

# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

## September 13, 2024

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**Date:** 09/17/2024 **Internal Memo #: IM24-021(CD)**

**To:** Mayor Liggett & Members of Council

**Circulated to:** Corporate Leadership Team  
Special Event Advisory Team

**Department:** Community Development

**Division:** Recreation and Culture

**From:** Lesley Head, Director of Recreation & Culture

**Subject:** Special Event Information

## Comments

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In response to the events that recently took place at Riverside Park, staff wanted to provide some additional information to Council.

The City of Cambridge is seeing an increase in requests for larger events (1000+) on City property. This along with our growing community resulted in the initiation of an Arts & Culture Action Plan. On May 28, 2024, Council approved the Arts & Culture Action Plan which included a new Special Events Strategy to guide how the City balances the use of our public spaces, opportunities for community events and ensuring there are activities for all within a growing city.

### Special Event Advisory Team (SEAT)

The purpose of the SEAT is to provide expertise and guidance to event organizers in the City of Cambridge to ensure events on City property or under City Liability are executed safely and successfully. SEAT aims to streamline special event applications and the city approval process for event organizers, while enhancing the coordination of municipal services. Representatives from all City Departments along with external agencies are responsible for their service area and subject matter to provide an event approval. Representation includes Infrastructure Services- Parks, Corporate Enterprise- Economic Development & Risk, Corporate Services- Licensing, EDIA, Bylaw, Emergency Management, Fire, Community Development- Recreation & Culture and Transportation.

External Agency Representation includes- Waterloo Regional Police Services, Public Health and AGCO – Alcohol and Gaming Commission.

## 2024 Event Listing

Attached is the 2024 Outdoor Event Listing. This is a listing of all external events taking place on City property. There are 137 events listed for 2024, with 26 remaining until the end of the year, 4 of which are scheduled and approved to take place at Riverside Park.

### Private Event- Non-City Property

In addition, at Gaslight District Fall2Fest is taking place over the course of two evenings. Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 4:00pm and the last act takes the stage at 9:30pm each night. The last band is expected to finish at 10:55pm and then concert goers will exit the event space.

- This is a ticketed event
- Their website, lists public parking lots in the area as options for parking
- The event space is licensed for anyone 19 years of age and over
- This event is to take place rain or shine

As this event is on private property, the event is not required to submit a Special Events Application nor submit any of their requirements to the special events team as per the application process.

Event staff did connect with the organizer and inform them of city regulations and reminded them that they still must follow all City policies and by-laws, even on private property.

Fest2Fall, has applied for a notice of private event on private property through the Clerks department as of Thursday, September 12. The organizer is required to notify residents within 120 m of the event. The doors open on both days at 4:00 pm and the last band begins their set at 9:30pm. The Organizers have indicated performances will end at 10:55 pm and noise is expected to continue past 11:00pm as the large crowd exits the venue. The event organizer reached out inquiring about a road closure on Thursday, September 12. Transportation services informed the organizer that due to Grand Ave being a Regional Road, 1 week was not enough time to secure a road closure permit as the Region requires 30 days. As such staff have advised the event organizer that they should inquire into securing paid duty officers through Waterloo Regional Police to support traffic control.

## **Noise By-Law**

As part of the [Municipal By-law Compliance Strategy](#) endorsed by Council on July 18, 2023, staff initiated a comprehensive review of the Noise By-law in order to identify and develop improvements that will better meet the needs of the community. A Noise By-law provides standards for noise and applies to all properties in the City of Cambridge. The last time the Noise By-law was updated for the City of Cambridge was 2004. Draft Noise By-laws have been presented since 2004 however Council has not approved a new by-law since 2004.

Historically the process for exemptions for large events has resulted in a noise exemption report being provided to Council, this practice was in place to advise and inform council and the public of event requests received that may result in increased noise/activity on or in civic spaces/ The former practice was not part of the existing Noise of Parks By-law and although it assisted in providing notice, it also caused some confusion with the public at times.

The Noise By-law Review has concluded and will be coming to Council this Fall. The proposed new By-law will modernize existing legislation, introduce a streamlined noise exemption process and includes notification to area residents and support current community standards and expectations. It will also outline next steps to incorporate technology to noise complaints. Council will be provided options through the Noise By-law Review report to determine what threshold (size of event) should be required to apply for the Noise Exemption process. Regardless of a noise exemption, any noise over and above the current or a future by-law is enforceable.

## **Arts & Culture Action Plan- Special Event Strategy**

Pillar 5 of the Action Plan outlines the Strategy for Special Event Delivery in the City of Cambridge with the goal to allow for all special events in Cambridge to thrive and contribute to the vibrancy of the city.

*Action 5.2e: Conduct a regular review of by-laws and policies pertaining to and which impact events to ensure Municipal structures are event-friendly and mitigate barriers to event planning execution. By-laws and regulations that should be reviewed include (but are not limited to): Cambridge's Noise, traffic, parking, busker and sign By-Laws. The goal would be to: Eliminate the need for noise exemption in Cambridge's priority events spaces (action 5.5a)*

*Priority Event Spaces Include: Riverside Park, Churchill Park, Dickson Park, Forbes Park and the new Recreation Complex.*

Staff will continue to work with SEAT to move the Council approved plan forward.

