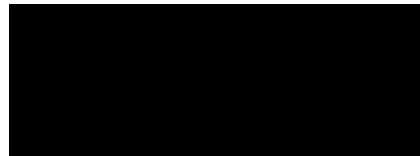
- State that 'mixed-use' docks and structures will not be permitted

AND FURTHERMORE, the Council of the Township of Ryerson urges all mentioned in this resolution to support petition e4364 to the Minister of Transport, Omar Alghabra.

Petition e-4364 - Petitions (ourcommons.ca)

AND FURTHERMORE, be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to neighbouring municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marcus Powlowski (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Ontario), Graydon Smith MPP.

Carried Defeated



(Chair Signature)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

RECORDED VOTE					
Vote called by Clerk in random order, Chair to vote last					
Members of Council		Yea	Nay	Abstention	Absent
Councillors	Beverly Abbott				
	Glenn Miller				
	Delynne Patterson				
	Dan Robertson				
Mayor	George Sterling				



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

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 29th 2023

Re: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 24th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Tweed regarding Bell-Hydro Infrastructure.

Motion 10

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

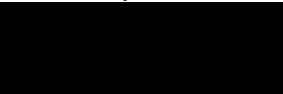
Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support item 'K' of correspondence from the Municipality of Tweed regarding Bell-Hydro Infrastructure.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,



Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Bob Bailey – MPP, Sarnia-Lambton
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Bell Canada
Hydro One
All Ontario Municipalities

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No.

328.

Title:

Proposed Resolution Re: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure

Date:

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Moved by

J. Palmateer

Seconded by

J. DeMarsh

WHEREAS poles are essential for deployment of telecommunication and hydro networks across the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the coordination of pole infrastructure between stakeholders is necessary to limit duplication of servicing infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission recently set expediated timelines for large telephone companies to provide competitors with access to poles to roll out networks more efficiently leading to more competition across Canada;

AND WHEREAS provincial and territorial government are being encouraged to coordinate with service providers and other stakeholders to facilitate sound network deployment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Tweed calls on the Province of Ontario to facilitate, coordinate, and regulate pole deployment measures across the Province of Ontario to prevent unnecessary duplication of pole infrastructure;

AND FURTHER, that the Province of Ontario encourage Bell Canada and Hydro One to work together to provide access for poles to better service the infrastructure needs of Ontarians;

AND FURTHER, that this motion be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Ric Bresee, all Ontario Municipalities for support, Bell Canada, Hydro One.

Carried



TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN
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Duncan McTavish
Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer
Mike Cumming
Road Superintendent

May 16 2023

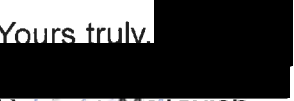
Courtenay Hoytfox
Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Road 34
Puslinch, ON NOB 2J0

Dear Courtenay,

Re: Litter Collection

Please note that the Council of the Township of Enniskillen at its regular meeting of May 15 2023 passed a resolution supporting the request to have litter cleaned from the roadside of Highway 401.

Yours truly,


Duncan McTavish
Clerk

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Township of Puslinch



May 24th, 2023

**The Honourable David Lametti, PC, MP
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
284 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6**

via email and mail

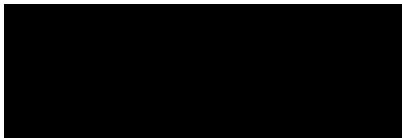
Dear Mr. Lametti,

The Council of the County of Lanark wishes to express its support for legislative measures to help first responders from violence, particularly those found in Bill C-321.

Paramedics and other first responders provide an essential and valuable service in our community and often subject to increased levels of violence due to the nature of their jobs.

It is essential that all levels of government unite to demonstrate the importance of the safety and well-being of all first responders.

Sincerely,



Jasmin Ralph, Clerk
613-267-4200 ext. 1502

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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Email: town@fortfrances.ca
www.fortfrances.ca

May 15, 2023

RE: RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 8th, 2023 the Town of Fort Frances Council considered and adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 195

Moved By: Mandi Olson
Seconded By: Steven Maki

WHEREAS Fort Frances recognizes that challenges of mental health, addictions, specifically opioids, and homelessness are complex issues that have a significant and detrimental impact on the residents of Fort Frances;

WHEREAS addressing and responding to these issues has placed extreme stress on all levels of municipal and non-municipal programs and services, including various not-for-profit organizations and provincially funded health services within Fort Frances and surrounding communities;

WHEREAS mental health, opioids and homelessness trends are, in recent years, at an all-time high and such prevalence is impacting the overall wellbeing of the people of Fort Frances and the surrounding communities;

WHEREAS Fort Frances Council acknowledges that approaches to addressing and responding must include diverse and inclusive approaches to these issues, and should not be viewed as a single solution response;

WHEREAS addressing and responding will require strategies and practices specific and uniquely designed for Fort Frances and surrounding communities;

WHEREAS Fort Frances Council accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with community stakeholders, partners, residents, as well as federal and provincial government and agencies;

WHEREAS challenges of mental health, addictions and homelessness are not unique to Fort Frances; Fort Frances and surrounding communities hold the greatest prevalence of opioid crisis within Ontario;

WHEREAS Fort Frances Council recognizes that municipal emergencies in Ontario are declared by the head of council as per the process detailed in the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act; and

WHEREAS Fort Frances Council acknowledges that a declaration of emergency does not immediately result in a municipality receiving any additional funds or resources from a senior government level.

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Fort Frances ("**Council**") conveys the following comments as submissions to the Commission:

1. THAT **Council** directs staff to send a letter to all municipalities in Ontario, surrounding First Nation communities, MPs and MPPs, requesting letters of support advocating for additional resources to combat the opioid crisis;

And FURTHER THAT these letters be forwarded to Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the federal and provincial government advocating the need for additional resources and support towards the current opioid crisis in Northwestern Ontario.

2. THAT **Council** recommend and support the Northwestern Health Unit establish a north or northwest regional coalition of public health, relevant community agencies, and others as appropriate, in order to amplify regional concerns and investigate potential strategies and resources."

CARRIED

Sincerely,



Gabrielle Lecuyer, AOMC
Clerk

ms/GL



May 12, 2023

Glen McNeil
Warden, Huron County
gmcneil@huroncounty.ca

Via Email

Re: Support of Corporation of the County of Huron Resolution – Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

At a recent Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, Council received a resolution sent by the Corporation of the County of Huron in regards to a call for review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for Cannabis and passed the following resolution:

R-108-23 Moved by Deputy Mayor Webb
 Seconded by Councillor Flagler

That Council hereby supports the resolution from the Corporation of the County of Huron regarding a call for review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

Carried.

The Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen strongly supports the County of Huron's call for review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Corporation of the County of Huron is attached for your reference. Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

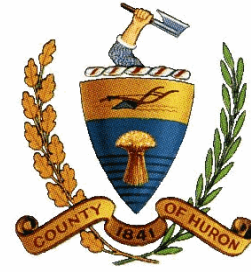
Sincerely,


Bianca Boyington
Deputy Clerk

Copy: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
All Municipalities in Ontario
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
Premier of Ontario
Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Provincial Minister of Agriculture
Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Member of Parliament
Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Federal Minister of Health

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February 1, 2023

Sent via email.

Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

Please note that on February 1, 2023 Huron County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;
AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled *Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information*, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve forwarding Call to Action Letters to the following for support:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Member of Parliament
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, to require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community, we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost 50 years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the

impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil
Warden, Huron County
On behalf of Huron County Council

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of cannabis leaves, rendered in a monochromatic blue color. The leaves are detailed, showing their serrated edges and vein structure. A vertical yellow bar is positioned to the left of the main title.

Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information

Prepared: January 2023

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Background

On January 18, 2023, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request staff to prepare a report for Council on the Federal Cannabis Legislation Review with recommendations on options for Huron County to address their concerns with this legislation.

Cannabis Act: Information For Municipalities

According to The Government of Canada's *Information for Municipalities - Medical Use of Cannabis* there are two approved ways medical cannabis can be grown: *Licensed Producers* and *Personal and Designate Production*

1. Licensed Producers

Licensed producers are individuals or companies licensed by Health Canada to produce and sell cannabis for medical purposes. Licensed producers must meet stringent health and safety security requirements before producing and selling cannabis.

When applying to be a licensed producer under the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR), or when applying to amend a licence, an applicant must notify:

- The municipality
- Local fire officials
- Local law enforcement

Licensed producers must also notify these local authorities, within 30 days, after the issuance of a licence or the renewal, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation of their licence. These notification requirements are intended to provide local authorities with information about activities with cannabis conducted in their jurisdiction to allow them to take appropriate measures, as applicable.

Licensed producers are expected to obey all relevant federal, provincial and municipal laws and by-laws, including municipal zoning by-laws.

2. Personal and Designated Production

If a person wants to produce a limited amount of cannabis for his/her own medical purposes, he/she needs to register with Health Canada. He/she can also choose to designate another person to produce a limited amount of cannabis for him/her. A person can produce a limited number of marijuana plants under a maximum of two registrations (for one other person and him/herself, or two other people). Marijuana plants may be produced under a maximum of four registrations at one address.

A registered or designated person is permitted to produce marijuana plants indoors and/or outdoors, but not both at the same time. If a person wishes to produce marijuana plants outdoors, the boundary of the land on which the production site is located cannot have any points in common with the boundary of the land on which a school, public playground, day care facility or other public place frequented mainly by persons under 18 years of age.

The number of plants a person can grow is determined by the daily amount recommended by their health care practitioner and a set of formulas in the regulations.

Health Canada also recommends that registered and designated persons be discreet with their production.

Individuals who are registered with Health Canada to produce a limited amount of cannabis for medical purposes are expected to obey all federal, provincial and municipal laws and by-laws.

Community Expressed Concerns

Recently, some concerns regarding the Cannabis Act and local growing practices have been expressed by community members. Some of the topics of concern expressed have included:

- Excessive noise produced by ventilation units
- Serious odour impacts from production
- Health concerns from neighbouring property owners
- Questions regarding zoning requirements for Cannabis operations, particularly in regards to areas zoned residential
- The current lack of a Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) between licensed facilities/designate growers, and homes, public facilities

Impact to the Municipality

Community concerns regarding the Cannabis Act have an impact on the municipality. These impacts include the costs associated with Council and staff time and legal fees. There is also a potential for community disruption pertaining to licenses issued under the Federal Medical Cannabis Registration process.

It is important to note that the municipality's concerns expressed in this report are not against or opposed to cannabis. The County of Huron appreciates the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to other levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

Advocacy Efforts to Date

On October 5, 2022 a letter was sent to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat of Health Canada. The letter offered requested feedback on the Cannabis Act and a recommendation for a Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas.

See Appendix A.

Recommendations for Further Advocacy

Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information (this report)

Further advocacy could be accomplished by sending this report, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration.

A Call to Action Letter could be sent on behalf of WOWC, and all WOWC member municipalities could be invited to send similar letters to the agencies and individuals outlined below.

Call to Action Letter

A sample Call to Action Letter for Huron County can be found in Appendix B. Once approved by Council, letters could be sent to:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario: Doug Ford
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks: David Piccini
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture: Lisa Thompson
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Steve Clark
- Member of Parliament: Ben Lobb
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Marie-Claude Bibeau
- Federal Minister of Health: Jean-Yves Duclos

Further Resources

The Cannabis Act: The Facts

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2018/06/backgrounder-the-cannabis-act-the-facts.html>

The Cannabis Act

https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/annualstatutes/2018_16/FullText.html#:~:text=The%20objectives%20of%20the%20Act,operating%20outside%20the%20legal%20framework

Cannabis Information for Municipalities

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis/information-municipalities.html>

Ontario: Cannabis Control Act

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17c26>

Correspondence Received by Council

Correspondence to Council, January 2023: Bonnie Shackelton

<https://agendas.huroncounty.ca/agendapublic/AttachmentViewer.ashx?AttachmentID=7134&ItemID=5394>

Appendix A

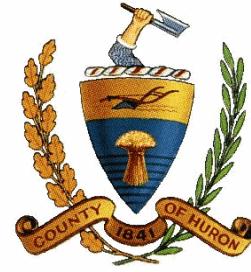
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Appendix B

Sample Call to Action Letter

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October, 5, 2022

To: Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat
Health Canada
Address locator 03021
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0K9

On October 5, 2022, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron send correspondence to Health Canada requesting consultation when implementing legislation on cannabis regulation as there is a direct impact on municipal operations and sometimes non compliance to municipal by-laws;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron recommends the inclusion of a system of Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This correspondence be circulated to Huron County local municipalities for support.

Thank you for requesting feedback on the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada. As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions, and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe areas for improvement during the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

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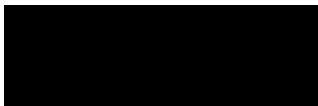
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Sincerely,



Glen McNeil
Warden, Huron County
On behalf of Huron County Council

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{insert date}

To: {insert recipient}

Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

On {insert date}, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

THAT:

{insert motion}

AND FURTHER THAT:

{insert motion}

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Glen McNeil
Warden, Huron County
On behalf of Huron County Council



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Roads Committee
From: Joe de Koning, Manager of Roads
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Subject: **Paddock Bridge-B035087 Update**

Background:

On Friday May 12, 2023 Wellington Road 35 was closed between Concession 1 and Concession 2 in the Township of Puslinch, as a result of a failure of a section of the Paddock Bridge deck. Upon further inspection of the bridge by engineers on Monday May 15th, it was determined that due to structural deterioration, and as a measure to ensure public safety, Paddock Bridge will remain closed until replaced. Efforts are being made to expedite a tender package and obtain required agency approvals. Paddock Bridge was scheduled for replacement in 2024 however this emergency bridge replacement will now start in 2023.

Consulting engineers WSP currently have the design package at a 90% level. They are working diligently to complete the design and tender package. In addition, they are working to expedite agency permits and approvals to allow for the construction of the new structure. It is expected that a tender can be out for pricing this month, allowing for contact award in July 2023.

The proposed schedule for completion of the bridge in 2023 follows:

- Contract Award in July
- Shop drawing submissions in July
- Demolition Start July
- Girder production in August (3month process)
- Construct Bridge Abutments August / September
- Girder Delivery in October
- Construct Bridge Deck, Parapet Walls October / November
- Paving early December – Road Open

At this time, it is expected that a July Council meeting will be scheduled to allow for the awarding of other capital projects. Should the timing of this prospective Council meeting not meet the time sensitive schedule for this bridge replacement project, it may be necessary to delegate authority to the CAO to award the tender. The estimated budget for this project is \$4,325,000.00, inclusive of consulting fees. A financial summary is attached to this report outlining project funding sources. Under the County's Purchasing Policy section 2. Authority to Award, provision 2 e) states that Council may delegate approval authority to its Standing Committees and Staff, by bylaw, resolutions or through this Policy.

Wellington Road 35 will remain closed to through traffic at the bridge location until the new bridge is constructed. A detour route is posted taking the traveling public around the project site, utilizing Concession 1, Sideroad 20 S and Concession 2.

Recommendation:

That the report entitled Paddock Bridge-B035087 be received for information; and

That the funding for this project be approved as set out in the attached Financial Summary; and

That the Committee delegate authority to the CAO to award the Paddock Bridge replacement tender at or below \$4,000,000.00, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe de Koning', written in a cursive style.

Joe de Koning, P. Eng.
Manager of Roads

Attachment: Schedule A - Financial Summary
Site Map and Detour

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE AND FINANCING SCHEDULE
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Bid name: Paddock Bridge B035087 Rehabilitation
 Bid number: CW2023-054

Project name: WR 35, Paddock Bridge, B035087
 Project number : 21130141

PROJECT COSTS

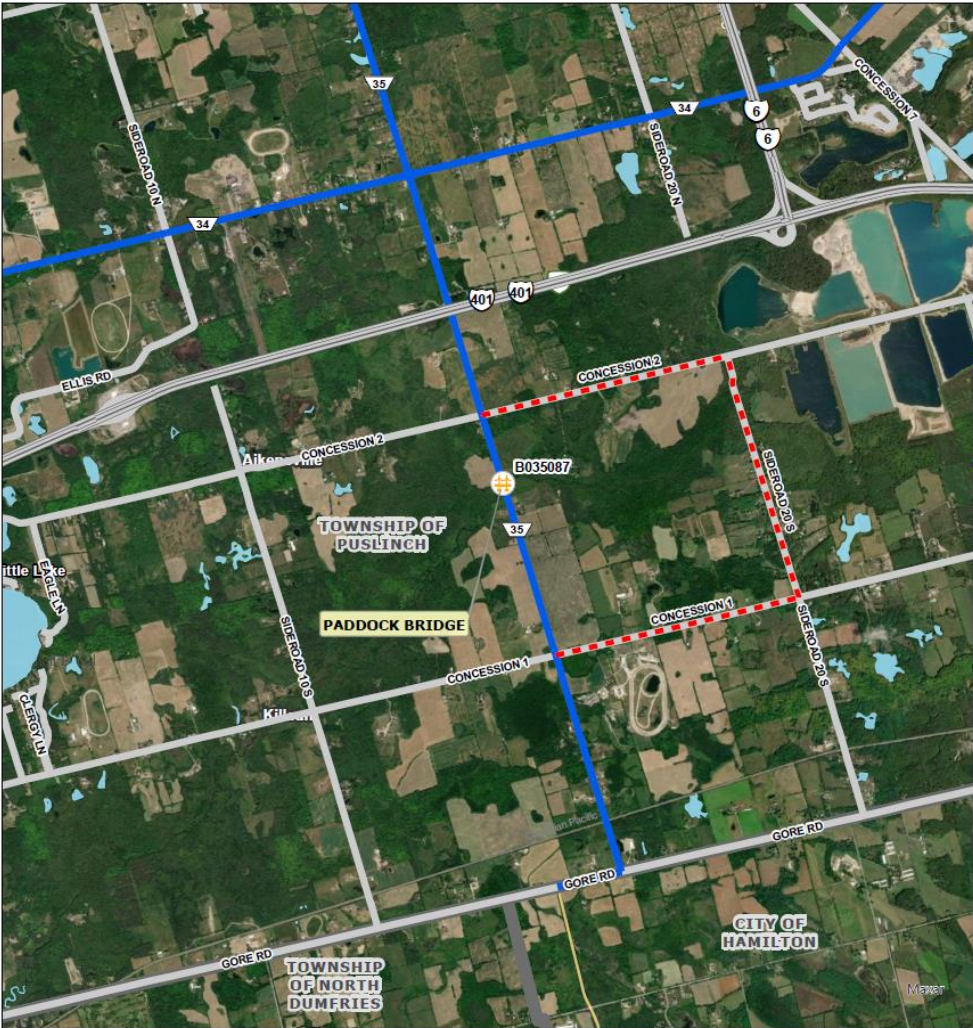
	Total
<u>Bid:</u>	
Tendered Cost*	\$4,000,000
Previously Awarded Works*	\$221,000
Professional Fees*	\$104,000
Bid to Award	\$4,325,000

* includes net cost to County of HST

PROJECT BUDGET APPROVALS AND FINANCING

	Gross cost	Current Fund	Canada Community Building Fund	Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund	Roads Capital Reserve
Approved Capital Budget	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000			
	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000			
Funding Adjustments					
Original 2024 Capital Forecast	\$ 2,250,000			\$ 1,680,000	\$ 570,000
Updated Budget Estimates	\$ 1,875,000		\$ 1,500,000		\$ 375,000
Sources of funding	\$ 4,325,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,680,000	\$ 945,000

Site Map and Detour



Paddock Bridge (B035087) Update Township of Puslinch

- LOCAL ROAD
- COUNTY ROAD
- HIGHWAY
- WATERBODY
- URBAN CENTRE
- MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY
- BRIDGE
- DETOUR ROUTE



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**2023
Update**

CRIME 
STOPPERS
GUELPH WELLINGTON
1-800-222-TIPS (8477)
www.csgw.tips



Introduction

- Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington (CSGW) founded in 1988
- 2023 marks 35 years serving the community
- Not the police – registered charity
- Board of Directors from throughout Guelph/County of Wellington
- Anonymous, confidential method of reporting crime
- Cash rewards if an arrest is made
- Rely on fundraising and donations from individuals, businesses, organizations to pay rewards and operate the program, NOT tax dollars

Statistics

Total number of
Tips 23,108

Arrests 1,596

Cases cleared
2,307

Charges laid
4,506

Property
recovered
\$10,398,366

Narcotics
recovered
\$27,957,955

TOTAL
\$38,356,321

Rewards
\$183,165
(\$4,775 – 2022)



Fundraising



Presentations

5 Tips, 5 Ideas, 5 Signs

1 OF 5 TIPS:

How to Talk To Kids about Cyber Safety & Human Trafficking

1. Ask your child to teach you about their favourite social media platforms and show you their privacy settings.

To learn the other four TIPS,
book a presentation at
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1 OF 5 IDEAS:

How to Keep your Child Cyber Safe & Human Trafficking Aware

1. Have a Device Contract - download one at www.csgw.tips.

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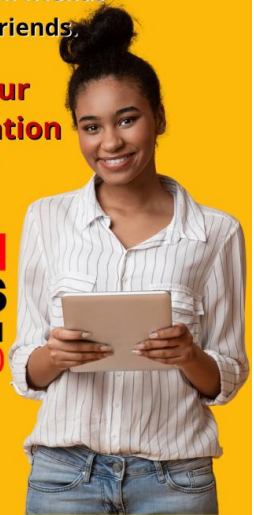
Your Child is Being Groomed

1. Change in social circle - long-term friends are replaced with new or older friends.

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- Radio, YouTube videos
- Pushing information to parents
- Youth are aware of online grooming
- Parents do not believe this is happening to their children



Presentations

Hate: The Crime – February 2023



Presentations

Fraud Talk – March 2023

FRAUD
T A L K



Additional programs

- Crime Stoppers 101
- Seniors Crime Stoppers
- Student Crime Stoppers
- Human Trafficking Awareness
 - EPACT – Educate Parents and Children Together
 - HT – Community
 - HT - Youth

HTinWC/SAinWC

- 2022 Grant - Ministry of the Solicitor General
- OPP, Victim Services Wellington, CSGW
- YouTube videos – “CSGW tips”
- <https://youtu.be/Y9PQW6OR1Yk>



Awards

- Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers
 - Special Project – HTinWC/SainWC
 - Best Radio
 - Best Digital – The CSGW Series
 - Online Excellence – open class
 - Marla Moon Memorial Award of Excellence
- Crime Stoppers International
 - Media – Digital – The CSGW Series
 - Media – Radio
 - Media – Television
 - Specialized Training – Human Trafficking – HTinWC/SainWC
 - Productivity Awards – Total Seizures, Total Property Recovered, Total Arrests

A Couple of Questions for You...

- How can the Municipality increase awareness of CSGW?
- Is there a local volunteer you feel would be a fit for the CSGW Board of Directors?
- Is there a presentation we could offer to council/staff?
- Is there a partnership we could develop between the Municipality and CSGW?
- Is there an area you would like to see CSGW assist the Municipality?
- Are you following us on social media?



Thank you



REPORT ADM-2023-027

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

PREPARED BY: Justine Brotherston, Deputy Clerk

PRESENTED BY: Justine Brotherston, Deputy Clerk

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law – Housekeeping Amendments and Set Fines

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives report ADM-2023-027 regarding the Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law – Housekeeping Amendments and Set Fines; and,

That Council gives three readings to By-law 2023-30 being a By-law to amend the Township's Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law 2018/018, attached to this report as Schedule A.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with proposed housekeeping amendments to the Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law to enable the staff to submit an application to the Ministry of the Attorney General Office (MAG) to introduce Set Fines under Part 1 of the Provincial Offences Act.

Background

On February 8, 2023, staff submitted a draft application to introduce Set Fines under Part 1 of the Provincial Offences Act for the Township's Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law 2018/018. The MAG required housekeeping amendments to the by-law in order to process the Set Fines application.

Staff amended Section 8(4) as recommended by the MAG as follows:

Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for by the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended.

The Set Fines and amended by-law will be submitted for approval to the MAG subject to Council's approval of the housekeeping amendments.

Financial Implications

None

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25

Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33

Engagement Opportunities

None

Attachments

Schedule A – Draft By-law 2023-030 to amend the Township's Outdoor Swimming Pool
Enclosure By-law 2018/018

Respectfully submitted,

Justine Brotherston,
Deputy Clerk

Courtenay Hoytfox,
Municipal Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH

BY-LAW 2023-030

A by-law to amend the Township's Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law 18/018.

WHEREAS Section 11 (2), paragraph 6, of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 (hereinafter the "Municipal Act 2001") authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws respecting the health, safety and well-being of persons;

WHEREAS Section 11 (3), paragraph 7, of the Municipal Act 2001, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws respecting structures, including fences and signs;

WHEREAS Section 8 (3) of the Municipal Act 2001, authorizes a municipality to regulate or prohibit in respect of matters within their jurisdiction and to provide for a system of obtaining permits in relation to those matters;

WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch deems it necessary to regulate enclosures for outdoor pools within the Township of Puslinch;

WHEREAS Council passed the Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law 2018-018 on March 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS Council Passed Resolution Number 2023-____ on the 24 day of May 2023 and deems it advisable to amend its Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch **HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That Section 8 (4) be amended as follows:

- (1) Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for by the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

James Seeley, Mayor

Courtenay Hoytfox, Clerk



REPORT ADM-2023-028

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

PREPARED BY: Justine Brotherston, Deputy Clerk

PRESENTED BY: Justine Brotherston, Deputy Clerk

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Sign Variance Request – Special Event 21 Queen Street

RECOMMENDATION

That Report ADM-2023-028 entitled Sign Variance Request for a special event at 21 Queen Street be received; and

That Council [approve/deny] the one day request for relief from the Sign By-law 09/91 to permit a portable and illuminated sign for a special event at 21 Queen St subject to no concerns being received from the MTO.

Background

The Township received a request for a Sign By-law Variance on May 31, 2023 from Jennifer Theriault on behalf of North America Construction (1993) Ltd for their Annual Lobsterfest Staff Appreciation Lunch. The event will take place on Friday June 16, 2023 during the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The request is for the use of a portable digital sign to be posted approximately 35 feet from the road which will direct event attendees to parking.

Comments

The applicant is seeking relief from the Township Sign By-law 09/91 as follows:

Sign By-law 09/91 Section	Requirement	Proposed
Section 3 – Regulations	3.7 Portable signs and signs incorporating intermittent illumination are prohibited.	

<p>Section 5 – Temporary Signs</p>	<p>5.1 The following type of temporary signs may be permitted without municipal approval: i) Sale or lease signs, a maximum of one sign for each street frontage provided such sign is located on the property being sold or leased and does not exceed 0.8 square metres in display surface or copy area and are not illuminated or mechanized. ii) Signs displaying a notice in conformity with a legal requirement or regulation of a government, public board or agency, utility or statute. iii) Directions or notices displayed in connection with any Federal, Provincial or Municipal Election. [By-law 49/14] iv) Signs erected at a construction site to identify the contractors, engineers, architects, or other related personnel such signs shall be removed upon completion of the construction project.</p>	
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The event organizers have requested that permission be granted for the use a temporary portable digital sign to be used on June 16, 2023 for the duration of the event and to be removed the same day. The Township staff have received all other required applications for the event and is processing these applications. Township staff have no concerns with the request for relief from the Township’s Sign By-law 09/91 for this one day event.

