



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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December 6, 2019

Honourable Jeff Yurek
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Honourable Premier Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Yurek:

Re: Resolution in Support of Conservation Authorities

Stratford City Council recently adopted a resolution in support of continuation of the programs of Ontario conservation authorities and requesting the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction regarding what is considered mandatory or non-mandatory and how programs will be funded.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your consideration. We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Tatiana Dafoe
Acting Clerk

Encl.
/ja

cc: MPP Erie Hardeman
MPP Randy Pettapiece
MP John Nater
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
Conservation Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD
Resolution in Support of Conservation Authorities

WHEREAS the City of Stratford is committed to planning for a sustainable future for its resources and environment;

AND WHEREAS the City of Stratford is a member of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and has a representative on the Board of Directors of the UTRCA;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors determines the policies, priorities and budget of the UTRCA;

AND WHEREAS the UTRCA provides the City of Stratford with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the City of Stratford does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;

AND WHEREAS the UTRCA provides programs to the residents of Stratford and other member municipalities that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, reduction of vegetation loss and soil erosion, preservation of species at risk, completing restoration projects on the Avon River as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Stratford supports continuation of the programs of the UTRCA, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs of the UTRCA or of the other Conservation Authorities in Ontario be "wound down" at this time. And that, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ernie Hardeman, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

 The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
 Attention: Acting Clerk, 519-271-0250 ext 329, clerks@stratford.ca



Hastings Highlands

Beautiful By Nature

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December 9, 2019

VIA EMAIL

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Re: Joint and Several Liability Consultation – Town of Springwater Support

At its meeting on December 4, 2019 the Council of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands supported the Township of Springwater with the following resolution:

Resolution 774-2019

THAT Council supports the Township of Springwater in its concern for joint and several liability consultation.

cc:
 Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)
 Ontario Municipalities
 Daryl Kramp, MPP, Hastings-Lennox and Addington
 Derek Sloan, MP, Hastings-Lennox and Addington
 Jeff Schmidt, Township of Springwater

Encl: Correspondence – Joint and Several Liability Consultation – Township of Springwater

Regards,

Suzanne Huschilt

Municipal Clerk
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September 26, 2019

Ministry of the Attorney General
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Re: Joint and Several Liability Consultation

Please be advised that in response to your letter dated July 12, 2019, the Township of Springwater provides the following comments in regards to Joint and Several Liability.

1. Please describe the nature of the problem as you see it?

In response to the Province's request for consultation, the Township has a significant issue with Joint and Several Liability (JSL) and the impact it has on the municipality.

a. No Requirement of Proof

JSL is a tool that is used by the legal industry without any discretion to the point that this municipality feels that its use is negligent and in fact unethical. Most law suits that municipalities see are frivolous and vexations as lawyers cast their nets wide and attempt to use shotgun justice for their clients that are more than often the sole cause of a claim. A statement of claim does not require any proof that there is fault. A plaintiff only has to state who they think is involved and a significant amount of court time is spent determining who should be a party to the legal claim.

b. No Consequence for Being Wrongly Identified in a Statement of Claim

To add to this, there is no consequence that lawyers and their clients face for submitting a claim against a municipality when it is clear that a municipality is not involved. Municipalities incur significant administrative costs in managing these claims and the municipalities and their insurers pay significant costs to go through a lengthy process to prove that a claim was made in error (intentionally) only to find that a judge sees no reason to compensate a municipality for cost for incorrectly being named in a lawsuit by a plaintiff. Municipalities are seen as having deep pockets by the legal industry as well as the judicial system that makes decisions on these claims. Proof of innocence is often furnished to the plaintiff and lawyer by a municipality immediately upon notification of a pending legal action of statement of claim. This information is ignored by the plaintiff's lawyer. A plaintiff and their lawyer should have to reimburse a municipality for

all administrative and legal costs when the municipality is cleared of liability. Judges rarely compensate municipalities for being wrongly named in a legal action.

