



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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Date: May 14, 2021

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There were no information reports distributed during this period.



Community Services

Legislative Services

April 27, 2021
File #120203

Sent via email: caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable and Dear Madam:

Re: Township of The Archipelago - Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 26, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Township of The Archipelago dated April 9, 2021 requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites.

Attached please find a copy of the Township of The Archipelago's correspondence dated April 9, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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Attach

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Wayne Gates, MPP, Niagara Falls wgates-co@ndp.on.ca

MPP Norman Miller. Norm.miller@pc.olg.org

Maryann Weaver, Municipal Clerk, Township of The Archipelago mweaver@thearchipelago.on.ca

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April 9, 2021

21-073

Moved by Councillor Barton
Seconded by Councillor Manner

RE: Road Management Action On Invasive Phragmites

WHEREAS Phragmites australis (Phragmites) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes including Georgian Bay; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

WHEREAS invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive Phragmites under the Invasive Species Act; and

WHEREAS Phragmites occupy over 4,800 hectares of land around Lake St. Clair alone, while 212 hectares of Phragmites occupy land along the St. Lawrence River. The Georgian Bay Area is particularly affected by Phragmites australis, with more than 700 stands along the shorelines and multiple visible stands on the highways and roads that threaten valuable infrastructure and wetland areas; and

WHEREAS volunteers, non-governmental organizations, and various municipalities have invested tens of thousands of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing managements plans to control invasive Phragmites on roads, coasts, shorelines and in wetlands; and

WHEREAS roads and highways where Phragmites that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

Received by
APRIL 26, 2021
COUNCIL

WHEREAS according to “Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario’s Roads” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application, and cutting; and

WHEREAS these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

WHEREAS mother nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive Phragmites, and to implement best management practices for invasive Phragmites, and to join the Ontario Phragmites Working Group to collaborate on the eradication of Phragmites in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Norman Miller.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites; and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Carried.

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVINResolutionDATE: April 27, 2021 NO. 2021-110MOVED BY Dan MaxwellSECONDED BY Heather Olmstead

“WHEREAS the role of Ontario’s 441 fire departments and their approximate 30,000 full, part-time, and volunteer firefighters is to protect Ontarians and their property; and

WHEREAS according to the Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management’s latest data, in Ontario there was over 11,000 number of loss fires, 9,500 no loss fires, 784 injuries, 91 fatalities, and over \$820 million dollars of estimated loss in 2018; and

WHEREAS fire emergencies only make up a portion of the total calls for help received by fire and emergency service departments as they respond to nearly every public emergency, disaster, or 9-1-1 call; and

WHEREAS Ontario’s fire department infrastructure deficit continues to grow annually and is almost entirely borne by the municipality and local taxpayers with the majority having populations under 25,000; and

WHEREAS due to antiquated structures and equipment that do not meet current industry standards the safety of the Ontario public and Ontario firefighters is being jeopardized;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin resolves as follows:

1. **THAT** the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters; and
2. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, local MPP, local MP, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Coun Cross</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Coun Maxwell</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Coun Olmstead</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Mayor Pennell</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

Resolution

DATE: April 27, 2021 NO. 2021-109

MOVED BY Heather Olmstead

SECONDED BY Sandy Cross

“Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;

Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and

That this resolution be sent to the Honourable Vic Fedeli, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.”



CARRIED _____

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Coun Cross</u>	<u>X</u>	_____
<u>Coun Maxwell</u>	<u>X</u>	_____
<u>Coun Olmstead</u>	<u>X</u>	_____
<u>Mayor Pennell</u>	<u>X</u>	_____



Community Services

Legislative Services

April 27, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Province Investigating and Updating Source Water Protection Legislation

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 26, 2021 passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed a resolution on October 21st, 2019 identifying that 1,100 private water wells were in operation in the Town of Fort Erie, of which 75% were used for domestic purposes including human and livestock consumption, and

Whereas the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie further identified in that resolution that Council requires the protection of water in the aquifer supplying water to those wells from contamination as the result of any remediation of Pit One owned by the Port Colborne Quarries in the City of Port Colborne, and further