Financial Implications

None

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

Township of Puslinch Sign By-law 9/91

Attachments

Schedule A – The North America Construction (1993) Ltd. Sign Variance Request

Schedule B – Sign Site Plan

Schedule C – Image of proposed sign

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by:

**Justine Brotherston,
Deputy Clerk**

**Courtenay Hoytfox,
Municipal Clerk**



May 31, 2023

His Worship James Seeley
Mayor, Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Road 34
Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0

Dear His Worship James Seeley and Council Members:

I am writing to you in reference to the sign By-Law in the Township of Puslinch. Our company is hosting a private invite-only event on our property on Friday June 16, 2023. This event is our Annual Lobsterfest lunch in appreciation of our employees and close working contacts. This event will take place in our parking lot and we have submitted the appropriate applications for Tent and Event permits as required with the Township. I am writing to you in hopes you will consider relief from By-Law 3.7 (Portable signs and signs incorporating intermittent illumination are prohibited). We are requesting relief from this By-Law on Friday, June 16, 2023, during the hours of 11am-4pm to ensure that guests can easily see where to park for the event, thus reducing road traffic or street parking. There is a large parking lot available for our guests to park adjacent to our Head Office building. This event would comply with all other By-Laws as stated on your website. Please find attached a sample photo of the type of signage that would be used in this instance.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

If you require any further details, please reach out to me,

Sincerely,

Jennifer Theriault
Office Manager
North America Construction (1993) Ltd.
NAC Constructors Ltd.

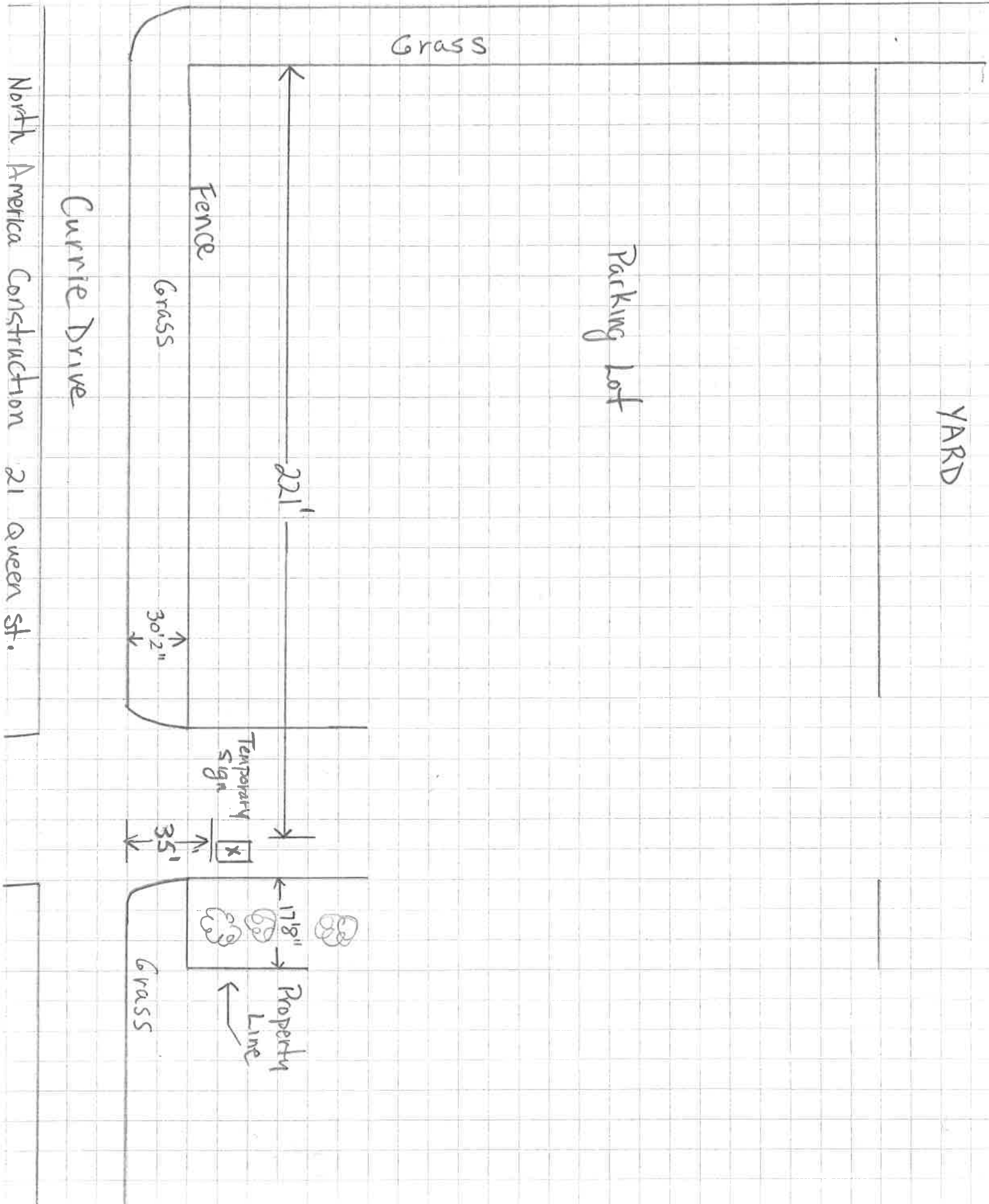
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REPORT ADM-2023-029

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

PREPARED BY: Justine Brotherston, Deputy Clerk

PRESENTED BY: Justine Brotherston, Deputy Clerk

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2023

SUBJECT: 2022-2026 Heritage Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives

RECOMMENDATION

That Report ADM-2023-029 entitled 2022-2026 Heritage Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives be received; and,

That Council approve the 2022-2026 Heritage Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives as presented/amended.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the Heritage Advisory Committee's proposed 2022-2026 Goals and Objectives for Council's approval and endorsement.

Background

At the beginning of each term of Council, the Township's Advisory Committee's develop a list of Goals and Objectives for Council's approval and endorsement. The Committee's Goals and Objectives are reviewed at each meeting and additional Goals and Objective's may be added throughout the term through either Council's referral or the Committee completing a Goals/Objectives Proposal for Council's approval and endorsement. The purpose of the Goals and Objectives is to provide a structured timeline for the completion of the Heritage Advisory Committee's initiatives.

Comments

Below is a list of the Committee's Goals and Objectives for the 2022-2026 Term to date, as well as status updates regarding each Goal/Objective.

Goal/Objective	Sub-Committee	Budget	Person(s) Responsible	2022-2026 Status/Timeline Update
Regular Reporting To Council	N	N	Committee Coordinator to draft reports on behalf of the Committee regarding their Goals and Objectives	Complete - Spring Report - Annual review of proposed Goals/Objectives Fall Report - Annual progress update of approved Goals/Objectives.
Doors of Puslinch Poster	Y	Y	Sub-Committee to implement Doors of Puslinch Poster program	Sub-committee to seek printing quotes.
Heritage Register and Bill 23	N	Y	Committee Coordinator to advise committee of conference registration for Community Heritage Ontario Conference and National Trust Conference	Sub-committees to prepare Statements of Cultural Value/Interest no later than July 7, 2023.
Engagement Opportunities	Y	N	Sub-Committee to looking for opportunities to increase awareness of heritage initiatives and education	Sub-committee to develop plan for committee's approval.

Financial Implications

None

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

None

Engagement Opportunities

None

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by:

**Justine Brotherston,
Deputy Clerk**

**Courtenay Hoytfox,
Municipal Clerk (Interim CAO)**



REPORT ADM-2023-030

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

PREPARED BY: Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk (Interim CAO)

PRESENTED BY: Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk (Interim CAO)

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2023

SUBJECT: City of Guelph Expression of Interest for the property 880 Victoria Rd S

RECOMMENDATION

That Report ADM-2023-030 entitled City of Guelph Expression of Interest for the property 880 Victoria Rd S be received; and

That Council submit comments to the City of Guelph regarding the potential use of the property as follows: _____.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding the City of Guelph Expression of Interest for the property 880 Victoria Rd S for consideration.

Background

The Township was initially notified of the property at 880 Victoria Rd S when it was discussed at the City of Guelph Council in relation to the structure deterioration and the capital upgrades that were planned to ensure the building remained structurally sound and to provide basic conditioning to prevent further deterioration. Township and City staff engaged in discussion regarding the property as it is listed on the Township Heritage Register with non-designated status. During discussions with City staff, the City committed to circulating the Township when the expression of interest seeking potential uses of the property was published. The Expression of interest was published on May 30, 2023 and is open for proposals until August 31, 2023.

The Heritage Committee was presented with the expression of interest at their June 5, 2023 meeting and offers Council the following comments for consideration:

Resolution No. 2023-022:

Moved by Lily Klammer-Tsuji

Seconded by Josh Heller

That the Verbal Report from Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk regarding City of Guelph Request for Expression of Interest for 880 Victoria Rd Property be received for information; and further,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee forward the following comments to Council for consideration;

- i. The Heritage Advisory Committee supports sports and recreation uses, affordable housing uses, or commercial uses on the property, such that any development does not impact the Heritage features on the property;**
- ii. The Heritage Advisory Committee requests that the Heritage features of the property be maintained where possible; and**
- iii. The Heritage Advisory Committee supports educational facilities or uses on the property through a post-secondary institution or non-profit organization;**
- iv. The Heritage Advisory Committee requests that they be included in any further changes to the uses on the property and any long term development plans.**
- v. The Heritage Advisory Committee requests information from the GRCA regarding the permitted uses on the property;**

CARRIED

Staff are not suggesting that the Township submit a formal proposal for the expression of interest. Staff suggest that the Township forward comments to City staff and Council for consideration when selecting an organization to rehabilitate the property for its use.

The expression of interest documents are attached to this report as Schedule "A" through Schedule "D".

Financial Implications

None

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

None

Engagement Opportunities

Social Media Engagement – Re-share City of Guelph Expression of Interest for potential Puslinch organizations.

Attachments

Schedule "A" 880 Victoria Rd S Expression of Interest Reference No. 23-074

Schedule "B" Site and Building Photos

Schedule "C" Subject Property Map

Schedule "D" Floor Plans

Respectfully submitted,

Courtenay Hoytfox,
Municipal Clerk



The Corporation of the City of Guelph

**Request for Expression of Interest for 880 Victoria
Road Property**

Reference Number: 23-074

Electronic Tenders Only

Closes: Thursday, August 31st 2023 at 2:30 pm local time

Alternate formats are available as per the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act by contacting Purchasing at 519-822-1260 extension 2328 or TTY 519-826-9771.

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A. Definitions of Terms Used in this RFT

1. Definitions

1. In this RFEOI, capitalized terms other than those defined in this RFEOI have the meanings provided in the Procurement By-law.

2. In this RFEOI, the following terms have the indicated meanings:

"City" means The Corporation of the City of Guelph;

"Closing Time" means 2:30:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, August 31st 2023 as determined by the City's Electronic Bidding System web clock;

"Conflict of Interest", in respect of a Proponent, means a situation where the Proponent is an employee of the City, a spouse or child of an employee of the City, or a corporation or other business entity in which an employee of the City or his or her spouse or child has an interest or is a director or officer;

"Procurement By-law" means By-law Number (2018)-20259 of the City, as amended or replaced from time to time;

"Proposal" means a submission in response to this RFEOI;

"Procurement Representative" means the representative of the City designated by the City as the principal contact person in respect of this RFT, and particularly its procurement aspects;

"Respondent" means an individual or company submitting a Proposal to this RFEOI;

"RFEOI" means this Request for Expression of Interest and all related documents;

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B. Goods and Services the City is Seeking

1. Background

The City of Guelph (City) is issuing this Request for Expression of Interest (RFEOI) from community users for the house located at 880 Victoria Road in Puslinch, also known as the Carter-Caulfield farmhouse.

The property comprises approximately 53 hectares and is located just outside the City of Guelph, in Puslinch Township. The house located on the property is one of the earliest homesteads in Puslinch Township, with the back wing of the current farmhouse being constructed in the 1840's, and the main 2 storey farmhouse being constructed between 1865 and 1870. The Township of Puslinch has listed the Caulfield Carter farmhouse on their heritage register, under Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

A portion of the property was originally acquired by the City in 1916 to serve as a municipal drinking water well for the City. The entire property came into ownership of the City between 1916 and 1983.

Currently, the primary use of the site is for operation and maintenance of a municipal drinking water supply well for the City of Guelph. With the presence of this important piece of infrastructure, ongoing protection of this municipal water supply under requirements of the Clean Water Act will need to be protected as well as forested areas and Torrance Creek when looking to the potential future uses of the property.

2. Key Priorities

Any group interested in the use of this house / property will have to meet the following key priorities:

- The Property is a key drinking water production site for the City, and the property shall remain owned by the City, access to the house / immediate surrounding lands would be granted.
- Complete any repairs necessary and maintain the existing Carter-Caulfield house, including: installation of a new holding tank or septic system and drinking water well to service the farmhouse to the satisfaction of Guelph Water Services and Township Building Services Department.
- Maintain the heritage aspects and attributes of the house and property.
- Minimize any impact to the surrounding environmentally sensitive lands, in accordance with local Planning policies and Guelph Official Plan.
- Comply with requirements of the MECP, City of Guelph and Township of Puslinch/ County of Wellington legal requirements to ensure City's drinking water supply is not adversely affected by any activities on the property.
- Comply with the County of Wellington / Township of Puslinch Source Protection Policies as defined in the [Approved Grand River Source Protection Plan](#).
- Complete a Spills Response Plan satisfactory to the City of Guelph and Wellington Sourcewater defining all potential activities on-site.
- Complete a Salt Management Plan satisfactory to the City of Guelph to ensure the ongoing protection of the drinking water sources.
- The City shall have maintained access to the site, with the proponent having access to the house and immediate surrounding lands only.

3. Site Environmental Requirements

The site is a major source of drinking water for the City, producing approximately 2.3 MLD of drinking water. There is a City owned and operated drinking water supply well pump house building and well located approximately 175 meters east of the Carter – Caulfield house on the property. This well and pump house are fed from a shallow groundwater aquifer on site. The water supply source for the municipal well is recharged in part through surface water and is sensitive to site activities. As such, use of the property and surrounding lands would be restricted by the Clean Water Act and other applicable law to help protect the supply of drinking water to the City and ensure that the aquifer does not become contaminated. No dangerous materials, hazardous substances, or uses that would involve utilizing substances on the land (spraying, fertilizer, etc.) or other operations that have potential to impact the on site aquifer (fuel storage and/or vehicle fueling, etc.) would be permitted. Use of the site would also be restricted to ensure that there is no effect on existing or future City water operations, and City operations would take precedence over any external user groups on the site.

The site geography also includes regulated floodplain area by the GRCA and provincially significant wetlands. Any modifications to the site must be in compliance with the requirements from the GRCA and all applicable environmental requirements as well as City approvals. Appendix A includes a map of the property and the current GRCA regulation requirements.

4. Existing Building Information

The house on the subject property is located approximately 300 meters from the road. Traffic into and out of the site would only be allowed on existing gravel roads to the building and parking for the site is approximately 40 meters away from the house with no current accessible pathway to the house. Floor plan drawings of the house are available in Appendix B.

The existing house is approximately 250 meters square (2500 sq ft).

The current house requires extensive work to make the house habitable again, and building restoration is required including all new HVAC, electrical, plumbing, water supply (no municipal water supply is available at the site), septic, and all interior finishes. The cost to make the house habitable again, and provide updated water, electrical, and septic service is the responsibility of the proponent.

5. City Support & Roles

The City is currently undertaking approximately \$110,000 worth of capital upgrades to the building at the site to ensure the building is structurally sound and provide basic conditioning for the space to help prevent further deterioration. The capital upgrades are planned to be completed by the end of 2023.

The City does not have other available funding for this site.

6. Submission Requirements

The City is looking for interested parties to provide their ideas for the utilization of the house and associated property that is in compliance with all of the environmental requirements of the site. Respondents are strongly encouraged to

review the information provided herein and consider the environmental limitations of the site and requirements from local Planning Authorities, outside environmental agencies such as the GRCA and applicable Source Protection Policies, prior to providing a submission.

Part A – Your proposal (Maximum 1000 Words)

- a) Provide a description of your idea for the site and use for the building. Include in the proposal how the use would be in compliance with the site requirements.
- b) Provide information on how the existing house on the property would be utilized, how it would be maintained and how the use would be in compliance with the existing heritage aspects the City is looking to maintain.

Part B – Your organization (Maximum 1000 words)

- a) Include information on why your organization is interested in the property / building, and how this would be a beneficial use of the property and facility.
- b) How your organization would be able to meet the financial requirements to utilize the property and maintain the facility. Provide information on any assumptions or underlying financial conditions in your proposal.
- c) Provide information on the history of your organization, governance structure, leadership, governing body, similar assignments or other supporting information as appropriate.

7. Appendices

Appendix A – 880 Victoria Road Property

Appendix B – Carter Farmhouse Floor Plans

Appendix C – Site and Building Photos

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C. Instructions to Respondents

8. Electronic Proposals Only

1. This RFEOI requires submission of Proposals only by electronic means, and therefore is open only to Respondents who have created vendor accounts in the City's Electronic Bidding System.
2. The City reserves the right, in case of problems with its Electronic Bidding System, to change, at any time, to a paper-based bidding system in respect of part or all of this RFEOI process.

9. Procurement Representative

1. The procurement representative for this Proposal is;
 - a) Cameron McWade

10. Questions and Answers

1. The City shall not entertain any oral questions related to this RFEOI, and shall not provide any oral answers related to this RFEOI.
2. All questions must be submitted through the City's Electronic Bidding System using the "Submit a Question" link associated with this bid opportunity. Questions submitted in any other manner will be unaddressed until they are properly submitted via the "Submit a Question" function in the City's Electronic Bidding System.
3. The City shall not accept any questions during the five (5) days prior to the Closing Time, to allow the City adequate time to send any required responses to all Proponents as addenda.

11. Addenda

1. The City shall issue any answers to questions or changes/additions/deletions to the Specifications and/or Terms and Conditions of this RFEOI by way of addenda. Any and all addenda issued prior to the Closing Time form part of this RFEOI. The City shall not issue any addenda after 12:00 noon the day before the Closing Time, unless they include an extension of the Closing Time.
2. The City recommends that after submitting a Proposal, the Respondent should check for addenda up until the Closing Time.

12. Withdrawal of RFEOI

1. The City may, at its discretion, withdraw, cancel or amend this RFEOI at any time either before or after the Closing Time. The City shall not be liable for any risk, expense, cost, loss or damage incurred or suffered by any Respondent or any other person as a result of such withdrawal, cancellation or amendment.

13. Procurement By-Law

1. The City's Procurement By-law applies to this RFEOI.
2. Each Respondent shall abide by the Procurement By-law.

3. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the City reminds potential Respondents of the following provisions of the Procurement By-Law:

- a) Section 4.5.g.3. Opposing Parties.
- b) Schedule "F" Performance Evaluation of Suppliers.

14. Costs of proposal

- 1. The City shall not be responsible for any risk, expense, cost, loss or damage incurred or suffered by any Respondent or any other person in:
 - a) Obtaining the information and material comprising the RFEOI;
 - b) Carrying out any site visit;
 - c) Carrying out or attending at any invasive site testing;
 - d) Preparing a Proposal;
 - e) Revising a Proposal;
 - f) Submitting a Proposal or revised Proposal; or
 - g) Submitting any samples and/or descriptive literature in relation to goods forming part of this RFEOI.

15. Effects of Submitting a Proposal

- 1. By submitting a Proposal under this RFEOI, the Respondent:
 - a) Agrees to all provisions of this RFEOI.
 - b) Represents and warrants that:
 - i. No person other than the Respondent has any interest in the Proposal;
 - ii. All information submitted in the Proposal is true, complete and accurate;
 - iii. The Proposal is made without fraud, collusion, connection, knowledge, comparison of figures or arrangement with any other person submitting a Proposal;
 - iv. No employee or member of Council of the City is or will become interested, directly or indirectly, as a contracting party or otherwise in the provision of the Goods and Services to be provided pursuant to this RFEOI, or in any portion of the monies or profits to be derived from the Proposal.
 - c) Agrees that it has no, and shall have no, claim for any expense, cost, loss or damages of any kind whatsoever, against the City, arising from participating in any way in this RFEOI process.
 - d) Releases, to the City, all rights to all information and material comprising its Proposal.

16. Status of Information and Material Submitted

- 1. All information and material submitted by a Respondent will form part of the Respondent's Proposal and, upon submission, becomes the property of the City.
- 2. The information received from Respondent will assist the City in specifying the required/desired goods/services attributes and may be used to draft a formal request for proposal, tender or quotation if any. Additional information may be requested, throughout the process.
- 3. The Submissions are intended as informational to the City only. Neither the receipt or review of a Submission nor the seeking of clarification shall oblige the City to enter into a contract with any Respondent or to use information provided

in the Respondents Submission for future procurement purposes, and shall not constitute an acceptance of the Respondents Submission nor to create contractual relations with any Respondent. The City's use of information provided in a Submission in a future procurement process, shall not be considered an acceptance of the Submission nor an intention to create contractual relations with any Respondent.

17. Confidentiality of Information

1. The documentation comprising any Proposal submitted in response to this RFEOI, along with all correspondence, documentation and information provided to the City by any Respondent in connection with, or arising out of this RFEOI, once received by the City:
 - a) Shall become the property of the City; and
 - b) Shall become subject to the Municipal Free of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("MFIPPA"), and may be released, pursuant to the Act.

18. No Contract 'A' and No Claims

1. This procurement process is not intended to create and shall not create a formal bidding process. For greater certainty and without limitations:
 - a) This RFEOI shall not give rise to any Contract "A" based tendering law duties or any other legal obligations arising out of any process contract or collateral contract; and
 - b) Neither the Respondent nor the City shall have the right to make any claim (in contract, tort or otherwise) against the other with respect to the selection of Respondent's, a decision to reject a response or disqualify a Respondent, or a decision of the Respondent to withdraw its Submission.

19. No Legal Relationship

1. No legal relationship or obligation regarding the procurement process of any good or service shall be created between the Respondent and the City by this RFEOI process.

20. Review of Proposal Submissions

1. Proposal submissions will be reviewed by City staff and the information gathered will be used to guide next steps, if any.
2. Proposal submissions received after closing date and time may be considered depending on the progress of this project.
3. Proposal submissions can be submitted at anytime up to the closing date and time.
4. The City reserves the right to discontinue the process at any time.
5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this RFEOI:
 - a) There is no obligation on the part of the City to proceed with an RFEOI process and the City may at any time for any reason terminate this RFEOI and/or any resulting RFEOI.

- b) If after the completion of the review of Proposals, the City determines that they have received a Proposal that satisfies the outcome, the City may choose to engage in the direct negotiation with the Respondent.
- c) The City reserves the right to close the bidding process at any time upon receipt of an acceptable proposal during the open bidding period.

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D. Procedures for Submitting a Proposal

21. Submission of Proposal

1. A potential Respondent with a vendor account must register as a recipient of this RFEOI on the Bids and Tenders portion of the City's website.
2. For this RFEOI, unless an addendum provides otherwise, the City shall accept only electronic Proposals submitted through the City's Electronic Bidding System on the Bids and Tenders portion of the City's website.
3. A Respondent may withdraw the Respondent's Proposal prior to the Closing Time and either:
 - a) Keep the Proposal out of the RFEOI; or
 - b) Edit and re-submit the Proposal before the Closing Time.
4. The City shall accept only those electronic Proposals received by the City's Electronic Bidding System up to the posted Closing Time. The City reserves the right to close the bidding process at any time upon receipt of an acceptable proposal during the open bidding period. The City's Electronic Bidding System will not accept Proposals received after the Closing Time. The date and time that the electronic Proposal was sent by the Respondent is of no consequence.
5. Each Respondent shall allow sufficient time to upload the Proposal and applicable attachments and to resolve any uploading and transmission issues, such as "Internet traffic jams", file transfer size and transmission speed.
6. It is recommended that Respondents submit their Proposal:
 - a) More than twenty-four (24) hours before the Closing Time, in order to allow time for the Respondent to contact the City's Purchasing Representative if:
 - i. The Respondent encounters any problems in submitting the Proposal; or
 - ii. The Respondent fails to receive an email confirming receipt of the Proposal; and
 - b) Not more than forty-eight (48) hours before the Closing Time, to allow for the receipt of any addenda.

City of Guelph

880 Victoria Road Expression of Interest

Appendix C- Site and Building Photos

May, 2023

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Image 1: View of House and Lands looking North from Driveway

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Image 2: View of 1840's Original Structure South facing Exterior Wall



Image 3: View of North Wall looking South

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Image 4: View of front of house including the original 1840's house in background.