A recent example from 2019 occurred when a statement of claim was made against the Township of Springwater for an accident on a County Road (not the jurisdiction of Springwater). After legal and administrative costs totaling more than \$5,000, Springwater was dismissed from the claim. Unfortunately no costs were assigned to the plaintiff for wrongly naming Springwater in the statement of claim. The current system is broken and Springwater tax payers are left paying the bill.

2. What are the problems that you need addressed to benefit your community?

a. Ethical Standard of Due Diligence Required Before Submitting a Legal Action

Lawyer's representing plaintiff's should be required to submit documentation that provides significant research into why a claim is being made and a municipality is being named in a law suit. The claim should clearly prove authority and responsibility. The current practice of naming every party under the sun in a legal claim is negligent and unethical.

b. Frivolous and Vexatious Suits are Costing Taxpayers

The Township of Springwater is seeing a significant waste of administrative time and cost in managing legal claims against the municipality that are predominantly frivolous and vexatious due to JSL. Over the last seven years, the municipality has had 55 claims made against the municipality. These claims range from trips/falls resulting in broken eyeglasses to cases that unfortunately involve loss of life. The Township has no problem dealing with claims that the municipality is responsible for; however the Township does have a problem dealing with claims it does not have any responsibility for. Of the 55 claims against the municipality, 42 of these claims are frivolous and vexatious. Claims that the municipality has no responsibility for. Over the past 7 years, Springwater has paid more than \$100,000 on these frivolous and vexatious claims as they work themselves through the legal process. Many of these files are still open. This does not include additional costs paid by Springwater's insurance company that are beyond the municipality's deductible.

c. Negligent Legal Actions (Beyond Frivolous and Vexatious)

The Township of Springwater is currently named in 4 legal actions and an additional legal action (recently abandoned) for claims that occurred in another municipality (no where near Springwater). The Township is currently named in 3 claims that occurred in the Township of Clearview west of Stayner and one claim in the Township of Brock that have nothing to do with the Township. Springwater was named in a claim that occurred

in Wasaga Beach that was abandoned recently. All of these claims cost the Springwater taxpayer in administrative and legal costs as they work their way through the process.

d. Triage System for Claims

Before a claim makes it to a court date, the file should be triaged. It is at this stage that negligent of frivolous and vexatious claims will be filtered or thrown out. This process will trigger the reimbursement of costs to municipalities by unethical law firms.

e. Law Society of Ontario Charges

Lawyers that use JSL in an unethical way should be charged by the Law Society of Ontario. If a lawyer names a municipality in a legal action that should not be named, these lawyers should be suspended and potentially lose their license to practice law. There is a significant commonality when comparing frivolous and vexatious claims and the law firms/lawyers that submit them. The current code of ethics of the Law Society of Ontario should be updated by the Province to reprimand lawyers and law firms that negligently use JSL. The Province of Ontario should be involved in creating a new Code of Ethics for Ontario's legal industry.

3. *Is it increased premiums? Rising deductibles?*

A recent survey by CAO's in Simcoe County shows that insurance premiums are going up between 10% at the lowest to 59% being the highest in 2019. The Township of Springwater experienced a 10.8% increase in its 2019 insurance renewal. The area that typically sees an annual increase is related to the Municipal General Liability and Excess Liability lines of the business. The municipality was advised by its insurance broker that "over the past several years, insurance companies' appetite for Municipal Insurance has remained fairly stable. Insurance rates across all lines have seen only modest increases intended to simply keep pace with inflation and the rising cost of claims. Larger rate increases have been reserved for those accounts experiencing adverse claims development; either in frequency or severity (or both). However, starting in June 2018, the insurance market as a whole has shown clear signs of "hardening". Insurance companies for all sectors are putting stricter rules in place regarding the amount and breadth of coverage they will provide, and to which clients. Since the overall insurance supply is being reduced, the demand for insurer capacity is increasing, and as such, prices are elevating."