## **Next Steps**

Staff are working on options for further orientation for Council around Events, Noise and use of City owned property for event delivery. Council will receive more information around these items following the arrival of our new Special Events Manger. At that time, we can further

review the recently approved Special Event Strategy, the composition and purpose of SEAT, what each Department does to support the Event approval and how Council wishes to proceed with events of significance as it relates to the Noise Bylaw.

## **Attachments**

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2024 Event Listing

## Events Permitted through Special Events 2024

Event Start Date	Event End Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance Based on Application (per day)	Confirmed Location	Event Type
2/17/2024	2/17/2023	10 am -2 pm	Mayor's 50th Anniversary New Years Levee	300	City Hall, Civic Square	Public Free
3/24/2024	3/24/2024	6:00pm - 10:55pm	Holi 2024	300	Riverside Park - Volleyball court parking lot	Religious Gathering
3/30/2024	3/30/2024	12:00pm- 3:00pm	Hespeler Village Easter Hunt	600	Hespeler Town Square	Public Free
4/27/2024	4/27/2024	10:30am - 1:00 pm	Cambridge Moves for Mental Health	150	City Hall, Civic Square	Fundraiser/Awareness Campaign
5/4/2024	5/4/2024	9:00am - 1:00pm	Remembering the Flood	500	City Hall, Civic Square	Public Free
5/19/2024	10/9/2024	9:00 am -11:00pm	Get Into Galt Summer Crawl	unknown	Main Street Seasonal Road Closure	Public Free
5/26/2024	10/6/2024	Fri-Sunday	#Walk Queen Road Closure	unknown	Queen Street Seasonal Road Closure	Public Free
5/30/2024	6/2/2024	11am - 11pm & 11 am -5pm	Kin Carnival	1,000	Riverside Park	Public Cost
6/1/2024	6/1/2024	8:00am -5:30pm	Neighbourhood Day Bike Rodeo and BBQ	200 & 225	Willard Park & Churchill Park	Public Free
6/1/2024	6/1/2024	12:00pm-12:20 pm	Pride Flag Raising	100	City Hall, Civic Square	Fundraiser/Awareness Campaign
6/2/2024	6/25/2024	11:00 am -3:00 pm	National AccessAbility Event	50	City Hall, Bowman Room and Civic Square	Public Free
6/8/2024	6/8/2024	3:00 pm -7:00 pm	Fiddlesticks Neighbourhood Day	200	Ferguson Homestead	Public Free
6/8/2024	6/8/2024	7a.m.-12p.m.	Hope Springs Walk/Run	150	Riverside Park	Fundraiser/Awareness Campaign
6/8/2024	6/8/2024	3:00 pm -5:00 pm	Greenway-Chaplin Neighbourhood Day	300	Rouse Avenue	Public Free
6/8/2024	6/8/2024	3:00pm -6:00pm	AllisonNeighbourhood Day	700	Soper Park	Public Free
6/8/2024	June 8 2024	7:00 am to 11:55 pm	Grand River Pride	500	Main Street and Water Street	Public Free
6/9/2024	6/9/2024	8a.m.-1p.m.	Cambridge Mill Race	300	Riverbluffs Park and Trail	Race
6/14/2024	6/14/2024	5:00 pm -10:00pm	Cambridge Celebration of the Arts	5,000	City Hall	Public Free
6/15/2024	6/15/2024	8:00 am -12:00 pm	Push for your Tush	75	Riverside Park - Dolph	Fundraiser/Awareness Campaign
6/15/2024	6/15/2024	10:00 am -2:00 pm	Soccer Complex Grand Opening	1,000	Soccer Complex	Public Free
7/1/2024	7/1/2024	8 am-11pm	Canada Day (Park)	40,000	Riverside Park	Public Free
7/1/2024	7/1/2024	11 am start	Canada Day (Parade)	2,500	King Street	Public Free
7/3/2024	7/3/2024	6:30-7:30 pm	Summer Nights Live	100	Forbes Park	Public Free
7/6/2024	7/6/2024	10:00 am -11:30 pm	Hespeler Villiage Music Festival	5,000	Forbes Park	Public Free
7/7/2024	7/7/2024	6:30-7:30	Summer Nights Live	100	Mill Race Park	Public Free
7/10/2024	7/10/2024	6:30-7:30 pm	Summer Nights Live	100	Central Park	Public Free
7/13/2024	7/13/2024	10 am-4 pm	Magic Up Preston	30	Central Park	Public Free
7/14/2024	7/14/2024	6:30-7:30	Summer Nights Live	100	Forbes Park	Public Free
7/17/2024	7/17/2024	6:30-7:30 pm	Summer Nights Live	100	City Hall Civic Square	Public Free
7/19/2024	7/20/2024	7:00am -7:00 pm	Cambridge Scottish Festival	6,000	Churchhill Park	Public Cost
7/20/2024	7/20/2024	11:30 am to 7:30 pm	Cambridge Multicultural Festival 2024	4,000	Forbes Park	Public Free
7/21/2024	7/21/2024	6:30-7:30	Summer Nights Live	100	Central Park (P)	Public Free
7/24/2024	7/24/2024	6:30-7:30 pm	Summer Nights Live	100	Fobes Park	Public Free
7/25/2024	7/15/2024	5:00pm -8:00pm	ENDURrun 80Km	50	Riverbluffs Park	Race
7/28/2024	7/28/2024	3 pm - 7 pm	Emancipation Day	3,000	Soper Park	Public Free
7/28/2024	7/28/2024	6:30-7:30	Summer Nights Live	100	Mill Race Park	Public Free
7/31/2024	7/31/2024	6:30-7:30 pm	Summer Nights Live	100	Central Park (P)	Public Free