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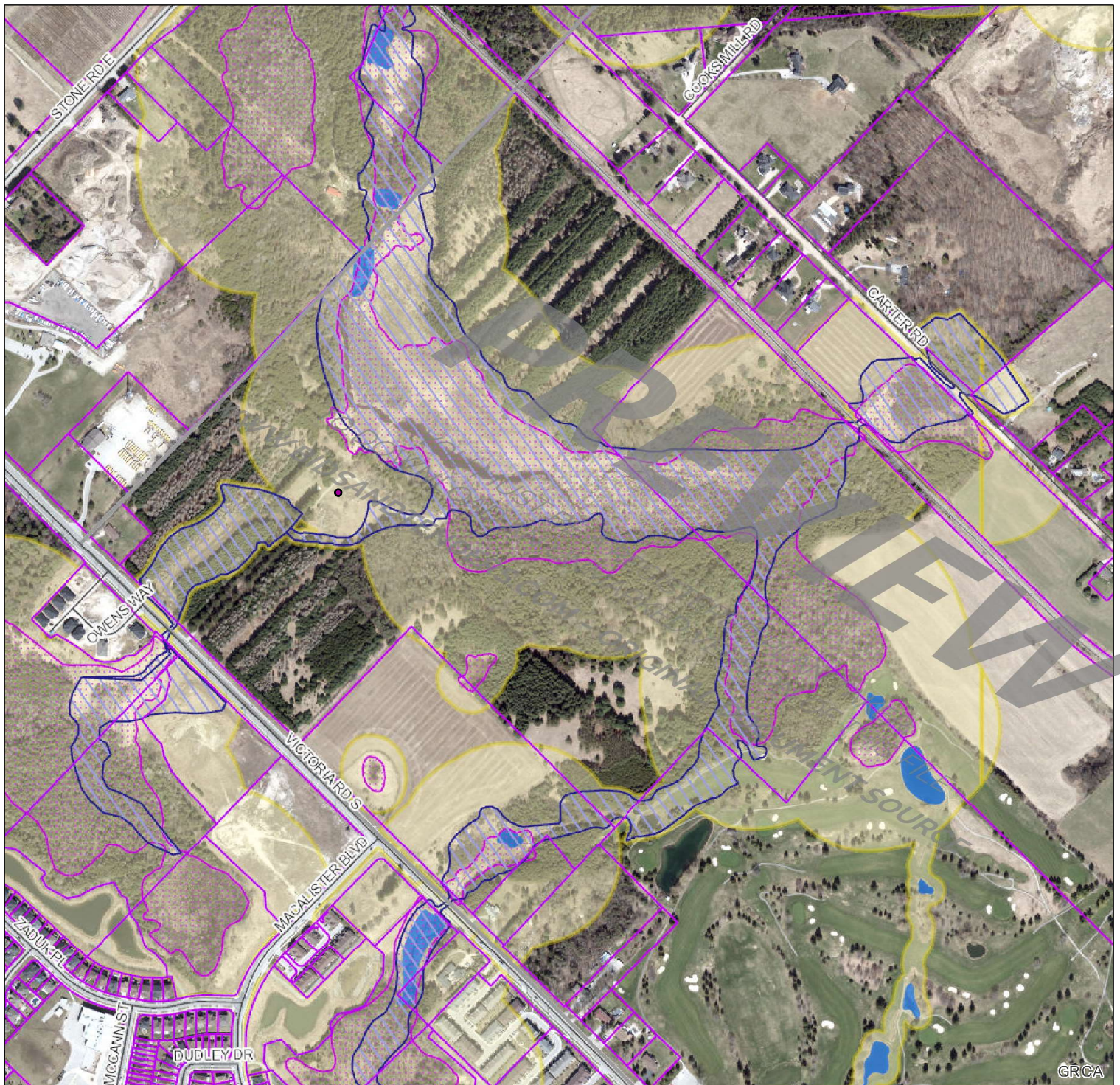
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Appendix A – 880 Victoria Road Property

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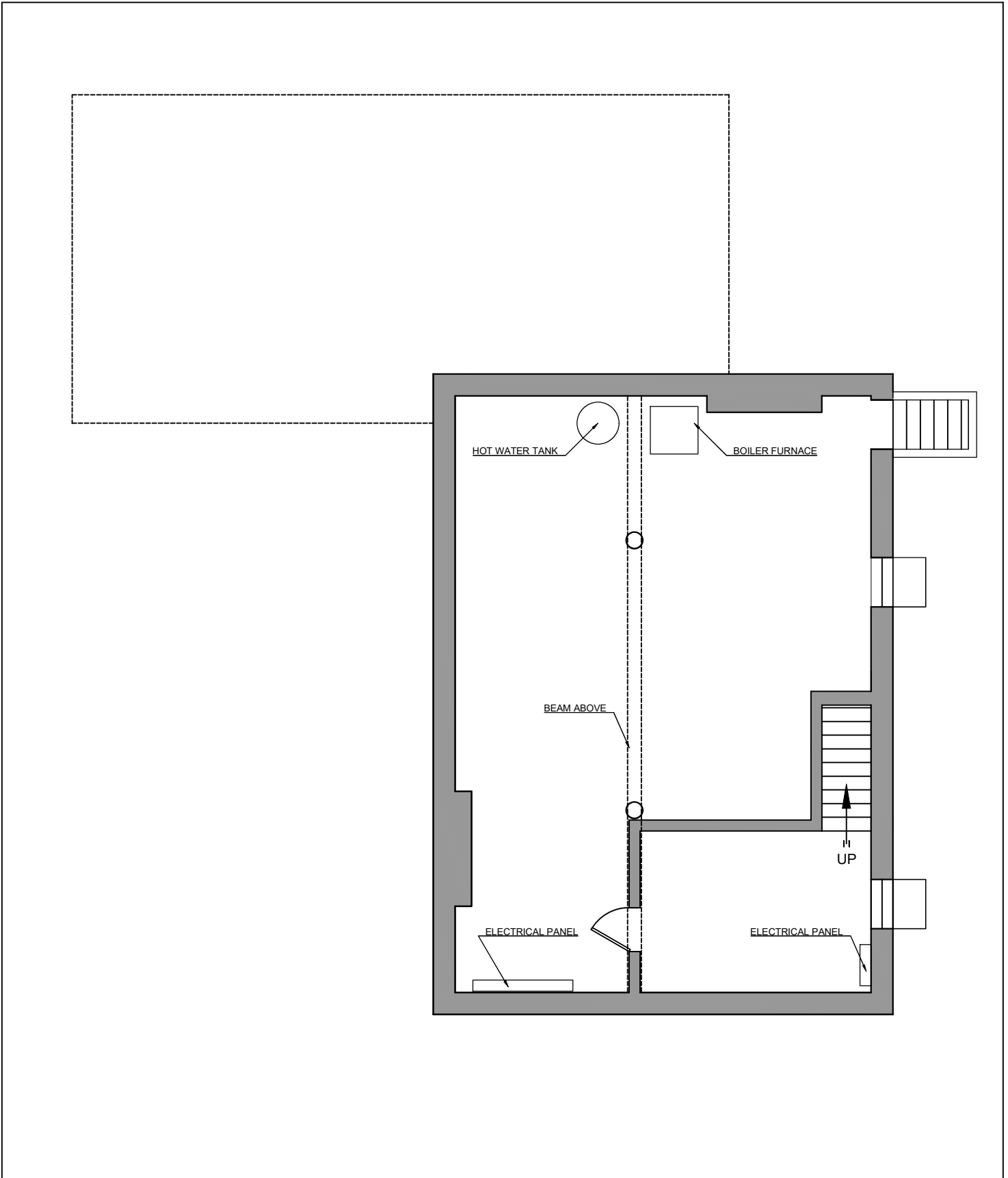
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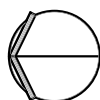
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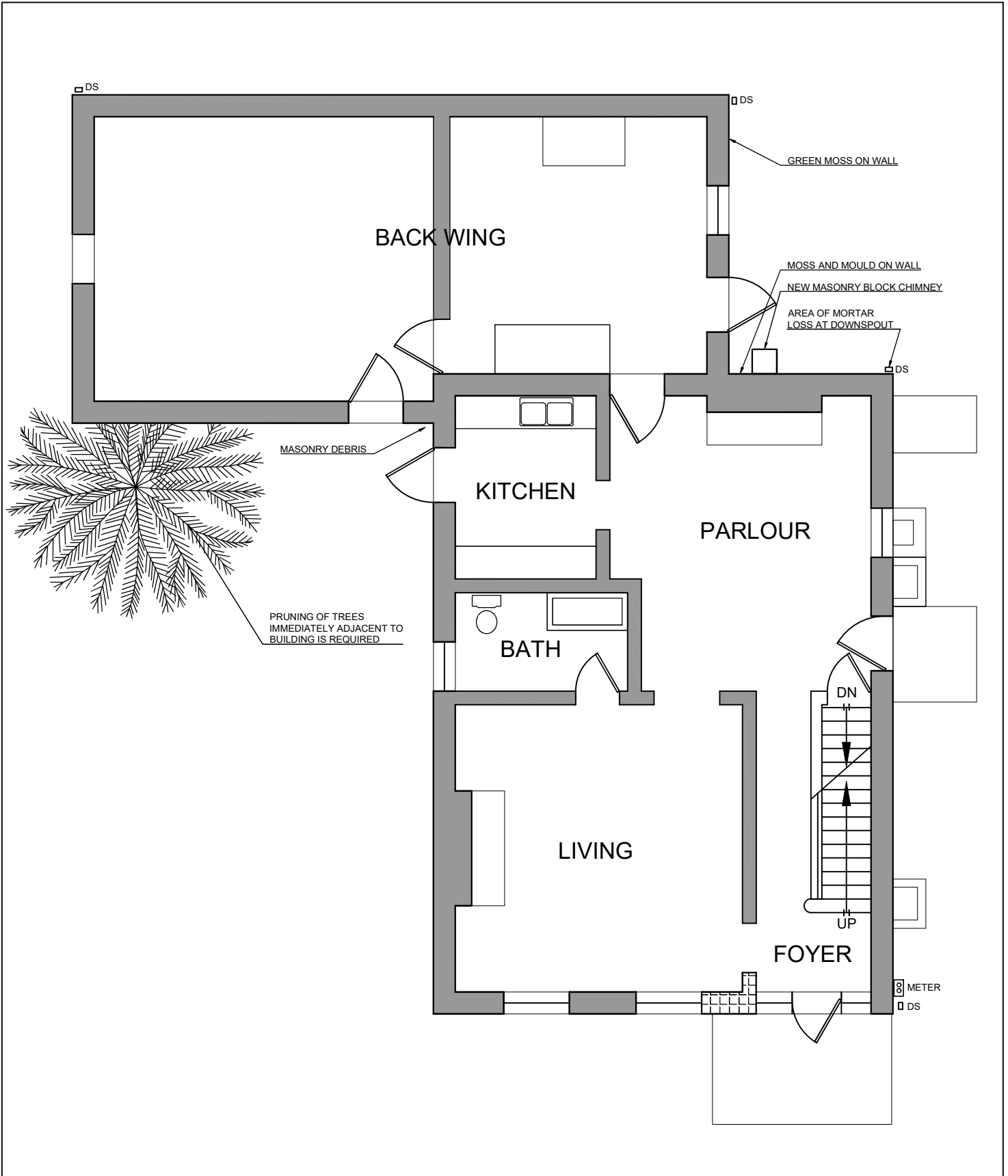
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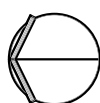
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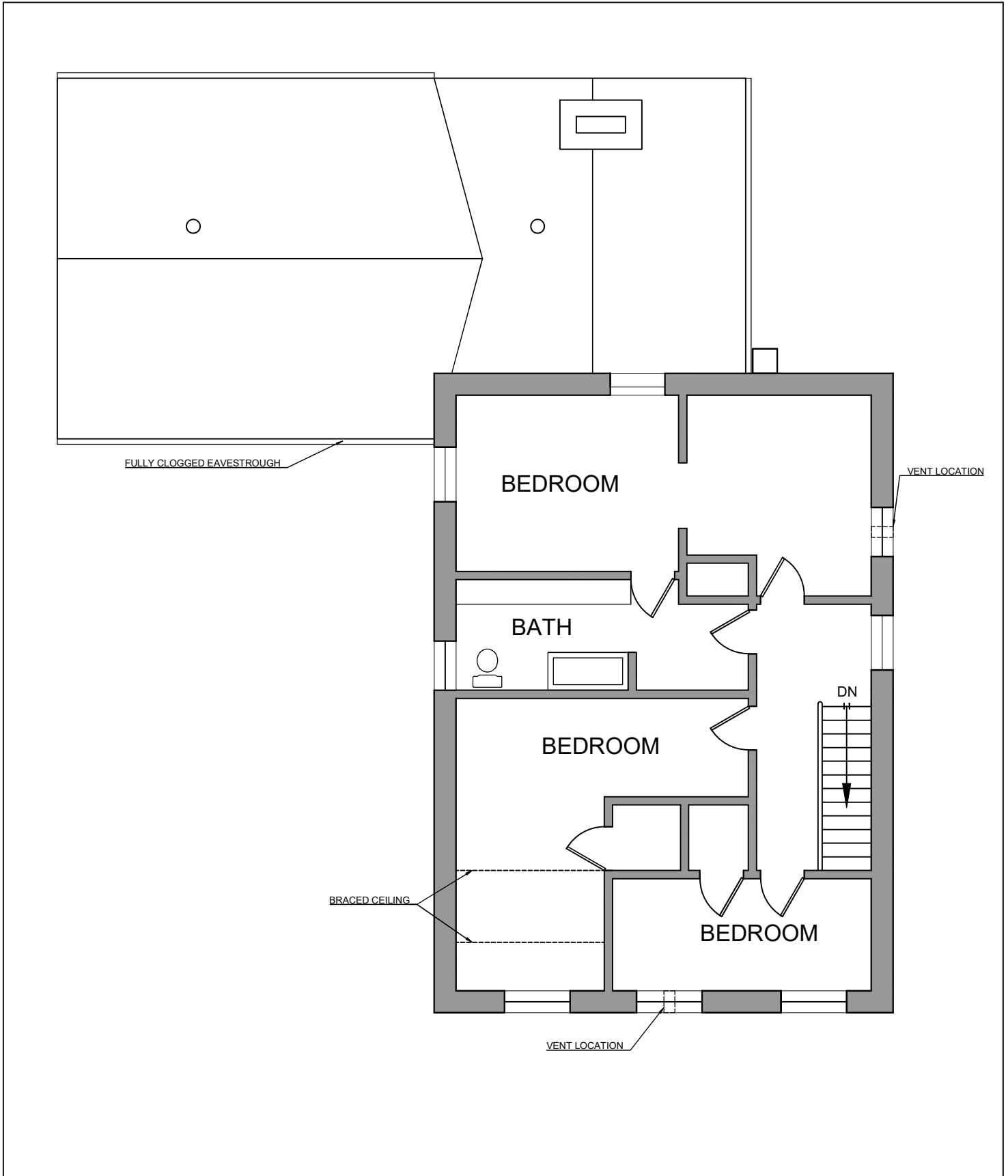
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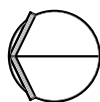
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Upper Floor: Scale 1/4" = 1'-0"



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REPORT ADM-2023-031

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

PREPARED BY: Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk (Interim CAO)

PRESENTED BY: Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk (Interim CAO)

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Community Guide & Business Directory and associated programs

RECOMMENDATION

That Report ADM-2023-031 entitled Proposed Community Guide & Business Directory and associated programs be received; and

That Council direct staff to proceed with Option X as identified in report ADM-2023-031 and proceed with next steps as identified in the report; and

That Council direct staff to provide detailed costing during the 2024 budget process based on the option selected; and

That Council direct staff to engage with the County of Wellington requesting financial support for the program commencing in 2024.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information relating to staff's proposal to better promote, engage and support local businesses in the Township. The proposal also aims to streamline information relating to Township and County services in order to provide residents and visitors access in one centralized document.

Background

Council set its 2023 Corporate Work Plan and identified greater involvement with economic development initiatives as a priority for 2023. With the Shop Local program recently closing as of April 2023, staff identified an opportunity to continue to engage, promote and support local

businesses directly through a Township initiated Community Guide and Business Directory program.

The Township and County have information for residents, business owners and visitors available in various locations on their respective websites including information such as:

- County of Wellington Economic Development initiatives are located on the County website;
- Puslinch Business Directory is located on the County website;
- Community Improvement Plan is listed on the Township website and the County website;
- Township New Resident Welcome Package is located on the Township website;
- Festival and Events listing is available on the County website;
- Trails and Forest Listing is available on the County website;
- Township Facilities and Parks listings are available on the Township website.

Staff are proposing that this information be consolidated into a Puslinch focused Community Guide and Business Directory. The Guide could be made available in hard copy at the Township Office and Township facilities and/or digitally on the Township website. Staff have also included an option to distribute the hard copy guide and directory directly to properties on an annual basis. A draft of the Community Guide and Business Directory is attached to this report as Schedule "A". In addition, a digital version of the guide can be viewed at the link:

<https://www.calameo.com/read/007380109af8aafbe300c>

Staff are currently utilizing the free version of the Calameo software. Should Council proceed with the development of the guide and directory, the Township would purchase the paid version of the software which would not include the advertisements as seen at the link above.

The Township is able to promote the proposed Community Guide and Business Directory through the existing tools the Township is already utilizing:

- Township social media;
- Township website and EngagePuslinch;
- Welcome packages for new residents;
- Puslinch Pioneer advertisements (costing included in Table 1);
- County of Wellington Economic Development resources;
- Township Digital sign;
- Bi-annual Community Newsletter (Property Tax insert)

In order to better engage with local business and industry, staff are proposing that information be included in the Township Community Newsletter regarding the program and direct business owners to register with the Township. By registering, the business would be included in the Directory and listed on the Township website. In addition, the registration form would offer the opportunity for businesses to participate in the proposed Township spotlight article program called "Puslinch Profile Features". Puslinch Profile Features is proposed as another way to support and promote local business and industry. When registering a business, the following information would be requested:

- General business information such as:
 - business location;
 - type of business;
 - services/products offered;
 - owner/operator contact information;
- A few photos (could include photo of the business owner, products, building, etc.);
- Opt-in option to participate in the Puslinch Profile Features program;
- The business would also be asked the following questions which would be the basis for the Puslinch Profile Features article:
 - Tell us about the background and history of your business.
 - What makes your business unique?
 - Are there any key dates or special events planned over the next year?
 - Tell us why it's important to support and shop local.

There are underutilized existing opportunities to promote and support businesses in Puslinch both at the County and Township. Collecting contact information from business owners will facilitate on-going engagement for programs such as the Community Improvement Plan grant program and baseball diamond and rink board advertisements opportunities. It will also provide an opportunity for businesses to tell the Township what they need and how the Township and County can better support local through economic development initiatives.

The Business Directory and Puslinch Profile Features program would be available for the following business types to participate:

- Home business
- Home Industry
- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Industrial

Staff are proposing that the Puslinch Profile Features be promoted and shared with the community in the following ways:

- Posted on the Township website;
- Share on the Township social media platforms (cost details are provide in Table 1 below);
- Included in Council agenda packages as consent items;
- Paid articles in the Puslinch Pioneer (cost details are provide in Table 1 below).

Staff have provided two (2) samples of Puslinch Profile Features attached to this report as Schedule "B".

Staff are proposing that no fee be charged to businesses for participation in this program at this time. The total cost of potential program options are outlined in Table 1. Staff recommend that the County be requested to provide funding support to the Township for the program in order to subsidize the cost to Township residents. Staff will provide a more detailed costing analysis during the 2024 budget process subject to Council direction.

It is important to note that this program aims to be inclusive and is not intended to penalize those that apply to participate in the program. In accordance with the Township By-law Enforcement Policy, the Township does not proactively enforce potential violations to regulatory by-laws. It will be communicated that by submitting a registration form, businesses will be subject to an initial screening to ensure the use generally complies with regulatory by-laws such as a zoning. If it is identified through the screening process that a use does not comply, they will not be eligible to participate in the program, however, no enforcement action will be taken in accordance with the Township Policy. The business will be advised accordingly and will have the ability consult further with the Township should they choose to do so.

By participating in the Business Directory and/or Puslinch Profile Features programs, the Township is not confirming or responsible for the property's compliance with regulatory by-laws or other agency requirements. The owner of the property is responsible for ensuring all regulatory compliance. The initial screening by staff will ensure the use is permitted in the zone generally, however will not review the specifics of the use and operations.

Next Steps

Should Council be supportive of this initiative, staff recommend that initial engagement commence as soon as possible. Staff recommend the following next steps in advance of the 2024 budget approval process:

- Engage with businesses currently listed on the County Business directory through mail notification advising of the proposed Business Directory and/or Puslinch Profile Features programs (end of June 2023);
- Engage with the Community as a whole through the fall edition of the Community Newsletter (circulated in July 2023);
- Schedule a Public Open House specifically regarding the proposed Business Directory and/or Puslinch Profile Features to promote participation (fall 2023 exact date TBD);
- Attend the Farmers Market to promote participation (summer 2023);
- Engage with the County Economic Development department in order to schedule annual open house meetings with a Puslinch focus and inviting the Puslinch business and industry stakeholders and community to attend in order to facilitate open dialogue to improve services and opportunities at the Township and County.

Financial Implications

Table 1 - Options and Costing

Program Options	Engagements	Costing
Option 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial outreach to businesses currently listed on the County directory 2. Monthly Puslinch Pioneer articles; 3. Paid Social Media Posts 4. Engage Puslinch 5. Township Website 6. Local Event Attendance at the Farmers Market 7. Digital Sign 8. Community Newsletter 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$150 (one time postage cost) 2. \$2,150 + HST / year (includes one (1) half page article per month for spotlight articles) 3. \$240 + HST / year 4. No direct cost as costs associated with the Engage Puslinch are already accounted for 5. No cost 6. No cost for community groups 7. No Cost 8. No direct cost as costs associated with the Newsletter are already accounted for

	9. Software costs for Guide and Directory Development (Calameo software)	9. \$235 + HST / year
Total Cost for Option 1	\$2,775 + HST / year	
Option 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial outreach to businesses currently listed on the County directory 2. 250 paper guides printed annually for distribution at Township facilities; 3. Monthly Puslinch Pioneer articles; 4. Paid Social Media Posts 5. Engage Puslinch 6. Township Website 7. Local Event Attendance at the Farmers Market 8. Digital Sign 9. Community Newsletter 10. Software costs for Guide and Directory Development (Calameo software) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$150 (one time postage cost) 2. \$1,256 + HST 3. \$2,150 + HST / year (includes one (1) half page article per month for spotlight articles) 4. \$240 + HST / year 5. No direct cost as costs associated with the Engage Puslinch are already accounted for 6. No cost 7. No cost for community groups 8. No Cost 9. No direct cost as costs associated with the Newsletter are already accounted for 10. \$235 + HST / year
Total Cost for Option 2	\$4,031 + HST / year	
Option 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial outreach to businesses currently listed on the County directory 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$150 (one time postage cost)

	<p>2. 3500 paper guides printed and distributed to all properties annually and 250 paper copies for distribution at Township facilities;</p> <p>3. Monthly Puslinch Pioneer articles;</p> <p>4. Paid Social Media Posts</p> <p>5. Engage Puslinch</p> <p>6. Township Website</p> <p>7. Local Event Attendance at the Farmers Market</p> <p>8. Digital Sign</p> <p>9. Community Newsletter</p> <p>10. Software costs for Guide and Directory Development (Calameo software)</p>	<p>2. \$8,587 + HST</p> <p>3. \$2,150 + HST / year (includes one (1) half page article per month for spotlight articles)</p> <p>4. \$240 + HST / year</p> <p>5. No direct cost as costs associated with the Engage Puslinch are already accounted for</p> <p>6. No cost</p> <p>7. No cost for community groups</p> <p>8. No Cost</p> <p>9. No direct cost as costs associated with the Newsletter are already accounted for</p> <p>10. \$235 + HST / year</p>
<p>Total Cost for Option 3</p>	<p>\$11,212 + HST / year</p>	

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

None

Engagement Opportunities

Social Media Engagement; Township Website; Engage Puslinch; Community Groups/Stakeholder Engagement; Print Advertisements/Notices; Media Release; Local Event Attendance (Farmers Market, Fall Fair, Family Day Events, etc.); Digital Sign; Baseball Diamond & Rink Board Advertisements; Bi-annual Community Newsletter (tax insert)

Attachments

Schedule "A" Proposed Draft Community Guide and Business Directory
Schedule "B" Proposed sample Puslinch Profile Features

Respectfully submitted,

**Courtenay Hoytfox,
Municipal Clerk**

Puslinch Community Guide



2024

Township of Puslinch

General Inquiries

519-763-1226 services@puslinch.ca

Roads Department

519-763-1226 x 101 admin@puslinch.ca

Council and Committee Services

519-763-1226 x 103 admin@puslinch.ca

By-law Enforcement

519-763-1226 x 105 by-law@puslinch.ca

Facility and Hall Rentals

519-763-1226 x 107 services@puslinch.ca

Building Services

519-763-1226 x 100 services@puslinch.ca

Fire and Rescue Services

519-763-1226 x 102 admin@puslinch.ca

Planning and Zoning

519-763-1226 x 104 planning@puslinch.ca

Property Taxes

519-763-1226 x 106 services@puslinch.ca

Animal Control

519-623-6323 cambridgehumanesociety.org

To view a full list of municipal staff contacts visit Puslinch.ca/directory.

Community & Emergency Services

County of Wellington

519-837-2600

Hydro One

1-888-664-9376

Enbridge Gas - Residential

519-837-2600

Guelph General Hospital

115 Delhi St., Guelph, ON

519-882-5350

Hamilton General Hospital

237 Barton St, Hamilton, ON

905-521-2100

St. Joseph's Health Care Centre

100 Westmount Rd., Guelph, ON

519-824-6000

St. Joseph's Health Care Hamilton

King Campus, 2757 King St. E., Hamilton, ON

905-522-1155

Hydro One Outages

1-800-434-1235

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

1-800-265-7293

OPP Non-Emergency

1-888-310-1122

Milton District Hospital

725 Bronte St. S., Milton, ON

519-905-878-2383

Cambridge Memorial Hospital

700 Coronation Blvd., Cambridge, ON

519-621-2330

St. Joseph's Health Care Hamilton

Charlton Campus, 50 Charlton Ave. E.,

Hamilton, ON 905-522-1155

St. Joseph's Health Care Hamilton

West 5th Campus, 100 West 5th St.,

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Regular Office Hours

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Saturday and Sunday
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Monday–Friday

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Saturday and Sunday
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Millennium Garden

29 Brock Rd S, Puslinch



Township of Puslinch Council



Mayor's Message

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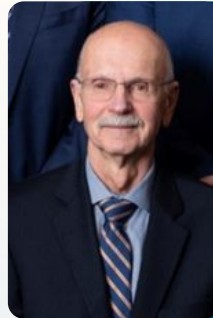
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Your Councillors



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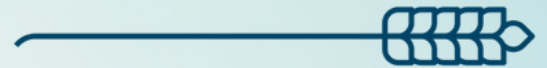
Councillor Sara Bailey
sbailey@Puslinch.ca
519-763-1226



Councillor Jessica Goyda
jgoyda@Puslinch.ca
519-763-1226

To learn more about your council or to view meeting dates, agendas and minutes visit Puslinch.ca/Council.

Committees of Council



Heritage Advisory Committee

The Committee is composed of 1 Councillor and 5 members of the public.

The Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. six times a year, or called by the Chair as required.

The responsibilities of the Heritage Advisory Committee include;

- Providing advice to Council on issues that affect the Township relating to Parts IV and V of the Ontario Heritage Act.
- Provide comments on all heritage applications, development applications which may impact existing or potential heritage properties, and demolition permits that apply to heritage properties

Recreation Advisory Committee

The Committee is composed of 1 Councillor and 4 members of the public.

Meetings are to be held quarterly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. or called by the Chair as required.

The responsibilities of the Recreation Advisory Committee include;

- Providing advice to Council on issues that affect all recreation facilities, parks, playing fields, playgrounds, programs, and the Puslinch Community Centre;
- Receiving and reviewing the operating and capital budget;
- Encouraging, promoting and assisting programs of recreation to meet the needs and interests of the community.

Planning and Development Advisory Committee & Committee of Adjustment

The Committee is composed of 1 Councillor and 4 members of the public.

The Committee meets monthly, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. or as called by the Chair.

The responsibilities of the Committees include;

- advising Council on issues and policies that relate to land use planning within the Township of Puslinch;
- considering applications for minor variances from the Zoning By-law.

Youth Advisory Committee

The Committee is composed of 1 Councillor and 11 youth within the Community.

The Committee meets monthly, on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. or as called by the Chair.

The responsibilities of the Youth Advisory Committee include;

- Providing advice to Council on issues that affect the young people between the ages of 12-18;
- Seek input on matters that affect them;
- Develop and strengthen communication and leadership skills through initiatives and activities held within the Township



Facility Booking & Rentals

Rooms & Halls

Optimist Recreation Centre - Rink



With two hockey nets, a scoreboard, and sound system, the outdoor arena at the Optimist Recreation Centre is fully equipped for your next outdoor sporting event. Whether it's an ice or ball hockey game, roller skating or even roller derby, this is the ideal place to enjoy being active outdoors, year round.

Optimist Recreation Centre - Gymnasium



Inside the Optimist Recreation Centre, you'll find a full-sized gymnasium – the perfect space for a range of events and activities such as volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, floor hockey, Zumba and pilates.

Puslinch Community Centre - Alf Hales Room



The Room is ideal for small meeting and family events. The Alf Hales Room has a kitchenette with a sink and a fridge that is included in the room rental. In the past, this room has been rented for occasions such as birthday parties, family get-togethers, off-site business meetings, bridal and baby showers.