Whereas Report No. PDS-23-2021, approved by Council on March 22, 2021, identified that while the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, The Regional Municipality of Niagara and Local Area Municipalities work together to protect source water, these plans do not generally apply to private servicing, and

Whereas Report No. PDS-23-2021 further identified efforts undertaken by the Town of Fort Erie through available provincial planning policy, regulation and legislation to protect source water within the Town of Fort Erie without any explicit ability to designate source water protection for private services, and

Whereas on July 28, 2010, through Resolution 64/292, the United Nations General Assembly explicitly recognized the human right to water and sanitation and acknowledged that clean drinking water and sanitation are essential to the realization of all human rights, and

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Whereas it would be desirable to ensure that those in our community who rely on wells and other private servicing for clean drinking water are afforded the same source water protection as municipal drinking water systems;

Now therefore it be resolved,

That: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie recognizes and acknowledges that clean drinking water and sanitation are basic human rights and essential to the realization of all human rights, and further

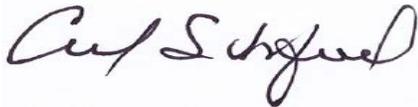
That: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie requests that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks consider legislative changes that would permit the expansion of source water protection to aquifers and private services, and further

That: This resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Wayne Gates, MPP Niagara Falls, Jeff Burch, MPP Niagara Centre, Jennifer Stevens, MPP St. Catharines and Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West, and further

That: This resolution be circulated to all Conservation Authorities and Municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement and support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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Ontario Municipalities



April 30, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
 Room 281
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Brantford City Council Meeting held April 27, 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

Request - Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities

WHEREAS COVID-19 restrictions have had significant impacts; and

WHEREAS many forms of socializing, recreation and sport have been curtailed; and

WHEREAS the game of golf can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of The City of Brantford recommends:

- A. THAT The Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities which can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; Will Bouma, MPP, Brantford-Brant, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Big City Mayors; and the list of other Municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,

Tanya Daniels
 City Clerk
tdaniels@brantford.ca

cc MPP Will Bouma, Brantford-Brant
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 Ontario Big City Mayors
 All Ontario Municipalities

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**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWN OF PERTH**

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April 30, 2021

Honourable Premier Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

Sent via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment

The Town of Perth is requesting that further consideration be given to having the province be financially responsible for the replacement costs associated with all major capital equipment in hospitals, as municipalities across the province are facing major shortfalls in meeting their financial obligations. As set out in their asset management plans and cannot afford to directly absorb the financial responsibility for the replacement costs of the hospitals' major capital equipment without jeopardizing their financial sustainability.

As well, if the province is unwilling to assume the full responsibility for funding local hospitals completely, the Town of Perth requests that the province must develop a legislative framework as to how counties and municipalities should best address the financial shortfalls facing hospitals throughout Ontario, specifically the funding of major capital equipment;

Sincerely,

John Fenik
Mayor of Perth

cc: Ontario Municipalities
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Aged to Perfection!

April 30, 2021

COO

The Honourable Doug Downey, MPP, Attorney General
20 Bell Farm Road
Barrie, ON L4M 6E4
(sent via email doug.downey@pc.ola.org)

Dear Minister Downey:

Re: NATIONAL 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS HOTLINE

On behalf of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie, I wish to advise you that City Council adopted the following resolution at its meeting held on April 26, 2021:

21-G-098 NATIONAL THREE DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS HOTLINE

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the motion calls for the federal government to consolidate all existing suicide crisis numbers into one three-digit hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the City of Barrie recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the City of Barrie endorses this 988 crisis line initiative.
2. That a letter demonstrating Barrie's support be sent to Todd Doherty, MP Caribou-Prince George, John Brassard, MP, Barrie-Innisfil, Doug Shipley, MP, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, MPP, Barrie-Innisfil, the Honourable Doug Downey, MPP, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, wendy.cooke@barrie.ca or (705) 739.4220, Ext. 4560.

Yours truly,

Wendy Cooke
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services

WC/bt

cc:

- The Honourable Patty Hajdu, MP, Minister of Health
- John Brassard, MP, Barrie-Innisfil
- Doug Shipley, MP, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte
- Todd Doherty, MP, Caribou-Prince George
- Andrea Khanjin, MPP, Barrie-Innisfil
- The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC)
- All municipalities in Ontario



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

May 3, 2021

Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

VIA EMAIL

Re: Planning Act Timelines

Dear Hon. Steve Clark,

At its meeting held on April 12, 2021, Council for the Town of Amherstburg passed the following:

Resolution # 20210412-120

“That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of the City of Kitchener’s resolution regarding Planning Act Timelines.”