8/3/2024	8/4/2024	1:00pm -10:00 pm	Taste of World Halal Food Fest	1,000	Riverside Park	Public Free
8/7/2024	8/7/2024	6:30-7:30 pm	Summer Nights Live	100	City Hall Civic Square	Public Free
8/9/2024	8/11/2024	8 am -8 pm	Cambridge Ribfest and Craft Beer Show	10,000	Riverside Park	Public Free
8/11/2024	8/11/2024	6:30-7:30	Summer Nights Live	100	Forbes Park	Public Free
8/12/2024	8/12/2024	7:00 am -11:00 am	ENDURrun 160km	50	Riverbluffs Park	Race
8/14/2024	8/14/2024	6:30-7:30 pm	Summer Nights Live	100	Forbes Park	Public Free
8/17/2024	8/17/2024	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Church in the Square	70	Civic Square	Religious Gathering
8/18/2024	8/18/2024	6:30-7:30	Summer Nights Live	100	Central Park (P)	Public Free
8/21/2024	8/21/2024	6:30-7:30 pm	Summer Nights Live	100	Central Park (P)	Public Free
8/24/2024	8/24/2024	11:30 to 2pm	Ukraine's independence Day Celebration	30	Civic Square	Public Free
8/24/2024	8/24/2024	12pm to 7pm	Galt Porchfest	500	Multiple Streets in West Galt	Public Free
8/25/2024	8/25/2024	6:30-7:30	Summer Nights Live	100	Forbes Park	Public Free
8/27/2024	8/27/2024	11:30 am to 1:30 pm	Drug Poisoning Awarness Day/Overdose Awreness Day	75	Soper Park - Open Space Area	Public Free
8/28/2024	8/28/2024	6:30-7:30 pm	Summer Nights Live	100	City Hall Civic Square	Public Free
8/31/2024	9/1/2024	2:00 pm -11:00 pm	Rhythm of Ratri 2024	1,000	Churchill Park & Duncan Mac	Public Cost
9/5/2024	9/8/2024	8:00 am -11:00 pm	Cambridge Fall Fair	8,000	Dickson Park	Public Cost
9/7/2024	9/7/2024	7:00 pm -12:00 am	Rangtaali-Garba	3500 (originally estimated 5000)	Riverside Park	Public Cost
9/12/2024	9/12/2024	5:00 pm -9:00 pm	Mayor's State of the City	300	Soccer Complex Upper field and Field house	Public Cost
9/14/2024	9/14/2024	2pm to 6pm	Red Hawks Home Opener	400	Soper Park & Galt Arena	Public Free
9/15/2024	9/15/2024	9:30 am -2:30 pm	Terry Fox Run	150	Riverside Park, Special Event Space	Fundraiser/Awareness Campaign
9/25/2024	9/25/2024	10am to 12pm	Franco-Ontarian Day - Flag Raising	200	City Hall, Civic Square	Public Free
9/28/2024	9/28/2024	10a.m.-3p.m.	Annual Hespeler Harvest Festival	1,500	Forbes Park and Scout House	Public Free
9/28/2024	9/28/2024	12:30 to 3:30pm	Brian Riddell MPP Annual BBQ	100	Fiddlesticks Neighborhood Assoc.	Public Free
9/28/2024	9/28/2024	11:00 am -11:30 pm	Luminaire Street Market and Lantern Festival	3,000	Central Park Bandshell	Public Free
9/28/2024	9/28/2024	10:00 am- 2:00 pm	Cambridge Fire Department Open House	1,000	Fire Department Headquarters	Public Free
9/29/2024	9/29/2024	5:00am -10:00 am	The Fall 5Km Classic	650	Riverside Park (vball courts & Kinsmen)	Race
9/30/2024	9/30/2024	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Orange Shirt Day	not confirmed	City Hall, Civic Square	Fundraiser/Awareness Campaign
10/5/2024	10/5/2024	6pm to 9pm	Re/Max Hot Air Balloon Client Appreciation	200	Victoria Park, Hespeler	Private
10/5/2024	10/5/2024	9am to 1pm	Ride for Refuge	200	Churchill Park - Open Space	Fundraiser/Awareness Campaign
10/5/2024	10/5/2024	11am to 4pm	Business Owners Community Event	200	Riverside Park	Public Free
10/9/2024	10/9/2024	11:30am to 1:30pm	Cambridge Oktoberfest Lunch	1,000	Civic Square	Public Free
10/19/2024	10/19/2024	8am-11am	Riverside Roughly Five	100	Riverside Park (Kinsmen)	Race
10/26/2024	10/26/2024		Hespeler Village Halloween Hunt	600	Hespeler Town Square	Public Free
11/1/2024	11/1/2024	6pm to 8:30pm	2nd Annual Pumpkin Walk	200	Forbes park and Scout House	Public Free
11/1/2024	11/1/2024	6:30 pm -8:30 pm	Fiddlesticks Pumpkin Walk	450	Ferguson Homestead	Public Free
11/9/2024	11/9/2024	8:00 am - 1:00 pm	The REMEMBERrun	250	Riverside Park - Front	Race
11/16/2024	11/16/2024	6:00 pm start	Cambridge Santa Claus Parade	6,000	Hespeler Rd	Public Free
11/22/2024	11/22/2024	7:00 pm start	Phil Kline's Unsilent Night	12,000	Cambridge City Hall and Downtown Galt	Public Free
12/1/2024	1/1/2025	n/a	Winter Ice and Lights	6,000	Central Park	Public Free
12/6/2024	12/6/2024	6:00 pm start	Music and Lights in the Village	3,000	Hespeler Village	Public Free
12/7/2024	12/7/2024	12 noon start	Hespeler Santa Claus Parade	1,000	Queen Street	Public Free
12/14/2024	12/15/2024	8am-4pm & 10am-4pm	Cambridge Christmas Market	5,000	City Hall	Public Free
12/31/2024	12/31/2024	3 to 7 pm	New Year's Eve Party	4,000	Hespeler Arena	Public Free
TBD	TBD	TBD	CPKC Holiday Train	4,000	Malcom Street Train Station	Public Free