Puslinch Community Centre - Archie MacRobbie Hall



The Hall seats 200 people comfortably and has a full kitchen facility and outdoor patio that is included with the rental of the hall. This hall has been used for a variety of events such as weddings, stag and does, birthday parties, meetings, auctions

Outdoor Spaces

Morrison Meadows Picnic Pavillon



Pack a lunch and enjoy this picnic pavilion located in Morrison Meadows Park. This space is also available to rent for private events.

Puslinch Community Centre Horse Paddock



The Horse Paddock is a protected enclosure for horses that can be rented through the Township. This unique space serves as an excellent place for horse shows.



Sports Fields

Aberfoyle Baseball Diamond



Located at 23 Brock Road between the Puslinch Community Centre and Optimist Recreation Centre. Aberfoyle baseball diamond is fully equipped with lighting for games, stands for fans to watch the game, and men and women restroom facilities.

Morrison Meadows Baseball Diamond



Morrison Meadows baseball diamond is located off of Currie Drive in Puslinch. At Morrison Meadows baseball field, fans are invited to cheer on their team in the stands. Conveniently placed beside the field, there are men and women restroom facilities. It is important to note that this is an unlit field.

Old Morrison Baseball Diamond



The entrance to the baseball diamond is on Main Street in Puslinch. Old Morrison baseball field is fully equipped with lighting for night games, stands for fans to watch the game, and on-site men and women restroom facilities.

Badenoch Soccer Pitch



Badenoch soccer field is located off Victoria Road south in Puslinch. This field has stands for fans that are located beside the field.

Puslinch Community Centre Soccer Pitch



Players and fans are welcome to come and enjoy the facility. Washrooms are available during the soccer season.

Puslinch Community Centre Tennis Courts



At this time, the tennis courts are open to the public from dawn to dusk, on a first come–first serve basis, beginning April 8, 2022.

For more information or to book, contact the Services Department at 519-763-1226 x 100 or email services@puslinch.ca

Puslinch Fire and Rescue Services

The Puslinch Fire and Rescues Services has protected the Township from risk, threats and challenges in our community for over 50 years.

Puslinch firefighters are dedicated to delivering fire prevention, public education and suppressions services.



Fire Prevention Services

The Puslinch Fire and Rescue Services provides a number of Fire Prevent Services including Safety Programs including Public Education and Speaking Engagement, Firework Inspections, Fire Extinguisher Training, and so much more. For more information regarding Fire Prevention Services visit Puslinch.ca/FireandRescue.

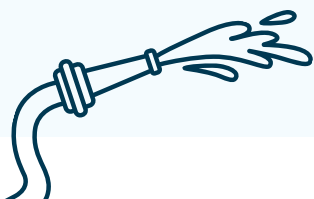
Open Air Burn Permits

Open Air Burning Permits are required for any fire in an open place, yard, field or area which is not contained or enclosed by a building or structure, and includes agricultural fires, outdoor fireplaces and chimneys, bonfires, and campfires.

Permits are available online at Puslinch.ca/BurnPermit or at the Township Office.



Stay up to date on the Puslinch Fire and Rescue team by following them on Twitter at [Twitter.com/PuslinchFRS](https://twitter.com/PuslinchFRS).





Building Permits

Most construction, renovations, additions and some repairs or plumbing work require a building permit. A permit is also required for most demolition projects. The Township requires all building permits be submitted through CloudPermit our online building application process. For more information regarding building permit applications visit Puslinch.ca/Building.

Building Inspections

All major phases of a construction project must be inspected to ensure the work follows the approved plans. It is your responsibility to contact the Township to request an inspection at least 24 hours before work continues from one inspection state to the next. To arrange an inspection you can book it through your CloudPermit account by visiting ca.cloudpermit.com/login.

Call Before You Dig

Ontario One Call is a free 24/7 service that helps homeowners ensure their digging location is safe prior to starting a project. You can reach them toll-free at 1-800-400-2255 or visit ontarioonecall.ca.



Planning and Development



The Township of Puslinch is the approval authority for the following planning and development applications:

- Zoning By-law Amendments
- Minor Variances
- Site Plan Control
- Building and Demolition Permits
- Site Alteration Permits
- Entrance Permits



The County of Wellington is the approval authority for the following planning and development applications:

- County of Wellington Official Plan Amendments
- Local Official Plan Amendments
- Subdivisions (Township Council is final approval authority for Subdivision Agreements)
- Condominiums (Township Council is the final approval authority for Condominium Agreements)
- Consent to Sever

For more information visit the Township's Planning and Development page at Puslinch.ca/Planning.

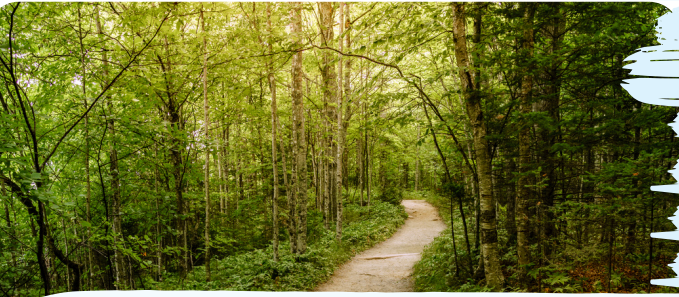
Trails



Badenoch Tract

4217 Watson Rd S

Located in the former settlement of Badenoch in the Township of Puslinch, this tract was purchased by the County of Wellington from William H. Black in 1945. The Badenoch Tract is a small trail that loops through the reforested area.



Little Tract

6710 Wellington Road 34

The Little Tract was donated to the County by John Robert Little, in 1946, to be reforested and dedicated to the memory of the first settlers and pioneers of the area.

Mountsberg Lakeshore Lookout

2259 Milborough Town Line, Campbellville

Mountsberg Conservation Area is a natural environment park that is protected and managed by Conservation Halton. The park spans across Wellington County and Halton Region.



Radial Line Trail

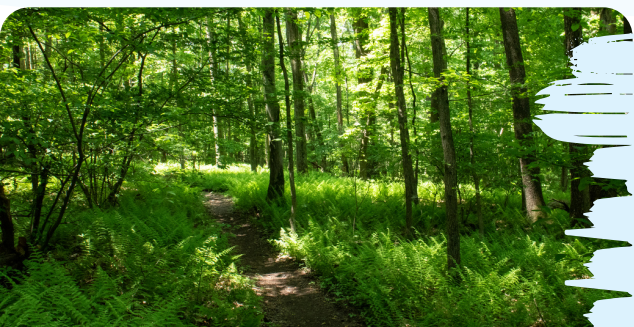
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The Radial Line Trail is one of three regional trails established and maintained by the Guelph Hiking Trail Club. This trail starts on the east side of the City of Guelph following an abandoned railway line to connect to the Bruce Trail near Limehouse.

Starkey Hill Trail

735 Arkell Rd, Puslinch

Originally built by the Guelph Hiking Trail Club, the Starkey Hill Trail is off Arkell Road (Wellington Road 37) east of the hamlet of Arkell in Puslinch. This trail is named after the Starkey family, who were one of the early settlers and community leaders in the Township.



Smith Property Loop Hiking Trail

735 Arkell Rd, Puslinch

This 4.3-km loop trail is generally considered an easy route taking an average of 1 h 18 min to complete.



Parks & Playgrounds



Millennium Garden

29 Brock Rd S, Puslinch

Historic Corner Block

57 Queen St. Morriston



Puslinch Community

Centre Playground

23 Brock Rd S, Puslinch

Morriston Meadows

3 Currie Dr., Morriston



Boreham Park

3 Currie Dr., Morriston

Morriston Park Picnic Pavillion

3 Currie Dr., Morriston



Business Directory

Small businesses are the cornerstone of our local economy and key to thriving communities - creating jobs, driving innovation and generating wealth for Canadians.

At the time of publication, all information is correct to the best of our knowledge. It is always best to call, email or visit the website of a business for the most up-to-date information.

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Credit Union

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Housecleaning Services

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Computer Repair Services

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Restaurant feature; Opening in 2001 *Restuarant Name* has been a staple in the community serving up farm-to-table fresh soups, salads, and homemade pizza.

Business Directory

Antiques

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Pet Store

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www.thepets.ca

Grocery

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Deli

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General Store

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Farm Market

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Car Dealership

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Also Antiques

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Clothing Boutique

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Business Directory

The economic success of Puslinch relies on industrial businesses as they play a pivotal role in offsetting the residential tax rate.

The presence of these businesses drives economic diversification and supports the overall prosperity of our community.

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Waste and Recycling

The County of Wellington manages the solid waste and recycling programs within the Township for residents. The Township office sells pay per use garbage bags and offer complimentary recycling bins to new residents.

- Recycling Bin: Complimentary for new residents (bins can be purchased at the Aberfoyle transfer station for a minimal fee)
- 10 large garbage bags: \$20
- 10 small garbage bags: \$15.00



Landfill

Township Residents and Businesses are serviced by the Aberfoyle Transfer Station located at 6922 Concession 4.

Hours of Operation: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The County of Wellington also operates five additional transfer stations within the County, that residents of the Township may use. For more information about these facilities and other solid waste service visit wellington.ca

County of Wellington Library

The County of Wellington Library system has 14 branches including one located in the Township of Puslinch. Their mission is "to enhance the knowledge, skills, enterprise, and employment of the people of Wellington County through the provision of high quality library service." For more information visit Wellington.ca/en/library.aspx.

Puslinch Branch

29 Brock Rd. S., Puslinch, ON

519-763-8026

puslinchlib@wellington.ca

Hours of Operation:

Sunday – Closed

Monday – Closed

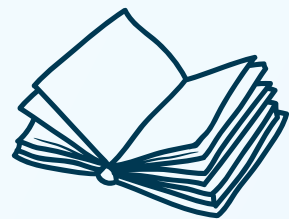
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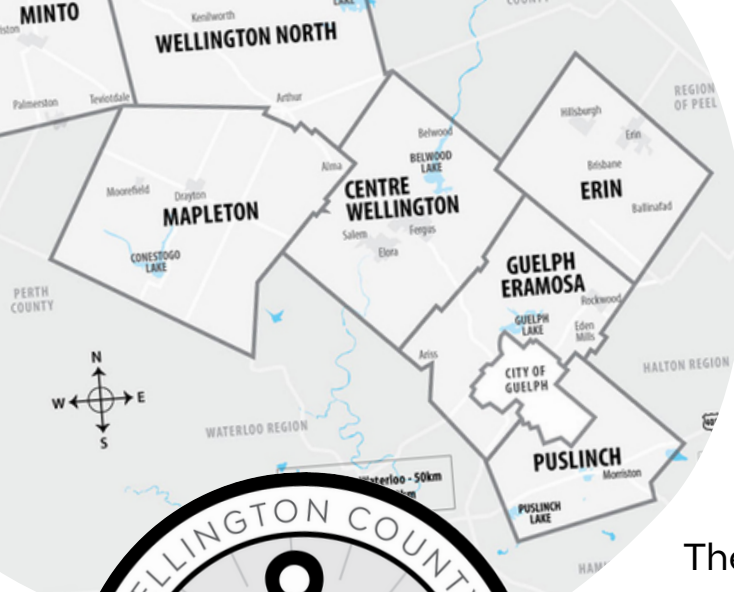
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Saturday – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.





RideWell

The County of Wellington offers the RIDE WELL^{OM} public transit service using a rideshare model of operation. It provides an alternative to owning and using a personal vehicle in a rural setting and for those who cannot access vehicles for regular needs.

The service operates Monday to Friday, 6:00am to 7:00pm. Bookings can be made to or from any address in Wellington County or Guelph. Please note, for service in Guelph riders must have a pick-up or destination in Wellington County.

Download the RIDE WELL app on the App Store or Google Play Store, visit www.ridewell.ca/book, or phone 1.833.900.RIDE(7433) to register or book your trip today!



When someone calls 911 for a medical emergency, Guelph-Wellington paramedics assess, may treat, and may transport the patient via ambulance to a hospital emergency department.

Guelph-Wellington Paramedic Service provides this service in an efficient manner within legislation and Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care standards and is inclusive of call mitigations strategies.

The County of Wellington O.P.P. consists of four offices: Mount Forest, Palmerston, Fergus and Guelph. The Mount Forest office is responsible for policing the Township of Mapleton and the Township of Wellington North. The Administration Centre of the County of Wellington O.P.P. is located in Palmerston. The Communications Centre, which is responsible for dispatch and receiving calls for service, is currently located in the Mount Forest Office.



Property Taxes

There are two tax bills sent each year. The interim tax bill is mailed in early February. The bill has two installment stubs and the installments are due on the last business day in February and April each year. The final tax bill is mailed early August. This bill has two installment stubs and the installments are due on the last business day in August and October each year.

More information on all payment options is available at [Puslinch.ca/Taxes](https://puslinch.ca/Taxes)

- Pre-authorized payment plan (Monthly or installment options)
- Internet/Telephone Banking or in person at your Financial Institution
- Cheque either by mail or dropped off in the Township's secure drop slot on the Township's front door
- Cash and/or Interact at the Township Office

Contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722 or mpac.ca for questions or concerns regarding Property Assessments

Animal Control and By-law Enforcement

Animal Control Services

The Cambridge and District Humane Society (CDHS) provides the Township's animal control services. Puslinch Residents can call CDHS at 519-623-6323, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including statutory holidays.

The CDHS is located at 1650 Dunbar Rd. Cambridge ON. For more information visit their website cambridgehumanesociety.org.

By-law Enforcement

By-law Enforcement Officer can address are property standards issues, zoning issues, etc. By-law infractions must be submitted using the Township's CloudPermit system available at [Puslinch.ca/CloudPermit](https://puslinch.ca/CloudPermit).

All information related to a complaint will remain confidential unless disclosure is required by law and protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Engage Puslinch



**Upcoming project!
This Park Revitalization
June 2024**



Have your say!



**Heritage Designation Process
April 2024**

EngagePuslinch.ca

FREE ALL AGES

Drop-in Programs

at the
Optimist Recreation Centre Rink

**Visit to Township's
Facilities calendar
to see what drop-in
programs are
available!**



[Puslinch.ca/FacilitiesCalendar](https://puslinch.ca/FacilitiesCalendar)

PLEASE NOTE:
Hockey sticks, pucks and/or balls are not permitted during drop-in sessions
Helmets must be worn by individuals 15 years of age and younger

Community Improvement Plan Our Corridor

Through the 'Our Corridor' CIP, a set of financial incentive programs are available to eligible owners/tenants in the Community Improvement Project Area. The programs allow the Township to provide financial assistance and are intended to stimulate private sector investment in land and buildings and help achieve the Vision and Goals of this Plan



Visit the link below to see if your business is eligible!



[Puslinch.ca/doing-business/community-improvement-plan](https://puslinch.ca/doing-business/community-improvement-plan)



*Puslinch.
Humble Heart.
Industrious Spirit.*

THE PUSLINCH PROFILE FEATURES:

Iron Embers

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 ironembers.com

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Eric Tamminga is Iron Embers' owner, founded in 2011 with his two brothers. His background as a mechanical engineer and working in the automation field for several years have been significant assets in getting Iron Embers running efficiently.

Iron Embers manufactures premium wood-burning fire pits and outdoor living accessories. All products are built locally at their facility in Guelph, Ontario. So keep yourself warm with a chiminea or grill up some fresh food with a BBQ grill on their Octagonal Cottager—they have you covered.

All Iron Embers products, from fire pits to BBQ grills and vinyl tarp covers, are made in-house. They pride themselves in product value, hold very tight control of product quality, and offer an unmatched 10-year guarantee on every item sold. Iron Embers strives to build quality products they can proudly stand behind! Iron Embers looks forward to seeing the company grow and establish leadership in North America's premium fire pit and outdoor living industry. In addition, they plan to expand Iron Embers' offerings with more complementary products and increase distribution across Canada.

THE PUSLINCH PROFILE FEATURES:

Trek Nirvana



Facebook.com/groups/trekkersnirvana



instagram.com/treknirvana



treknirvana.ca



Guruasish is a hiking enthusiast who discovered his love for curating adventures while exploring the Himalayas and the Bruce Trail. He enjoys exploring new food joints and trail finds and watching nature documentaries. Guruasish is a dog dad to Murphy, the Chief Paw Officer, and a husband to Jagminder, an invaluable asset to the business.

Trek Nirvana is a Guelph-based travel design agency and community of outdoor adventurers. Passionate about seeking authentic and sustainable travel experiences, exploring local culture and heritage, connecting with new people and discovering indigenous art and cuisine. Trek Nirvana started as a community of outdoor adventurers and nature-preneurs. Since then, they have become a TICO-certified, brown-owned small business based in Ontario.

Tours have a particular focus on culture, food, and hyper-personalized experiences. Trek Nirvana believes in crafting a personalized vacation and has guides and hike leaders who can curate the same for you on-ground. "As someone who thoroughly enjoys travelling and being out in nature, I wanted to start something to help others find their nirvana outdoors. Trek Nirvana's purpose is to reconnect people with Mother Nature, help to plan incredible vacations and make travel more sustainable!" Trek Nirvana is working on a plan to promote tourism and other small businesses in Guelph. They are constantly working on adding more local adventures to the list, creating BIPOC-friendly guided hikes, and crafting a bike tour in Vietnam.





REPORT ADM-2023-032

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

PREPARED BY: Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk (Interim CAO)

PRESENTED BY: Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk (Interim CAO)

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes Regarding ERO Posting 019-6813 – Follow up Report

RECOMMENDATION

That Report ADM-2023-032 entitled Proposed Changes Regarding ERO Posting 019-6813 – Follow up Report be received; and

That Council amend its comments to the Province as follows: _____.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update from the May 24, 2023 Council meeting in respect to the ERO postings 019-6813. The Province has made comments regarding the proposed severance provisions on agricultural lands and extended the commenting period to August 4, 2023.

Background

Council considered the ERO 019-6816 posting and the proposed changes to the PPS and Bill 97 at the May 24, 2023 Council meeting and resolved as follows:

Resolution No. 2023-188: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That Council receive Correspondence items 10.5.1 and 10.5.2 for information; and

Whereas Council discussed the proposed changes included in the Provincial Planning Statement and Bill 97 Changes in depth;

That Council direct staff to submit the following comments to the Province for consideration as follows:

1. What are your thoughts on the policies that have been included from the PPS and A Place to Grow in the proposed policy document, including the proposed approach to implementation?

In general Puslinch Council is in agreement except as noted below:

Not having proposed natural heritage or environmental policies to review in concert with these planning policies is problematic. Comments may change based on review of the proposed natural heritage or environmental policies.

2. What are your thoughts on the proposed policy direction for large and fast-growing municipalities and other municipalities?

Not applicable.

3. What are your thoughts regarding the proposed policies to generate housing supply, including an appropriate range and mix of housing options?

2.2 Housing

The responsibility of communal systems should be the responsibility of the planning approval authority.

That rural consents on agricultural lots should be limited to a maximum of one instead of three and that multi aquifer penetrating wells be cased adequately to limit contamination into the deep aquifer for all newly created lots.

Generally, newly created lots are approximately a minimum of 0.4 hectares in order to accommodate servicing, a maximum lot size should be considered in order to limit the potential for subdividing the newly created lot in the future to protect the integrity of agricultural operations. The amount of newly created lots and additional accessory units on subdivide lots as a cumulative total as proposed is a concern to the Township. This potential scenario of clustered residential uses creates concern in regards to established livestock facilities and their ability to expand.

3.5 Land Use Compatibility

Puslinch Council disagrees that sensitive areas (residential areas) should encroach at all on industrial areas where there is a risk to human health.

4. What are your thoughts on the proposed policies regarding the conservation of agriculture, aggregates, natural and cultural heritage resources?

4.3.5 Non-Agricultural Uses in Prime Agricultural Areas

The Draft policy 4.3.5.2 requiring an agricultural impact assessment should be mandatory regardless of the circumstances.

4.5.2 Protection of Long-Term Resource Supply

“Demonstration of need for mineral aggregate resources, including any type of supply/demand analysis, shall not be required, notwithstanding the availability, designation or licensing for extraction of mineral aggregate resources locally or elsewhere.”

This statement should not be included until such time that the Province completes a comprehensive study of supply of aggregate in order to determine how much aggregate is currently licensed and therefore subsequently required.

The minor changes to the existing term “agricultural condition” raise a concern about what the added term “enhanced” means as it relates to the rehabilitation of agricultural soil. The direction of “maintained” or “restored” seem to indicate that the pre-extraction soil conditions will be brought back once rehabilitated, but “enhanced” is an added term which could have a much broader meaning. Clarification on the meaning of this term is necessary.

5. What are your thoughts on the proposed policies regarding planning for employment?

2.8.2 Employment Areas

Employment areas should include commercial and institutional in order to support the concept of complete communities and areas that support the community’s local employment and economic development.

6. Are there any other barriers to, or opportunities for, accelerating development and construction (e.g., federal regulations, infrastructure planning and approvals, private/public partnerships for servicing, provincial permitting, urban design guidelines, technical standards, zoning, etc.)?

There should be a mechanism to resolve disagreement on planning matters between upper and lower tiers. Lower tiers have better local knowledge and understanding of the needs of their community.

We encourage the Government give municipalities sufficient time to understand and implement the final Provincial Planning Statement before introducing more planning policy and regulatory changes.

- While municipal wastewater treatment facilities are undergoing upgrades, they do not accept hauled sewage, which limits haulers options for disposal;
- Increases in residential construction have put pressure on the hauled sewage industry to find facilities that have the capacity to accept the increase in septage.

Legislation that governs hauled sewage industry:

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) regulates the transportation and disposal of hauled sewage under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA).

MECP issues Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECAs) for disposal and storage of hauled sewage, biosolids, and/or processed organic waste.

Haulers enter into Agreements with Waste Water Treatment (WWT) facility operators (primarily municipalities) to receive waste. Municipalities pass by-laws regulating this relationship and setting disposal rates.

Not all WWT facilities are approved to receive hauled waste and some refuse hauled waste from outside their municipal borders.

Waste Water Treatment Facilities:

The letter received from OASIS indicates that the Listowel location is the only WWT plant available to receive the hauled sewage with no alternate locations available. Staff confirmed that there are no WWT facilities in Wellington County that will receive hauled waste from outside of their borders. Erin is currently building a new WWT plant and is not receiving hauled waste. Listowel is the only local facility that receives hauled waste that comes from properties outside its municipal borders. There are two additional locations that receive hauled waste in Niagara Falls and Collingwood. It is likely that hauled sewage from Puslinch properties is taken to the Listowel WWT plant. There are six (6) sewage haulers in Wellington County that are affected by the Listowel shut down and may be in a position not to provide pump outs during the Listowel shut down from July-October 2023.

There is a general concern that the WWT plants that currently accept hauled sewage from outside their municipal borders may no longer be in a position to do so if their extra capacity is dedicated to growth within their own municipality. This is a significant concern given both the urban and rural growth potential proposed by the changes to the PPS and Bill 97.

Alternatives to WWT plants:

The MECP provides approval for spreading sites and permission to dispose of waste at private facilities. Spreading sites have limitations as spreading can generally only occur from April to November (weather dependant). This means some haulers are not accepting calls for pump

outs outside of this timeframe as there are limited options for disposal. The MECP has introduced new notice requirements for spreading sites when applying for a new approvals or for renewing an existing spreading site approval. The changes include notifying owners within 1km of the spreading site. This almost always results in unrest and removing approvals for the site (even those that had been used for a number of years). There are on-going concerns about illegal disposal as a last resort option and this includes on fields and in anaerobic digesters at livestock facilities.

Schedule “B” to this report prepared by Conservation Ontario in response to Municipal Wastewater and Stormwater Management in Ontario Discussion Paper outlines the following relevant information on page 10:

Section 7

Improving the Management of Hauled Sewage from Private Septic System

i) What are the potential benefits and/or challenges, including cost and environmental considerations, of the options identified in this section?

The considerations proposed by the Province must include the practical perspective that rural communities need an affordable way to empty their septic tanks. An identified challenge with hauled sewage is that this practice is commonly associated with rural or sparsely populated areas. In these areas, the nearest wastewater treatment plant may be located in a small community and the plant may have limited capacity to deal with these types of wastes. If not handled correctly, hauled sewage can have detrimental impacts on wastewater plant performance and the quality of the final effluent.

Treating hauled wastes in a small wastewater treatment plant will consume plant capacity that would otherwise be reserved for residential or commercial growth in the community. The proposed geographical based local ban based on the local municipal wastewater treatment plant capacity could be a potential solution to this challenge.

The benefits of hauled sewage from septic systems to wastewater treatment plants means that the septage can be properly treated including more difficult compounds. Available funding could be made available to municipalities to upgrade their wastewater treatment plant to increase capacity.

In terms of updating guidelines for treatment, land application and trench disposal and untreated hauled sewage (no bans), upholding stringent protection of drinking water sources and negative impacts to ecological integrity should be priority considerations in any discussions.

Finally, education and outreach for new residents owning septic systems will help improve the understanding of the septic system and process of hauling sewage. During the pandemic there

was a shift of urban residents moving to rural areas which do not have the same services complement as urban areas.

ii) Are there other options or changes to the approaches to managing hauled sewage that could be considered?

In areas where there isn't capacity at sewage treatment plants the province could partner with municipalities to develop centralized dedicated facilities for septage treatment, where needed. These could be designed with energy and nutrient recovery systems to make them profitable. In addition, funding could be made available to municipalities to upgrade their wastewater treatment plant to increase capacity.

Conclusion:

The limited capacity of WWT plants to receive hauled sewage appears to be a major concern in general. There is also a concern with insufficient alternatives to WWT plants as the requirements through the MECP appear to be increasing. Puslinch is in a unique position as it does not have a municipal WWT plant and all existing and future development requires sewage to be hauled outside of the municipality. The growth that could potentially occur as a result of the changes proposed in the ERO posting would compound the existing issues with capacity and illegal disposal. Staff suggest including these concerns in the Township's comments to the Province in relation to the ERO posting 019-6813.

In addition, staff suggest that the Township provide the following condition to the County Land Division Committee for each new consent application as follows:

"That the owner provide written confirmation from a licensed sewage hauler verifying that the hauler can dispose of the sewage at a licensed location."

Financial Implications

None

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990

Engagement Opportunities

None

Attachments

Schedule "A" Municipal Wastewater and Stormwater Management in Ontario Discussion Paper

Schedule "B" Conservation Ontario Comments regarding the Municipal Wastewater and Stormwater Management in Ontario Discussion Paper

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Municipal Wastewater and Stormwater Management in Ontario Discussion Paper

Minister's Introduction

As Ontario's Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, I know how critical water is to each of us, and I want to ensure Ontario is ready for the years ahead. Ontario is home to thousands of lakes and rivers, from four of the five Great Lakes to rivers like the Ganaraska and Thames, to places like Rice Lake and Lake Nipissing. Keeping our lakes and rivers healthy supports healthy people and a healthy economy, and relies on good management of water resources.

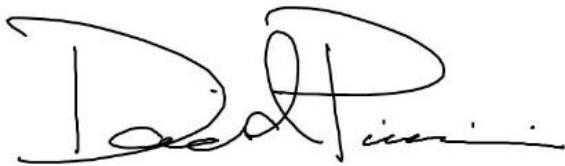
Today, Ontario communities invest billions of dollars building and operating their water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure to minimize any negative impacts on waterways and groundwater. Population growth, urban intensification, climate change and new contaminants are going to continue to increase pressure on water resources, so I am seeking feedback on what proactive steps, new approaches and technologies are needed to respond to the challenges we face. I know that we all want world-class management of wastewater and stormwater systems, so this needs to be a priority for Ontario.

