



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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There were no information reports distributed during this period.



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February 19, 2021

Via Email: sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General
18th Floor – 25 Grosvenor St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

Dear Solicitor General Jones,

RE: Community Safety & Well-Being Plan – Extension Request

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

"Resolution #2021-67

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail
Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby support the efforts being taken seeking an extension of the July 1, 2021 deadline to the Solicitor General for the submission of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Carried."

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

cc: Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
All Ontario Municipalities

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February 19, 2021

Via Email

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen
 Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
 House of Commons
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Honourable Minister,

RE: Support the Town of Carleton Place resolution that the Government of Ontario Prioritize Children and Childcare as part of its Post Pandemic Recovery Plan

Please be advised that at their last regularly scheduled meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

"Resolution #2021-71

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry supports the resolution from the Town of Carleton Place requesting the Government of Ontario to:

- a. prioritize children and childcare as part of its overall post pandemic recovery plan;*
- b. develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support facilities through the provision of licensed childcare and early learning education; and*
- c. provide increased funding to childcare provides reflective of COVID-19 operating cost increases to ensure a safe reopening and long-term sustainability for the sector.*

Carried."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Beth Morton".

Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

cc: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
MP Scott Aitchison, Parry Sound-Muskoka
MPP Norm Miller, Parry Sound-Muskoka
Stacey Blair, Clerk, Town of Carleton Place
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February 19, 2021

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request that the Province of Ontario Reverse Decision to
Close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

"Resolution #2021-69"

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time, and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O.Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O.Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Perry requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

cc: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Township of Perry Fire Chief Dan Marshall



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February 19, 2021

21-033

**Moved by Councillor Manners
Seconded by Councillor Andrews**

RE: Request that Minister Clark review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording to assist Municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list

WHEREAS the Township of The Archipelago recognizes that the current language in the Municipal Elections Act with regards to non-resident electors, is weak and ambiguous;

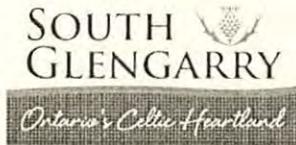
AND WHEREAS the Township of The Archipelago wishes to ensure the integrity of the election process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago hereby request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, initiate a review of the Municipal Elections Act and make amendments to provide such clearer, stronger wording, to assist Municipal Clerks in addressing issues related to non-resident electors, and to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to enforce the rules described in the Municipal Elections Act;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Norm Miller MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried.



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Stephanie Jaworski

RESOLUTION NO 55-2021

SECONDED BY Lyle WARDEN DATE February 16, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry hereby supports the letter by the Township of South-West Oxford, attached hereto, in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities and that this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED DEFEATED POSTPONED

Frank Prevost
Mayor Frank Prevost

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor Prevost	—	—
Deputy Mayor Warden	—	—
Councillor Lang	—	—
Councillor Jaworski	—	—
Councillor McDonell	—	—



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January 11, 2021

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building, Queens Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Speeding on provincial, county and municipal roadways continues to put the lives of Ontarians at risk. While we have access to several tools to help mitigate speeding traffic, the one tool that is currently not fully available to us is Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE) (aka Photo Radar). Over the past decade, in South West Oxford the vast majority of charges laid are for drivers travelling well in excess of the posted speed limit. The cost of providing police time for something that could be done through the use of technology is disturbing to our council. The Council feels that it would be far more effective to have police concentrate on other problems such as Break and Enters, illegal drugs and domestic problems.

We need a way to address the poor behaviours and habits that are putting our citizens at risk and tying up much needed first responder resources that could be better utilized to improve the well-being of our communities. Speeding, particularly through our small villages, creates community concerns for the safety and wellbeing of our children and other vulnerable members. We need your help.

In keeping with this The Council of the Township of South-West Oxford duly moved and carried the following resolution at the regular meeting held on January 5, 2021:

...RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to the Clerk to send a letter to the Premier, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities.

Please help municipalities in the Province by passing the necessary regulations for municipalities to use ASE (if they choose) that will bring about the driving behavioural changes we need.

We look forward to your help with this issue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Mary Ellen Greb'.

Mary Ellen Greb, CAO

c.c. AMO, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Municipalities

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Martin Lang

RESOLUTION NO 56-2021

SECONDED BY Lyle WARDEN

DATE February 16, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry hereby supports the resolution passed by the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, attached hereto, and urges the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to review the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and consider the recommendations as presented by the Township of Guelph/Eramosa and furthermore that this resolution be forwarded to MPP Jim McDonell, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Government and Consumer Services, the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

POSTPONED


Mayor Frank Prevost

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor Prevost	___	___
Deputy Mayor Warden	___	___
Councillor Lang	___	___
Councillor Jaworski	___	___
Councillor McDonell	___	___



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February 8, 2021

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Attention: The Hon. Steve Clark

Re: Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation

At the Township of Guelph/Eramosa's Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday February 1, 2021, the following resolution was put forward and passed:

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa has received Clerk's Department Report 21/03 regarding Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation; and

That that the following motions be passed in support of a request to review and reform of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

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 Township of Guelph/Eramosa, 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;

Jenni Spies
Deputy Clerk

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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 the Act 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 the 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;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
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 the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

Please accept this for your information and any necessary action.

Sincerely,



Jenni Spies
Deputy Clerk

Cc. Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills
Michael Chong, MP Wellington-Halton Hills
Minister of Consumer Services
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
Ontario Clerks

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 17, 2021Addendum Item**19. CITY OF VAUGHAN URGES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE YONGE NORTH SUBWAY EXTENSION (YNSE)**

(Addendum No. 1)

MOVED by Councillor Shefman
seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

1. That the recommendation contained in the following resolution from Councillor Shefman, dated February 17, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED

Resolution of Councillor Shefman, dated February 17, 2021

Whereas, The Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE) is a leading transportation priority for the City of Vaughan and York Region, and

Whereas, The YNSE has been identified as a critical infrastructure investment with the current York Region and City of Vaughan Transportation Master Plans, and

Whereas, Developing a comprehensive transit network is a crucial infrastructure issue in the City of Vaughan and throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA); and

Whereas, the YNSE will support a growing population, generate economic opportunity, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Vaughan and surrounding communities. And

Whereas, the YNSE is an integral part of the rapid transit priority projects that would strengthen connection within the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area, and

Whereas, The business cases completed to-date for the YNSE are compelling – affirmed in successive Regional Transportation Plans completed for the GTA in 2008, and again in 2018, and

Whereas, The project will create skilled jobs and lasting social infrastructure critical to the recovery from the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, A project of this size and scope requires investment from all levels of government; and

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 17, 2021Minute No. 19 – Page 2

Whereas, the YNSE is included among the five major transit priorities the Province of Ontario has identified, which require federal funding to move forward.