**\*Indoor Events of Interest**

10/4/2024 10/4/2024 3:00-1:00 AM  
 10/12/2024 10/12/2024 9:00-11:00 PM

Moi Tai Boxing Event  
 Garba Event

800 Duncan Macinstosh Arena  
 500 Duncan Macinstosh Arena

**Date:** 09/03/2024 **Internal Memo #: IM24-015(CRE)**

**To:** Council

**Circulated to:** CLT and Council

**Department:** Corporate Enterprise

**Division:** Economic Development

**From:** Thomas Strongman, Economic Development Officer

**Subject:** Core Areas Community Improvement Plan Financial Incentives Update

## Comments

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Core Areas Community Improvement Plan (CIP) provides the basis for financial incentive programs within the three (3) designated CIP Project Areas in the City of Cambridge. It focuses mainly on Cambridge's three (3) Core Areas as designated in the Official Plan and Community Improvement Project Area (CIPA) By-law. The Project Area in Hespeler is larger than the Core Area identified within the Official Plan.

These financial initiatives facilitate the planning and financing of development activities that effectively use, reuse and revitalize lands, buildings and infrastructure. They prioritize municipal investment and are intended to stimulate private sector investment, property maintenance and revitalization within the project areas.

Economic Development Staff is pleased to present this summary of information for the Financial Incentives Programs for properties that participated in the CIP programs between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The subject applications fall under the following grant programs:

- **Commercial Property Improvement Grant (CPIG):** The Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program is intended to provide financial assistance for commercial property owners & tenants who aim to improve upon the exterior appearance of commercial properties.
- **Commercial Building Restoration, Renovation, and Improvement Grant (CBRRIG):** The Commercial Building Restoration, Renovation and Improvement Grant works to leverage significant private sector investment in interior building

renovations and improvements for commercial properties in need of renovation or vacant in the core areas.

- **Mixed Use Conversion and Restoration Grant Program (MUCRG):** The Mixed-Use Conversion and Restoration Grant Program is aimed at attracting new investment and interest in converting currently non-residential vacant or underutilized upper storey space to residential units and renovating the existing commercial space located below by providing a financial incentive that will be targeted at the costs of converting the space.
- **Core Areas Waiver of Application Fees:** Development application fees may be waived if applications are for properties that are located within the Community Core Areas as defined in the CIP. This waiver will only be applicable to mixed use, commercial and high-density housing, and will not be for single family/duplex homes. The fee waivers will be eligible for the following types of applications: Pre-consultations, Site Plan applications, Minor Variance, Sign Permits, Sign Variances and Building Permits.

Under these programs, grants are available to property owners and authorized tenants who typically have one year to complete the renovations. Upon review of an application and approval, City Staff issues an approval letter outlining the eligible scope of work and funding.

The next step in this process is for the owner or tenant to complete the work as specified in the application. City Staff will inspect the work to ensure it is complete and meets all necessary Municipal requirements. The applicant will then submit paid invoices for all work completed, which are matched to the work submitted in the application. If all submitted invoices comply with the program regulations, Staff (Economic Development and Finance) approve the issuance of payment under the Core Areas CIP.

### **Delegated Authority for Approvals**

Through Report 22-008 (CRE) on April 19, 2022, Staff received delegated authority to approve financial incentive grant applications. In order to share how this delegated authority is exercised along with promoting the success of the program, Staff have committed to providing regular updates to Council and the public.