The table below provides at a high level (includes all lines of coverage) the Township's annual insurance premiums over the past five years.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$234,942	\$247,262	\$254,388	\$274,936	\$304,688

The Township continues to consult with its insurance broker in an effort to ensure that Springwater's constituents are receiving the best value for their tax dollar; however, the rising costs of insurance are not sustainable over the long run. Staff and its insurance broker have looked at increasing our deductibles in an effort to reduce the overall premium; however this has led to minimal reductions in the overall annual premium to the Township.

4. Being unfairly named in lawsuits?

As detailed above, Springwater continues to be unfairly named in legal actions. Issues here range from a complete absence of research by legal firms on causality to the municipality being named in legal action in completely separate jurisdictions (other municipalities).

5. Feeling you cannot offer certain services because of liability risks?

More recently, with the advice of the Township's insurance broker, the Township has changed the way in which it delivers some of its recreational programs/services, especially as it relates to children's programs/activities. For example, the Township in partnership with its Community Recreation Associations will host a number of community based events throughout the year, which includes children's activities. In order to allow inflatable Bouncy castles at community events, the Township now requires the service provider to indemnify the Township and to also provide staff to monitor the safety of participants while in the inflatable Bouncy castle. Some vendors are reluctant to take on this risk.

Thank you for allowing the Township to participate in this consultation. We are open to further dialogue should you feel it necessary.

Yours truly,



Jeff Schmidt, CPA, CGA, B.A.S.
Chief Administrative Officer

Cc: Ontario Municipalities



December 11, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
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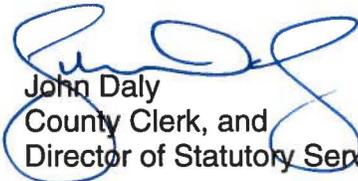
Re: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy (NVCA)

On behalf of Warden Cornell and County Council, I'm writing to advise that at its meeting on December 4, 2019, Simcoe County Council approved the following recommendation:

"That the resolution from the Township of Springwater regarding NVCA Levy be supported."

A copy of the related correspondence from the Township of Springwater is enclosed for your information. Should you require anything further, please contact the undersigned at extension 1623.

Regards,



John Daly
County Clerk, and
Director of Statutory Services

Enclosure/

c.c. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Jill Dunlop, MPP
Doug Downey, MPP
Andrea Khanjin, MPP
Caroline Mulroney, MPP
Jim Wilson, MPP
Conservation Ontario
Ontario Conservation Authorities
Ontario Municipalities

October 21, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
8195 8th Line
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RE: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 16, 2019, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C457-2019

Moved by: Coughlin

Seconded by: Moore

Whereas the Township of Springwater, like all municipalities in Ontario must confront fiscal limitations and re-evaluate programs, services, and the financial sustainability of each;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater is a constituent municipality in portions of the watershed under the jurisdiction of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and is compelled to remit non-negotiable levy funding to the Authority on an annual basis;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater cannot exercise line-item scrutiny of Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's budget and operations nor does the Authority itself provide detailed substantiation of the same to its member municipalities like the Township of Springwater;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater must account for all taxpayer funds it expends within its operations and that it forwards to local agencies and boards;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater requests that the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority provide prior to passage of its 2020 budget the following:

- (1) Its interpretation and understanding of its mandated operations as found in the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c.C.27 and its prescribed regulations;
- (2) The costs of each as determined under (1);
- (3) Detailed definitions and determinations of what can be characterized as non-mandatory programming and service(s);

(4) The costs of each as determined under (3);

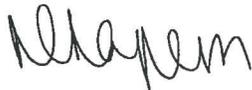
(5) Detailed definitions and determinations of fee-for-service activities of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the revenues they generate as the activities take place within and/or requests originate from geographic area of the Township of Springwater; and

(6) The costs that arise from programs and services enabled through the Memorandum of Understanding with the Severn Sound Environmental Association.