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence from the City of Kitchener for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
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All Ontario Municipalities



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March 31, 2021

Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding Planning Act Timelines:

“WHEREAS the City of Kitchener, like many Ontario municipalities, is experiencing significant growth; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has conducted extensive work through its Development Services Review to remove red tape and improve public engagement; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to make a decision within a prescribed timeline; and,

WHEREAS the passing of Bill 108 in 2019 reduced the timelines for processing development applications before they can be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for a non-decision from those outlined in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 as follows:

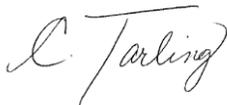
- from seven months (210 days) to four months (120 days) for Official Plan amendments;
- from five months (150 days) to three months (90 days) for Zoning By-law amendments; and
- from six months (180 days) to four months (120 days) for Plans of Subdivision; and

WHEREAS the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the local MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

- c: Honourable Tim Louis, M.P.
Honourable Raj Saini, M.P.
Honourable Marwan Tabbara, M. P.
Honourable Bardish Chagger, M.P.
Honourable Bryan May, M.P.
Honourable Amy Fee, M.P.P.
Honourable Catherine Fife, M.P.P.
Honourable Belinda Karahalios, M.P.P.
Honourable Mike Harris, M.P.P.
Honourable Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P.
Bill Karsten, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rosa Bustamante, Director, Planning, City of Kitchener
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May 3, 2021

Delivered by email
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The Honourable Patty Hajdu
 Minister of Health
 House of Commons
 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of April 27, 2021

Re: Correspondence from Mayor Allan Thompson, Town of Caledon; Re: Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on April 27, 2021, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

1. **That the memorandum regarding Correspondence from Mayor Allan Thompson, Town of Caledon; Re: Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline, be received; and**
2. **That Council support the Town of Caledon initiative regarding 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline; and**
3. **That a letter demonstrating Aurora Council's support be sent to Leona Alleslev, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora, Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, Hon. Christine Elliott, MPP Newmarket—Aurora, Hon. Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), and all Ontario municipalities.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Town of Aurora Council Resolution – Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis
Prevention Hotline

May 3, 2021

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael de Rond". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment: Correspondence dated March 31, 2021, from Mayor Allan Thompson,
Town of Caledon; Re: Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis
Prevention Hotline

Copy: Leona Alleslev, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Hon. Christine Elliott, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)
All Ontario Municipalities



Allan Thompson
Mayor

Sent via E-Mail to: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

March 31, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Federal Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Hajdu,

RE: SUPPORT FOR 988, A 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS PREVENTION HOTLINE

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on March 30, 2021, Council adopted a resolution endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;

Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Caledon endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and

That a letter demonstrating Caledon's support be sent to Kyle Seeback, MP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.



Allan Thompson
Mayor

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Allan Thompson
Mayor

Cc. Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin-Caledon, Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca
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SENT VIA EMAIL

May 5, 2021

**Re: Advocacy for Reform
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)**

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, April 27, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

No. C-119-21

Re: Advocacy for Reform - MFIPPA Legislation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Leamington has received Clerk's Department Report LLS-15-21 regarding Advocacy for Reform of Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("MFIPPA"); and

That that the following motion be passed in support of a request to review and reform of MFIPPA:

WHEREAS MFIPPA dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Leamington, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the municipal clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated

technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS MFIPPA fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the municipal clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
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5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;

7. That administrative practices implied or required under MFIPPA, including those of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of MFIPPA be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

Carried

Sincerely,
Brenda M. Percy, Clerk

cc: Rick Nicholls, MPP Chatham Kent - Leamington
Dave Epp, MP Chatham Kent - Leamington
Minister of Consumer Services
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
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Town of
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May 5, 2021

[SENT VIA EMAIL: CLERKS@NEWMARKET.CA]

Lisa Lyons
Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk
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Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7

Dear Lisa Lyons:

**RE: Submissions of the Town of East Gwillimbury
Health Canada Consultation on Guidance on Personal Production of Cannabis for
Medical Purposes**

For your information and records, at its electronic meeting held on April 20, 2021 the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the Town's submission regarding the Health Canada Consultation on Guidance on Personal Production of Cannabis for Medical Purposes; and

THAT Council direct staff to forward the Town's submission to Federal and Provincial governments, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and other municipalities that are dealing with similar issues.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Fernando Lamanna, B.A., CMO, Dipl. M.M.
Municipal Clerk

Enclosed

cc: Federal and Provincial Governments
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Other municipalities that are dealing with similar issues

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April 21, 2021

Controlled Substances and Cannabis Branch
Health Canada
Address locator 0302B
Ottawa, Ontario
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Attn: The Honourable Patty Hajdu

Dear Minister:

**Re: Submissions of the Town of East Gwillimbury
Health Canada Consultation on Guidance on Personal Production of Cannabis for
Medical Purposes**

The Town of East Gwillimbury is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on Health Canada's draft "Guidance on personal production of cannabis for medical purposes".

The Town supports this initiative of Health Canada to articulate factors that may be considered by Health Canada, at an administrative level, when it makes the decision to refuse or revoke a registration to produce medical cannabis on the basis of public health and safety grounds pursuant to the *Cannabis Regulations*.

Health Canada's Proposal

In particular, the Town supports Health Canada's proposal to include the following factors in every consideration of whether a registration, renewal, or amendment is likely to create a risk to public health and safety, including the risk of illicit diversion, and whether revocation of a registration is reasonably necessary to protect public health and safety:

1. Amount of daily authorized cannabis by health care practitioner and information to support the amount authorized:

Is the authorized daily amount of cannabis supported by credible clinical evidence and/or published treatment guidelines?

Is the amount of daily authorized cannabis considered reasonable, after taking into account the route of administration?

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2. Non-compliance or history of non-compliance with the *Cannabis Act* and *Cannabis Regulations* by the registered or designated person including the relevant circumstances:

What is the overall history of non-compliance, including the number, nature and severity of previous instances of non-compliance, and how has the person responded to previous non-compliance?

Are the registered- or designated person growing, or have they grown, more than the amount authorized by the registration?

3. Criminal activity and/or diversion of cannabis:

Is the production site linked, or has it been linked, to the diversion of cannabis, a controlled substance, or to criminal activities?

Are the registered or designated person, the owner of the production site or an individual with another direct link to the site or operation involved in the diversion of cannabis, a controlled substance, or have they been involved in or do they contribute, or have they contributed to such diversion?

Is the production site linked, or has it been linked, to organized crime? Are the registered or designated person, the owner of the production site or an individual with another direct link to the site or operation associated with organized crime or have they been associated with organized crime?

4. Health care practitioner is or has been involved with criminal activities or has been subject to disciplinary review or action by a licensing authority in relation to their prescribing practices with cannabis or controlled substances:

Has a provincial licensing authority investigated or disciplined the health care practitioner in relation to their prescribing practices with cannabis or other controlled substances?

Is or has the health care practitioner been involved in or contributed to activities prohibited by or conducted in contravention of the *Cannabis Act* or the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*?

Is or has the health care practitioner been a member of a criminal organization, or is or has been involved in, or contributes to, the activities of such an organization?

East Gwillimbury's Proposal

In its own experience, the Town has encountered production sites where the production of medical cannabis has occurred:

- without required zoning approval;
- without required building permits; and
- in contravention of municipal by-laws regulating noxious odour.

Problems relating to noxious odour associated with cannabis production adversely impacting adjacent residential and other sensitive uses is exacerbated when multiple Health Canada registrations issue for a single production site. In the Town's own experience, multiple registrations at a single site have resulted in Health Canada authorizations to grow in excess of 1,000 plants at the site. In the result, production occurs at a scale that is more commercial than personal. Noxious odours emanating from these sites have necessitated municipal compliance orders and enforcement proceedings initiated by the Town.

Accordingly, in addition to the factors already proposed by Health Canada, the Town proposes that the following additional factors be considered in Health Canada's registration and revocation decision making process:

5. Non-compliance with local planning regulations and applicable site plan requirements:

Is the production site compliant with local zoning regulations and site plan requirements including but not limited to regulations regarding use, setbacks, lot coverage, illumination controls, proximity to sensitive uses and site plan obligations?