In this report Economic Development is pleased to present the 2024 Q1 and Q2 updates to the CIP.

### **Program Modernization**

In the last few months, staff have made significant progress in simplifying the application process by moving our CIP projects to the AMANDA environment to digitize and streamline internal review processes. Staff have also begun the construction of an online application on



the City's online permits platform (permits.cambridge.ca). Additionally, there is potential for future growth of this platform to support other CIPs, Grants and Incentives for the City of Cambridge. Staff have plans to increase the marketing and promotion of the CIP program alongside the release of the digital application portal.

## **2024 Q1 and Q2 Status update on the Core Areas CIP**

### **A. New Applications Approved**

From January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a total of four (4) new applications for improvement to properties have been approved for funding. The total value of the new grants approved to date in 2024 is \$174,297. \$913,364 is the projected total value of work to be completed through leveraging this funding stream. This translates into a 5.24 to 1 ratio of private investment to public dollars, which is a strong return on investment in our Core Areas.

### **B. Existing Projects Completed and Funds Paid**

Funds have been issued to six (6) previously approved projects between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Funding for these six (6) applications totals \$122,300. Inspections of all completed projects have been conducted by staff. Photos of sample projects are contained in Appendix B. These projects translate to a 7.6 to 1 ratio of private to public dollars as almost all of them saw costs higher than originally estimated.

### **C. Incentive Inquiries and New Submissions**

During this time period, Staff received inquiries for a total of five (5) properties across the three (3) Community Improvement Plan Area's. From those inquiries, Staff received two (2) new applications. Staff expected applications to slow down due to the rise and maintained height of interest rates, however the number of applications have not been affected, while the number of inquiries have decreased.

Going forward, Staff will continue to provide Council with this information bi-annually as the incentives continue to support core area development.

### **D. Waiver of Application Fees**

Part of the incentives contained in the CIP is the waiver of certain application fees in the Core Areas (as defined earlier in this report). The waiving of fees further generates interest in development within Cambridge's three (3) Core Areas. During this period, several properties have been granted the Waiver of Application Fees as part of the CIP. These waivers total in the amount of \$17,810. This is a very small investment for the overall betterment of the Core Areas.

E. Summary of Funding and Photos

For Council's benefit and ease of information, Appendix A to this memorandum summarizes the above information. In addition, Staff is pleased to provide some photos of the completed projects for Council's interest.

**Attachments**

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IM23-023(CRE) Appendix A – New Applications Approved in Q1 and Q2

IM23-023(CRE) Appendix B – Existing Projects Completed and Funds Paid

**Approvals:**

Manager/Supervisor

Deputy City Manager

City Manager

## Appendix A – New Applications Approved in Q1 and Q2

Property	Programs Utilized	Grant Amount	Private Sector Spend
728 King Street East	CPIG, CBRRIG	\$57,455	\$155,000
28 Main Street	MUCRG, CPIG	\$96,725	\$710,000
65 Dickson Street	CBRRIG	\$11,682	\$23,364
20 Grand Ave	CPIG	\$8,435	\$25,000
<b>Total</b>	Not applicable	<b>\$174,297</b>	<b>\$913,364</b>

### Notes on a few projects listed in Appendix A above:

#### 728 King Street East:

The proposed work on this property will involve the inclusion of an accessible entrance to the facility, while changing the interior to support a new restaurant in the Preston core area.

#### 28 Main Street:

The proposed MUCRG updates are for two of four new residential units. These units will see a significant renovation resulting in a more functional layout. Both units will see the installation of a new bathroom, kitchen, and heat pump for modern heating and cooling. The space is also seeing a significant overhaul to its commercial space modernizing the building.

#### 65 Dickson Street:

The proposed updates will involve the installation of modern plumbing fixtures & grease interceptors, with improved ductwork and drywall. The addition of a service counter and a fresh coat of paint will result in a space for bubble tea in Cambridge.

#### 20 Grand Ave:

The proposed updates will involve the installation of new windows with appropriate windows seals and to fix rotting façade. This work was originally to be completed alongside their CBRRIG application but was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Appendix B – Existing Projects Completed and Funds Paid**

Property	Programs Used	Status	Grant Provided	Private Sector Spend
47 Main Street	CBRRIG	Completed	\$17,575	\$35,150
223 King Street East	CPIG	Completed	\$35,000	\$210,000
7-13 Water Street	MUCRG	Partial	\$40,000	\$631,574
35 Queen Street East	CPIG	Completed	\$11,350	\$22,773
39 Queen Street East	CPIG	Completed	\$18,375	\$37,374
<b>Total Grant Awarded</b>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	<b>\$122,300</b>	<b>\$936,871</b>

