

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

October 1, 2021

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The TOWNSHIP of
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September 28, 2021

RE: Resolution received from the City of Cambridge regarding Ontario Association of Optometrists

Attention: Danielle Manton, City Clerk, City of Cambridge

This letter is to advise you that Township Council, at their Regular Council Meeting held on September 27, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

“THAT Township Council endorse the resolution from the City of Cambridge, as it relates to Ontario Association of Optometrists.”

Please contact the undersigned should you require anything further.

Sincerely,

Ashley Sage, Clerk
Township of North Dumfries

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Division
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August 4, 2021

Re: Motion from Councillor Reid - Ontario Association of Optometrists

At the Special Council Meeting of July 27, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

Whereas members of the Ontario Association of Optometrists (OAO) have voted to withdraw services they provide under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) starting September 1, 2021 unless the Province agrees to negotiate funding for Ontarians access to eyecare coverage;

Whereas currently, the Province covers approximately 55 per cent of the cost of eye exams insured by OHIP. The remainder of the cost is absorbed by optometrist clinics, which impacts overhead costs such as rent and salaries;

Whereas currently OHIP covers one eye exam a year for people under the age of 20, 65 and older along with those who have specific medical conditions which makes up approximately 70% of patients;

Whereas without the OHIP coverage seniors, children and vulnerable populations with specific medical conditions including glaucoma may not have access to these primary care services now offered under the OHIP plan;

Whereas Ontario has undervalued the eye health of Ontarians and cannot continue to neglect and jeopardize access to eye care;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Cambridge Council request the Provincial government to recognize the value of access for Ontarians to quality eye care and act now to protect it,

And That the Provincial government take action to ensure that the Ontario Association of Optometrists (OAO) be granted a formal negotiation process with the Ontario government to fund these services at least to the cost of delivery, prior to any job action taking place;

And That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Premier Ford, Ontario Minister of Health, Christine Elliot, Cambridge MPPs, MPs, the Ontario Association of Optometrists, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the municipalities of Waterloo Region, the Region of Waterloo.

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

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Ontario Minister of Health, Christine Elliot
Local MPPs & MPs
Ontario Association of Optometrists
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Municipalities of Waterloo Region
Region of Waterloo
City of Cambridge Council



ANISHINABEK NATION

MEMORANDUM

To: Municipalities, Public Health Units, Chambers of Commerce

From: Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe
Travis Boissoneau, Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief
Mel Hardy, Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief
James Marsden, Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief
Joe Miskokomon, Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief
Tim Ominika, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Representative

CC: Anishinabek Nation's First Nation Chiefs, Band Administrators/Directors of Operations, and Health Directors
Province of Ontario
Minister Greg Rickford, Indigenous Affairs of Ontario
Deputy Minister Shawn Batise, Indigenous Affairs of Ontario

Date: September 22, 2021

Re: Proof of Identification for Vaccination Passports & COVaxON

Effective today, September 22, 2021, proof of vaccination status is required to access certain businesses and settings in the province of Ontario. This memo is intended to advise and inform organizations and businesses that the Province of Ontario has assured Anishinabek Nation that ***First Nation Status Cards (secure, unsecure, or expired) will be accepted widely and without interference or refusal***, provided the name on the card corresponds with the name on the proof of vaccination.

We, in turn, have assured the Anishinabek Nation communities of the following:

- Indian Status Cards (secure, unsecure, or expired) will be accepted as a valid form of Identification.
- The only information required is a proof of photo identification, and documentation receipt (2 doses plus 14 days from the date of the second dose). This proof can be obtained either from the provincial COVaxON system or from the First Nation organization that administered the vaccinations.
- Paper or downloaded proof of vaccination on a mobile device are both acceptable.
- No community member will be denied medical attention or service at any institution regardless of their vaccination status.

We trust that this information will be shared widely to avoid any confusion or disruption to your processes.

Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: August 31, 2021

Agenda Item: 6.g

Resolution Number: 2021-08-31- S89

Moved by: R. Crate

Seconded by: B. OStrander

Council Meeting Date: September 15, 2021

"That the Finance and Audit, having previously supported the resolution from the City of Sarnia regarding 'Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence', recommend that the correspondence from the Town of Niagara Lake, Town of LaSalle, Town of Greater Napanee, and the Municipality of Shuniah be received for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council support the correspondence items regarding this issue; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MP Phillip Lawrence (Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Honourable David Piccini (Northumberland-Peterborough South), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Council Resolution

Moved By J. Henderson

Seconded By B. Ostrander

Agenda
Item 10.

Resolution Number
2021-09-15-627

Council Date: September 15, 2021

"That County Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committees' Minutes (August 30, 31, and September 1, 2021 meetings), with the exception of the items noted within the agenda which require separate discussion, and, any items identified by Members which require separate discussion."