Whereas, the City of Vaughan welcomes the federal government's recent commitment to invest in public transit, which includes permanent funding of \$3 billion per year for Canadian communities beginning in 2026-27.

It is therefore recommended:

1. **THAT** the City of Vaughan reaffirms its long-standing commitment to advancing the successful completion of the Yonge North Subway Extension; and
2. **THAT** the City of Vaughan calls on the Federal Government to commit to broad and substantial municipal funding for the Yonge North Subway Extension to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and the federal economies to emerge stronger from the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic; and
3. **THAT** the Federal Government's financial commitment be made as soon as possible, and
4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada; the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the Federal Minister of Transportation; the Federal Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of the Finance; the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; the Provincial Minister of Transportation; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Local Members of Parliament (MPs); the Local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) as well as York Region and its member municipalities.

February 19, 2021

Mr. Graydon Smith, President
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
200 University Ave., Suite 801
Toronto, Ontario M5H 3C6

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: Closure of the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst

The Township of Tiny Council recently reviewed correspondence dated January 14, 2021, from the Office of the Fire Marshal regarding the pending closure of the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst, Ontario.

The Ontario Fire College provided fire service training to hundreds of municipal fire departments, like ours, who do not have the capacity or resources to provide their own in-house training for specialized programs.

Should the Office of the Fire Marshal continue to develop fire fighter training curriculum, municipalities will now bear the cost for its use and delivery. The alternative use of Regional Training Centres, for specialized training, will be at a significant cost to municipal fire departments, including room and boarding expenses.

With the closure of the Ontario Fire College and the lack of provincial or federal funding for volunteer fire departments for much needed training, it puts municipalities at risk.

We ask that reconsideration be given to the closure of the Ontario Fire College, at the very least, until a plan is in place to support municipalities with the resources and funding that is required to adequately train and support its fire fighters.

The Corporation of the Township of Tiny



George Cornell
Mayor

cc. The Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
Ontario Municipalities
Jill Dunlop, MPP, Simcoe North



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February 24, 2021

Sent via E-mail: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Resolution – Ontario Fire College Closure

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 22, 2021, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

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WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Colborne requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

ec: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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February 25, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Ford:

On February 23, 2021 Council for the Town of Mono passed the following resolution regarding the impending closure of the Ontario Fire College campus in Gravenhurst, Ontario

Resolution #8-4-2021

Moved by Ralph Mankel, Seconded by Sharon Mar in

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario wishes to close the Ontario Fire College (OFC) located in Gravenhurst; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training for our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS many of our firefighters are volunteers who are on call 24/7/365 with day jobs and families that expect them to come home safely each and every time; and

WHEREAS municipalities are mandated to have fire departments, yet there is no provincial or federal funding for fire departments for much needed equipment and training; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centres are not all created equal and similar in function of the Ontario Fire College; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College gives Ontario Firefighters an opportunity to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is a cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mono requests that the Province reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as it is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents. If the Province chooses not to reverse its decision to close the Ontario Fire College, the Province should provide direct financial support to municipalities to offset the increased training costs of providing provincially mandated firefighting services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

"Carried"

Respectfully,

Fred Simpson
Clerk

cc: Hon Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General & MPP Dufferin-Caledon
Hon Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal
All Ontario Municipalities



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February 25, 2021

The Right Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Building
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

RE: Request that the Province of Ontario Reverse Decision to Close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on February 23, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong supported the following resolution:

“Resolution R2021-041

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jody Baillie

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Strong hereby requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

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Carried”

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Caitlin Haggart
Clerk Administrator

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cc: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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From: Carolyn Lance <clance@georgina.ca>
Sent: February 26, 2021 4:30 PM
Subject: 10 Year Review of Lake Simcoe Protection Plan

Honourable Premier, Honourable Ministers, MPP's, Sirs/Madams:

Please be advised that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Georgina, at its February 24th meeting, considered Staff Report No. DS-2021-0022 entitled '10 Year Review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan' (attached) and passed the following motion;

RESOLUTION NO. C-2021-0050

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Grossi

1. That Report No. DS-2021-0022 prepared by the Planning Policy Division, Development Services Department dated February 24, 2021, be received for information.
2. That Council endorse Report No. DS-2021-0022 prepared by the Planning Policy Division, Development Services Department dated February 24, 2021, as the Town of Georgina's comments and input into the 10 Year Review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, supplementing the Council resolution of October 28, 2020.
3. That the Province of Ontario update its Phosphorous Reduction Strategy to examine the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plans of watershed municipalities, and in consultation with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, prioritize effective phosphorous reduction works and develop a funding strategy to accelerate their development and implementation.
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5. That the Council of the Town of Georgina requests that the Province of Ontario revise the Phosphorus Reduction

Strategy to create a time bound plan and the associated budgets to achieve the 55% phosphorus pollution reduction to no more than 44 tonnes per year as soon as possible.

6. That the Council of the Town of Georgina hereby opposes the use of Minister Zoning Orders by the Province of Ontario which override the environmental protections contained within the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and further, that the Province not approve any development which does not meet applicable targets and standards set out in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, particularly those related to Phosphorus loading in Lake Simcoe.
7. That the Town Clerk forward a copy of Report No. DS-2021-0022 and Council's resolution to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Region of York, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, all other Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities, all MPP's of Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the leaders of the Progressive Conservative, Liberal and NDP parties.

Carried

Accordingly, Town Council respectfully requests your serious consideration of its position on this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA**REPORT NO. DS-2021-0022****FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF
COUNCIL****February 24, 2021****SUBJECT: 10 YEAR REVIEW OF THE LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION PLAN**

1. RECOMMENDATION:

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5. That the Town Clerk forward a copy of Report No. DS-2021-022 and Council's resolution to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Region of York, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

2. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with Staff's comments and recommendations on the 10- Year Review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP).

3. BACKGROUND:

On December 18, 2020, e-mail correspondence was received from Ling Mark, Director, Great Lakes Inland Waters Branch, Land and Water Division of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks launching a 75 day engagement period for the legislated review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan ending on March 3, 2021 (Refer to Attachment 1).

During this period, the Province has established an on-line public survey as well as a "Virtual Science Event" (held on January 28, 2021) and a "Virtual Town Hall" held on February 11, 2021. Both sessions were attended by Town Staff.