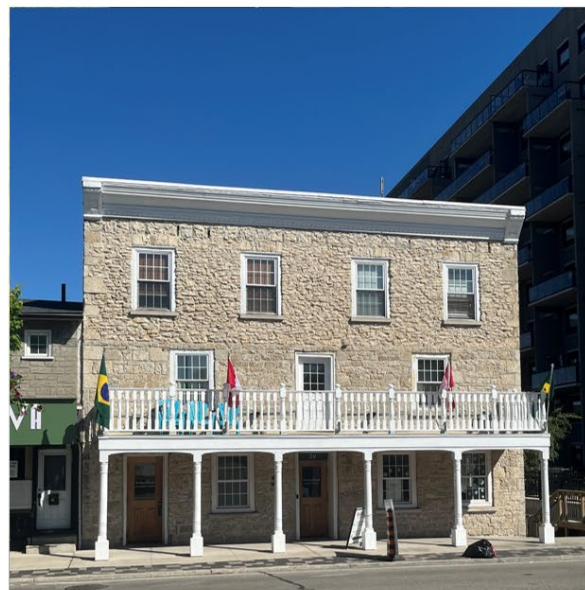
**Notes and Photos of Sites listed in Appendix B above:**

**35 & 39 Queen Street East:**

35 Queen Street east saw the introduction of a new Traditional Brazilian Restaurant in the heart of Hespeler Village. The vibrant atmosphere has made for a wonderful experience unlike anything previously located in the Village. 39 Queen Street East received a much-needed restoration to its balcony and premises preserving its heritage.



**35 Queen Street East**



**39 Queen Street East**

**7-13 Water Street:**

The MUCRG program helped with the conversion of the 2nd floor vacant office space into four (4) additional residential units in the Downtown Cambridge Core Area. Each of these new units introduced has a completely new and modernized bathroom and kitchen, supporting new residents in the Downtown Cambridge area.



**Kitchen**



**Bathroom**

**223 King Street East:**

This property took advantage of our CPIG to revitalize their heritage building by replacing the rotting front façade, doors and eavestrough. These changes to the property have assisted in preserving its heritage.



**Front View**



**Side View**

**47 Main Street:**

This property took advantage of our interior renovation program. As a result of our CBRRIG grant this location has been made home to Flight Café a brand-new Café and Belgian waffle restaurant in Downtown Cambridge. This café has a unique ambiance and has been a great addition to the Core.



Outside



Inside

April 5, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: Motion – Exotic Animals**

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At its meeting of April 2, 2024, the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake resolved the following:

*“Moved by: Mayor Stacy Wight  
Seconded by: Councillor Rick Owen*

**WHEREAS** Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of exotic wild animals in captivity;

**AND WHEREAS** exotic wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the Province;

**AND WHEREAS** the keeping of exotic wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife;

**AND WHEREAS** owners of exotic wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with exotic wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges;

**AND WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of exotic wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** *The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of exotic wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the exotic wild animal population;*

***AND FINALLY THAT*** *a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario's Solicitor General, Ontario's Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, AMO, AMCTO, MLEAO, Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.*

***CARRIED"***

As so directed, a copy of Council's resolution has been supplied above for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Spilman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amberly Spilman  
Deputy Clerk/Lottery Licensing Officer





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September 5, 2024

**Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector**

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-11

Moved By: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Banks

**"WHEREAS** Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan received correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association dated June 19, 2024 regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;  
**NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan does hereby receive and support the correspondence dated June 19, 2024 from the Ontario Forest Industries Association and urges the Ontario government support all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario Forest sector faces."

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk



June 19, 2024

The Hon. Graydon Smith  
Minister of Natural Resources  
Whitney Block  
99 Wellesley Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1W3

The Hon. Nolan Quinn  
Associate Minister of Forestry  
Whitney Block  
99 Wellesley Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1W3

Submitted via email.

**Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector**

Minister Graydon Smith and Associate Minister Nolan Quinn,

Congratulations on your recent appointments within Premier Doug Ford's Cabinet. The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) looks forward to our productive and continued work together.

Over the last six months, three of Ontario's six pulp and paper mills have permanently closed or idled. Adding to the issue was the closure of a critical softwood pulp market in Quebec. As you know, these facilities served as important consumers of solid-wood byproducts from Ontario sawmills.

The OFIA appreciates the many opportunities we have had to speak with you and senior leadership within Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Premier's Office. This includes in-person meetings with members of OFIA's Board Executive Committee on January 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. During these meetings, the OFIA presented short and long-term actions Ontario could take to address the regional chip and pulpwood market crisis endorsed by the OFIA membership (incl.).

The industry eagerly anticipates government action on this matter, as operating conditions for many have continued to worsen over the past six months. Combined with weak markets for some finished products, many companies struggle to continue their operations. We are now facing an unprecedented challenge in the sector, which could have negative and long-lasting implications for northern and rural communities across Ontario.

Without immediate action in response to OFIA recommendations and, critically, the vetting of potential solutions through the industry to ensure programs truly meet the sector's needs, we fear Ontario could face further curtailments, job losses, and lost economic opportunity.

The OFIA is ready to work with the Ontario government to set the forest products sector on a long-term and stable path towards economic development and prosperity. This includes our

vision of a *Forest Energy Directive* to develop bioheat, district heating, liquid fuels, renewable gases, biocarbon, and electricity generation projects, supporting Ontario's massive forecasted growth in non-emitting energy demands.