Many of Ontario's rules and policies for wastewater are over 30 years old and there is no comprehensive environmental protection policy for stormwater or framework for water reuse. Updating our rules and policies and enabling new and innovative approaches including improved climate change adaptation practices and ways to address cumulative effects of multiple discharges will make it easier for Ontario communities to improve how wastewater and stormwater is managed and make better use of taxpayer dollars through better overall financing. Cleaner wastewater and stormwater discharges from Ontario's urban areas will help protect and improve Ontario's water bodies to support a healthy and prosperous Ontario into the future.

I have asked for this discussion paper to set out the challenges and opportunities for improving wastewater and stormwater management and water conservation in Ontario. I want to hear your ideas and solutions for improving the management of municipal wastewater and stormwater management so we can all improve Ontario together. You'll find this paper builds on our government's commitments to improving municipal wastewater and stormwater

management and reporting, ensuring sustainable water use, and restoring and protecting our waterways and groundwater.

This discussion paper is organized into sections that set out the background, challenges, and opportunities for a variety of wastewater and stormwater topics, with each topic-specific chapter including a set of discussion questions. I look forward to your input.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Piccini', with a stylized 'D' and 'P'.

The Honourable David Piccini
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Recent Progress

The Government of Ontario has made progress on keeping our water safe and clean.

Highlights include:

- Signed the 9th [Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health](#), which includes a new Wastewater and Stormwater Annex.
- Invested \$80.5 M in March 2021, together with Canada, in wastewater and stormwater projects through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Green Stream.
- Made progress on the [Canada-Ontario Lake Erie Action Plan](#) through establishing an implementation team and working with municipalities to better manage wastewater and stormwater impacts.
- Released the [Minister's 10-Year Report on Lake Simcoe](#), which outlines improvements in the health of the lake after a decade of actions and programs under the [Lake Simcoe Protection Plan](#).
- Benchmarked water quality and nutrient levels in over 60 kilometres of the heavily urbanized Lake Ontario shoreline from the cities of Toronto, Mississauga and beyond.
- Launched an on-line platform (Bypass and Overflow Portal) as a pilot with several municipalities to enable faster, more reliable reporting on wastewater to the ministry.
- Implemented enhancements to Ontario's water taking framework, including new measures to help manage water takings in areas affected by water shortages and drought.

1. Overview of Wastewater and Stormwater

Overview of Wastewater and Stormwater Management in Ontario

Smart management of wastewater and stormwater is key to the protection of our water resources. In Ontario, oversight of wastewater and stormwater management is based on environmental compliance approvals (ECAs) required under the Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA) for the establishment, alteration and operation of sewage works, including wastewater and stormwater facilities and systems. The terms and conditions of individual ECAs are based on Ontario's water management and wastewater policies.

Provincial water management policies set the water quality objectives for Ontario's waters, including rules for setting site-specific effluent quality and quantity limits for wastewater discharges. The wastewater policies set the minimum level of treatment, and monitoring and reporting requirements for all municipal and private wastewater systems. However, at this time

there is no formal environmental protection policy related to stormwater management systems to inform decision making by staff at the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) with respect to the approval of stormwater management systems, including the consideration of use of green infrastructure, the minimum level of treatment, and the requirements for monitoring and reporting.

Municipalities, as owners of many of these wastewater and stormwater systems, are responsible for building and operating their systems in compliance with provincial requirements.

Typically, municipal wastewater is collected into one system of pipes (sanitary sewers) conveying all flow to one or more centralized wastewater treatment plants. Older systems collect municipal wastewater and stormwater in the same pipes (combined sewers), leading to overflows of untreated sewage (wastewater) into our waterways during and following heavy rains and snowmelt. Stormwater management is usually decentralized and occurs on private properties, streets and other common areas within local communities. Municipal stormwater infrastructure normally includes pipes for collection and conveyance of stormwater runoff and ponds for flow control and treatment, and increasingly includes green infrastructure which aims to absorb stormwater directly into the ground at the location it is generated. The practice of wastewater and stormwater reuse is relatively limited in Ontario, but it could reduce wastewater and stormwater management costs and conserve the fresh water supply by allowing for less water to be withdrawn from its natural source.

Good management of wastewater and stormwater is key to ensuring Ontario has clean water for drinking, swimming, fishing and other recreational activities now and into the future.

What is municipal wastewater? – municipal wastewater is primarily the sanitary sewage from homes and businesses and often some industrial wastewater discharged into municipal sanitary or combined sewers and conveyed for treatment at municipal wastewater treatment plants.

- Municipal wastewater also includes some inflow and infiltration of stormwater and groundwater entering sewers through imperfect pipe joints, and often also through illegal connections from roof leaders and foundation drains.
- In combined sewer systems, municipal wastewater also includes stormwater collected through catch basins connected to the combined sewers.
- Under the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, both wastewater and stormwater is considered “sewage,” and all facilities for the collection, conveyance, treatment and/or disposal of wastewater and or stormwater are “sewage works.”

What is stormwater? – rainwater or melted snow/ice that runs off along the surface of the ground or soaks into the ground.

What is a sewage overflow? – raw (untreated) sewage (wastewater) discharged from a wastewater collection system or wastewater treatment plant to the environment.

What is a sewage bypass? – partially treated sewage (wastewater) discharged from a wastewater treatment plant to the environment, resulting from diversion of sewage (wastewater) flow around one or more treatment processes within a wastewater treatment plant.

What is basement flooding? – sewage (wastewater) backup from sanitary or combined sewers into basements, or stormwater runoff that flows into basements during severe wet weather events.

What is urban flooding? – excess stormwater runoff flowing over urbanized areas, impacting homes (basement flooding), infrastructure, roads, underpasses and transportation routes.

What is water reuse? – the practice of reclaiming water from a variety of sources, treating it, and reusing it for beneficial purposes, which can provide alternative supplies for non-potable uses to enhance water supply sustainability and resilience.

What is water conservation? – means a reduction in the use, loss or waste of water or an increase in the efficiency of water use.

Pressures on Water Resources and Challenges Managing Wastewater and Stormwater

Population growth, rapid and expanded urban development, and aging infrastructure are threatening Ontario's lakes, rivers and other waterbodies through pollution and loss of natural heritage. Ontario's population is projected to grow by 30.3 percent over the next two decades, to approximately 18.2 million people by 2041. While western Lake Ontario is affected by population growth the most, many other communities across the province are also experiencing growth. The [Provincial Policy Statement, 2020](#) is the consolidated statement of the Province's priorities concerning land use planning. It provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest in land use planning and development, including policy direction for municipalities and other planning authorities to ensure water and sewage (wastewater) servicing and stormwater management are appropriately planned.

Inadequate wastewater and stormwater management pose risks to people and ecosystems. Untreated or partially treated wastewater and inadequately treated stormwater can contain elevated levels of bacteria and other pathogens as well as emerging contaminants such as microplastics. Flooding is also a risk for municipalities both in existing flood prone areas, and as

a result of increasing urbanization, outside of flood plains. Over the last several years, we have seen increases in property damage, insurance costs and disruptions to communities and businesses due to extreme weather events.

Many areas within the Great Lakes basin, including Lake Erie, Lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe, are facing pressures from the increase in harmful algal blooms and nuisance algae as a result of excess phosphorus. Severe storms are washing soils and nutrients from the land into our waters. The runoff of nutrients such as phosphorus from agricultural land, particularly in spring, is contributing to severe algal blooms.

The changing climate is compounding these stresses. There is a trend toward more precipitation falling as rain and less as snow, as well as more freeze-thaw cycles. More intense and frequent rainfalls and snowmelt overwhelm sewer systems and wastewater treatment plans, which then overflow untreated or discharge partially treated wastewater into waterbodies, flood basements and urban areas, and damage infrastructure - costing billions of dollars.

Also, drought and seasonal water shortages can occur in some Ontario watersheds despite our abundant water resources. There are a few watersheds in Ontario that experience high water use in the summer from irrigation and other uses, which makes them susceptible to lower summer stream flows and drought. Some communities that rely on shallow groundwater sources are also vulnerable to drought.

Although Ontario's lakes and rivers have responded well to past protection efforts, current science indicates that they are again exhibiting symptoms of stress. For example, MECP's recent [review of water quantity management in Ontario](#) found that climate change, combined with population growth and land use changes, create uncertainty regarding the long-term sustainability of groundwater and surface water in some areas of the province.

2. Reducing Sewage Overflows and Bypasses, and Public Reporting

As explained above, a sewage overflow is a situation in which raw sewage (wastewater) is discharged from a wastewater collection system or treatment plant to the environment, and a sewage bypass is a situation when partially treated sewage (wastewater) is discharged from a wastewater treatment plant.

Sewage overflows and bypasses most often happen when it rains heavily or snow melts because excess water gets into, and may overwhelm wastewater collection and treatment systems. This occurs frequently in older municipal systems that have combined sewers, which collect sanitary sewage and stormwater in the same pipe. Where there are combined sewers,

discharges into our waterways can occur from overflow structures within the sewer system designed to prevent sewer backups, or at downstream treatment facilities. Even in newer systems, which collect sanitary sewage and stormwater in separate pipes, inflow and infiltration of groundwater and surface runoff into the sanitary sewer can result in overflows and bypasses at the downstream wastewater treatment plants. Overflows and bypasses can also occur during system technical failures or scheduled maintenance and repairs.

Combined sewer systems collect and convey storm water runoff and sanitary sewage in shared piping, designed to overflow during and following heavy rains and snowmelt as the associated wastewater treatment plants were not designed to handle the excess flow caused by the inflow of stormwater. For example, in fiscal year 2019-2020, there were 1,413 combined municipal sewer overflows and treatment plant bypasses reported to MECP.

Construction of new combined sewers is no longer permitted in Ontario but separating existing combined sewers or mitigating their negative impact is a costly and time-consuming process.

Investments to separate combined sewers into sanitary and storm sewers, as well as building large holding tanks to contain the excess combined sewer flows during storms can help mitigate overflows and bypasses. Good maintenance programs and effective inspections of the construction of sewer systems can also reduce overflows and bypasses. However, such traditional infrastructure solutions are usually quite expensive.

Innovative stormwater management approaches such as low impact development (LID) or green stormwater infrastructure that manage rain where it falls also help reduce stormwater in combined sewers, resulting in reduced volume of combined sewage, and reduced volume and frequency of untreated and partially treated sewage discharge to Ontario's waterways. Some U.S. jurisdictions (e.g., Philadelphia and Lancaster) use green stormwater infrastructure, such as rain gardens and green roofs, to better manage combined sewage volumes or as an integral part of large sewer separation projects (see Section 3).

Public Reporting

The public has little information on sewage risks, especially those associated with the release of untreated or partially treated sewage into local waterbodies. Municipalities are currently not required to inform the public at the time of a sewage overflow from their collection system, nor are they required to undertake real time monitoring of these sewage overflows. However, some municipalities, like the City of Kingston, have taken the initiative to notify the public of sewage overflows from their wastewater systems. This is why Ontario has committed \$10 million to improve monitoring and public reporting of these events in municipalities with lots of these events, but further action is likely needed.

Real Time Reporting – City of Kingston, Ontario

Kingston Utilities and the City of Kingston have implemented real-time monitoring and public reporting of sewage overflows. The public can view the location of sewage overflows through an online real-time map. There are cautions to residents to avoid swimming or other recreational water use in these areas.

Several U.S. states have laws requiring near real-time public reporting of sewage overflows and bypasses so the public can avoid exposure to the health risks from sewage pollution. While costs of approaches to monitor and publicly report these events have decreased with technology improvements in recent years, significant investments would still be required for municipalities to implement them.

Advances in Sensor Technology

Opportunities may exist with new advances in sensor technology that enable more cost-effective monitoring/modelling of sewage overflows. These approaches allow municipalities to be alerted to sewage overflows, other stormwater related impacts or spill events from their wastewater and stormwater systems.

Discussion Questions

1. Should municipalities be required (e.g., through a regulation) to provide near real-time monitoring/modelling and public reporting of sewage overflows and bypasses, or should the decision be left to individual municipalities based on guidance material that would be developed by Ontario?
2. If it is to be a requirement, should it be province-wide or focused on problem areas (i.e., those areas with many sewage overflow and bypass events or high discharge volumes)?
3. What information should be reported to the public by municipalities when a sewage overflow or bypass occurs, how quickly would you want to know, and how should this information be made publicly available?

3. Changing the Way Stormwater is Managed in Urban Areas

Need for Change

In Ontario, municipalities are responsible for land use and infrastructure planning, and stormwater management for their communities (e.g., planning, design, establishment, operation and maintenance). The property owners (homeowners and businesses) have responsibility for the management of stormwater on their respective land prior to it flowing onto municipal road rights-of-way, into municipal stormwater infrastructure, onto other lands or directly into our waterways. Many provincial ministries and other entities provide oversight for various aspects of stormwater management and surface drainage.

The Provincial Policy Statement, led by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, provides policy direction to municipalities and other land use planning authorities on planning for stormwater management, including using green infrastructure to help minimize erosion and changes in the water balance, and to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate.

However, there is currently no comprehensive environmental protection policy (led by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) to provide clear guidance for stormwater management or to encourage the use of innovative approaches such as green stormwater infrastructure.

Current stormwater management practices have not been effective in mitigating the impacts of urban development. The significant impacts of this ‘business as usual’ approach to stormwater management has led to many management challenges, including:

- Rapid conveyance of stormwater away from the site of its generation only pushes water pollution and flooding risk to downstream locations.
- High cost of building greater capacity stormwater conveyance and storage infrastructure in an attempt to address growth and climate change, which can be less effective than innovative technologies.
- Municipal investments in stormwater management infrastructure, including ongoing operation, maintenance and monitoring, may be inadequate due to competing priorities.
- Some municipalities do not have a complete stormwater management infrastructure inventory or locations of storm sewer outfalls to waterways.
- Cumulative impacts to the water quality of our lakes and streams are difficult to understand and address.

The insurance industry provides a general perspective on economic impacts. It indicates that water damage is the key factor behind growing insurance costs associated with extreme weather events.¹ These losses across Canada averaged \$405 million per year between 1983 and 2008, and \$1.8 billion between 2009 and 2017.

Overview of Green Stormwater Infrastructure and Low Impact Development

Green stormwater infrastructure, which includes low impact development practices, mimics the natural water cycle by managing stormwater close to where rain falls and where snow melts to reduce runoff volume and release of contaminants to waterways. Green infrastructure, such as rain gardens, green roofs, trees, permeable pavement, and rainwater harvesting and reuse systems may be built on private and public properties and on road rights-of-way (ROW). These innovative green technologies also increase infrastructure climate change resiliency, reduce energy use (reduce greenhouse gases), and may provide urban green space.

Potential Solutions for Modernizing Stormwater Management in Ontario

Modernizing stormwater management in Ontario requires discussion about potential changes, and willingness to adopt new ways of doing business. Possible solutions for modernizing stormwater management are identified below.

Performance measures could be developed that support an outcome-based approach for managing stormwater management systems and provide benchmarks for progress or performance, such as stormwater runoff volume control criteria, water quality objectives for discharge into the environment, etc. While a design-based approach (e.g., specification of stormwater pond or rain garden dimensions) can be effective at the initial time of the design of a system, the systems become outdated as new science and technology are developed over time.

Long-term planning approaches could be developed to achieve a sustainable stormwater management system. For example, a broad infrastructure planning approach, such as the use of master planning that is informed by watershed planning, combined with community engagement could identify community priorities to inform implementation. As well, there would be increased opportunity to address the cumulative impacts of stormwater on Ontario's waterways.

Innovative practices and partnerships could also be supported. Some examples of such practices in Ontario include using stormwater to flush toilets in some Toronto buildings, wash Guelph public transit buses, irrigate sports fields in Waterloo and make snow for a Toronto ski

¹ Moudrak, N., Feltmate, B., Venema, H., Osman, H. 2018. Combating Canada's Rising Flood Costs: Natural infrastructure is an underutilized option. Prepared for Insurance Bureau of Canada. Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation, University of Waterloo. <http://www.ibc.ca/ab/resources/studies/natural-infrastructure-is-an-underutilized-option>

hill. These practices demonstrate the management of rain where it falls; however, they are not yet common practices. Given that stormwater runoff flows across property lines and municipal boundaries, cooperative partnerships could be established for stormwater management. For example, neighbouring businesses could share the water as well as the cost of a rainwater harvesting and reuse system, or upstream and downstream municipalities could collaborate on stormwater management.

All infrastructure, including stormwater management infrastructure, require on-going operation, inspection and maintenance to ensure they are performing as intended. For example, some facilities, such as stormwater management ponds, are designed to trap sediments or contaminants and require sediment clean-out on a periodic basis. The sediment collected in stormwater ponds could have a beneficial use to build noise barrier berms or, if the quality is good enough, could be used for soil conditioning.

Managing stormwater where rain falls, such as through green stormwater infrastructure/low impact development, in combination with conventional stormwater management, would yield benefits, including enabling greater adaptation and resilience to the impacts of extreme weather, disaster mitigation, and improving community livability/public health, including a reduction in flooding risk.

MECP has developed a draft Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Guidance Manual with input from key stakeholders, including developers and municipalities. The draft guidance manual provides information and guidance on voluntary innovative stormwater management practices, including green infrastructure.

Discussion Questions

1. How can greater municipal adoption of green stormwater infrastructure/low impact development practices on public, private and commercial/industrial property be encouraged?
2. Should there be a comprehensive and province-wide environmental protection policy or guidance document to provide clear direction on stormwater management to municipalities, developers, planning authorities and others? What should be included?
3. Should there be mandatory stormwater management design or technology requirements in Ontario? If so, how can that be phased in for new development and existing development areas?

4. Updating Policies Related to the Management of Wastewater and the Quality of Ontario's Water Resources

As noted in the Overview of Wastewater and Stormwater above (Section 1), provincial water management policies set the water quality objectives for Ontario's waters, including rules for setting site-specific effluent quality and quantity limits for individual wastewater discharges, and the wastewater policies set minimum level of treatment, monitoring and reporting requirements for all municipal and private wastewater systems.

These policies date back to the 1980s and 1990s, and have not kept pace with environmental needs, technology development, and best practices in other jurisdictions. They lack clarity by not reflecting the currently available wastewater treatment technologies or current environmental protection science, and not addressing current environmental protection needs, including the cumulative effect of multiple discharges, effects of climate change and potential effects of non-conventional and emerging contaminants.

Updating these policies and enhancing their clarity and transparency would improve effluent quality from municipal wastewater facilities and promote development of new and innovative technologies which can stimulate business, reduce wastewater overflows and bypasses and their impacts, improve climate resiliency through improved adaptation efforts and support community level environmental stewardship efforts.

Some specific additional policy updates being considered include more stringent phosphorus limits for wastewater discharges within the Lake Erie watershed to conform to the commitments in the Canada-U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and Canada-Ontario Lake Erie Action Plan, and elimination of chlorine from municipal wastewater discharges (by effluent dechlorination or use of an alternative effluent disinfection process, such as ultraviolet disinfection) to achieve equivalency with a corresponding requirement of Canada's Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations, a federal regulation that applies to Ontario's wastewater treatment plants.

The requirement to eliminate chlorine from municipal wastewater effluent, as well as some of the requirements currently enforced through conditions of individual ECAs being issued for municipal wastewater treatment plants based on Ontario's water management and wastewater policies, could be included in a new Ontario regulation for municipal wastewater systems. To eliminate federal-provincial regulatory duplication for Ontario's municipal wastewater systems, such a new Ontario regulation could be made to match or exceed all requirements of the federal regulation, and once Ontario achieved an equivalency agreement with Canada, the federal regulation would no longer apply to Ontario's municipal wastewater systems.

In addition, new policies may be considered to provide consistency and clarity of expectations respecting proposals for new and managing existing systems for sub-surface disposal of

wastewater effluent (i.e., large and multiple septic systems) and reuse of stormwater and wastewater effluent.

Another potential new policy could address industrial contaminants in wastewater entering municipal wastewater treatment plants, where the plants are not capable of removing these contaminants from their final effluent to the level that can be assimilated by the receiving water in accordance with the provincial water management policies and water quality objectives. A potential approach to such a policy could be implementation of a short term comprehensive monitoring program for municipalities to identify industrial and other non-conventional contaminants in their treated wastewater discharges, followed by provincial development of site specific objectives for the municipalities to reduce these contaminants in their effluents, where necessary. Municipalities would then be expected to address these objectives through implementation and enforcement of municipal sewer use bylaws to control inflow of these contaminants into their sewers, and/or implement the necessary upgrades to the treatment processes at their wastewater treatment plants.

Discussion Questions

4. What feedback do you have for the potential policy updates and new policies identified above?
5. What additional issues should be addressed in the updated or new policies?
6. Considering the wide range and complexity of the potential policy updates and additions, this work will have to be undertaken in stages. Which policies should be updated/developed first?

5. Promoting Water Reuse in Ontario

Key Information about Water Reuse

Water reuse is the reclamation of stormwater or treated wastewater for a beneficial purpose. This can include agricultural and golf course irrigation, cooling water for power plants, industrial processing water, toilet flushing, dust control, construction activities, concrete mixing and other purposes that can use non-potable water. There are also water reuse projects for potable purposes such as recharging ground water aquifers and augmenting surface water reservoirs or wetlands.

The Provincial Policy Statement promotes stormwater reuse and water conservation and A Place to Grow also requires municipalities to develop and implement official plan policies and other strategies in support of water conservation objectives, including through water recycling. Although Ontario does not have specific water reuse regulations, a number of provincial rules

and standards can apply to water reuse. The Ontario Water Resources Act governs the reuse of treated wastewater or stormwater from sewage works. The Environmental Protection Act regulates off-site hauling of stormwater or wastewater, including the facilities that receive it for reuse. Also, the Ontario Building Code includes standards for the reuse of roof stormwater or greywater for non-potable uses such as flushing toilets.

Generally, water reuse can be achieved as part of a decentralized local system which may be specific to a building or a neighbourhood, or it can be achieved as part of a centralized system that is part of municipal wastewater treatment. The level of treatment is dependent on the intended application of the reused water.

Benefits of Water Reuse

Water conservation measures such as treating and reusing wastewater and stormwater for beneficial purposes enhances water sustainability by reducing the overall demand for fresh water, leaving more water for sensitive ecosystems and saving potable water for purposes such as drinking water. Water reuse can also reduce the volume of wastewater and stormwater entering infrastructure for capture, treatment and discharge into natural waterways, and in turn decrease pollutant loadings from wastewater and stormwater discharges, alleviate infrastructure capacity pressures, and reduce the energy cost to pump and treat wastewater. Water reuse may become increasingly important as climate change increases the stress on Ontario's water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

Water Reuse in Other Jurisdictions

There are many jurisdictions around the world that have implemented water reuse policies and programs. Drivers for implementing a water reuse project include concerns about water scarcity and wastewater management in urban areas, and the recognition that water is a vital resource that can be recycled for new purposes. Many jurisdictions have also used innovative means to overcome barriers to water reuse.

British Columbia is the only province with regulations on water reuse, allowing water to be reused for toilet and urinal flushing, landscape, playground and green-roof irrigation, golf course irrigation, and forage crop irrigation. British Columbia also modernized their building code to allow water utility providers to distribute non-potable water and to allow non-potable distribution systems to be installed in buildings.

Governments use many methods to address public perceptions, reluctance and concerns on water reuse safety. Jurisdictions such as Washington State issue water reuse permits with safeguards designed to match water quality requirements with the proposed use application. California conducted extensive public engagement before constructing the world's largest water purification system, which purifies highly treated wastewater to drinking water standards. Israel, where more than 87% of wastewater is reused for agriculture, provides

favourable pricing to give farmers a strong incentive to use treated reclaimed wastewater for irrigation. New York City provides financial incentives in the form of grants for water reuse systems at the individual building and district levels.

Promoting Water Reuse in Ontario

In Ontario, interest in water reuse as a water conservation measure has increased but is still only practiced on a relatively small scale. Current examples include individual facilities reusing water for non-potable purposes, such as golf course and landscape irrigation and residential toilet flushing. Challenges facing water reuse in Ontario include cost, regulations and standards, and public perception. Cost is a factor because potable water is relatively low cost in Ontario and there are significant costs to building storage and distribution infrastructure for reclaimed water. Currently, Ontario lacks a comprehensive framework to guide municipalities, industries and others interested in water reuse, which makes it challenging for water reuse proponents to know how to implement water reuse systems safely and appropriately. Public perception refers to the “yuck” factor people have for using reclaimed water, which can limit uptake of water reuse. Education and outreach are needed to clearly explain how any public health and environmental risks associated with water reuse are carefully monitored and avoided.

Water Reuse in Practice

Wastewater Reuse Example Option 1: Credit Valley Conservation Blue Roof Pilot

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is undertaking a pilot project to construct a “blue roof” at their head office in Mississauga, Ontario. The blue roof is expected to contribute to sustainability goals by:

- reducing freshwater demand by capturing rainwater for indoor and outdoor non-potable use,
- reducing potential overflow of municipal stormwater systems during heavy rain events, and
- reducing energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions as stormwater evaporates from the roof, cooling the building.

Construction is expected to begin in 2022 and is projected to meet non-potable water demands of 8.84 m³/day, exceeding the building’s current non-potable water demand of 5.68 m³/day².

² Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, [Investigating the Technical and Financial Feasibility of a Smart Blue Roof - Sustainable Technologies Evaluation Program \(STEP\) and Detailed Design and Implementation of a Smart Blue Roof - Sustainable Technologies Evaluation Program \(STEP\)](#), 2019,

How it works: Blue roofs are designed to temporarily detain rainwater on flat, low-sloped roofs over an extended period of time, releasing the water gradually which reduces the potential of overflow in the municipal stormwater systems during heavy rain events. A system of sensors and real-time controls would manage the release of rainwater from the roof to CVC's rainwater harvesting tank to be treated and stored for indoor and outdoor non-potable use, such as landscape irrigation and toilet flushing.

Wastewater Reuse Example Option 2: Mountain Equipment Co-op Burlington

The Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC) store in Burlington reduces their water footprint by capturing rainwater and stormwater in cisterns. One cistern captures rainwater from the roof and reuses it for toilet flushing. Another cistern stores water from stormwater runoff from the parking lot and reuses it for all irrigation. Both cisterns overflow to an on-site stormwater management pond. These measures have allowed the MEC to achieve indoor water savings of 82%³ at the Burlington site, and no potable water is used for irrigation.

Discussion Questions

1. How can the Province encourage water reuse and other water conservation measures in Ontario?
2. What are the obstacles that prevent your business from using water reuse technology in your operations?
3. Are there specific operations, facilities or sectors which may benefit from water conservation / water reuse?
4. Should Ontario develop a regulatory framework or guidelines for water reuse?

6. Recovering Resources from Wastewater

Types of Resources to be Recovered and How They Can be Recovered

Wastewater also contains resources such as energy, nutrients and metals that can have value if recovered, and reusing them reduces the amount of pollutants discharged into our waterways.