Under Section 17 of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan Act 2008 (LSPP Act), the Minister is required to ensure that a review of the LSPP is carried out at least every 10 years after the date the Plan takes effect to determine whether the Plan should be amended.

During the review the Minister is required to consult with:

- The council of each municipality that has jurisdiction in the Lake Simcoe watershed or the prescribed outside areas;
- The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA);
- Public bodies that in the opinion of the Minister could be affected by the review, the Lake Simcoe Science Committee and the Lake Simcoe Coordinating Committee; and,
- The public.

The review was launched on December 18, 2021, just prior to Christmas for a 75 day commenting consultation period. This short window for comments is inadequate for consultation on a Plan with the significance of the LSPP and negates meaningful opportunity for greater dialogue and consultation with stakeholders. A short consultation window for a 10 year review as provided does not engender the necessary spirit of trust and transparency that is important to maintain in these type of engagements.

3.1 COUNCIL RESOLUTION – OCTOBER 28, 2020- RESCUE LAKE SIMCOE COALITION

On October 28, 2020, staff received a briefing note and recommendation from the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee and a delegation from Claire Malcomson, Executive Director, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition concerning the upcoming LSPP 10 Year Review and adopted RESOLUTION NO. C-2020- 0339 as follows:

That Town Council receive the briefing note from the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee and endorse the following position of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan to ensure the provisions of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan that protect water quality and natural heritage are upheld:

WHEREAS a healthy environment provides the foundation for healthy communities, healthy people and a healthy economy;

AND WHEREAS the passage of the Lake Simcoe Protection Act received unanimous, all party support in the Ontario legislature in 2008;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Georgina calls on the Ontario Government to demonstrate its commitment to clean water and protecting what matters most in the Provincial statutory review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, by ensuring that provisions in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan that protect water quality are not weakened and that policies protecting natural heritage be strengthened, in order to meet the targets of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan;

AND that the Ontario Government be requested to work collaboratively with affected Provincial Ministries and all levels of government, including First Nations and Metis, to achieve the goals and targets of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and to resource the programs that improve Lake Simcoe's water quality during the provincial statutory review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan;

AND that copies of this resolution be provided to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Official Opposition Leader Andrea Horvath, MPP John Fraser, MPP Mike Schreiner, MPP Caroline Mulroney, MPP Jeff Yurek, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and to all Lake Simcoe Watershed municipalities for their support.

3.2 UPPER YORK SEWAGE SOLUTIONS

The Upper York Sewage Solutions project is to provide sewage servicing to accommodate planned employment and community growth of approximately 153,000 residents and employees in the towns of Aurora, Newmarket and East

Gwillimbury. All of these communities are located within the Lake Simcoe watershed.

The proposed treatment facility (Water Reclamation Centre) would outfall into the East Holland River and into Lake Simcoe.

In July 2014 the Environmental Assessment for the project was completed and forwarded to the Province for approval which remains pending. The undertaking is opposed by the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Town Council.

In this regard, on November 18, 2020, Town Council adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina includes fifty-two (52) kilometres of Lake Simcoe Shoreline;

AND WHEREAS the Region of York was directed by the Province of Ontario to find local solutions for wastewater in the communities of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora to accommodate Provincially legislated growth targets;

AND WHEREAS the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (Act) received unanimous, all party support in the Ontario Legislature in 2008, which prohibits any new sewage treatment plants on Lake Simcoe, however, does permit expansion and technology improvements to existing systems;

AND WHEREAS the Region of York has invested significant taxpayer dollars - including those of our local tax payers - in the proposed Upper York Sewage Solution (UYSS) to accommodate the above mentioned growth, at the request of the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS expansion and technology upgrades are required among several Lake Simcoe Communities, including in the Town of Georgina, to similarly accommodate Provincially required growth and also to further ensure the current and future health of Lake Simcoe;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Georgina opens every meeting with a land acknowledgement whereby recognizing our close relationship with the Chippewas of Georgina Island who have voiced their opposition to the UYSS;

AND WHEREAS the Chippewas of Georgina Island have been on a boil water advisory and have not had access to safe drinking water since approximately 2017;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Georgina hereby requests that the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada:

1) Cancel the Upper York Sewage Solution (UYSS)

2) *Negotiate in good faith with the Region of York to accommodate the growth as mentioned above for our partner Municipalities to a non-Lake Simcoe discharge point as per the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (Act).*

3) *Reimburse the previously made taxpayer investment from York Region Municipalities including the Town of Georgina with respect to the UYSS towards the new solution to a non-Lake Simcoe discharge point.*

4) *As a part of the above, also facilitate an end to the sewage lagoons in the Town of East Gwillimbury in consultation with their local council, staff and its residents*

5) *Be an active participant and joint funder of using the technology advancements that the Region of York has developed in order to upgrade or expand capacity on wastewater facilities for all Lake Simcoe communities to further improve to the health of Lake Simcoe*

6) *As a matter of the utmost importance, work in a collaborative fashion with the Chippewas of Georgina Island to provide resources whether financial or otherwise, to ensure that they have access to clean drinking water on a sustainable basis, without delay.*

7) *That copies of this motion be forwarded to all Lake Simcoe Municipalities, the Chippewas of Georgina Island, all York Region MPP's, all York Region MP's, Ontario Official Opposition Leader Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Ontario Liberals, Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Green Party, Mike Schreiner, Ontario Premier Doug Ford and the Prime Minister of Canada and the Right Hon. Justin Trudeau.*

3.3 MINISTER'S 10-YEAR REVIEW REPORT

Prior to the commencement of the review, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks released a 10-Year Review Report (Minister's Report) which acts like a high level monitoring summary and discussion paper. Owing to the length of the Minister's Report, it is not attached here but is available at the following link: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministers-10-year-report-lake-simcoe>

The Minister's Report highlights some of the recent actions that the Province and partners have taken to protect and restore Lake Simcoe. It also highlights monitoring results and suggests that there have been encouraging signs of improvement which demonstrates the positive impacts of the remedial efforts that have taken place since the LSPP was adopted including:

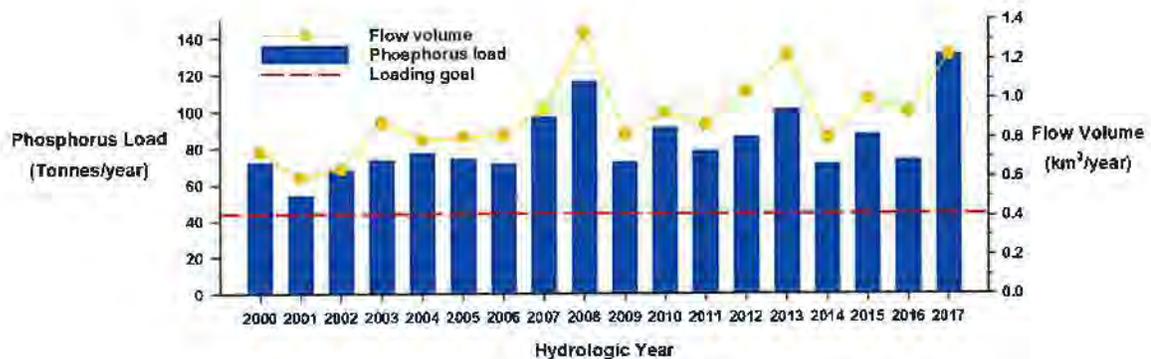
- Restoration of more than 15 kilometres of degraded shorelines;
- Planting more than 55,000 trees and shrubs;

- Creation or restoration of 120 hectares of wetlands;
- Repair or replacement of more than 160 failed septic systems;
- Reduced phosphorus loads from sewage treatment plants by 50% since 2009;
- Positive steps toward restoring and sustaining a cold-water fish community through continued signs of naturally reproducing cold-water species such as lake trout, lake whitefish and cisco; and,
- Improved dissolved oxygen levels in the lake's deep waters, which will help support a self-sustaining cold-water fish community;

The report recognizes the importance of Lake Simcoe and indicates that the government is committed to protecting the lake's ecosystem. It states that stressors facing the Lake Simcoe watershed are complex and climate change will continue to affect the local ecosystem. The continued pressure from urbanization and growth, and the need to control the pathways for new invasive species, will require innovative solutions.

The Minister's Report contends that efforts to protect the lake are working, and progress is being made towards the objectives of the *LSPP*. By providing ongoing scientific research and monitoring, informed decisions are being guided by scientific evidence. It identifies efforts to reduce pollutants and nutrients to the lake, and to promote sustainable land and water uses to drive positive change across the watershed. It suggests that stakeholders are actively working to prevent new invasive species from entering the watershed and responding to the adverse effects from those that are already established. By helping communities improve their ability to respond to climate change, the elements that contribute to ecosystem health are being protected.

The Minister's Report acknowledges that the phosphorus load entering the lake is in excess of the long-term goal, dissolved oxygen levels are increasing, but despite that, the overall ecological health of the lake has improved.



The figure above is taken from Minister's Report and shows the historic phosphorus load into Lake Simcoe between 2000 and 2017 against the baseline objective of 44 tonnes/year (red line). A copy of the Province's Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Strategy prepared under the requirements of the LSPP can be viewed at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/lake-simcoe-phosphorus-reduction-strategy>.

Despite the lack of achievement of phosphorus loading objectives the Minister's Report notes that there has been considerable progress made on the achievement of deep-water dissolved oxygen objectives. The minimum deep-water dissolved oxygen level by the end of the summer has continued to increase since the 1980s. Since 2012, it has ranged from 5.52–7.14 mg/L, surpassing the plan target of 7 mg/L in 2014.

The Minister's Report recognizes a long history of partnerships in the watershed, and the reliance on science to inform decision making. The report suggests that there is evidence that can support new provincial policies to compel actions, and that new management tools are ready to be applied. However, no information is provided on what these may be.

3.4 HOLLAND MARSH STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY

In November 2020 the Region of York and Government of Canada announced the development of a \$40-million storm-water treatment facility that will be built to reduce phosphorus runoff from Holland Marsh into Lake Simcoe.

The Holland Marsh has a critical point load of phosphorus into Lake Simcoe, contributing an average of six tonnes a year. The release of excess phosphorus from agriculture, such as fertilizer, places the Lake Simcoe Watershed at risk of eutrophication that can irreversibly destroy aquatic habitats and ecosystem biodiversity.

This project alone will reduce phosphorus runoff from the Holland River into Lake Simcoe by 40-percent, cutting algae growth in the lake's watershed, preserving fish habitat and protecting a major source of drinking water.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

There are no public consultations or notices required in association with this report. The Province has established its own process for engaging with the public and stakeholders.

4.1 RESCUE LAKE SIMCOE COALITION – FEBRUARY 9, 2021

Staff are in receipt of correspondence to members of Council from the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition (Refer to Attachment 2). A summary of the major points raised in the correspondence are provided below with Staff comments in italics:

- Improve water quality by reducing phosphorus loads to the lake to 44 tonnes per year, as soon as possible, from urban and agricultural areas, and from aggregate and construction sites;

This remains an objective of the LSPP and Staff are unaware of any objective to change the standard by the Province. Reasonable, realistic and balanced steps towards meeting this target would be supported.

- Support a healthy environment around the lake and reduce flooding impacts by protecting 40% of the watershed area's forests and wetlands;

This remains an objective of the LSPP and Staff are unaware of any objective to change the standard by the Province.

- Enable First Nations and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to participate meaningfully in LSPP governance;

Staff support this objective.

- Respect the LSPP by stopping the use of Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO) in the watershed;

It is unclear how MZO have been introduced in a manner that violates the LSPP to this point. The Province contends that it does not approve MZO without the support of the local municipal Council.

- Increase public engagement in restoration and invasive species control. Get the public and businesses involved in locally-driven stewardship activities;

This objective is supported.

- Incorporate and implement the Lake Simcoe Climate Change Adaptation Strategy policies into the LSPP to reduce phosphorus loads, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and increase natural cover.

These are existing objectives of the LSPP that are supported.

4.2 EXTERNAL AGENCY AND TOWN DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

As part of this review, consultation meetings were held with Staff from the LSRCA and the Region of York. Staff further received comments and input from the Town's Operations and Infrastructure Department and the Development Engineering Division and the Building Division which were considered in the preparation of this report.

5. ANALYSIS:

As a lakeshore community, the Town of Georgina is fundamentally reliant upon the health of Lake Simcoe and its watershed in many facets of its economy, lifestyle and culture. The history and development of the Town is inextricably linked to the Lake. The Lake Simcoe Protection Act 2008 and Lake Simcoe Protection Plan 2009 have represented a major step forward toward restoring and protecting the ecological health of the Lake Simcoe watershed. The requirements of the LSPP have been effectively "hard-wired" into many facets of Town standards, operations and practices.