Is the production site the subject of a municipal compliance order restraining the continued use of the site for cannabis production?

Is the owner/occupant of the production site in default of its municipal site plan obligations?

6. Non-compliance with the Building Code and/or Fire Code:

Are structures erected, or proposed to be erected, at the production site compliant with local permitting requirements and applicable Building Code and Fire Code requirements?

Is the production site the subject of a Building Code or Fire Code compliance or cease and desist order?



7. Non-compliance with the requirements of any public utility or applicable technical standards and safety authority:

Are the premises at the production site operated in accordance with requirements of public utilities providing services to the production site and is equipment at the production site operated in compliance with the requirements of the applicable technical standards and safety authority?

8. Production is a nuisance:

Does cannabis production at the site constitute a common nuisance (i.e. light pollution/noxious odour)?

Has the production site been the subject of municipal compliance orders relating to noxious odour?

Are effective measures in place at the production site to mitigate against light pollution?

Are effective measures in place at the production site to mitigate against the emanation of noxious odours?

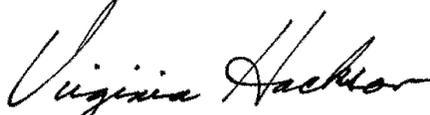
Is there sufficient physical separation between the production site and adjacent residential and other sensitive uses that may be adversely impacted by noxious odours emanating from the production site?

In preparing these submissions for your consideration the Town is hopeful that, in advance of required regulatory reform of the personal medical cannabis production regime, the Town's experience and comments will serve to inform Health Canada's decision making process in the matter of registration refusals and revocations on the basis of public health and safety grounds.

The Town encourages Health Canada to use the administrative discretion available to it to protect the public from production activities that occur at the expense of community health and safety and in contravention of applicable law.

Thank you Minister for providing the Town with this opportunity provide comments.

Sincerely,



Mayor Virginia Hackson



Town of
East Gwillimbury

May 5, 2021

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Dear Lisa Lyons:

RE: UPDATED CANNABIS RESOLUTION

For your information and records, at its electronic meeting held on April 20, 2021 the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

WHEREAS on June 25, 2020 the Town of East Gwillimbury asked the Minister of Health and Attorney General to “establish a committee of rural municipalities to work together to propose amendments to the Cannabis Act that will remedy the problems experienced by municipalities as the result of the Cannabis Act and Health Canada’s administration of the medical registration regime” (Resolution attached); and

WHEREAS the Town has received no response to its request from either the Minister of Health or the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS municipalities throughout Canada continue to struggle with common issues related to law enforcement relating to illicit personal medical cannabis production; and

WHEREAS personal medical cannabis production facilities have re-purposed existing structures or built greenhouses for the production of cannabis without complying with applicable law including compliance with: municipal zoning; Building Code and Fire Code compliance, creating in the result, serious health and safety risks for building occupants, first responders and the community at large; and

WHEREAS police services have laid drug and weapons charges against some personal medical producers who have used their Health Canada registrations to cover and support large scale illegal production and sale of cannabis; and

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WHEREAS absent effective administration and enforcement of the personal medical registration regime by Health Canada the Town has been required to seek injunctive relief in the Courts to restrain Health Canada registrants from producing personal medical cannabis in contravention of applicable laws; and

WHEREAS absent prosecution by Health Canada, the Town has been required to prosecute contraventions of applicable law by Health Canada registrants in the Provincial Courts; and

WHEREAS the Town, without compensation from Health Canada, has incurred, and continues to incur legal expenses enforcing applicable law relating to the administration of the personal medical registration regime; and

WHEREAS there is no indication that legislative change to mitigate these issues is forthcoming.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT The Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury respectfully requests that the federal Minister of Health and Attorney General respond to Council's call for a coordinated federal and municipal working group resulting in amendments to the Cannabis Act and Cannabis Regulations; and*
- 2. THAT amendments to the Cannabis Act and Cannabis Regulations include:*
 - (a) a requirement that registrants evidence to Health Canada their compliance with applicable law including: land use planning; Building Code; and electrical safety regulations.*
 - (b) a review of, and revised standards for, medical dosing.*
 - (c) investigation and enforcement by Health Canada of noxious odour complaints and other complaints of non-compliance by registrants with applicable law.*
 - (d) confirmation that medical cannabis production is the production of a controlled pharmaceutical that is distinct from agricultural food production.*