Recorded Vote
Requested by

Councillor's Name

Deferred

Warden's Signature

Carried

Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature

June 24, 2021

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Town of Fort Erie
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Attention: Carol Scholfield, Dip.M.A., Manager
Legislative Services/Clerk

Dear Ms. Schofield:

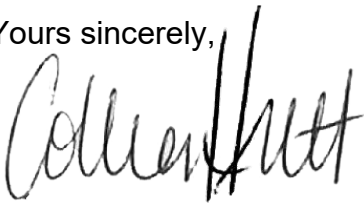
RE: Capital Gain Tax on Primary Residence

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of The Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on June 21, 2021 approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorse the correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie for the resolution regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence dated June 1, 2021.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Yours sincerely,



Colleen Hutt
Acting Town Clerk



Community Services

Legislative Services

June 1, 2021
File #120203

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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 passed the following resolution:

Whereas primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax, and

Whereas currently secondary and additional non-primary properties are subject to capital gains, and

Whereas the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada, and

Whereas smaller communities including the Town of Fort Erie are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities, and

Whereas many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation, and

Whereas a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals, and

Whereas the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability;

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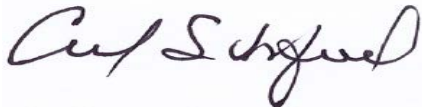
Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Municipalities, for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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c.c. All Members of Parliament
All Members of Provincial Parliament
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July 20, 2021

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RE: Fort Erie Resolution Regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

Honourable and Dear Sirs:

At the July 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, Town of LaSalle Council gave consideration to correspondence received from the Town of Fort Erie, dated June 1, 2021, regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence.

At the Meeting, the following motion was passed:

That correspondence received from Fort Erie dated June 1, 2021 regarding Capital Gains on Primary Residence be received; and endorsed.

Correspondence received from the Town of Fort Erie is attached for your convenience.

Yours truly,

Linda Jean
Deputy Clerk
Town of LaSalle
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cc. All Members of Parliament
All Members of Provincial Parliament
The Town of Fort Erie
Ontario Municipalities





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June 1, 2021
File #120203

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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: **Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence**

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 passed the following resolution:

Whereas primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax, and

Whereas currently secondary and additional non-primary properties are subject to capital gains, and

Whereas the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada, and

Whereas smaller communities including the Town of Fort Erie are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities, and

Whereas many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation, and

Whereas a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals, and

Whereas the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability;

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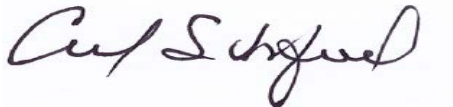
Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Municipalities, for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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July 7, 2021

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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Correspondence received from the Town of Fort Erie regarding Capital Gains tax on Primary Residence

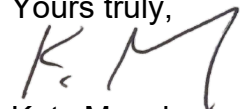
Please be advised that at the meeting held on June 22, 2021, the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee adopted the following resolution of support:

RESOLUTION #321/21: Pinnell/Norrie

That the correspondence from the Township of Scugog - June 10, 2021 be received;
And further, That Council provide a letter of support to the Town of Fort Erie regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence. CARRIED.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours truly,



Katy Macpherson
Legal Services Coordinator

Encl.

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



June 10, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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Sent via email to: Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

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Re: Correspondence received from the Town of Fort Erie regarding Capital Gains tax on Primary Residence

Honourable and Dear Sirs:

At the last regular General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting of the Township of Scugog held June 7, 2021, the Committee received and endorsed correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie dated June 1, 2021 with respect to Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence. Attached please find a copy of the Town of Fort Erie's correspondence dated June 1, 2021.

Please be advised that Committee approved the following recommendation:

"THAT the correspondence received from the Town of Fort Erie regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence, be endorsed."

Please note that all recommendations made by the Committee are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting of the Township of Scugog, scheduled to take place on June 28, 2021.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Becky Jamieson'.

Becky Jamieson
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk
Encl.

cc: Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A. Manager, Town of Fort Erie, Manager, Legislative
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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

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Whereas many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation, and

Whereas a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals, and

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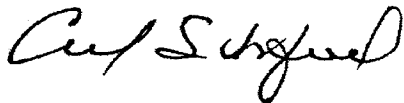
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That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Municipalities, for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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July 19, 2021

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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford,

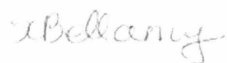
RE: Support Resolution – Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

Please be advised that, at its meeting on July 14, 2021, the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah resolved as follows:

That correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference and consideration. We kindly request your support and endorsement for the Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence.