We urge you and your colleagues to continue supporting all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario forest sector faces and look forward to future discussions with you.

Sincerely,



**Ian Dunn, R.P.F.**  
**President & CEO**  
**Ontario Forest Industries Association**  
**Cell: 647-297-3827**

**Incl. March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Slide Deck – Summary of Input from the Membership – OFIA Meeting with the Hon. Graydon Smith**

**May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Slide Deck – Ontario Forest Energy Directive**

**CC The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board**  
**The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance**  
**The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade**  
**The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs**  
**The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Mines**  
**The Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification**  
**The Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy Intensive Industries**  
**The Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Education**  
**The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**  
**MPP John Yakabuski, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy**  
**MPP Kevin Holland, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines**  
**Deputy Minister Drew Vanderduim, Ministry of Natural Resources**  
**OFIA Membership**



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September 5, 2024

**Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-Ion Batteries**

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-08

Moved By: Councillor Quade

Seconded by: Councillor Banks

**“Be It resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supports the letter received from the Township of Otanabee-South Monaghan regarding calling upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries;**

**AND THAT this resolution be sent to MP Cheryl Gallant and all Ontario municipalities.”**

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk



## *The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan*

June 28, 2024

Via Email: [david.piccinico@pc.ola.org](mailto:david.piccinico@pc.ola.org)

Hon. David Piccini M.P.P.  
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
117 Peter Street  
Port Hope, ON  
L1A 1C5

Dear Minister Piccini:

**Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries**

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, regarding the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.

At the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting the Fire Chief of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan made a presentation to Council on the dangers presented by lithium-ion batteries. The Fire Chief was reporting back from attending the Charged For Life Symposium presented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

During the presentation, the Fire Chief stressed that the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger. These after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations.

Unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community. Charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results.

Email: [info@osmtownship.ca](mailto:info@osmtownship.ca) Telephone: 705.295.6852 Facsimile 705.295.6405  
P.O. Box 70 20 Third St Keene, ON K0L 2G0  
Visit our website at [www.osmtownship.ca](http://www.osmtownship.ca) or follow us on Twitter @OSMTownship

**As Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities. We support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries.**

**We also call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.**

**Thank you in advance for your attention to this very critical issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.**

**Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Fire Chief if you require any additional information.**

**Yours truly,  
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Joe Taylor, Mayor**

**Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence  
All Ontario Municipalities**



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September 5, 2024

**Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP Small Rural Municipalities**

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-09

Moved By: Councillor Banks

Seconded by: Councillor Quade

**"Be It Resolved** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan does hereby endorse the letter from the Municipality of Tweed and request the Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities and;

**Furthermore**, that a copy of the resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario."

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk



## The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

P.O. Box 40, 1 Selkirk Avenue, Terrace Bay, ON, P0T 2W0  
Phone: (807) 825-3315 Fax: (807) 825-9576

July 10, 2024

Municipality of Tweed  
255 Metcalf St  
Tweed, Ontario  
K0K 3J0

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 2, 2024, the following resolution was passed.

**Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP small rural municipalities**

**Resolution: 207-2024**

**Moved by: Councillor Gary Adduono**

**Seconded by: Councillor Rick St. Louis**

**WHEREAS** it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; **AND**

**WHEREAS** Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

**AND WHEREAS** small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources; **AND WHEREAS** small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone; **\*AND**

**WHEREAS** in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations; **AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174; **AND WHEREAS** the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

**AND WHEREAS** this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall; **AND WHEREAS** this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget; **NOW**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:





## The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, MPP for Thunder bay-Superior North, Lise Vaugeois and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and at Municipalities of Ontario.

Sincerely,

J. Hall  
Chief Administration Officer/Clerk

September 6, 2024

**To: Renee Ainsworth, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk**

**RE: Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee Resolution**

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At its Regular meeting on September 4, 2024, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

**C439-2024**

Moved by: Moore

Seconded by: Fisher

That Council hereby supports the resolution of the Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee regarding provincial and federal notification of municipally significant processes by the provincial and federal governments; and,

That the letter be circulated to all Ontario municipalities and AMO.

**Carried.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Sarah Elliott, Committee Coordinator/Administrative Assistant

Honourable MP Doug Shipley  
[Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca)

*Sent via electronic mail*

Honourable MPP Doug Downey  
[Doug.Downey@pc.ola.org](mailto:Doug.Downey@pc.ola.org)

September 5, 2024

Dear Honourable MP Doug Shipley and Honourable MPP Doug Downey

At its Regular meeting on September 4, 2024, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C439-2024 endorsing the Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee's (GEVC) resolution below:

**Resolution**

Moved by: Coughlin

Seconded by: Alexander

That the Committee recommend to Council that a letter be drafted requesting that local Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament, be requested to provide regular communications to their represented municipalities specifically relating to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding the Study on Regional Governance, as well as other provincial and federal processes, consultations, etc., that may affect their municipality.