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- (e) *limiting personal medical production to one grower per site until such time as an effective approval process can be implemented by Health Canada that mitigates against adverse community impacts exacerbated by the intensive production associated with multiple growers at a single site.*
- (f) *the requirement that Health Canada revoke registrations where there is non-compliance with the Cannabis Act, Cannabis Regulations, or applicable law; and*
3. *THAT the Federal Government compensate municipalities for their work enforcing applicable law related to the administration of the personal medical registration regime; and*
4. *THAT this resolution be forwarded to the The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health (Canada), The Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health (Ontario), Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, Scot Davidson, MP York-Simcoe, Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket-Aurora, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe, Association of Municipalities Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Ontario Association Of Fire Chiefs, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association, and York Region Municipalities.*

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Fernando Lamanna, B.A., CMO, Dipl. M.M.
Municipal Clerk

cc: The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health
The Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health (Ontario)
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May 7, 2021

RE: Support for 988 – a 3 Digit Crisis and Suicide Prevention Hotline

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, at its meeting held May 5, 2021, passed the following resolution:

2021-312

Moved by Aakash Desai, Seconded by Dane Nielsen

Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline; and

Whereas the Municipality of Grey Highlands recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help; now

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Grey Highlands endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and

That the Municipality of Grey Highlands request that this initiative move forward expeditiously; and

**That a copy of this resolution be sent to Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MP Alex Ruff, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Bill Walker, Federal Minister of Health Patty Hajdu, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.
CARRIED.**

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

Sincerely,

Jerri-Lynn Levitt

Jerri-Lynn Levitt
Deputy Clerk
Council and Legislative Services
Municipality of Grey Highlands

The Municipality of Grey Highlands

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HEADLINE: Protecting Ontario's natural resources for future generations

Subhead: *Conservation officers uphold a long tradition on the front lines*

As Canada's second-largest province geographically, Ontario spans approximately one million square kilometres, ranging from temperate in the south to tundra in the north. This vast province contains an incredible abundance of natural resources, including some of the best recreational hunting and fishing in North America.

Since 1892, conservation officers have shouldered the responsibility of protecting these natural resources for future generations, and today, they're still going strong.

"Conservation officers have a big job to do, including the enforcement of hunting and fishing regulations, promoting hunting safety, investigation of illegal activities against fish and wildlife, and educating the public," said John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry. "They're out there in all weather conditions, patrolling the lakes, rivers, trails, backroads, and urban centres of our province — making sure our world-class natural resources stay that way."

Many areas of Ontario aren't accessible by road, so conservation officers use a wide variety of vehicles to get where they're needed in the backcountry. These include all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, boats, and helicopters.

To protect Ontario's natural resources, conservation officers use cutting-edge enforcement tactics, including DNA analysis, GPS tracking, data analysis, aerial and canine patrols, and wildlife decoys.

There are currently 184 conservation officers in the ministry, working out of over 50 locations in every region of Ontario. These front-line positions include field officers, canine handlers, and specialist positions in training, intelligence and investigations — all of whom lead year-round enforcement service delivery.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, we've seen countless examples of heroism from front-line workers, and our conservation officers are no exception," said Minister Yakabuski. "These brave folks have been out there the whole time, keeping Ontarians safe throughout the pandemic, and protecting our natural heritage — and I couldn't be prouder of them."

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is recruiting 25 new conservation officers to its ranks. These officers will help the ministry increase its focus on sustainable resource management and public safety goals.

"We promised to hire more conservation officers to protect Ontario's precious natural resources and we're making good on that commitment," said Mike Harris, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry. "This is a great career path for anyone who's passionate about the outdoors. If you've got an adventurous spirit and a desire to serve your province on the front lines, we want to hear from you."

For more information on how to apply, go to the Province of Ontario's Public Service Careers website at www.gojobs.gov.on.ca.