5.1 LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION ACT (LSPP ACT)

The LSPP Act received Royal Assent in December 2008. The preamble to the legislation establishes that:

Lake Simcoe is an essential part of Ontario's natural environment and a critical resource, especially for people who live, work and play within the watershed of the Lake. In the face of climate change, invasive species, and the pressures of population growth and development, strong action is needed to protect and restore the ecological health of the Lake Simcoe watershed for the present generation and for future generations. There are many benefits of promoting environmentally sustainable land and water uses, activities and development practices in the Lake Simcoe watershed. Public bodies, aboriginal communities, businesses and individuals share an interest in the ecosystem of the Lake Simcoe watershed and have shared responsibility for its health.

The LSPP Act essentially puts into place the legislative framework necessary for implementing the LSPP. Notably, the LSPP Act establishes the objectives for the LSPP as follows:

- (a) To protect, improve or restore the elements that contribute to the ecological health of the Lake Simcoe watershed, including,
 - (i) water quality,
 - (ii) hydrology,
 - (iii) key natural heritage features and their functions, and
 - (iv) key hydrologic features and their functions;
- (b) To restore a self-sustaining coldwater fish community in Lake Simcoe;

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- (c) To reduce loadings of phosphorus and other nutrients of concern to Lake Simcoe and its tributaries;
 - (d) To reduce the discharge of pollutants to Lake Simcoe and its tributaries;
 - (e) To respond to adverse effects related to invasive species and, where possible to prevent invasive species from entering the Lake Simcoe watershed;
 - (f) To improve the Lake Simcoe watershed's capacity to adapt to climate change;
 - (g) To provide for ongoing scientific research and monitoring related to the ecological health of the Lake Simcoe watershed;
 - (h) To improve conditions for environmentally sustainable recreational activities related to Lake Simcoe and to promote those activities;
 - (i) To promote environmentally sustainable land and water uses, activities and development practices; and
 - (j) To build on the protections for the Lake Simcoe watershed that are provided by, provincial plans that apply in all or part of the Lake Simcoe watershed, including the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan, and provincial legislation, including the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, the *Conservation Authorities Act*, the *Ontario Water Resources Act* and the *Planning Act*.

The LSPP Act further establishes the Lake Simcoe Science Committee to advise the Minister on a range of scientific matters related to the health of the watershed including the monitoring of specific conditions. The Lake Simcoe Coordinating Committee coordinates the development and preparation of the LSPP and coordinates and resolves issues related to the implementation of the Plan.

5.2 LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION PLAN (LSPP)

The LSPP came into force and effect on June 2, 2009 under the provisions of the LSPP Act. The LSPP has the same legal stature as do other Provincial Plans established the Planning Act such as the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan, the Growth Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan. The LSPP applies specifically to the Lake Simcoe Watershed which crosses some part of the jurisdiction of all other provincial plans except for the Niagara Escarpment Plan. The LSPP is at its core, a fundamentally, a watershed based environmental management plan with the overriding objective of protecting and enhancing the health of Lake Simcoe and its watershed.

Under the provisions of the LSPP Act, municipalities are required to update their Official Plans under Section 26(1) of the *Planning Act* to be in conformity with the LSPP. In addition, all planning decisions must be consistent with the LSPP and no zoning by-law can be passed that does not conform to the provisions of the LSPP.

Key Policies in the LSPP

A summary of the key policies within each of the major topic areas is provided below:

Aquatic Life Policies

- Develop aquatic/fish community objectives within two years.
- Review stocking program.
- Conduct socio economic evaluation of the ecological and monetary/social cultural value of aquatic resources.

Key Water Quality Policies

- Prepare a phosphorus reduction strategy and a loading target of 44 tones per year.
- Introduce new restrictions on the establishment of new municipal sewage treatment plants and adjustments to the water quality objectives on existing plants.
- A requirement for municipalities to undertaken comprehensive stormwater master plans and stormwater management plans within five years of LSPP adoption.
- Use of comprehensive and integrated stormwater management water treatment approaches.
- A requirement for Major Development (500 square metres) to undertake water balance and stormwater management plans.
- New inspection requirements for owners of stormwater management facilities within 100 metres of Lake Simcoe.
- Restrict new on-site septic systems within 100 meters of the shoreline and watercourses.
- Require on-site inspection programs for on-site sewage system maintenance and re-inspections.
- Research on atmospheric deposition and mitigation.
- Evaluate the feasibility of a water quality trading program.

- The imposition of new water quality measures in all site plan and subdivision. Agreements.
- Enhancing existing water quality monitoring and scientific research programs.
- Commit certain municipalities to produce water conservation and efficiency plans.
- Achieve a dissolved oxygen target of 7 mg /L.

Key Water Quantity Policies

- Develop in-stream flow targets for water quality stressed sub-watersheds.
- Require water quality efficiency plans for certain municipalities.
- Encourage water conservation and efficiency measures in the agricultural community.
- Requirements on establishment or expansion of major recreational uses.

Lake Simcoe Shoreline and Natural Heritage Policies

- Development and / or site alteration not permitted outside of existing settlement areas and within a related vegetation protection zone. (30 metres in existing areas and 100 metres outside of existing settlement areas or shoreline built up areas.) Applications within 120 metres are subject to the requirement for a Natural Hazard Evaluation.
- Settlement areas not to be subject to the shoreline, natural heritage and hydrologic policies although measures to improve the ecological health of features and functions are encouraged.
- The development of a shoreline management strategy is to take place within three years of the adoption of the plan and reflected in municipal official plans.
- Priority areas for restoration, improvement and enhancement of shoreline and natural heritage features are to be identified.
- Development is not permitted within a key natural heritage features, a key hydrological feature and within a related vegetation protection zone subject to exceptions.

- Minimum vegetation protection zone for all key natural heritage features in 30 metres.
- Applications for development or site alteration within 120 metres of a key natural heritage feature or key hydrological feature shall be accompanied by a Natural Heritage Evaluation
- Incorporation of new policies for development and site alteration in relation to existing uses.

Key Invasive Species Policies

- Restrict angler use of live bait (e.g. bait fish) from outside of the watershed, proposed under the Federal Fisheries Act.
- Enhance education and outreach, including best management practices for public and industry.
- Conduct community-based social marketing.
- Develop watch list and prepare risk-based response plans.
- Implement an annual terrestrial invasive species monitoring program.

Key Climate Change Policies

- Preparation of a climate change adaptation strategy for the watershed.
- Examination of climate change impact and conclude the role of municipalities.
- Develop an integrated climate change monitoring program.
- Identify potential amendments to the LSPP.