<https://sustainabletechnologies.ca/home/urban-runoff-green-infrastructure/low-impact-development/blue-roofs/technical-financial-feasibility-study-smart-blue-roof>

³ Enermodal Engineering Limited, *Mountain Equipment Co-op Burlington*, https://www.canadianconsultingengineer.com/awards/pdfs/A-9_MountainEquipmentBurlington.pdf

Resource recovery from wastewater is becoming increasingly common around the world and in Ontario, highlighted by the trend toward calling wastewater treatment plants “Water Resource Recovery Facilities”. Examples of resource recovery already practiced in Ontario are using biogas from wastewater treatment for heating and energy generation and using biosolids as a soil amendment on farms. Others, such as the greenhouse sector, are recycling and reusing their wastewater in their operations.

A concept in resource recovery that is gaining more attention and adoption is to upgrade wastewater treatment plants to be “net zero” in terms of energy consumption. Conventional wastewater treatment plants can use large amounts of energy to treat wastewater, but the raw wastewater has energy in the form of carbon, heat and flow. Some treatment plants are being modified to generate as much energy as they use in the treatment process or are net energy producers.

Biosolids are rich in carbon and nutrients so they can be used to improve soil. One way biosolids are used is as nutrients for agricultural land soil conditioning, which is regulated under the Nutrient Management Act to ensure biosolids are used beneficially. Some treatment plants have advanced processes for recovering value from biosolids by converting biosolids into commercial fertilizers. There are also innovative technologies that extract nutrients from the biosolids while improving wastewater treatment processes and reducing the carbon footprint of the treatment plant. In short, there are many ways to recover resources from wastewater, some of which are already being done in Ontario.

Recovering resources from wastewater does not have to occur after it is collected and taken to a point of treatment. Beneficial use of stormwater at the source was discussed above in the context of green infrastructure and water reuse. Opportunities for resource recovery at wastewater sources could be recovering heat from sewage or using water from sinks and appliances for flushing toilets. Some technologies for recovering wastewater resources at the source are well-established, while others are new technologies with limited adoption in Ontario.

There is growing interest in Ontario and around the world to recover resources from wastewater and stormwater. The initiatives can help us adapt to a changing climate and improve climate resiliency.

Discussion Questions

1. Should the Province apply a reduce, reuse and recycle model to wastewater management?
2. How could the Province encourage resource recovery at a centralized system such as a wastewater treatment plant, or at the source?

3. Do you see challenges to recovering resources from wastewater, and are there potential solutions?
4. What do you think could be done to help increase uptake of innovative technologies and practices for resource recovery?

7. Improving the Management of Hauled Sewage from Private Septic System

Hauled sewage, commonly known as septage, is untreated waste material removed from portable toilets, sewage holding tanks and septic systems. Approximately 1.2 million residents in Ontario rely on their own wastewater servicing using septic systems or holding tanks, with the majority located in rural Ontario. Hauled sewage can be taken to a wastewater treatment plant for treatment with other sewage, disposed in lagoons, applied to land following treatment or applied to land directly on approved sites. Land application of portable toilet waste is prohibited in Ontario without treatment prior to application.

Considerations for disposing hauled sewage on land include adhering to applicable laws, protecting municipal drinking water and beneficial use of treated hauled sewage. Ontario regulates the transportation and land application of hauled sewage through ECAs issued under the *Environmental Protection Act*, and operators of land disposal sites for hauled sewage must follow local requirements such as municipal official plans and zoning by-laws. Municipal drinking water sources are protected through source protection plans created under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, which include policies to ensure that land application of hauled sewage never becomes a significant risk to municipal drinking water, such as by prohibiting this activity in areas where it is or would be a significant drinking water threat. Beneficial use of hauled sewage on land for agriculture is possible if it is treated and meets standards under the *Nutrient Management Act*.

Managing hauled sewage can be a complex issue because landowners with septic systems or holding tanks require a way of disposing of their waste safely. In some areas of Ontario alternatives to land application are not readily available as some municipalities lack wastewater treatment plant capacity to accept hauled sewage. Therefore, land application at Ontario-approved sites through a licensed waste hauler is the only practical option.

MECP considers potential impacts on the environment and neighbours when reviewing applications for approval of land disposal sites, and posts proposals and decision notices for these sites on the Environment Registry of Ontario. However, conflicts respecting land application sites can also arise after their approval. In light of these conflicts and to align MECP's policy and program on hauled sewage with other jurisdictions, MECP consulted with the public through the Environment Registry of Ontario in 2017. MECP received input that

included a range of suggested approaches from a complete phase-out of land application of untreated hauled sewage to flexible local solutions for treatment and disposal.

MECP has committed to continue considering potential changes to the hauled sewage policy and to better protect human health and the environment. Some potential options and approaches include:

- A province-wide phase-out of land application.
- Geographically based local bans based on local municipal wastewater treatment plant capacity.
- New guidelines for treatment, land application and trench disposal of treated and untreated hauled sewage (no bans).

Discussion Questions

1. What are the potential benefits and/or challenges, including cost and environmental considerations, of the options identified in this section?
2. Are there other options or changes to the approaches to managing hauled sewage that could be considered?

8. Improving Financial Sustainability

How Wastewater and Stormwater Services are Financed

Many municipalities provide services to people and businesses in their communities through centralized wastewater and stormwater systems. Most wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in Ontario was built between the 1950s and 1970s and in many places it is nearing the end of its useful life. Another example of an infrastructure challenge is the Chedoke Creek incident where the system failed to detect that a sewage overflow storage tank gate was left partially open, resulting in extremely visible and negative outcomes. This infrastructure is typically paid for by users based on a flat fee or amount of water used or wastewater disposed. Stormwater costs are paid for based on water rates or via general municipal revenues, however, some municipalities are implementing specific stormwater user fees.

Many municipalities struggle to adequately finance their wastewater and stormwater systems to ensure they can address existing and future pressures, including population growth, urbanization, and climate change. Historically, many have not invested at sustainable levels. This under-investment threatens environmental protection, increases operational costs, and hinders service enhancements and/or system growth.

Current Framework to Improve Financial Sustainability

The Ministry of Infrastructure's Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure Regulation (O. Reg. 588/17) sets out requirements for municipal asset management planning to help municipalities better understand their infrastructure needs and inform infrastructure and financial planning. This includes wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

All municipal governments were required to have a finalized strategic asset management policy by July 2019, and their asset management plan for core assets, including wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, are to be completed and approved by July 2022. More information about the regulation can be found at www.ontario.ca/assetmanagement.

Challenges

Water rates typically do not cover the full cost needed to invest in wastewater and stormwater assets, which includes addressing the infrastructure deficit resulting from past underinvestment. Many communities have raised water rates in the recent past to try and make the necessary investments. However, some communities cannot raise rates without running into affordability issues, which are most predominant in small, rural and northern communities that lack economies of scale (i.e., large densely populated areas where cost impacts can be spread out). Stormwater charges or fees are infrequently used, resulting in stormwater infrastructure receiving very little investment after its initial construction.

Options for Improving Financial Sustainability

Affordable management of wastewater and stormwater infrastructure is critical to enabling economic growth, sustainable infrastructure and protecting Ontario's people, property and the environment. Ontario is encouraging municipalities to explore new approaches to financial sustainability and affordability of their wastewater and stormwater management systems as well as opportunities to fully and effectively use this infrastructure.

While wastewater and stormwater infrastructure is investment intensive, only a few municipalities have explored alternate governance structures which can give them flexibility to leverage borrowing opportunities and options to improve financial sustainability are available.

One option that could improve financial sustainability is achieving a regionalized economy of scale with wastewater and stormwater services. Some drinking water systems use this approach such as the Lambton Area Water Supply System, Union Water Supply System and the Lake Huron and Elgin Area Primary Water Supply Systems, where one system serves a group of municipalities. Physical interconnection of wastewater and stormwater infrastructure is not practiced amongst many groups of municipalities, but could be considered in the future to

achieve economies of scale (e.g., one large wastewater treatment plant serving many municipalities with advanced treatment improving water quality). Also, centralization of biosolids management in a municipality or sharing biosolids management resources among municipalities can occur. Municipalities could also group together to purchase chemicals or other resources through joint-procurements or other arrangements.

To help address financial sustainability, municipalities may also consider using innovative approaches such as municipal service corporations and public private partnerships (P3s).

Municipally owned corporations can provide a different way to manage municipal services such as wastewater and stormwater. Municipalities have broad powers to establish service corporations including utilities to operate their wastewater and stormwater services as long as they remain publicly owned and controlled, and include provisions for accountability and transparency. These corporations can also finance capital investments by leveraging alternative financing approaches such as through green bonds, which may not impact the municipality's borrowing capacity.

By tapping into a previously inaccessible market for capital, green bonds diversify the funding options available for municipalities, potentially creating access to cheaper sources of capital. By creating municipal service corporations, municipalities can access more debt financing for capital-intensive water, wastewater and stormwater management projects, since corporations are not subject to the same limits on borrowing that municipalities are. Municipal service corporations can also serve multiple municipalities, which opens up the possibility of realizing economies of scale and shared administration. Shifting responsibility for the financing, construction and operation of water infrastructure to a corporation led by skilled professionals can make the transition to full cost recovery on these assets more likely. While this could lead to short-term increases in rates, it can help municipalities avoid more costly rehabilitation of failed infrastructure in the longer term.

Municipal Service Corporation – Innisfil, Ontario

InnServices Utilities Inc. is a water and wastewater utility company owned by the Town of Innisfil to deliver water and wastewater services to Innisfil and other municipalities.

The Town retained a consultant to assess the Town's strategic needs and prepare a business model for the establishment of a municipal service corporation. The consultant recommended the adoption of a municipal service corporation in order to enable investment in water and wastewater assets without impacting the Town's financial position.

As a result, the Town transferred its water and wastewater assets and operations to InnServices in 2016. The Town remains the shareholder (owner) and continues to be accountable and responsible for the oversight and rate increases. InnServices is responsible for providing clean, safe drinking water to its customers and treating wastewater collected from the sewer system.

P3s can help finance wastewater and stormwater infrastructure through partnerships between the government and the private sector. P3s are an alternative form of financing which involves leveraging private sector investment through a contractual agreement that allows for private sector involvement in planning, design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of new infrastructure, or the rehabilitation and replacement of aging infrastructure, while always maintaining public ownership and control. A wide spectrum of P3 service arrangements is available, with the allotment of responsibility between the private and public sectors varying considerably such as service contracts, management contracts, leases, and concessions. P3 models may allow public infrastructure projects to be delivered more efficiently and cost effectively than conventional procurements. P3 models can protect taxpayers from cost overruns by transferring project risks to the party with the expertise, experience and ability to handle that risk best.

Each community in Ontario has their own unique challenges, so the degree to which innovation is used may vary from one community to the next. Some may benefit from applying new and innovative approaches while others may benefit from using traditional ones. Regardless of the approach, the outcome needs to be financially sustainable municipal wastewater and stormwater systems that meet today's needs and future stresses such as climate change.

Discussion Questions

1. Are there any barriers to utilizing innovative financing approaches?
2. Are there other innovative financial approaches for wastewater and stormwater management, including water reuse that could be considered?

3. What opportunities are there for encouraging economies-of-scale for wastewater and stormwater?
4. How can municipalities improve their wastewater and stormwater management cost recovery? Should full cost recovery or life cycle costing be mandatory for municipalities?
5. With the goal of achieving full cost recovery for wastewater and stormwater services, what specific actions can different levels of government take to encourage, or better support municipalities to adopt innovative approaches to financing these services?

9. Improving Public Access to Data on Wastewater and Stormwater Discharges, and the Quality of Ontario's Waters

Publicly available data puts information in the hands of the public, which can enhance accountability of wastewater and stormwater system owners, identify knowledge gaps and support decision making. However, access to data is challenging because it is collected in many shapes and forms and by different government and non-government entities. Inconsistency in data availability limits our ability to adaptively manage complex wastewater and stormwater problems.

There is plenty of data collected by the Province, municipalities, conservation authorities, academics and ENGOs. The list below provides examples of the type of data that is publicly available.

- The Government of Ontario's Open Data Catalogue holds thousands of datasets on a wide range of topics including the environment. The following datasets are specific to wastewater and water quality in our lakes and streams:
 - [Annual Environmental Compliance Reports](#): Information about wastewater discharges that exceed regulated limits.
 - [Industrial Wastewater Discharges](#): Wastewater discharge volumes and effluent quality from wastewater facilities within several industrial sectors.
 - [Municipal Wastewater Treated Effluent](#) – Municipal wastewater treatment plant discharge volumes and effluent quality.
 - [Provincial \(Stream\) Water Quality Monitoring Network](#): Measures water quality in rivers and streams across Ontario and shares the data and as an online [stream water quality map](#).

- *Lake Partner Program*: Province-wide, volunteer-based, water quality monitoring program that collects water quality information from hundreds of lakes while promoting citizen science.
- *Inland Waters Lakes and Streams – Water Chemistry*: Includes information on water quality of lakes and streams across Ontario.
- *Lake Simcoe Monitoring*: The Lake Simcoe lake monitoring program provides measurements of chemical and physical water quality.
- *Lake Water Quality at Drinking Water Intakes*: Water chemistry data collected at 18 locations in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River and 4 locations in Lake Simcoe.
- *Georgian Bay Water Quality*: Water quality data for Georgian Bay collected at location from Killarney and Honey Harbour between 2003 and 2005.
- Environment and Climate Change Canada’s publishes data collected through the federal [Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations \(WSER\)](#), which requires wastewater systems to electronically submit data, such as flows, quality of final effluent and combined sewer overflows.
- Other examples include:
 - *City of Kingston Utilities*: Real-time public notification of CSOs through a [combined sewer overflow map](#), including historical logs of overflows
 - *Lake Simcoe Watershed – Municipal Citywide SWM Database*: Managed by LSRCA, in collaboration with member municipalities, the database stores and tracks information about stormwater facilities and enables operations and maintenance and monitoring analysis of these assets on a watershed basis.
 - *Swim, Drink, Fish*: supports data compilation that goes into the publicly available [Swim Guide](#) that tells beach goers when and where water quality passes the local standards for swimming. Some data, such as water samples, are collected by citizen scientists across Ontario and Canada.

While a large amount of data is publicly available today, making data more accessible to the public can also be challenging. One challenge is simply making the data from provincial and other sources available. Data could be posted on a data owner’s website, but that leads to the challenge of having data decentralized and located in many places, which makes it difficult to find by potential users. Another challenge is data quality and consistency. Data that is posted for public use should be verified so the user can get accurate insights from its use. Also, data collection methods may not be consistent among data sets, which can limit data usability.

These are some of the hurdles to making wastewater and stormwater data more accessible to the public and may limit the amount of data available.

Discussion Questions

1. What wastewater and stormwater data would support you and/or your organization's decision making, and how would it be used?
2. How can public access to wastewater, stormwater and water quality-related data be improved?
3. What role could sector partners contribute to improving public transparency of wastewater and stormwater data?
4. What role could community science play in the collection and/or reporting of wastewater and stormwater data?
5. How could all data on wastewater and stormwater discharges and water quality generated within Ontario by various entities be consolidated and made publicly available? Should there be an independent body charged with managing this data, and who could that be?

10. Making it Easier to Follow the Rules

The way the Province regulates municipal wastewater and stormwater has evolved over the years. An example of this is the updated Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECA) framework for approval of wastewater treatment systems that has flexibility to make pre-approved process changes.

Most recently, MECP created a consolidated linear infrastructure (CLI) ECA approach for municipalities to consolidate the existing pipe-by-pipe approvals issued for a municipality's wastewater collection system.

The current framework for sewage works approvals has resulted in the issuance of thousands of approvals to municipalities and developers with inconsistent requirements, resulting in a fragmented picture of municipal collection systems across the province. Under the new approach, a municipality will have one ECA for its sanitary collection system, and another for its stormwater management works with a set consistent terms and conditions that meet the most current standards for environmental protection. The new ECAs will also streamline the approvals process for sewage works as they will contain preauthorization conditions that will allow municipalities to make routine alterations to their collection system without an application to MECP as long as the conditions of the CLI-ECA are met. Municipalities were

invited to apply for a CLI-ECA in August 2021, and applications are due back to the ministry in early 2022. MECP is targeting July 2022 to have the new ECAs issued to municipalities.

These improvements are making it easier for municipalities to follow the rules and improve their infrastructure while ensuring environmental protection. However, more work is needed. Current challenges include inconsistent duplicative reporting requirements to provincial and federal governments, outdated approvals, and outdated, unclear or lacking policies, which makes it difficult for the regulated community and the public to be sure what the rules are. Also, there are no province-wide performance measures that inform how well municipalities are managing wastewater and stormwater in their communities.

The work the Province is doing to make it easier to follow the rules and measure how well wastewater and stormwater is managed could build on work already done such as electronic reporting and new ECAs. It could include new work such as merging federal and provincial reporting requirements, clarifying and simplifying requirements, creating key performance indicators and providing better guidance.

Solutions may include more electronic reporting, simplified factsheets on MECP requirements, continued improvements in streamlining approvals and consistency in conditions (e.g., system-wide ECAs), merging federal and provincial reporting requirements, and encouraging the development and enforcement of municipal sewer use bylaws.

Some of this work can be done within existing rules, but other work would require updated policies or new policies as set out in previous chapters.

Discussion Questions

1. What else can the Province do to streamline reporting requirements?
2. How can the Province make achieving compliance easier (e.g., improved guidance in specific areas)?
3. What province-wide performance measures can be utilized to ensure effective management of wastewater and stormwater assets?



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RE: Conservation Ontario's Comments on the "Municipal Wastewater and Stormwater Management in Ontario Discussion Paper" (ERO# 019-4967)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the "Municipal Wastewater and Stormwater Management in Ontario Discussion Paper". Conservation Ontario (CO) is the network of Ontario's 36 conservation authorities (CAs). Comments shared through this consultation are not intended to limit comments received directly from CAs.

Conservation Ontario greatly appreciates the opportunity to provide critical feedback on the Municipal Wastewater and Stormwater Management in Ontario Discussion Paper ("Discussion Paper"), in order to include the conservation authorities' practical considerations. As local watershed management agencies and service delivery partners, Conservation Authorities (CAs) bring important perspectives to the discussion on stormwater and municipal wastewater management and water conservation in Ontario. The comments and perspectives in this response are generally provided through the lens of CAs' delivery of mandatory programs and services related to the identification and management of natural hazards, source protection, and the development of watershed-based resource management strategies. As local delivery agents, CAs maintain a wealth knowledge through watershed-based research and monitoring on the impacts of urban development and climate change experienced by watersheds across the Province. The following comments have been organized to respond to the various sections of the Discussion Paper, including providing responses to the individual discussion questions.

Section 1 **Overview of Wastewater and Stormwater**

The overview captures climate change considerations adequately and Conservation Ontario was pleased to see the inclusion of climate change considerations in this discussion paper.

The overview section of the Discussion Paper identifies key definitions and descriptions of terms used throughout the document. Conservation Ontario offers the following recommendations to expand the definitions and descriptions used throughout this document:

- **Green Infrastructure:** While Conservation Ontario is pleased to see acknowledgements to Green Infrastructure (GI) in the Discussion Paper, it is noted that no definition is included, and the text regarding the aims of GI appears limited as compared to the definition provided in the *Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Guidance Manual* (ERO#019-4971). Given the relationship between these two proposals, it is recommended that the definition for Green Infrastructure from the LID Guidance Manual be incorporated into future guidance and policy for municipal wastewater and stormwater management.
- **Municipal Stormwater Infrastructure:** This section includes a more traditional definition of municipal stormwater infrastructure, however, it is recommended that reference to this infrastructure be expanded to include other elements such as curbs and gutters, catch basins and manholes, ditches, swales, engineered flow channels, as well as the travelled portion of most rights-of-way, which often functions as the “major flow system”. Additionally, it is noted that this description is largely focused on urban areas, and should be expanded to include context for stormwater infrastructure in rural areas.

Section Two

Reducing Sewage Overflows and Bypasses, and Public Reporting

- i) Should municipalities be required (e.g., through a regulation) to provide near real-time monitoring/modelling and public reporting of sewage overflows and bypasses, or should the decision be left to individual municipalities based on guidance material that would be developed by Ontario?**

Conservation Ontario notes that municipalities are currently required to report any unusual operating condition, such as an overflow or bypass, immediately to the Spills Action Centre as a condition of their Environmental Compliance Approval or under Part X of the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*. The discussion paper mentions that the Spills Action Centre has piloted a web-based platform for bypass and overflow reporting. Given this pilot program, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) may be in a position to collect bypass and overflow information in real-time, which may represent an opportunity for a centralized, provincially led initiative to provide near real-time information to the public, rather than duplicating reporting efforts and pushing the responsibility for public reporting back onto the municipalities.

While there is a desire for municipalities to provide near real-time monitoring/modelling and public reporting of sewage overflows and bypasses, it is recognized that the size of municipality, potential impact on receiving water and financial responsibilities associated with a such a program will impact a municipalities’ ability to provide real-time reporting. Should the Province consider a regulation, these implementation and capacity barriers must be considered.

Furthermore, it is suggested that the use of any low impact development practice to return groundwater recharge and baseflow in water courses to the original/ predevelopment conditions include recommendations for infill and brownfield sites. This is an important consideration in areas of rapid development and increasing imperviousness.

- ii) **If it is to be a requirement, should it be province-wide or focused on problem areas (e.g., those areas with many sewage overflow and bypass events or high discharge volumes)?**

While province-wide provision of near real-time monitoring/modelling and public reporting of sewage overflows and bypasses would create consistency amongst municipalities and provide a common ground for sharing of resources and best practices, it is recommended that resources be directed to “problem areas” as a priority, with the opportunity to expand in the future, as necessary. However, given the potential impacts to health, infrastructure, and local communities, it is recommended that municipalities continue to report all unusual by-pass and overflow events to the Spills Action Centre.

- iii) **What information should be reported to the public by municipalities when a sewage overflow or bypass occurs, how quickly would you want to know, and how should this information be made publicly available?**

To avoid risks to public health, timely messaging to inform the public should be considered and occur during or shortly after the by-pass or overflow. Information could include: time, location, estimate discharge volume and duration, potential health risks, any mitigation measures to address any heightened concern (avoid area, do not swim, etc.) and the level of treatment achieved (if any). The messages may be posted on municipal websites and notices could be made on local media (e.g., radio, online news outlets, social media, etc.). Where notices are issued, the information should be clear and easy to understand for the public. Wherever possible, municipalities should be encouraged to share resources and build upon existing municipal models which provide public access to by-pass and overflow events.

Section 3 **Changing the Way Stormwater is Managed in Urban Areas**

Conservation authorities hold a range of expertise related to watershed management and are on the frontline of both the promotion and implementation of proper stormwater management in the province. As such, they are valuable partners with practical expertise reflected in the development of a number of green stormwater infrastructure / low impact development programs such as the Sustainable Technology Evaluation Program (<https://sustainabletechnologies.ca/>) created by the Toronto & Region (TRCA), Credit Valley (CVC) and Lake Simcoe Region (LSRCA) Conservation Authorities. Where possible, the province and municipalities are encouraged to leverage this expertise to assist with innovative and sustainable stormwater management.

- i) **How can greater municipal adoption of green stormwater infrastructure/low impact development practices on public, private and commercial/industrial property be encouraged?**

Greater adoption of green stormwater infrastructure/low impact development (GI/LID) practices on private and commercial/industrial property could be encouraged through funding for technical support and implementation incentives for programs that encourage energy retrofits (energy audit followed by cost-share funding to implement audit recommendations). Credit Valley Conservation’s (CVC) Greening

Corporate Grounds Program (<https://cvc.ca/greening-corporate-grounds/>) is a positive example of an existing program model.

Furthermore, stronger policies requiring the adoption of GI/LID, tax credits or discounts on utility costs for the installation of GI/LID, retrofit assistance programs (assistance for analysis, construction costs), and streamlining the approvals process (ECA / municipal permitting) should all be considered. It would be helpful to incorporate stronger direction regarding the use of GI/LID into the Provincial Policy Statement with clear definitions and criteria.

Current challenges/ barriers for adoption

The lack of municipal funding to monitor and maintain stormwater management services is a significant issue and barrier to acceptance and implementation of LID measures on public land. Adequate funding is required for public sector institutions to monitor conditions and maintain these facilities to ensure continued efficacy and identify improvements and best management practices. Without the appropriate capacity for monitoring and maintenance, public sector institutions may be hesitant to implement more GI/LID stormwater management devices.

A solution-based resource, The Region of Durham [Towards Resilience Community Adaptation Plan \(2016\)](#) identified LID techniques and the need for monitoring and rehabilitation for existing stormwater systems as a key component of the climate adaptation plan. As a potential solution it also recommends development of a Stormwater Management (SWM) Fee and Credit system to fund monitoring and maintenance of municipal SWM services, and the inclusion of climate change factors for the design of SWM works. It is important to note that while this resource may be applicable in some circumstances, the approach may not be feasible for all municipalities in Ontario.

Economic SWM Optimization Strategies

To promote greater municipal adoption, cross-jurisdictional sharing of capital and operations and maintenance (O&M) stormwater management (SWM) costs between municipalities along with private landowners to address greater urban catchment area objectives (e.g., flood reduction, water quality parameter(s) of concern reduction, incl. Phosphorus) are recommended (see, [A New Way to Manage Stormwater](#) from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority for more details on such an approach).

Using the *Drainage Act* would also provide ample room for local knowledge, context, and priorities to be incorporated within green, low impact drainage infrastructure designs. The benefit of utilizing this Act to support more GI including LID implementation is that drainage features designed and constructed using the Act are protected, with appropriate recourse in instances where contraventions occur, protecting GI/LID in retrofit scenarios. It would provide right-of-access to presiding municipalities for inspecting and maintaining drainage infrastructure on private property.

Better appreciation of O&M costs for both GI/LID and conventional SWM

The 'heightened costs' for O&M related to appropriate upkeep of GI/LID has been a common barrier identified by municipalities. A more comprehensive and accurate economic study to demonstrate true cost comparisons for O&M between GI/LID and conventional SWM would help address this barrier. These efforts may also support more insight and recommendations to share with municipalities to

support more holistic O&M approaches, and improve SWM program efficiencies resulting in cost savings.

ii) Should there be a comprehensive and province-wide environmental protection policy or guidance document to provide clear direction on stormwater management to municipalities, developers, planning authorities and others? What should be included?

It is recommended that comprehensive and detailed implementation guidance for the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS, 2020) be provided with respect to all of the water management policy directions. This should include detailed guidance for each of the following:

- maintaining linkages and related functions among ground water features, hydrologic functions, natural heritage features and areas, and surface water features including shoreline areas;
- implementing necessary restrictions on development and site alteration to:
 - protect all municipal drinking water supplies and designated vulnerable areas; and
 - protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive ground water features, and their hydrologic functions;
- planning for efficient and sustainable use of water resources, through practices for water conservation and sustaining water quality;
- ensuring consideration of environmental lake capacity, where applicable; and,
- ensuring stormwater management practices minimize stormwater volumes and contaminant loads and maintain or increase the extent of vegetative and pervious surfaces.

The comprehensive policy approach would help all parties (municipalities, developers, planning authorities, and others) to follow a standardized guide on design, maintenance, and inspection.

Finally, while it may not be written in a “comprehensive environmental protection policy”, some guidance currently exists from the province, namely the *Stormwater Planning and Design Manual (2003)* and applies within the ECA process. It is suggested that this resource guide be updated to better incorporate required targets for water quantity and quality (linking to the Provincial Water Quality Objective or other water quality standards, thresholds, guidelines) and to require LID/GI where feasible.