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May 10, 2021

Via Email: Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org

Hon. Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Government and Consumer Services
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Hon. Thompson:

**Re: Time for Change
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on March 1, 2021 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

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8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

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

Sincerely,

Judy
Smith

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

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Lianne Rood, MP
Dave Epp MP
Rick Nicholls, MPP
Monte McNaughton, MPP
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee
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The Honourable Patty Hajdu
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 Via email: Patty.Hajdu@pal.gc.ca

May 11, 2021-05-11

Re: Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline

Please be advised that on May 4, 2021, The Township of Burpee & Mills passed the following motion to support The Town of Caledon letter endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

THAT The Township of Burpee and Mills hereby supports the letter by the Town of Caledon, attached hereto in support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline.

AND FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to local members of Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried: Ken Noland

cc The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Ontario - christine.elliott@ontario.ca
 MP Carol Hughes - carol.hughes@parl.gc.ca
 MPP Michael Mantha - mmantha-qp@ndp.on.ca
 Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission – iscott@telesat.com
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May 7, 2021

Sent to: ivien@newmarket.ca

Dear Iren Vien:

RE: Proclamation Request - May 16-22 - National Public Works Week

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim the week of May 16 - 22, 2021 as National Public Works Week. Your proclamation request will be communicated on the Town's Twitter account, and on the Town's website on the Proclamation and Lighting Request page.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kiran Saini".

Kiran Saini
Deputy Town Clerk
KS:jg



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May 14, 2021

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear David Kempton:

RE: Proclamation Request - June - Bike Month

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim June as Bike Month. Your proclamation request will be communicated on the Town's Twitter account, and on the Town's website on the Proclamation and Lighting Request page.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kiran Saini".

Kiran Saini

Deputy Town Clerk

KS:jg



SCAGO

Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario

April 25, 2021

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To Municipal Office:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Communications and Marketing Manager for the Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO).

Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario also known as SCAGO is a member organization under the national umbrella of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Canada.

It was established in 2005 to:

- Improve treatment and care received by patients living with SCD by providing better education about the disease to the medical and allied health professionals.
- Educate the community on SCD and sickle cell trait with the expected outcome of reducing the number of children born with the disease.
- Support those living with the disease by providing access to peer support group meetings, scholarships, learning for life seminars and advocating on their behalf with the Ontario Ministry of Health.

Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) or Sickle Cell Anaemia is a hereditary genetic disease characterized by the presence of abnormal crescent-shaped red blood cells. It affects Canadians of Asian, African, Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and Caribbean heritage. In 2005, it was estimated that over 2000 Ontarians are living with sickle cell disease and up to one in four from some specific cultural background carries the sickle cell trait. Most recent reports show that the incidence of SCD in Ontario is 1 in 2800 births (2015). Additionally, SCD predominantly affects ethnic minority populations with up to 25% of Canadians with ethnic roots in regions of the world traditionally affected by malaria and may carry the trait.

World Sickle Cell Day is observed on June 19 and has been recognized by the United Nation since 2008. On November 22, 2017, the Canadian government passed Bill S-211, enacting June 19th every year as "National Sickle Cell Awareness Day". World Sickle Cell Day was

created to encourage global awareness and action to bring awareness through information, activities and concern. Globally, SCD has been recognized as a huge public health problem and “one of the world’s foremost genetic diseases” (World Health Organization). According, to WHO there are nearly 100 million people throughout the world affected by SCD and 300 million people who carry the SCD trait.

We are requesting the City of Newmarket to recognize World Sickle Cell Day on June 19, 2021. Our missions below are aligned with the aim of World Sickle Cell Day health promotion campaigns:

- Increase public awareness of sickle cell disease
- The great importance of education on SCD and the importance of genetic testing. This *may* reduce the # of new births.
- Improved awareness will assist in patients realizing there is a community across Ontario
- To give hope, inspiration and empowerment to the individuals living with sickle cell disease.

We were very fortunate, in 2017, 2018 and 2019 to partner with the CN Tower, Exhibition Princess Gates, Niagara Falls, the City of Toronto, the City of Markham, City of Newmarket, City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, City of London, and many others to illuminate their landmarks. We found that there were a lot of people talking on social media platforms about the disease and requesting more information to help. We were also astounded by the amount of SCD patients who reached out to tell us the ways this initiative made them feel empowered and able to share their experiences with friends and co-workers. As we continue to find new ways to raise awareness and to dispel the stereotypes surrounding SCD, we push to recognize SCD patients who continue to live with the disease, as well as those who have lost their lives.