5.3 TOWN OF GEORGINA OFFICIAL PLAN

The Town Official Plan (OP) as finally approved in 2016, fully implements the provisions of the LSPP, in a comprehensive manner and addresses key aspects of the land use and development program supporting the LSPP, including policies related but not limited to:

- Site Alteration.
- Shoreline Development.

- A Natural Heritage System Framework.
- Requirements for a Septic Inspection program.
- Watershed planning.
- Major Development, and,
- Ecological Offsetting

5.4 SUTTON / JACKSON'S POINT SECONDARY PLAN, KESWICK SECONDARY PLAN AND PEFFERLAW SECONDARY PLAN

The Sutton / Jackson's Point Secondary Plan was approved by Council on June 30, 2010, and finally by the Ontario Municipal Board on March 23, 2013. This plan has a comprehensive environmental planning framework addressing a Greenlands System, Environmental Protection policies as well as enabling policies related to the Lake Simcoe Shoreline Management Strategy and Lake Simcoe Subwatershed Evaluations.

The Sutton/Jackson's Point Secondary Plan was approved in conformity with the LSPP and applicable Provincial Plans.

The Keswick Secondary Plan (KSP) came into force and effect on October 26, 2004. The town is currently engaged in a review and update of the KSP that is planned to conclude later in 2021 with a new Council approved Secondary Plan. The new KSP will be required to include a policy Framework that implements the provisions of the LSPP and other Provincial Plans. Despite the fact the KSP does contain a strong environmental framework all Planning Act applications are required to be in conformity with all provincial plans including the LSPP.

The Pefferlaw Secondary Plan (PSP) came into force and effect on November 1, 1996. The PSP was prepared in advance of Provincial Plans introduced by the Province of Ontario including the LSPP. Notwithstanding all, although Planning Act applications and applicable septic system works are required to comply with the Provisions of the LSPP. The PSP is scheduled for review an update in the 2023 Town Capital Budget forecast.

5.5 ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

In accordance with the provisions of the LSPP the Town's Building Division administers on-site sewage system maintenance program on all septic systems in the regulated area every five years.

The regulated area includes all systems located within 100m of:

- the shoreline of Lake Simcoe,
- a river/stream that continuously flows in a normal year,
- a lake that is connected to a river/stream referenced above or
- a lake greater than 8 hectares in surface area.

Approximately 1265 septic systems have been inspected since 2012. Approximately 49 (4%) were found to be deficient. Four systems remain unresolved and the Building Division is working with the owners to bring the systems up to standard.

5.5 LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (LSRCA)

The LSRCA is the singular Conservation Authority within the Lake Simcoe watershed. The Town and Region of York both operate with the LSRCA under the Terms of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which addresses environmental planning matters. The LSRCA is fully engaged in the development engineering processes at the Town through its Regulations and is relied upon to address all aspects of compliance with LSPP standards including critical aspects of phosphorous control to Lake Simcoe

The LSRCA phosphorous offsetting policy was developed specifically to control phosphorus from new development. As of January 1, 2018, any new development in the watershed is required to control 100% of the phosphorus leaving the property.

The policy ensures that new development or redevelopment activities do not contribute to phosphorus loading to Lake Simcoe. Under this Policy, as new urban growth occurs phosphorus loads will be controlled to the maximum extent possible using the best available control technology within the development itself in compliance with the MOECC Stormwater Guidelines and the LSRCA Watershed Development Guidelines, whichever is most stringent.

Any remaining stormwater phosphorus load that cannot be controlled would trigger the need for an offset to achieve a net zero target. An offset ratio of 2.5:1 would be applied meaning that 2.5 kg of phosphorus per year would be removed for every 1 kg required to be offset. The offset measures would consist of phosphorus load reduction through the use of Low Impact Development (LID) techniques and the retrofit of existing stormwater discharges elsewhere in a sub-watershed or in adjacent sub-watersheds.

Presently, the dollar cost attributable to a kilogram of phosphorous that must be offset is \$35,000. The LSRCA phosphorous offsetting policy is available at: https://www.lsrca.on.ca/Shared%20Documents/Phosphorus_Offsetting_Policy.pdf

5.6 TOWN OF GEORGINA COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY – JULY 2017 (AQUAFOR BEECH LTD)

In July 2017, The Town of Georgina Comprehensive Stormwater Management Strategy was completed. The study was mandated under the provisions of the LSPP. The study addresses all facets of municipal engineering standards, facilities and municipal infrastructure. A particular focus of the study is to address the means by which the Town can undertake works towards the achievement of LSPP targets particularly phosphorous reduction. For the conclusion and recommendations of this report, refer to Attachment No. 3. To date, works associated with the implementation of the study have not been included in the Town's 10 year Capital Budget Forecast.

5.7 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS ON THE 10-YEAR REVIEW OF THE LSPP

The LSPP Remains a Vital Component of the Planning System

The Plan is a comprehensive, ambitious and necessary component of the Ontario Planning, Development and Environmental Management System. The Town of Georgina has a historic and symbiotic relationship with the Lake in many aspects of its economy, culture, operations and identity. Accordingly, it is vitally important that the Plan be continually improved and implemented with advancing technology and science to meet credible targets in a sustainable manner. As a Provincial Plan with a specific environmental focus, the LSPP needs to be implemented in a balanced fashion to address the emerging growth in the watershed to allow for complete community development in a sustainable way.

More Consultation is Required

Provincial staff have has advised that should Minister decide that changes are required to the LSPP Act or LSPP Plan, then notification of these changes would be posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry System (EBR). This is considered to be the final step prior to legislative enactment and is considered to be premature. Given the importance of the LSPP and its profound implications a more robust consultation program is required with the inclusion of a consultation on any specific changes prior to a posting on the EBR.

Phosphorous and Dissolved Oxygen Targets Are Not Being Met – A New Action Plan is Needed

It is clear from the presentation in the Minister's Report that the target set by the LSPP for Phosphorous Loading on the Lake – 44 tonnes/ per year is not being met and dissolved oxygen targets of 7 mg/L are not being met consistently. On the assumption that these targets remain reasonable and required to sustain and enhance the ecosystem of the Lake new solutions will likely be required. Increased pressure on the watershed ecosystem will materialize given the anticipated, significant future growth in the watershed planned in the next 30 years.

It remains vitally important to utilize the best science available in the design of new development to minimize the impact on Lake and overall on a changing climate. However, the costs associated with re-engineering and adapting legacy municipal infrastructure is very significant. Municipalities are hard pressed to finance these costs in an expeditious manner given the constraints of current municipal finance. More funding assistance is required to accelerate this important work. In this regard, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks should update its Phosphorous Reduction Strategy to examine the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plans of watershed municipalities, and in consultation with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, prioritize effective phosphorous reduction works and develop a funding strategy to accelerate their development and implementation.