And That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario.

Carried

Sincerely,



Renée Chaperon
Clerk
/cp

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
The County of Simcoe
Conservation Ontario
Ontario municipalities
Ontario Conservation Authorities



December 11, 2019

The Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Floor
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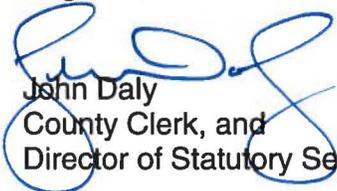
Re: Conservation Authority Exit Clause

On behalf of Warden Cornell and County Council, I'm writing to advise that at its meeting on December 4, 2019, Simcoe County Council approved the following recommendation:

"That the resolution from the Township of Ramara regarding conservation authority exit clause, be supported."

A copy of the related correspondence from the Township of Ramara is enclosed for your information. Should you require anything further, please contact the undersigned at extension 1623.

Regards,



John Daly
County Clerk, and
Director of Statutory Services

Enclosure/

c.c. Jill Dunlop, MPP
Doug Downey, MPP
Andrea Khanjin, MPP
Caroline Mulrone, MPP
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November 7, 2019

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Floor
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Conservation Authority Exit Clause

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara passed the following motion at their regular meeting held October 28, 2019, unanimously by a recorded vote:

WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA has consistently expressed its view that its watershed conservation authorities are duplicative, financially unaccountable, in conflict with citizens and private property rights;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA has encountered the regulatory obstacles to challenge the arbitrary, inefficient, non-transparent, and unsustainable municipal levy forced upon it annually by its watershed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA questions the efficacy and relevance of its watershed conservation authorities' programs and services and their performance in achieving the goals of conservation and environmental stewardship;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA finds the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations inconsistent and obsolete;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks the Honourable Jeff Yurek signaled the province's intent to reconsider and update the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA support the province's determination that the existing Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations require review;

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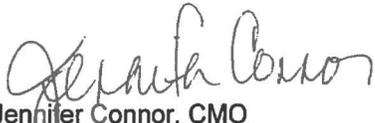
AND THAT the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA signal to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks of its willingness to participate in all consultations and submissions to the same;

AND THAT further the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA signal its express desire that an exit clause be provided in any new Conservation Authorities Act to permit municipalities that determine the objects of conservation and environmental stewardship can be provided by alternative governance, programs, and/or services to exist costly and unwarranted conservation authority(ies) jurisdiction(s);

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Conservation Ontario, Ontario's thirty-six conservation authorities, and all upper and lower-tier Ontario municipalities.

I trust the above is self-explanatory however if you require further information or clarification, please contact me.

Yours truly,



Jennifer Connor, CMO
Legislative Services Manager/Clerk

JC/cw

c.c. Jill Dunlop, MPP
Conservation Ontario
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The Corporation of
The Township of Brock
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December 16, 2019

The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2J3

Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Announcement by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Aligning Provincial and Municipal Fiscal Years

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on November 25, 2019, adopted the following resolution, a copy of which is enclosed:

Resolution Number 15-38

MOVED by W.E. Ted Smith and SECONDED by Michael Jubb

WHEREAS currently the municipal fiscal year in Ontario begins on January 1, while the Provincial fiscal year begins on April 1;

WHEREAS the Province has announced that they would like to align the provincial and municipal budget years;

WHEREAS the Province will begin consultations on aligning the Provincial and Municipal fiscal year in 2020;

WHEREAS aligning the municipal fiscal year with the Province's will involve significant staff time and resources for all municipalities in Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Township of Brock Council requests that the Province ensure that their consultation and review of the alignment of the municipal and provincial fiscal years includes a review of the impact it will have to all municipalities in Ontario;

FURTHER, that appropriate funding to offset any costs associated with the change be made available to all municipalities in Ontario; and

THAT the Municipal Clerk circulate a copy of this resolution to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, M.P.P. Laurie Scott, AMCTO, AMO, MFOA, and all GTA municipalities.