Yours truly,



Kerry Bellamy
Clerk

Cc: All members of Parliament
All members of Provincial Parliament
The Regional Municipality of Niagara
Ontario Municipalities



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 244-21

Date: Jul 14, 2021

Moved By: ~~Ron Giardetti~~ Don Smith Donna Blunt

Seconded By: Meghan Chomut

THAT Council hereby receives the following correspondence

- a. Board of Health minutes for meetings held May 19, 2021
- b. City of Port Colborne Resolution – Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence
- c. Elimination of LPAT Resolution 2021-0115
- d. Letter from Premier Ford et al Re: Land Transfer Tax
- e. Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau re Capital Gains Tax Exemptions on Primary Residences
- f. LRCA comments on ERO Posting 019-2986, June 23, 2021
- g. Updating Environmental Assessment Requirements for Transmission Lines
- h. TBDSSAB Board Meeting Regular Session Minutes May 20, 2021
- i. Resolution 21-111 Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound Muskoka Support for 988 Crisis Line
- j. CP Remedial Program Notification
- k. Mississauga's Resolution
- l. TC Energy Investigation Expense Dig Notification
- m. Township of Scugog Correspondence re: Williams Point Road and Beacock Road School Bus Turnarounds

and the same be filed at the Clerk's Office.

☒ **Carried**

☐ **Defeated**

☐ **Amended**

☐ **Deferred**

Wendy Landry

Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



September 17, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Structure Inventory and Inspections

Dear Premier:

At the last regular General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting held September 13, 2021 the above captioned matter was discussed.

I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed which will be going forward for ratification at the September 27, 2021 Township of Scugog Council meeting:

THAT Report PWIS-2021-027, 2021 Structure Inventory and Inspections, be received;

THAT the Township of Scugog 2021 Ontario Structure Inspection Manual Inventory and Inspection Summary Report, prepared by Planmac Engineering Inc., be received;

THAT as part of the annual budget process, the Township continue to increase the amount of funding available for bridges and culverts through the continuation of Roads and Other Infrastructure Levy;

THAT as part of the annual budget process, the Township continue to increase the investment in bridge and culvert maintenance and repair through other means including identifying efficiencies and cost savings and applying for grants through other levels of government for major bridge and culvert replacements;

THAT the Township follow the principles of Asset Management and prioritize preventative maintenance such as waterproofing decks, repaving decks, repair concrete soffits, parapet walls, abutments and wingwalls, etc.

THAT the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada be encouraged to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements; and

THAT a copy of the staff report and resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance, Federal Finance Minister, MP Erin O'Toole, MPP Lindsey Park, AMO, Durham Region and all Ontario municipalities."

Should you require anything further in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Arsenault, Capital Projects Technologist at 905-985-7346 ext. 138.

Yours truly,



Becky Jamieson
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk
Encl.

cc:

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October 1, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier:

RE: KINGSVILLE COUNCIL SUPPORT OF SAVE EYE CARE IN ONTARIO

At its Regular Meeting held Monday, September 27, 2021 Council of the Town of Kingsville passed a Resolution in support of Save Eye Care in Ontario as follows:

"580-2021

Moved By Councillor Laura Lucier
Seconded By Councillor Thomas Neufeld

Whereas routine eye care is critical in early detection of eye diseases like glaucoma, cataracts, and macular degeneration, and the health of eyes is critical to overall health and quality of life; and

Whereas conditions that may be detected with an annual eye exam include Diabetes mellitus, Glaucoma, Cataract, Retinal disease, Amblyopia (lazy eye), Visual field defects (loss of part of the usual field of vision), Corneal disease, Strabismus (crosses eyes), Recurrent uveitis (an inflammation of the uvea, the middle layer of the eye that consists of the iris, ciliary body and choroid), Optic pathway disease; and

Whereas payments from OHIP have only increased 9% over the last 30 years, which has not come close to matching inflation of costs (which include rent, staff, utilities, equipment, taxes and supplies); and

Whereas the lack of funding makes it difficult to invest in modern technology, and newer technology means earlier detection of eye disease; and

Whereas the Provincial government's refusal to formally negotiate with Optometrists for more than 30 years has forced the Optometrists to absorb approximately 173 Million dollars annually in the cost to deliver eye care to Ontarians; and

Whereas the 2021 Ontario Budget did not address OHIP-insured eye care, Ontario Optometrists took action and voted to withdraw OHIP services starting September 1, 2021, unless the government agrees to legally-binding negotiations to fund these services at least to the cost of delivery; and

Whereas this job action will jeopardize good eyecare for those who need the care of an optometrist the most and will have the greatest impact on the most vulnerable groups. Children, who's lifetime ability to learn and develop depends on good vision and to the elderly, who are at the greatest risk for vision-threatening ocular diseases.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville requests that the Provincial government recognize the value that access to quality eye care brings to all Ontarians and act now to protect it; and further

That the Provincial government address the OHIP-insured eye care immediately and enter into legally-binding negotiations with Ontario Optometrists to fund these services at least to the cost of delivery, prior to any job action taking place; and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, Ontario Minister of Health Christine Elliot, MPP Taras Natyshak, to the Ontario Association of Optometrists, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED"

Yours very truly,



Sandra Kitchen, Acting Clerk
Legislative Services Department
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Enclosure

cc: Honourable Christine Elliott, Ontario Minister of Health
Taras Natyshak, MPP, Essex
Chris Lewis, MP, Essex
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