There are inconsistencies between the LSPP and Other Provincial Plans

The LSPP was prepared following the Greenbelt Plan (GBP), Growth Plan (GP) and Oak Ridges Moraine Plan (ORMCP). Despite that, there are a number of inconsistencies in the language, concepts, definitions and scope of the LSPP in comparison to other Provincial Plans. The LSPP is on an independent review cycle and was not considered by the Province at the time of the Provincial Plan Review in 2016. For example:

- The GBP defines Key Natural Heritage Features (KNHF) and Key Hydrological Features and KHF; whereas the LSPP explains what features are considered KNHF and KHF in various policies.
- The LSPP refers to a Natural Heritage Evaluation (NHE); whereas, the GBP refers to both NHE and Hydrological Evaluations (HE.)
- There are actual discrepancies between mapped KNHF in the LSPP and the GBP Vegetation Protection Zones (VPZ) are defined in the GBP but not in the LSPP.
- The GBP requires that new development or site alteration within the Natural Heritage System (NHS) shall demonstrate that connectivity along the system and between KNHFs and KHFs located within 240m of each other will be maintained or, where possible, enhanced. The LSPP does not contain such a policy.
- The GBP provides exceptions for when new buildings or structures related to agricultural, agricultural related and on-farm diversified uses, ag-related and on-farm diversified uses within 120m of a KNHF or KHF are not required to undertake a natural heritage or hydrologic evaluation (i.e. if a min VPZ of 30m is provided from KNHF and KHF). The LSPP does not contain such an exemption.

- The Greenbelt Plan (GBP) contains policies for the Natural Heritage Systems (NHS) and Key Natural Heritage Features (KNHF) and Key Hydrological Features (KHF); whereas the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP) only contains policies for KNHF and KHF and does not speak to a NHS.
- The definitions for Development and Site Alteration are not consistent between the documents

The LSPP should be thoroughly reviewed to ensure consistency between terminology, definitions and policies across all provincial plans that are in force across the Lake Simcoe watershed. This could also be extended to applicable review cycles if possible. Harmonization with the other provincial plans would assist in ensuring a more consistent understanding of applicable policies and a result in a more consistent and credible planning system.

6. CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN:

This report addresses the following strategic priorities:

- Goal 1 Grow Our Economy Sustainable Economic Growth & Employment
- Goal 2 Promote A High Quality of Life Healthy, Safe, Sustainable Communities
- Goal 3 Engage our Community & Build Partnerships Communication, Engagement, Collaboration

7. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There are no proposals by the Province in the context of the current review that can be measured for financial impact to the Town. The LSPP has effectively become “hard-wired” to Town standards, business practices and culture as required. The costs of implementing the LSPP to date have been significant but have not been itemized. Any increased requirements or, elevation of standards applicable to the Town is would likely come at a cost.

8. CONCLUSION:

Ensuring the health and vitality of Lake Simcoe and the supporting Greenbelt landscape and environment is an important principle that is embodied in the Town’s Official Plan, and many facets of the organization’s policies and practices.

Despite the best of intentions and practices, phosphorous loading targets in the lake have not been met since the adoption of the LSPP in 2009. Clearly, better efforts and measures are required to address this condition in the face of increased

population growth in the watershed. No specific proposals have been advanced by the Province on the direction of possible future changes to the LSPP in the context of the present review. As such it is not possible to provide specific comments.

On October 28, 2020, Council adopted a resolution requesting the Province to ensure that provisions in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan that protect water quality not be weakened and that policies protecting natural heritage be strengthened, in order to meet the targets of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan in the context of the 10 year review.

The recommendations in this report build upon the October 28, 2020 resolution by adding the comments in this report as further advancing the Town's position and comments on the 10- Year Review of the LSPP by the Province.

Prepared By:

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Recommended by:

Approved by:

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David Reddon
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24 February, 2021

Attachment 1. E-mail from Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Attachment 2. E-mail from Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition – February 9, 2021

Attachment 3. Town of Georgina Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan – Conclusions and Recommendations



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February 19, 2021

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**Moved by Councillor Andrews
Seconded by Councillor Barton**

RE: Ontario Fire College – Planned Closure

WHEREAS Council has received a request for support of a resolution enacted by the Town of Parry Sound regarding the planned closure of the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago supports the resolution enacted by the Town of Parry Sound, and hereby requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General; Norm Miller, Member of Parry Sound Muskoka; Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal, District of Parry Sound municipalities, ROMA, OSUM and AMO.

Carried.



Sent via Email

February 11, 2021

RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE

At the Town of Gravenhurst Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 9, 2021 the following resolution was passed:

**Moved by Councillor Lorenz
Seconded by Councillor Murray**

WHEREAS the site of the Ontario Fire College has been in institutional use since 1902 as the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives and the site of many heritage buildings that require protection;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Gravenhurst has been home to the Ontario Fire College since 1957, providing world-class training and camaraderie to thousands of Firefighters from across the Province in a unique setting;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has established the reputation to certify both Volunteer and Career firefighters in a cost effective manner, offering top-tier training to all Fire Departments in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS there is concern from several municipalities and firefighters across the Province that the closure is detrimental to their training and that downloading of training is simply too expensive for municipalities and not included in their 2021 budgets;

AND WHEREAS the Fire Marshal has a duty (F.P.P.A.S 9.2(e)) to operate and maintain a central fire college and that regional training facilities are unproven and the closure of the Ontario Fire College was implemented with no stakeholder consultation;

AND WHEREAS the community of Gravenhurst has benefitted from the employment opportunities that the Ontario Fire College has provided;

AND WHEREAS the closure of the facility will result in significant job losses and would be a detriment to the broader community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario reconsider the closure of the Ontario Fire College;

AND THAT if the closure occurs, the facility and site in the Town of Gravenhurst be considered to be the location of a Regional Training Centre for Fire and Emergency Services, for all the people of Ontario;

AND THAT the Province engage the Town of Gravenhurst and community partners to use the site in a matter that fosters growth of the community in a responsible way;

AND FINALLY THAT this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Norm Miller, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Sincerely,



Kayla Thibeault
Director of Legislative Services / Clerk
Town of Gravenhurst



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February 23, 2021

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
 Minister of Environment and Climate Change
 House of Commons
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The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
 Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
 House of Commons
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ministers,

I am writing to advise that Norfolk County Council supports the attached Norfolk County Agricultural Advisory Board's letter regarding the application of the carbon tax on primary agriculture producers. It is the recommendation of Norfolk County Council that the Federal Government consider the concerns of the agricultural community and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes. Please find attached the full recommendation.