MOTION CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky Jamieson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Becky Jamieson
Municipal Clerk

BJ: dh

Encl.

Cc: Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure
Dean Sauriol, President, AMCTO
Jamie McGarvey, President, AMO
Julie Stevens, President, MFOA
GTA municipalities

the Municipal Council of the Corporation of
THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

Session No. 38 Date November 25, 2019

Resolution No. 15

Moved By W. C. Ted Smith

Seconded By Councillor Jub 66

Whereas currently the Municipal fiscal year in Ontario begins on January 1, while the Provincial fiscal year begins on April 1;

Whereas the Province has announced that they would like to align the provincial and municipal budget years;

Whereas the Province will begin consultations on aligning the Provincial and Municipal Fiscal year in 2020;

Whereas aligning the Municipal Fiscal year with the Province's will involve significant staff time and resources for all municipalities in Ontario;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Brock Council requests that the Province ensure that their consultation and review of the alignment of the municipal and provincial fiscal years includes a review of the impact it will have to all municipalities in Ontario;

Further that appropriate funding to offset any costs associated with the change be made available to all municipalities in Ontario; and

That the Municipal Clerk circulate a copy of this resolution to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, M.P.P. Laurie Scott, AMCTO, AMO, MFOA and all GTA municipalities.

CARRIED
[Signature]

**The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss**

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The Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks
Conservation Ontario,
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December 17, 2019

Dear Minister;

Re: Copy of Resolution #645

Please find below a copy of the resolution adopted by the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council at its December 16, 2019 session supporting the resolution brought forth by the Township of Ramara.

Motion No: 915

Moved by: Ed McGugan

Seconded by: Lillian Abbott

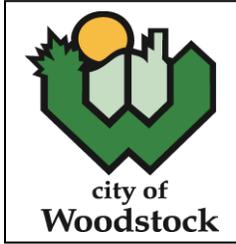
That the Township of Huron-Kinloss support the the Township of Ramara's request for the province to review the existing Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.SO.1990, c. C.27 and request that an exit clause be provided in any new Conservation Authorities Act to permit municipalities that determine the objects of conservation and environmental stewardship can be provided by alternative governance, programs, and/or services to costly and FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks Conservation Ontario, Ontario's thirty-six conservation authorities, and all upper and lower-tier Ontario municipalities.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Emily Dance
Clerk

c.c Conservation Ontario, Ontario Conservation Authorities, Ontario Municipalities



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December 18, 2019

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

Re: Ban of Single-Use Plastic Handled Shopping Bags

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Woodstock passed the following resolution at its regular Council meeting held on December 12, 2019:

“That Woodstock City Council continue to support the single-use plastic handled shopping bag ban in principle but defer a decision regarding implementation until the Provincial and/or Federal governments have announced their decision and plans for a ban;

And further that Woodstock City Council supports a harmonized ban of single-use plastic shopping bags across the Province of Ontario;

And further that staff be directed to participate in the consultations with the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks with respect to the new producer responsibility model for the Blue Box Program, including discussing solutions with respect to single-use plastic shopping bags;

And further that Council pre-approve \$5,000 in the 2020 revenue fund budget in order for the Woodstock Environment Advisory Committee to undertake a public education campaign to educate and encourage Woodstock residents to reduce the use and consumption of single-use plastic shopping bags;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and all Ontario municipalities.”