Thank you for taking the time to read this recognition request. If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to message me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

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Lighting Request for 2021 National Injury Prevention Day

Newmarket Municipal Offices/River Walk Commons

May 6, 2021

July 5, 2021 will mark the 5th annual **National Injury Prevention Day (NIPD)**: a day to raise awareness around the importance of injury prevention and aid Canadians to live long lives to the fullest through education and advocacy.

The Parachute team and its partner the Saskatchewan Prevention Institute would be delighted if you could participate and light up green in honour of **National Injury Prevention Day** on Monday July 5, 2021.

Date: July 5, 2021

Colour: Green RGB 186, 207, 67

Organization: Parachute

Check out more information on our NIPD light-ups, including an image gallery of the 2020 light-ups across Canada [at parachute.ca/nipd](https://parachute.ca/nipd)

National Injury Prevention Day has been recognized by **Health Canada** as a national health promotion event.

BACKGROUND

Injury prevention is critical to saving lives: Did you know that injury is the No. 1 cause of death of Canadians ages 1 to 34? Or that injury costs the Canadian economy \$29.4 billion a year? We know that most injuries are predictable and preventable: We need your help spreading our information on preventing serious injuries on the road, at home and at play.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, National Injury Prevention Day 2020 received a tremendous amount of support across Canada. With **42 confirmed landmarks** that lit Parachute green and **13 cities** that proclaimed July 6, 2020 as National Injury Prevention Day, the event garnered more than **5 million social media impressions** for our campaign hashtags, #ParachuteNIPD and #TurnSafetyOn.

Both Canada's Health Minister, **The Hon. Patty Hadju**, and Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, **Dr. Theresa Tam**, posted about NIPD.



The landmarks that lit “Parachute green” in honour of NIPD in 2020 were:

- Charlottetown City Hall, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- Government House, NL
- St. John’s City Hall, NL
- The Big Fiddle, Sydney, NS
- Halifax City Hall, Halifax, NS
- Parc Olympique, Montreal, QC
- La Grande roue de Montreal, Montreal, QC
- Parc Olympique, Montreal, QC
- Ryerson Image Centre, Toronto, ON
- 3D Toronto Sign, Toronto, ON
- Toronto City Hall, Toronto, ON
- 3D Hamilton Sign, Hamilton, ON
- Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls, ON
- Grand River Pedestrian Bridge, Cambridge, ON
- 3D Cambridge Sign, Cambridge, ON
- Sifton Properties on Dufferin, London, ON
- Fountain at the Forks, London, ON
- JA Taylor Building, London, ON
- RBC Place, London, ON
- Canada Life Building, London, ON
- London City Hall, London, ON
- Fire Hall, (2) Township of Mapleton, ON
- Medical Centre, Township of Mapleton, ON
- Humboldt City Hall, Humboldt, SK
- SaskTel Centre, Saskatoon, SK
- Telus Spark Science Museum, Calgary, AB
- Calgary Tower, Calgary, AB
- Reconciliation Bridge, Calgary, AB
- Galleria Trees on Stephen, Calgary, AB
- Arts Common, Calgary, AB
- High Level Bridge, Edmonton, AB
- Victoria Street Bridge, Trail, BC
- Vancouver City Hall, Vancouver, BC
- Science World, Vancouver, BC
- Canadian Place Sails of Light, Vancouver, BC
- Vancouver Convention Centre, BC
- Fitzsimmons Creek Bridge, Whistler, BC
- BC Parliament Building, Victoria, BC
- Maple Ridge City Hall, Maple Ridge BC

About Parachute:

Parachute is Canada’s national charity dedicated to reducing the devastating impact of preventable injuries. Injury is the No. 1 killer of Canadians aged 1 to 34, where **one child dies every day**. The financial toll is staggering, with injury costing the Canadian economy \$29.4 billion a year. Through education and advocacy, Parachute is working to save lives and create a Canada free of serious injuries. For more information, visit us at parachute.ca and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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