Incorporating a checklist as a tool in the updated guidance would assist in ensuring that all requirements are adequately addressed.

Finally, it is recommended that the Province endorse a commitment to review the guidance / policy every 10 years to be sure that there is alignment with updated technology and science and other related provincial policies.

iii) Should there be mandatory stormwater management design or technology requirements in Ontario? If so, how can that be phased in for new development and existing development areas?

With an increasing population and subsequent urbanization there is additional pressure placed on the environment, resulting in the need for effective stormwater management. Mandating the

implementation of LIDs/GI in new and existing developments where appropriate could ease some of the environmental pressures.

The incorporation of new comprehensive methods managing stormwater should be mandatory, while implementation should retain a certain degree of flexibility based on the project scale, existing natural conditions, and community requirements. There is the opportunity to use / develop standardized stormwater management online tools and software.

For new developments, stormwater management requirements could be site specific and focus on enhancing existing natural features rather than removing it from the overall stormwater management strategy. For existing development areas, the focus could be on implementing LID/stormwater management in areas that lack any green infrastructure or need upgrading. Grants could help implement features on privately owned developments.

The updated SWM criteria established by the Greater Toronto Area conservation authorities (LSRCA, CVC, TRCA), focus on runoff volume reduction, both suspended solids and phosphorus reduction, and should be considered as consistent requirements. Engaging all relevant and interested agencies at the consultation phase will allow for clear expectations and communication around the proposed stormwater management techniques and methods. Proponents would be responsible to demonstrate, through site investigation/analysis, the feasibility of volume control on the site. Once a mandatory requirement is in place, any new development proposals (applications) would have to meet the new requirements.

Section 4

Updating Policies Related to the Management of Wastewater and the Quality of Ontario's Water Resources

i) What feedback do you have for the potential policy updates and new policies identified above?

Conservation Ontario is generally supportive of the potential policy updates and the new policies identified in the discussion paper. Wherever possible, new and updated policies must maintain a certain degree of flexibility to allow for consideration of local / watershed context, issues and needs.

There is support of the proposed approach to update guidelines for industrial contaminants that municipal wastewater treatment plants are not capable to remove to appropriate levels for assimilative capacity within the receiving water. It is recommended that the proposed approach align any updates with existing policies that continue to be relevant and effective, such as the document *Improving efforts in support of Water Management*, July 1994 'Blue Book' Policy 4 "*Ensure that special measures are taken on a case-by-case basis to minimize the release of hazardous substances that have not been banned.*"

Furthermore, it is also recommended to maintain the 'Blue Book' Policy 5. Mixing zones should be as small as possible and not interfere with beneficial uses aligning with the original policy. For example, mixing zones are not to be used as an alternative to reasonable and practical treatment is updated to incorporate more specifics on source water considerations.

Additionally, CAs are supportive of policy updates which would include more stringent phosphorus limits for wastewater discharges, as well as the proposed requirement to eliminate chlorine from municipal wastewater effluent in a new Ontario regulation for municipal wastewater systems. Policies to include more stringent phosphorus limits could be applied in many watersheds across Ontario, and the elimination of chlorine would result in overall benefits to aquatic health.

Lastly, when assessing potential policy updates and/or new policies, it is recommended that the parameters within the Water Quality Objectives be reviewed and updated as required. Interim values could be reassessed and updated, and additional parameters could be added (based on current and emerging concerns). Any updated policies should direct users to other guidelines, threshold, limits, used in Canada if there is not sufficient data within Ontario.

ii) What additional issues should be addressed in the updated or new policies?

The process of updating or developing new policies could include the following to address existing and emergent issues:

- Consideration of cumulative impacts for multiple wastewater discharges in a single area;
- Investing in research to improve wastewater treatment methods to better address pharmaceuticals and other “non-traditional” waste products;
- Limiting chloride and/or related salts in water systems; and,
- Preventing degeneration of dissolved oxygen in lakes.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the Province consider stricter regulations regarding the discharge of wastewater in a vulnerable area for a municipal drinking water supply.

Section 5 **Promoting Water Reuse in Ontario**

i) How can the province encourage water reuse and other water conservation measures in Ontario?

Given the multiple proponents and sectors involved in water conservation and reuse, it is recommended the Province explore multiple avenues to encourage, incentivize, and where possible, require water reuse and conservation measures in Ontario. As such, we offer the following suggestions:

- 1) **Updates to the Ontario Building Code and Supplemental Guidance:** The Province is encouraged to explore incorporating water reuse and other conservation measures into the Ontario Building Code as a requirement (rather than standards) to facilitate the infrastructure required for reuse (e.g., capture roof runoff, cisterns for in home use or lawns, etc.).

Further, the development of guidelines and best management practices around water reuse, including environmental considerations (i.e., only reuse ‘excess’ water and ensure environmental flows continue to creeks and rivers), would be helpful. These guidelines should be developed for a wide range of audiences

- 2) **Increasing Education and Outreach:** To ensure that information on water reuse and conservation measures is distributed widely throughout Ontario, the Province is encouraged to

increase education and public outreach activities. This outreach should be targeted at a wide array of audiences, and highlight simple actions that can be undertaken by the public with minimal costs at the single-property level. As an example, the Province could consider providing information about the required water quality for different uses and comparing this with water reuse quality to demonstrate appropriate means of reusing this resource. Many conservation authorities offer various workshops to residents and businesses promoting sustainable rainwater conservation practices. The Province is encouraged to leverage the information provided in these workshops as appropriate.

- 3) **Financial Incentives:** Lastly, the Province should consider financial incentives such as cost sharing programs, tax breaks, provincial grants for reuse project implementation, or discounts on utilities for landowners and businesses to promote water reuse and conservation. There are many examples of municipally led initiatives (such as the flexible property tax system model (taxation policy) developed by the City of Kitchener) which could be further explored for implementation ideas.

ii) What are the obstacles that prevent your business from using water reuse technology in your operations?

Overall, conservation authorities cited the capital, operating and maintenance costs and lack of financial incentives as key obstacles which prevent the implementation of water reuse technology.

Another obstacle is a lack of local practical examples to learn from, share resources and adopt best practices. To address this, the Province is encouraged to invest in pilot studies and demonstration sites, while jointly providing associated funding opportunities to implement this technology.

Finally, there is a need for water reuse technology design standards that are supported by regulatory authorities. This could be achieved through the development of a multi-disciplinary best management practices.

iii) Are there specific operations, facilities or sectors which may benefit from water conservation/water reuse?

While the benefits of water conservation and reuse would be visible across a wide range of sectors, Conservation Ontario supports the approach of investigating potential operations that may benefit from water reuse and conservation. When assessing specific sectors, considerations should include: water usage type and appropriate water quality parameters, and standard drawings and design for water reuse infrastructure.

Though many sectors and facilities will benefit from these actions, Conservation Ontario suggests that initial areas of focus could include: Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Buildings (specifically flat-roofed buildings), high-density residential buildings, and recreational facilities.

iv) Should Ontario develop a regulatory framework or guidelines for water reuse?

A provincial regulation or guidelines can be helpful to outline requirements for water harvesting and conservation for multiple sectors and stakeholders, and given increasing population growth and impacts of climate change, may reduce stress on Ontario's water resources. Such a regulation or guidelines

would also be beneficial in promoting a consistent approach across the province. Should the Province move forward with a regulatory framework or guidelines, it is recommended sufficient flexibility be built into these frameworks to allow water users to implement reuse and conservation actions which are appropriate for their local context.

Section Six **Recovering Resources from Wastewater**

i) Should the Province apply a reduce, reuse, and recycle model to wastewater management?

Conservation Ontario supports the Province applying a “reduce, reuse, recycle” model to wastewater management in Ontario to take advantage of wastewater resources, reduce waste, and ultimately, reduce impacts on the natural and human environment.

ii) How could the province encourage resource recovery at a centralized system such as a wastewater treatment plant, or at the source?

The Province could have a leading role to incentivize research and development and/or implementation of resource recovery. The recovery of nutrients and biogas or other materials could be beneficial for the province, municipalities, and industry. Further research and innovation, including pilot studies would help with resource recovery reuse. Additionally, the Province should consider a role in education and promotion of benefits to encourage resource recovery, such as reducing erosion in receiving waterways, emphasizing the benefits of reuse, and energy resources which could be extracted through the resource recovery process.

iii) Do you see challenges to recovering resources from wastewater, and are there potential solutions?

One of the primary challenges to recovering resources from wastewater is the initial capital costs to acquire necessary land and infrastructure needed to effectively recover resources. To combat reluctance, jurisdictional scans could be completed which document the long-term cost benefits / recovery of implementing these processes and infrastructure investments. This research should be appropriately communicated to municipalities to assist with budgeting and identification of near- and long-term infrastructure needs.

Additionally, contaminants among wastewater are a concern as legacy and emerging contaminants may pose risk and obstacles for the recovery of resources from wastewater (e.g., pharmaceutical, microplastics, polymers, etc.). In addition, creating or identifying markets for recovered resources may be difficult and may require additional outreach.

iv) What do you think could be done to help increase uptake of innovative technologies and practices for resource recovery?

There are several actions that could be carried out to help increase the uptake of innovative technologies and practices for resource recovery, which range from developing a regulatory framework to financial investments in the implementation of innovative technologies and developing benefit programs.

As a first step, the Province is encouraged to support more pilot projects, demonstration /education sites, and effectively promoting the outcomes of pilots and the benefits of innovative technologies and practices to municipalities.

Lastly, from a business development standpoint, expanding the market for recovered resources to other industries (e.g., reuse biosolids for remediation and restoration of degraded areas) would help increase the uptake of innovative technologies and practices for resource recovery.

Section 7

Improving the Management of Hauled Sewage from Private Septic System

i) What are the potential benefits and/or challenges, including cost and environmental considerations, of the options identified in this section?

The considerations proposed by the Province must include the practical perspective that rural communities need an affordable way to empty their septic tanks. An identified challenge with hauled sewage is that this practice is commonly associated with rural or sparsely populated areas. In these areas, the nearest wastewater treatment plant may be located in a small community and the plant may have limited capacity to deal with these types of wastes. If not handled correctly, hauled sewage can have detrimental impacts on wastewater plant performance and the quality of the final effluent.

Treating hauled wastes in a small wastewater treatment plant will consume plant capacity that would otherwise be reserved for residential or commercial growth in the community. The proposed geographical based local ban based on the local municipal wastewater treatment plant capacity could be a potential solution to this challenge.

The benefits of hauled sewage from septic systems to wastewater treatment plants means that the septage can be properly treated including more difficult compounds. Available funding could be made available to municipalities to upgrade their wastewater treatment plant to increase capacity.

In terms of updating guidelines for treatment, land application and trench disposal and untreated hauled sewage (no bans), upholding stringent protection of drinking water sources and negative impacts to ecological integrity should be priority considerations in any discussions.

Finally, education and outreach for new residents owning septic systems will help improve the understanding of the septic system and process of hauling sewage. During the pandemic there was a shift of urban residents moving to rural areas which do not have the same services complement as urban areas.

ii) Are there other options or changes to the approaches to managing hauled sewage that could be considered?

In areas where there isn't capacity at sewage treatment plants the province could partner with municipalities to develop centralized dedicated facilities for septage treatment, where needed. These could be designed with energy and nutrient recovery systems to make them profitable.

In addition, funding could be made available to municipalities to upgrade their wastewater treatment plant to increase capacity.

Section 8

Improving Financial Sustainability

i) Are there any barriers to utilizing innovative financing approaches?

A significant barrier to utilizing innovative funding approaches is agreement between parties on how to appropriately cost-share responsibilities in a fair, equitable, and agreeable manner when sharing infrastructure capital and operation and management costs.

ii) Are there other innovative financial approaches for wastewater and stormwater management, including water reuse that could be considered?

As previously mentioned, the Province and municipalities should look to incentivize individual homeowners to implement water reuse and conservation actions. For example, municipalities could consider reducing a homeowner or business' contribution to municipal stormwater charges (if applicable) if LID, water reuse, or filtration mitigation measures are implemented directly on the property.

iii) What opportunities are there for encouraging economies-of-scale for wastewater and stormwater?

The 'heightened costs' for operations and maintenance related to appropriate upkeep of GI/LID has been one challenge or barrier identified by municipalities. A more comprehensive and accurate economic study to demonstrate true cost comparisons for operations and maintenance between GI/LID and conventional SWM would help address this barrier some municipalities still have.

These efforts may also support more insight and recommendations to share with municipalities to support more holistic operations and maintenance approaches, and improve SWM program efficiencies resulting in cost savings.

See previous Economic SWM Optimization Strategies as listed in question 3(i).

iv) How can municipalities improve their wastewater and stormwater management cost recovery? Should full cost recovery or life cycle costing be mandatory for municipalities?

Full cost recovery should be implemented for municipalities. Recommendations include a phased approach, via pilots experimenting within the new Consolidated Linear Infrastructure (CLI) ECA SWM framework for a feasible, paced roll-out over the next decade and beyond. Furthermore, it is recommended that municipalities maximize opportunities for sediment reuse applications through new CLI ECA SWM residual re-use considerations.

Lastly, to improve operations and maintenance for SWM, it is recommended that municipalities identify immediate / near-term opportunities for maintenance to extend service life and overall functionality of features (e.g., bottom draw inspections and clean-outs at appropriate time for wet features).

v) With the goal of achieving full cost recovery for wastewater and stormwater services, what specific actions can different levels of government take to encourage, or better support municipalities to adopt innovative approaches to financing these services?

To achieve the goal of full cost recovery, it is recommended that funding partnerships be developed between multiple levels of government (municipal, provincial, and federal) given the shared responsibility of protecting water resources.

Other actions that can better support municipalities to adopt approaches to financing these services include providing more guidance and flexibility for the residual management system to allow temporary storage of sediment and/or other rehabilitated materials until repurposing opportunities are identified. Certain conditions for the temporary storage would have to be met, potentially using waste transfer sites as model for adoption / further adaptation. Additionally, it would be beneficial to have greater acceptance of sediment cleaned out of SWM features which could be re-applied for various capital projects and agricultural scenarios, while still considering application sediment quality guidelines.

Section 9

Improving Public Access to Data on Wastewater and Stormwater Discharges, and the Quality of Ontario's Waters

i) What wastewater and stormwater data would support you and/or your organization's decision making, and how would it be used?

The conservation authorities require wastewater and stormwater data to assess impacts on aquatic biota and other beneficial uses of water bodies. The data are used in watershed water quality simulations for deciding appropriate best management practices. Data that could benefit conservation authorities include:

- **Wastewater:** ECA, bypass event type and start and stop time, quality of receiving water during and after a bypass event and the bypass report that is submitted to MECP
- **Stormwater:** Quality of receiving water during and after a storm event

With support from Ontario (MECP), the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) currently collects wastewater data directly from local municipalities through our Watershed-wide Wastewater Optimization Program. The municipalities provide data voluntarily using a spreadsheet template. Performance data is then compiled into an annual report which is used to demonstrate progress toward reducing phosphorus and ammonia loadings to the Grand River. This is a good model that could be considered to share wastewater and stormwater data in other areas of the province.

ii) How can public access to wastewater, stormwater and water quality-related data be improved?

Posting the data at locations that are intuitive (e.g., municipal or MECP's websites) to the public would promote easy access for the public. Conservation authorities could help direct public traffic to the applicable webpages. Successful models that are already available for water quality data from partner organizations should be considered (for example conservation authority websites).

iii) What role could sector partners contribute to improving public transparency of wastewater and stormwater data?

Municipal partners could provide annual reporting of stormwater management operation and maintenance activities and showing if the status has improved, deteriorated, or stayed same.

Posting datasets for public consumption without providing any context or interpretation should be considered from a communication perspective.

iv) What role could community science play in the collection and/or reporting of wastewater and stormwater data?

Wastewater data is very controlled by the municipalities; however, community scientists could do visual inspections/ monitoring of wastewater/stormwater discharge outlets for blockages or anomalies.

Community science could play a role in monitoring / reporting across a broader, landscape scale to help collect data to assess system-wide, cumulative impacts. The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) system of community-based weather observers across Canada are a good example of a long-term community science program.

With training, some field monitoring for stormwater related parameters (e.g., flow, temperature, turbidity, and possibly even more defined water quality parameters) can be implemented through community science. There are many successful examples of community science water-based projects.

v) How could all data on wastewater and stormwater discharges and water quality generated within Ontario by various entities be consolidated and made publicly available? Should there be an independent body charged with managing this data, and who could that be?

The Province can and should play a role in the collaborative setting of standards for the collection and storage of wastewater and stormwater data, but then the data should be published by the organization that collected it - in an open, machine-readable format. For example, if a municipality collects the wastewater and stormwater data, they would use the Provincial standard data format and make it available via open data to the public. The open, standardized data format allows the Province (or anyone else) to compile the data and pull it together based on whatever geography is of interest.

Section 10

Making it Easier to Follow the Rules

There is support for streamlining approvals and removing unnecessary review / approval at provincial level, particularly for aspects that add little value to the goal of minimizing impacts on the receiving environment. There is support of amalgamating ECAs where a single entity owns / operates numerous facilities, with limited provincial periodic review as noted above.

Complying and adhering to the requirements of the ECA could be achieved by making monitoring and reporting as easy as possible, but when compliance with targets is not being achieved oversight and enforcement should be enhanced.

i) What else can the Province do to streamline reporting requirements?

To streamline reporting requirements, the Province could consider implementing an on-line portal (similar to the PTTW annual reporting), where updated data/report criteria could be shared from a municipal database.

Additionally, it may be beneficial for the province to set general expectations for municipalities to organize their inventory, with a defined expectations of how annual changes to the SWM collection system, O&M activities, and periodic monitoring updates are to be communicated within the on-line portal / municipal database.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this proposal. Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact Deborah Balika at extension 225 or Nicholas Fischer at extension 229.

Sincerely,



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Proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act, Ontario Regulation 244/97 to expand self-filing activities and a new policy regarding amendments to existing aggregate approvals

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Proposal summary

MNRE is proposing regulatory changes to Ontario Regulation 244/97 under the *Aggregate Resources Act* to expand the list of changes that can be made to site plans without ministry approval (subject to conditions) and proposing a policy that would provide direction for changes to licences, permits and site plans where

ministry approval is required.

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Proposal details

Introduction

Ontario's aggregate industry plays a key role in our government's vision to Build Ontario, supporting vital development and jobs across the province. Aggregates are a key part of building critical infrastructure like homes, schools, hospitals, roads and subway tunnels, which support our growing communities. Approximately 160 million tonnes of aggregate are needed in Ontario each year with most of the aggregate produced in Ontario coming from private land in the southern region of the province where the most market demand exists.

The regulatory framework that manages aggregates must be fair, predictable and adaptive enough to be effective, while managing and minimizing the impact that extraction operations may have on the environment and communities that surround them. Since 2019, [MNRE](#) has consulted several times on the regulatory framework for aggregates and made changes to the *Aggregate Resources Act*, Ontario Regulation 244/97, and the Provincial Standards for Aggregates in Ontario, with these objectives in mind.

Proposed Changes

In order to provide meaningful consultation, [MNRE](#) is proposing both a regulation amendment and a new policy in this notice.

Proposed regulation amendment

On September 1, 2020, changes to Ontario Regulation 244/97 came into effect, which set out eligibility criteria and requirements that allow operators to

self-file certain prescribed changes to existing site plans for some routine activities without requiring approval from the ministry (subject to conditions set out in the regulation).

This approach has effectively reduced burden and provided efficiency to aggregate operations, while continuing to manage the impact of lower-risk activities on aggregate sites.

We are now proposing regulatory changes to Ontario Regulation 244/97 to expand the list of eligible site plan changes that can be made without ministry approval when certain conditions are met. This proposal includes:

- changing site entrances or exits
- adding, removing or re-locating above-ground fuel storage
- where processing activities have already been approved for the site, adding the importation of materials for recycling
- adding, removing or re-locating portable processing equipment or portable asphalt or cement processing equipment for public road authority projects

All proposed site plan changes in this list would be added to Ontario Regulation 244/97 section 7.2 (1) and be subject to the eligibility conditions in 7.2 (2) and (3) of the regulation. In addition, the proposed activities would be subject to the detailed conditions outlined in the attached document entitled **Proposed site plan amendments eligible for self-filing** in the 'Supporting materials' section below.

Proposed policy changes

We are also proposing a new policy to clarify requirements and the approach to public notification and consultation for amendments to authorizations that do require ministry approval. Amendment requests can include changes to site plans, conditions of a licence or permit, or any other information normally included on licences or permits (e.g., name of operator, address, etc.). As a result, amendments vary in type and complexity and can range from small or administrative changes to significant changes to operations and rehabilitation. When proposed amendments would result in significant changes to operations or rehabilitation at an aggregate site, public notification and consultation may be required. The proposed policy is intended to provide direction on the requirements for applying for an amendment, guide ministry decision-making for amendment applications (including what constitutes significant and non-

significant amendments) and provide direction on notification and consultation requirements for certain amendments.

The notification and consultation requirements described in this policy are separate and distinct from the Crown's constitutional obligation to consult with Indigenous peoples. The ministry will continue to assess whether proposed amendments have the potential to adversely impact Aboriginal or treaty rights and will consult with Indigenous communities where required. Consultation with Indigenous communities may be required in addition to any public notification or consultation that are required by this policy and may be required in circumstances where public notification or consultation are not.

Please see the full proposed policy entitled **Applications to amend licences, permits, and site plans under the *Aggregate Resources Act*** in the 'Supporting materials' section below for more details. If approved, this policy would replace the following aggregate policies and procedures:

- POL 2.02.00 Adding, Rescinding or Varying a Licence Condition
- PRO 2.02.00a Adding, Rescinding or Varying a Licence Condition: By Licensee
- POL 3.03.00 Adding, Rescinding or Varying a Wayside Permit Condition
- PRO 3.03.00a Adding, Rescinding or Varying a Wayside Permit Condition: By Permittee
- POL 4.03.01 Adding, Rescinding or Varying an Aggregate Permit Condition
- PRO 4.03.01a Adding, Rescinding or Varying an Aggregate Permit Condition: By Permittee
- POL 2.03.00 Licence Site Plan Amendments: By Licensee
- PRO 2.03.00 Licence Site Plan Amendments: By Licensee
- POL 3.04.00 Wayside Permit Site Plan Amendments
- PRO 3.04.00a Wayside Permit Site Plan Amendments: By Permittee
- POL 4.04.00 Aggregate Permit Site Plan Amendments
- PRO 4.04.00a Aggregate Permit Site Plan Amendments: By Permittee

Environmental Implications

The anticipated environmental consequences of the regulatory and policy proposals are anticipated to be neutral when compared with the current environmental impacts associated with amendments to existing aggregate authorizations.

For the regulatory proposal to enable a broader list of amendments to site plans that can be done without ministry approval, specific eligibility criteria and conditions are proposed to be defined in regulation to minimize the changes to environmental impacts. Current prescribed operational standards continue to apply to all pits and quarries which include setbacks from environmentally significant features.

Amendment applications that require ministry approval will be considered from an impacts perspective and applicants may be required to provide additional technical information or reports to assess potential impacts and, where necessary, recommend mitigation measures. If changes are deemed by the ministry to be significant changes to operations or rehabilitation, public consultation and notification may be required to support the application and approval decision by the ministry. Where a proposed amendment has the potential to adversely impact an Indigenous community's Aboriginal or treaty rights, the ministry may delegate the procedural aspects of consultation to applicants to understand and, where required, accommodate impacts to those rights.

The anticipated social consequences of the proposals are neutral to negative. The regulatory proposal to allow more site plan amendments without ministry approval may be perceived as lessening ministry oversight for aggregate operations or reducing the opportunity for public and Indigenous community involvement in aggregate approvals. However, each specific activity would be subject to eligibility criteria and conditions to ensure that other required approvals are obtained and that impacts are minimized. The activities in this proposal would have historically been considered minor amendments to a site plan where public and Indigenous notification and consultation generally would not have been required.

The proposed policy includes modernizing and clarifying timelines, processes and requirements for public notification and consultation, and does not change the ministry's current approach to assessing whether amendments trigger the duty to consult and consulting with Indigenous communities where required. This would ensure that those who may be impacted by the changes and agencies with relevant expertise and oversight roles are notified about significant changes to aggregate operations.

Regulatory impact analysis

The proposed changes are anticipated to result in a net positive burden

reduction for aggregate operators and no additional cost increases to business.

The proposed regulatory changes to allow for certain amendments to site plans without ministry approval would improve processes and reduce administrative costs to business by allowing certain prescribed changes to existing operations to be made sooner. The additional policy clarity for those amendments needing ministry approval would provide business certainty in terms of the consideration of the type of amendment, application requirements, processes, and public and Indigenous notification and consultation for their business planning when requesting an amendment from the ministry.

Supporting materials

Related files

[Applications to amend licences, permits, and site plans under the Aggregate Resources Act](#)
[pdf](#) 210.67 KB

[Proposed site plan amendments eligible for self-filing](#)
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[Aggregate resources polices and procedures](#)

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ERO 019-6767 discussion points

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Comments

1. It is not clear how the Ministry would confirm that the aggregate operator has permission to change or modify an entrance if the Ministry is not contacted or provided proof.
2. Self filing within the aggregate industry for tax purposes was identified as abused by aggregate operators in Judicial review, thus it is not recommended to allow the aggregate industry to self regulate until it can demonstrate near absolute compliance of site plans and new tax methodologies.
3. Any importation of material to the site outside of the approved rehabilitation plan shall be charged aggregate levy. Also every vehicle transporting recycled material shall have a bill of landing ensuring the weight carried is compliant with highway traffic act and MTO licencing legislation. All tonnage of imported material will be reported so that aggregate levy is applied
4. Any material being blended or processed then leaving the pit will have the aggregate levy applied additionally to the import levy applied
5. Generally not in support of the use of portable processing equipment. The environmental certificate requirements are less for portable processing equipment. It is possible the aggregate industry is using the designation as portable processing equipment to act as permanent plants, circumventing the more stringent certification requirements of permanent plants. Until such time the Ministry restricts the term of the aggregate licence to make aggregate operation an interim land use by having expiry dates on aggregate licences (and thus the processing plant along with it) or set a prescribe time frame that portable equipment becomes considered permanent, changes to portable processing equipment shall not be supported.
6. Ministry delegation of authority to local Municipalities would be preferred if Ministry staff cannot accommodate request. As indicated in the Judicial review of the aggregate assessment review board decision wellington County vs Aggregate operators. Testimony was presented to the tribunal of abuse of self reporting for benefit by the aggregate industry, MPAC providing tax methodology that reduced the taxes paid by operators without the legislative support, has not created an environment that host Municipalities feel would warrant further delegation of authority to any body other than the local Municipality.

Please see the full proposed policy entitled **Applications to amend licences, permits, and site plans under the *Aggregate Resources Act*** in the 'Supporting materials' section below for more details. If approved, this policy would replace the following aggregate policies and procedures:

1. With limited time to review the changes, we cannot support the amendments until such time the Ministry provides detailed indexing of what changes are being made in each policy in order to support the industry.

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May 30, 2023

His Worship James Seeley, Mayor
Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk
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Dear Mayor Seeley and Ms. Hoytfox:

Thank you for your application on behalf of the Township of Puslinch seeking a Minister's exception under the *Conservation Authorities Act (CAA)* from the requirement in subsection 14 (1.1) for at least 70 per cent of municipal appointments to a conservation authority to be selected from among members of municipal council.