Yours Truly,

Amelia Humphries, B. Math, M.P.A.
 City Clerk

c: All Ontario municipalities

December 18, 2019

Hon. Jeff Yurek
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor – 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

By email: jeff.yurek@pc.ola.org

RE: Support for Continuation of Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Programs of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA)

Dear Hon. Yurek,

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre, at the last regular meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2019, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Thames Centre is committed to planning for a sustainable future for its resources and environment;
AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Thames Centre is a member of both the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA) and has representatives on both Board of Directors;
AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors determines the policies, priorities and budget of the UTRCA and KCCA;
AND WHEREAS the UTRCA and KCCA provide the Municipality of Thames Centre with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the Municipality of Thames Centre does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;
AND WHEREAS the UTRCA and KCCA provide programs to the residents of Thames Centre and other member municipalities that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, reduction of vegetation loss and soil erosion, preservation of species at risk, completing restoration projections on the Thames River as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures, all of which the Municipality of Thames Centre does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;
THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Municipality of Thames Centre supports continuation of the programs of the UTRCA and KCCA, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs of the UTRCA or KCCA

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or of the other Conservation Authorities in Ontario be “wound down” at this time.

AND THAT the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future;

AND THAT both UTRCA and KCCA be invited to provide a delegation at a future Municipality of Thames Centre meeting to inform Council of the impacts of these programs to our communities;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.
Carried.

Should you have any questions, please advise.

Regards,



Tena Michiels
Clerk

Distribution: Premier Doug Ford
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December 19, 2019

Via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Right Honourable
Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

RE: Ban of Single-Use Disposable Wipes

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry passed the following resolution at its last regularly scheduled meeting on December 18, 2019:

Resolution No. 2019-520

Moved: Joe Lumley

Seconded: Paul Sowrey

"WHEREAS *Single-use wipes are a \$6 billion industry and growing, and are now being advertised as a clean alternative to toilet paper that is safe to flush; and*

WHEREAS *Single-use wipes accumulate in the sewer system and eventually clog the sanitary sewer system, requiring significant additional repair and maintenance; and*

WHEREAS *the Municipal Enforcement Sewer Group estimates non-flushable materials cause \$259 million in annual repairs across Canada; and*

WHEREAS *a 2019 study released by Ryerson University tested 101 types of single-use disposable wipes and found that all of the wipes failed basic requirements of flushable products; and*

WHEREAS *there is no one standard for what the word "flushable" means; and*

WHEREAS *there is a lack of public awareness of the impact caused by non-flushable wipes being flushed down toilets and consumer education and outreach could play a large part in reducing the impact; and*

WHEREAS *Single-use wipes, even when properly disposed of as waste, are an inefficient and unsustainable use of resources that contribute significantly to environmental degradation.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT *the Township of Perry lobby the Provincial and Federal Governments to ban single-use disposable wipes; and*

THAT *this resolution be forward to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Local Members of Provincial Parliament, York Region and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario.*

Carried"

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

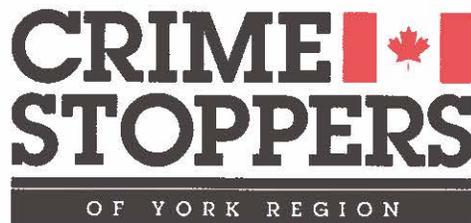
Sincerely,



Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

c.c. Honourable Premier of Ontario
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Local Members of Provincial Parliament
York Region
All Municipalities within the Province of Ontario



December 17, 2019

Mayor John Taylor
Town of Newmarket
395 Mulock Drive
Newmarket, Ontario
L3Y 8P3

Dear Mayor Taylor:

Crime Stoppers of York Region are requesting that your municipality Proclaim or Recognize the month of January as Crime Stoppers Month.

Crime Stoppers is an international organization that through independent local groups, involves the public in the arrest of criminals through anonymous tips and rewards.

Crime Stoppers of York Region was founded in 1986 and since that time has a history of success. More than 3,000 arrests have been made with 7,400 charges laid and more than \$130 million of property and illegal drugs seized.

Crime Stoppers of York Region is administered by a volunteer civilian Board of Directors who meets regularly and is responsible for fundraising initiatives, community outreach and the development of public awareness campaigns.

We would like to bring more awareness to Crime Stoppers of York Region and with the Proclamation, we will be more successful.

We thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Ralph".

Leo Ralph
President

Crime Stoppers of York Region