Thank you for your attention,

Yours truly,

Kristal Chopp
 Mayor, Norfolk County

P.c. Norfolk County Council
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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Dec 7, 2020

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, MP
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Bibeau

Our agricultural advisory board (AAB) who represents the agricultural sector in Norfolk County, Ontario is very concerned about the federal government's current carbon pricing policies. It is our hope that you consider our concerns and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes.

Carbon tax remains as a major cost of production for producers in Norfolk County. Although some farm fuel purchases are exempt, it is selective and does not meet the needs of the entire agriculture industry. Currently crop drying, heating/cooling of livestock barns and cooling of perishable commodities are still subject to full carbon taxes.

Currently there are no replacements for fossil fuels in agricultural production. As a result, carbon tax policies are not appropriate for the agricultural sector and only decrease farm margins.

Norfolk County which is known as Ontario's garden is home to one of the country's largest diversity of crop production. In addition to the extensive vegetable, fruit and grain production it boasts some of the highest ecological diverse natural habitats, plants and animals in Canada. There is approximately 25% tree cover in the county which is the highest percentage of forested land in Southwestern Ontario. Norfolk County It is also home to over 10,000 acres of woodlots and wetlands protected under Long Point Conservation Authority. In addition to the natural woodlots and wetlands there is also extensive fruit production with 2000 acres of apples and 1000 acres of sour cherries. A mature orchard can fix upwards of 18 mt of CO₂ annually.

The adoption of production practices to protect the soil and environment are advanced in Norfolk County. There has been a wide implementation of cover cropping, planting green and reduced tillage practices all of which sequester carbon. Additional farming practices of 4R nutrient management coupled with precision technology ensure that appropriate nutrients are applied at the right time, place and rate. In many cases sensitive water sources around ponds and wetlands are planted with buffer strips and soil erosion control measures of grassed waterways and windbreaks are also common practices. ALUS (alternative land use) programs have been embraced across the county, taking unproductive land out of production, and returning it to natural native grass plantings, trees and constructed wetlands. Currently there are 1148 active projects with 189 producers covering 1573 acres in Norfolk County managed under the ALUS program.

The agriculture industry has made great strides to protect the environment and will continue to improve production practices that reduces the carbon footprint in food production.

The AAB board believes that all on farm fuels used in agricultural production should be exempt from carbon tax. This should include natural gas, propane, gas, and diesel. We strongly urge the government to be consistent with a sector wide exemption to current carbon tax policies.

Sincerely,

Dustin Zamecnik
Chair of Norfolk County Agriculture Advisory Board



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March 3, 2021

Premier Doug Ford

By email only premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the March 2, 2021 Howick Council meeting:

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:

**Whereas, the Province of Ontario has announced that as of March 31, 2021 the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College will be permanently closed; and
 Whereas, the Province of Ontario announced plans to modernize and expand access to firefighter training in Ontario; and**

Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how to obtain firefighter training in the absence of the Ontario Fire College campus; and

Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how firefighter training in Ontario will be modernized and expanded; and

Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario regarding the costs or funding for modernized and expanded firefighter training in Ontario; and

Whereas, the Township of Howick is a small rural municipality that operates a volunteer fire department to provide fire protection;

Now therefore, be it resolved that Council respectfully request a clear plan be communicated that establishes how the Province intends to modernize and expand firefighter training ensuring equal access to all municipal fire departments in Ontario, and as well, present a plan for funding to subsidise and or regulate the cost for firefighter training in the Province of Ontario. Carried.

Resolution No. 59/21

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

Yours truly,

Carol Watson

Carol Watson, Clerk
 Township of Howick

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March 2, 2021

Via Email

Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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March 4, 2021

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

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO)
SENT ELECTRONICALLY
Motion respecting Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara

Minute Item No. 5.1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

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

Yours truly,

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Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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March 4, 2021

CL 4-2021, February 25, 2021
DISTRIBUTION LIST
SENT ELECTRONICALLY
Re: Schedule 6, Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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

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

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

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

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

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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March 4, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Amy Burkhart', written in black ink.

Amy Burkhart
Acting City Clerk

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

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Tuesday, February 23rd, 2020

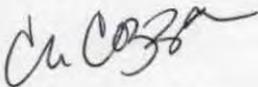
Dear Mayor John Taylor,

Epilepsy York Region (EYR) is a non-profit organization which supports individuals and their families living with epilepsy. For the last 33 years we have been advocating, supporting, educating, promoting public awareness and developing programs for those with epilepsy based on their needs. Currently, in York Region alone, there is estimated to be 11, 000 individuals with epilepsy. This breaks down to 1 in every 100 people in our catchment area and makes it likely for someone to personally know at least one individual with epilepsy.

Although our resources and tools have worked to support so many across York Region living with epilepsy, the stigma that so many live with often outweighs the seizure itself. This stigma has certainly grown this past year given the increased levels of isolation and social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many, especially children, are left feeling embarrassed, alone and isolated from their friends, peers and families. To combat this stigma, the month of March, and specifically Purple Day, which is celebrated on March 26th annually, has been marked internationally to raise awareness, dispel the myths associated to this disease, and to increase education. Purple Day invites those across the world to wear purple on March 26th in support of those with epilepsy and help those individuals understand they are not alone in their unknown ending battle with epilepsy. It is an opportunity for those living with epilepsy to reach out and let the community know that seizures do not define who they are; they can still be a loving parent and spouse, a fun child, a productive employee, a learning student, a thriving talented individual and most of all, a friend.

We at Epilepsy York Region are reaching out to you, in hopes that the Town of Newmarket will proclaim March as epilepsy awareness month and March 26th as Purple Day. In addition, if there is a possibility of lighting a local landmark purple on March 26th showing your support, we would love to be part of this initiative!

Yours truly,



Claudia Cozza
Executive Director
Epilepsy York Region



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February 26, 2021

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Chris Emanuel:

RE: Proclamation Request - March 22 - World Water Day

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 March 22, 2021 as World Water Day. 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.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on March 22, 2021 to recognize World Water Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Yours sincerely,

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Kiran Saini
Deputy Town Clerk
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March 2, 2021

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Karen Madho:

RE: Proclamation Request - June - Deafblind Awareness 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 the month of June as Deafblind Awareness 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.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on June 1, 2021 to recognize Deafblind Awareness Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kiran Saini
Deputy Town Clerk
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