After carefully considering your application regarding the appointment of one non-elected member to the Halton Region Conservation Authority (HRCA), I have decided to not grant the Township of Puslinch an exception to subsection 14 (1.1) of the CAA pursuant to my authority under subsection 14 (1.2).

Allowing the Township of Puslinch to appoint one non-elected member as the only member to the HRCA, thereby avoiding the requirement for at least 70 per cent of a participating municipality's appointees to a conservation authority to be selected from among members of municipal council, does not meet the intent of section 14 of the CAA which is to ensure greater elected council representation in conservation authorities. In this instance, I think it is important for the Township of Puslinch to comply with this requirement and it is not appropriate to grant an exception. As a result, I would request that the Township of Puslinch ensure that the necessary steps are taken to ensure a member of council is appointed to the HRCA in compliance with the requirements of subsection 14 (1.1) of the CAA.

Once a council member has been appointed to the HRCA, please confirm in writing via email to my ministry (ca.office@ontario.ca) that the Township of Puslinch has taken the necessary steps to comply with this provision.

Please share this correspondence with municipal council and the HRCA.

Yours Sincerely,



The Honourable Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Jennifer Keyes, Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch
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May 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Response to reports by Azimuth Environmental Consulting and Harden Environmental regarding CBM pits

Dear Courtenay Hoytfox:

We are writing in response to Mayor Seeley's email of April 19, and as a follow up to Glenn Schwendinger's earlier emails requesting a response to the above reports and specifically Council Resolution No 2022-335.

With regard to the Azimuth report, the issues raised in the report were likely a misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the site plans in relation to what is occurring on the ground. CBM provided a response to the Azimuth report dated October 25, 2022, clarifying all the issues, which we understand was copied to Glenn Schwendinger. I've attached a copy of the report for your convenience. It is also our understanding that Azimuth had retracted their letter once they had an opportunity to review the CBM response and examine further documentation.

Regarding the issue of CBM using rock trucks to move material from the Neubauer pit (#625284) to the McNally pit (#5497), CBM provided a subsequent acoustical report to demonstrate that the use of the rock trucks met Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) noise guidelines. CBM indicated that they will seek a site plan amendment to clarify the operational need to use rock trucks rather than highway trucks to transport material between the pits.

MNRF staff carried out inspections of the CBM pits on September 22 and 23, 2022 and may undertake follow up inspections as necessary.

Below are responses to the other issues itemized in the council report:

Consent item 6.2.11 ARA #5563

“Possible contravention of site plan as the silt pond is not located in the proper spot.”

Response: The original site plan from 1993 identified a silt pond in the southwest corner of the licensed area. This pond has since been completely filled and that portion of the license was surrendered. The current site plan does not depict any silt ponds on the remaining licensed area and therefore does not permit them. This license was not inspected as part of inspection efforts in September but the ministry will follow up to confirm there are no silt ponds present.

“Site plan note 13 allows blending of offsite material, not processing.”

Response: We do not interpret a clear distinction between blending and processing as the action of blending typically requires some form of processing.

Consent item 6.2.15 ARA #624864

“Confirmation that the processing plant is not washing aggregate within this license as required in site note 11.”

Response: There is no processing or washing of aggregate occurring in this licensed area.

Consent item 6.2.17 ARA #624952

“Possibly not in compliance with their site notes as indicated in Azimuth.”

Response: The Azimuth report has been addressed by the CBM response. Please see above.

Consent item 6.2.18 ARA #625284

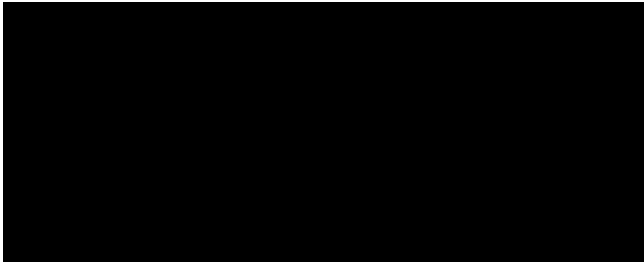
“Possibly not in compliance with their site note 12; “every effort should be used to use the entrance to west”, as well as site note 13 indicating that Municipal approval be granted. This appears to have not happened. Contact CBM and require them to reduce the size of entrance to be entirely located on the PQA/MAST license 17600.”

Response: The entrance to the west is the only entrance in use. The entrance is entirely located on the PQA/Mast Pit. The proposed entrance/exit directly onto Concession 2, as identified on the site plan, has been abandoned.

We also note that CBM will be pursuing site plan amendments to better clarify how the adjacent licences are operated in conjunction, and to address other compliance matters.

We hope the above clarifies the concerns of the township. We would be happy to be of further assistance if needed. Please direct further inquiries or concerns to Matthew Cummins, Integrated Resource Management Technical Specialist at matthew.cummins@ontario.ca , or 226-979-8697.

Regards,



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October 28, 2022

RE: 9.3.3 Report ADM-2022-057 – CBM Aggregate Peer Review

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 19, 2022 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2022-335: **Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey**

THAT Report ADM-2022-057 regarding the CBM Pit Review be received for information; and

THAT Council directs staff to forward the identified potential concerns including the Harden Environmental dated June 29, 2022 report and the Azimuth Environmental report to the local MNRF official and the Minister for review/investigation; and



WHEREAS the Province currently employs a self reporting model for aggregate operations;
and

WHEREAS aggregate producers do not disclose many details pertaining to their operations;
and

WHEREAS municipalities do not have access to information necessary to confirm
information provided in Compliance Assessment reports; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council is concerned a number of potential
contraventions have not been identified in the Compliance Assessment reports; and

THAT Council directs staff to forward the Azimuth report and following identified potential
concerns to the MNRF for review/investigation with respect to the following CAR's included
on the October 19th Agenda:

Consent item 6.2.8 ARA licence 5520

Possible Contravention of site Plan, Silt pond not located as described on plan (Harden
Environmental)

Possible Contravention of Site note 13, Material from other sites may be used for blending,
it does not give permission to Process offsite material, only blend it.

Possible Contravention of Site Plans/notes as indicated by Azimuth Environmental.

Consent item 6.2.9 ARA licence 5497

Possible Contravention of site Plan, Silt pond not located as described on plan (Harden
Environmental)

Possible Contravention of Site note 9,

There shall be no offsite discharge or water. With the potentially illegal silt pond, it appears
to be on ARA licence 5520

Site note also states this site may import material for blending. It does not grant permission
for Processing.

Site plan non compliance for use of entrances as provided by consultant

Consent item 6.2.10 ARA 5631



Possible Contravention of site Plan as settling pond is not in approved area (Harden)
Site plan note 13 allows blending of offsite material, not processing

Consent item 6.2.11 ARA 5563

This licence appears to share the site plan for ARA licence 5563

Possible Contravention of Site plan as the silt pond is not located in the proper spot
Site plan note 13 allows blending of offsite material, not processing

Consent item 6.2.15 ARA 624864

Confirmation that the processing plant is not washing aggregate within this licence as
require in site note 11.

Consent item 6.2.17 ARA 624952

Possibly Not in compliance with their site notes as indicated by Azimuth

Consent item 6.2.18 ARA 625284

Possibly Not in compliance with their site note 12" every effort should be used to use the
entrance to west as well as site note 13 indicating that Municipal approval be granted. This
appears to have not happened. Contact CBM and require them to reduce the size of
entrance to be entirely located on the PQA/MAST licence 17600.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox
Municipal Clerk



Environmental Assessments & Approvals

October 11, 2022

AEC 22-349

Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Road 34,
Puslinch, Ontario
N0B 2J0

Attention: Glenn Schwendinger, CAO

**Re: Review of Aggregate Operations Plans for CBM aggregate pits on
Concession Road 2, Township of Puslinch**

Dear Sir:

As requested, we have reviewed the Operations Plans for the CBM aggregate pits near Concession Road 2 and near Concession Road 7 in the Township of Puslinch (Township). The CBM properties consist of five licenced properties (Lanci, Mast (also called the PQA pit), and Neubauer south of Concession Road 2 and McNally and McNally East north of Concession Road 2). A safety report commissioned by the Township noted that rock trucks are used for hauling aggregate across Concession 2 for processing. On the day when the safety study was done, a rock truck crossed Concession 2 about once every two minutes on average. The Township is concerned that the rock trucks pose a road safety hazard.

Aggregate pits operate under a licence issued by Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNRF) as described on approved Operations Plans. The MNRF requires an operator to conform with their plan or seek an amendment to change plans as needed.

As is typical of pit approvals, the environmental and operational conditions for the CBM properties are quite flexible and are intended to allow operator judgment due to supply / demand conditions. This is evident by the limited monitoring and reporting conditions that are embedded in the approved plans. Most of the operations plans do indicate that material from the feeder pits should be transferred by conveyor, and do not identify the use of rock trucks in this capacity. This is a deviation from their Operations Plans and



MNRF would normally require them to either switch to the conveyor that is described or change the Operations Plan to include the trucks.

The licences do describe the equipment for use at the sites, generally one or two loaders, a processing plant and haul trucks, none of which include rock trucks for internal transfer.

The Operations Plan for the McNally East pit includes Phase A Note 1 that states “*Two existing farm entrances along Concession 7 and Concession 2, not to be used for haulage of aggregate (Future approval will be required by Township for proposed entrance / exit on Concession 7 should it be utilized).*”

The Existing Features drawing of the McNally Pit references an existing entrance for trucks in the southeast and southwest corners on Concession 2, and an existing farm vehicle gate in the centre of the property along Concession 2. Note 9 on the McNally Pit Operational Plan includes the statement that “*Portable processing equipment may be used on site and may consist of a portable crusher, screens and stackers. Processing may include internal haulage by truck or conveyor, crushing screening, washing, blending, stacking and loading for delivery by truck.*” It appears that CBM is not using the southeast entrance, but instead is using an entrance approximately 30m east of the noted location on the McNally East Pit property.

Note 11 of the Puslinch Pit Operations Plan states “*extraction of aggregates is by front end loader and drag line. Processing may include internal haulage by truck or conveyor, crushing, screening, washing, blending, stacking and loading for delivery by truck.*”

Note 7 on the Operations Plan for the Neubauer Pit includes the statement “*Portable processing equipment, crushing and screening will be used on site and will be located on the pit floor. Other equipment to be used in the operation of the pit may include trucks, loaders, dragline, excavator, bulldozers, scrapers, conveyors and other related equipment. Temporary stockpiles may be located near the pit face. Processing Equipment, stackers and product stockpiles will not exceed ±15 metres in height.*”

Material from other licenced properties (eg. sand) may be imported into the site for blending and custom products.”

Note 13 on the Neubauer Pit Operations Plan states “*An entrance / exit has been proposed along Concession 2. This entrance will not be used for haulage of aggregate (refer to Phase A Note #1). At the present time, it is intended that material will be moved from the property for processing at either the McNally Pit to the north or the Mast Pit to*



the west via conveyor under the existing municipal road (Occasional processing at the face may occur and will be shipped via trucks using the Mast Pit entrance / exit). This will require additional studies and approval by the municipality which will be initiated once the licence is issued.”

The Phase A Note #1 on the Neubauer Operations Plan states “*Proposed entrance along Concession 2 will not be used for haulage of aggregate – Refer to Operational Note #12. (Future approval will be required by Township for Proposed Entrance / exit on Concession 2 should it be utilized).*” The use of rock trucks for hauling and crossing Concession 2 at the Neubauer entrance is contrary to these operational conditions.

Only the Operations Plan for the Lanci Pit implies that trucks will be used to cross Concession Road 2 although the Operations Plan is contradictory. Note 11 states “*...Extraction will include excavation and loading with front end loaders and transporting by truck or conveyor to the plant for further processing...*” and the operations plan shows a truck crossing in the northwest corner of the property to the McNally Pit. However, Note 25 on the same plan states that “*An entrance / exit for trucks is shown at the northwest corner of this licence. This entrance is for general access to the property and to be used by trucks entering and leaving the property. The entrance / exit has been assessed and deemed to be acceptable (refer to Summary Report Dec 2005 by Grant Bacchus Ltd.).*”

At the present time, it is intended that material will be moved from the property for processing at either the McNally Pit to the north or the Mast Pit to the east via conveyor under the existing municipal road. This will require additional studies and approval by the municipality which will be initiated once the licence is issued...” The Township may wish to obtain the Bacchus report to determine the entrance conditions that were considered in this assessment. The Operations Plan also shows that the haul road would be paved for at least 15m from Concession 2 (if the conveyor system was not approved).

The hydrogeological conditions are in essence, minimum water levels in the site ponds to maintain the direction of ground water flow. CBM meets those conditions according to the data presented in their recent monitoring reports. As they use water for washing, it recirculates through the site ponds so there is little probability that CBM will reduce the water table beyond the trigger limits. The main water taking is the water lost as residual within the product or as evaporation from the pit ponds, which are a small volume.

The site approvals include noise predictive studies, which is unlikely to have included the rock trucks as an acoustic source. However, the rock trucks should have been included in



the model if they are part of routine operations. Also, CBM commissioned a sound audit report in 2021 and found that observed noise levels were at two of the monitoring stations were 1dB below the threshold of 50dB. Monitoring sites closer to residential housing had sound levels of 45 dB. The audit report indicates that “*the sound level meter was paused as required to minimize the contribution from vehicle passbys on the local road.*” The Township may wish to confirm if this is for routine traffic or if it was also paused when the rock trucks passed.

On the McNally Operations Plan, it shows the haul road entrance to be asphalt for approximately 20m inside their property. It also is supposed to prohibit left turns onto Concession Road 2.

Access Environment shows previous and current approvals, and has a PTTW for the Mast pit that expired in 2010. The McNally Pit PTTW expires in 2029, and has a condition that prohibits offsite discharge by pumping or by gravity. The Lanci Operations Plan (Note 11) also makes a commitment to not have off-site discharge.

As noted by Harden Environmental in their review of the pit operations, CBM seem to be using their main ponds as sedimentation ponds, which is another deviation from their Operations Plans.

The Dufferin pit immediately to the west has a conveyor in place, as shown by Google Earth, so it would appear that other modes of transport are a viable solution. Traffic controls are typical for pit traffic crossing public roadways, e.g. Acton Quarry has traffic lights. MNRF licences activities within the licence boundary, and although a crossing of Concession Road 2 was proposed, MNRF confirmed to the Township that municipal approval is required. The Operations Plans for all of the sites acknowledges the Township as the road authority and requires CBM to obtain Township approval for entrances, exits and crossings.

Yours truly,
AZIMUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, INC.





Mike Jones, M.Sc., P.Geo.
President and Senior Hydrogeologist



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June 29, 2022

Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Road 34
Guelph, ON
N1H 6H9

Attention: Glenn Schwendinger
CAO

Dear Mr. Schwendinger:

**Re: Review of Licensed Aggregate Sites
Council Resolution 2022-199**

The Township of Puslinch Council Resolution 2022-199 requests that Harden Environmental review site plans and provide an opinion on compliance in regard to the movement of water and hydrogeology. The pits included in the request are as follows.

Aberfoyle Pit	License 5520
McNally Pit	License 5497
McNally East Pit	License 624864
Neubauer Pit	License 625284
Puslinch Pit	License 17600
Lanci Pit	License 624952
Coborn Pit	License 5563

The locations of the licensed areas are shown on the attached figures.

Monitoring Reports

The Township of Puslinch receives groundwater monitoring reports for the Neubauer, and Mast (Puslinch) pits operated by CBM. There are no noncompliance issues in regard to reporting for these sites.

There are groundwater and surface water monitors on the Lanci, McNally and McNally East Pits, however, monitoring results are not forwarded to

the Township, and we cannot comment on the completeness of the monitoring or reporting.

Permits to Take Water (PTTW)

There are two permits to take water issued to CBM St. Mary's in the Aberfoyle area. Permit 4031-BCGP9H is issued for the McNally Pit and has a daily maximum volume of 23,568,000 liters. Permit 8417-B5WQLE is issued for the Aberfoyle Pit and has a maximum daily volume of 23,567,040 liters.

We only have a copy of the previous PTTW for the McNally Pit that expired in 2014. A condition of the permit at that time was that there could be "no discharge off the gravel pit." Presently, water taken from the McNally Pit is discharged onto the Aberfoyle Pit property. This PTTW condition should be revised if it is on the current permit.

We note that the site plan notes Page 2 of 3, Note 9 for the McNally Pit also states that there shall be no off-site discharge of process water. It is our observation from Sideroad 7 and from Google Earth images that process water from the McNally site is discharged off-site onto the Aberfoyle Pit. These sites are contiguous and have a '0 m' setback, however, they are identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) as separate sites.

Site Plan Compliance Issues

We reviewed the following site plans available at the Township of Puslinch office.

License 5520	Aberfoyle	Site Plans dated June 16, 2017
License 5497	McNally	Site Plans dated March 2009
License 624864	McNally East Site	Site Plans dated March 14, 2011
License 624592	Neubauer	Site Plans dated July 24, 2013
License 17600	Puslinch Pit	Site Plans dated June 2008
License 624952	Lanci Pit	Site Plans dated July 24, 2013

We note that the rehabilitation page of site plans for the Aberfoyle Pit and McNally East Pit show that the pit pond south of Hwy 401 belonging to License 5520 has a depth of 12 metres at the west end and depth of 5 m at the east end. The rehabilitation pages for both of these licenses show the final rehabilitation of that pond to be a water body and the cross-section A-A' on Site Plans for License 5520 also shows a pond with depth ranging from 12 m to 5 m. Presently this pond is being filled with discharge process water from License 5497.

A letter from the MNRF dated March 2, 2011 states that the discharge of water from License 5497 to License 5520 is not out of compliance considering that the sediments were being used for rehabilitation. It is our opinion that this is no longer the case and the filling of the pond in License 5520 is not consistent with the site plans given the final rehabilitation

of that pond must result in an open water body with a water depth of between 5 and 12 metres. We estimate that 75% of the pond has been filled with fine-grained sediment and in some locations of the former pond, vegetation is taking hold. Based on our experience with preparing site plans, this is an out of compliance issue.

According to the site plans for License 5497, the fine-grained sediment should be restricted to silt pond(s) located in the southeast area of the license. The silt pond is clearly marked on the plans with dimensions of 76 m x 76 m x 9 m. The issue of excess fines was raised at the time of licensing of the Neubauer Pit resulting in the letter from MNR in 2011.

The site plans for the Aberfoyle Pit also do not identify this as a silt pond. The only silt pond area shown on the Aberfoyle Pit license is located on the north side of Hwy 401 and west of Concession 7 Road.

We also note that a pond on the north side of Hwy 401 on License 5520 is presently being filled with silt. This pond is identified as an open water body on the site plans with a stepped rehabilitated floor elevation of 295 m AMSL and 301 m AMSL. This is confirmed in cross section B-B' on the site plans showing a final water level of the pond at 308.5 m AMSL and a rehabilitated grade at 295 m AMSL and 301 m AMSL.

I have identified the two silt deposition locations that are out of compliance with the approved site plans on the attached Google Earth image.

Sincerely,
Harden Environmental Services Ltd.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Stan Denhoed'.

Stan Denhoed, P.Eng., M.Sc.
Senior Hydrogeologist

Aberfoyle Pit: License 5520

Aggregate Site Authorized (1)

☆ **ALPS ID: 5520**

Client Name:
ST. MARYS CEMENT INC. (CANADA)

Approval Type: CLASS A LICENCE > 20000 TONNES **Operation Type:** Pit

Max. Annual Tonnage: 99999999 **Area (ha):** 113.7

Location Name:

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McNally Pit: License 5497

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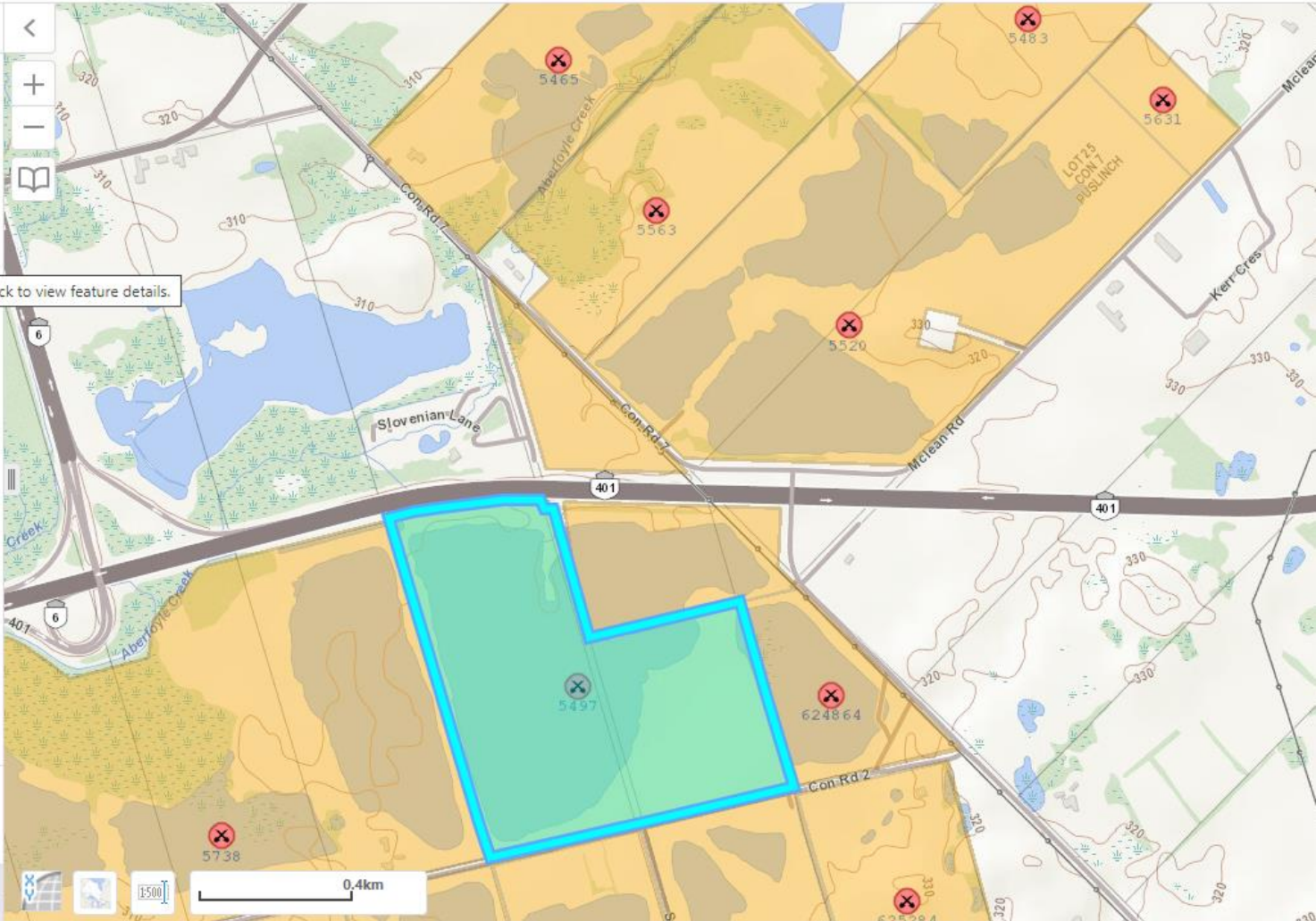
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Aggregate Site Authorized (1)

☆ **ALPS ID: 5497**

Client Name: ST. MARYS CEMENT INC. (CANADA)	
Approval Type: CLASS A LICENCE > 20000 TONNES	Operation Type: Pit
Max. Annual Tonnage:	Authorized Area (ha): 62.1
Location Name:	

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McNally East Pit: License 624864

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Aggregate Site Authorized (1)

☆ ALPS ID: 624864

Client Name: ST. MARYS CEMENT INC. (CANADA)	
Approval Type: CLASS A LICENCE > 20000 TONNES	Operation Type: Pit
Max. Annual Tonnage: 1000000	Authorized Area (ha): 16.26
Location Name: McNally East pit	

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Neubauer Pit: License 625284

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Aggregate Site Authorized (1)

☆ **ALPS ID: 625284**

Client Name:
ST. MARYS CEMENT INC. (CANADA)

Approval Type: CLASS A LICENCE > 20000 TONNES **Operation Type:** Pit

Max. Annual Tonnage: 750000 **Authorized Area (ha):** 28.3

Location Name:
Neubauer Pit

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Mast (Puslinch) Pit: License 17600

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Aggregate Site Authorized (1)

☆ ALPS ID: 17600

Client Name: ST. MARYS CEMENT INC. (CANADA)	
Approval Type: CLASS A LICENCE > 20000 TONNES	Operation Type: Pit
Max. Annual Tonnage: 500000	Authorized Area (ha): 37.1
Location Name: MAST	

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Lanci Pit: License 624952

Aggregate Site Authorized (1)

☆ **ALPS ID: 624952**

Client Name: ST. MARYS CEMENT INC. (CANADA)	
Approval Type: CLASS A LICENCE > 20000 TONNES	Operation Type: Pit
Max. Annual Tonnage: 1000000	Authorized Area (ha): 24.7
Location Name: Lanci Pit	

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Coburn Pit: License 5563

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Aggregate Site Authorized (1)

☆ **ALPS ID: 5563**

Client Name:	ST. MARYS CEMENT INC. (CANADA)
Approval Type:	Operation Type:
CLASS A LICENCE > 20000 TONNES	Pit
Max. Annual Tonnage	Authorized Area (ha)
454000	22.3
Location Name:	Coburn Pit

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH

BY-LAW 2023-030

A by-law to amend the Township's Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law 18/018.

WHEREAS Section 11 (2), paragraph 6, of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 (hereinafter the "Municipal Act 2001") authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws respecting the health, safety and well-being of persons;

WHEREAS Section 11 (3), paragraph 7, of the Municipal Act 2001, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws respecting structures, including fences and signs;

WHEREAS Section 8 (3) of the Municipal Act 2001, authorizes a municipality to regulate or prohibit in respect of matters within their jurisdiction and to provide for a system of obtaining permits in relation to those matters;

WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch deems it necessary to regulate enclosures for outdoor pools within the Township of Puslinch;

WHEREAS Council passed the Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law 2018-018 on March 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS Council Passed Resolution Number 2023-_____ on the 24 day of May 2023 and deems it advisable to amend its Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch **HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That Section 8 (4) be amended as follows:

- (1) Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for by the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

James Seeley, Mayor

Courtenay Hoytfox, Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH

BY-LAW NUMBER 031-2023

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its Council meeting held on JUNE 14, 2023.

WHEREAS by Section 5 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25* the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS by Section 5, Subsection (3) of the *Municipal Act*, a municipal power including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 8, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its Council meeting held on JUNE 14, 2023 be confirmed and adopted by By-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch hereby enacts as follows:

- 1) The action of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch, in respect of each recommendation contained in the reports of the Committees and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council at said meeting are hereby adopted and confirmed.
- 2) The Head of Council and proper official of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action of the Council.
- 3) The Head of Council and the Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents required by statute to be executed by them, as may be necessary in that behalf and the Clerk authorized and directed to affix the seal of the said Corporation to all such documents.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 14 DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

James Seeley, Mayor

Courtenay Hoytfox, Clerk