**Carried**

The GEVC's resolution followed a discussion noting concerns that the Township was not notified of the public hearings held by the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding the Study on Regional Governance. The County of Simcoe is included in the governance review, and these public hearings would have provided an opportunity for the Township to express its opinion on a matter that significantly impacts Springwater.

Please have your offices confirm a commitment to regular communications, including advance notifications of public hearings, meetings, and processes involving Springwater and, more broadly, Simcoe County.

I can be reached via email at [jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca](mailto:jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca) or by phone at 705-728-4784.

Regards,



Jennifer Coughlin  
Mayor, Township of Springwater

cc. All Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario



September 10, 2024

Resolution No. 273/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY  
P.O. BOX 99  
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR Francine Plante

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR Annie Keft

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

**WHEREAS** free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; And;

**WHEREAS** the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; And

**WHEREAS**, the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of McGarry hereby request that the province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Timiskaming Public Health Unit, and Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP.

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ / Carried Bonita Culhane  
Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Keft	_____	_____
Councillor Francine Plante	_____	_____



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September 5, 2024

**Re: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign**

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-10  
Moved By: Councillor Quade  
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

**"WHEREAS** the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

**WHEREAS** it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years.

**WHEREAS** Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

**WHEREAS** the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

**WHEREAS** per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

**WHEREAS** a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the County of Renfrew and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.”

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

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Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk



# SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

September 13, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

VIA EMAIL ONLY: [communicate@amo.on.ca](mailto:communicate@amo.on.ca)

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Council meeting:

*WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being derostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and*

*WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and*

*WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.*

*WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and*

*WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and*

*WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the Province;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Town of Smiths Falls urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones; and all Ontario municipalities.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello  
Town Clerk



**City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department**

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September 13, 2024

Sent via email – [councilmeeting@toronto.ca](mailto:councilmeeting@toronto.ca)

John D. Elvidge,  
City Clerk  
City of Toronto

**Re: Resolution Regarding Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians**

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated July 31, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the September 9, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-140). Council adopted the following resolution:

**THAT CA-2024-140, being a resolution from The City of Toronto regarding Provincial Support for Family Physicians, be endorsed.**

Sincerely,

*T. Dafoe*

Tatiana Dafoe Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. Mark Holland, Minister of Health  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario municipalities



## City Council

### Member Motions - Meeting 19

<b>MM19.5</b>	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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### **Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle**

#### **City Council Decision**

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the Minister of Health to take immediate action to:
  - a. properly compensate family physicians with appropriate fee increases; and
  - b. reduce the administrative burden that the Province places on family doctors so they have more time to see their patients.
  
2. City Council forward City Council’s decision to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.
  
3. City Council request a direct response from the Minister of Health within 30 days.

#### **Summary**

On May 13, 2024, the City of Belleville set a good example by passing a resolution calling upon the provincial government to improve compensation and reduce administrative burden for Ontario’s family physicians. Toronto should do the same.

The Province of Ontario is responsible for providing quality health care to all residents of Ontario. Family medicine is the backbone of the healthcare system and providing timely access to a primary health care provider for everyone in Ontario, is essential and should be a top Provincial Government priority. Instead, the shortage of family physicians has reached a crisis point.

Millions of Ontario residents, and hundreds of thousands of Torontonians, do not have a family doctor. Studies show that patients without a primary care provider have poorer health outcomes while costing the health care system more. Meanwhile, hospitals, emergency rooms and clinics are overloaded by residents’ unmet health care needs.

The Province of Ontario could address this issue quickly and efficiently by paying fair wages to family physicians and by lessening the undue administrative burden this provincial government imposes on family doctors.

#### **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM19.5

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-246768.pdf>)

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Josh Machesney, City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

September 5, 2024

***Via Email: All Municipalities***

**RE: AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act**

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on September 4, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

**Motion No 24-389 – AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act**

Moved by Councillor Stedall  
Seconded by Councillor Sharpe

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration;

And Whereas AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

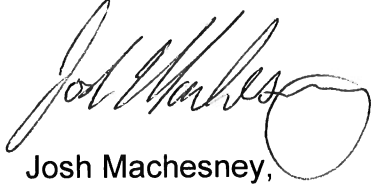
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Quinte West calls for the Province to update The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

And that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, and AMCTO.  
**Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Machesney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Josh Machesney,  
City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

September 10, 2024

Via email: [advocacy@amcto.com](mailto:advocacy@amcto.com)

AMCTO  
Attn: Advocacy Team  
2680 Skymark Avenue, Suite 610  
Mississauga, Ontario L4W 5L6

**RE: Municipal Elections Act Update**

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled Council meeting on September 10, 2024 and the following resolution was passed.

**“Resolution TC-227-2024**

**WHEREAS** election rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

**WHEREAS** legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

**WHEREAS** the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

**WHEREAS** the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

**WHEREAS** the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990* also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

**WHEREAS** with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the *MEA* containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

**WHEREAS** the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce.

**WHEREAS** while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous

improvement are needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration.

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ([minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)), the Minister of Education ([minister.edu@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.edu@ontario.ca)), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery ([todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca](mailto:todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca)), Minister of Finance ([Minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.fin@ontario.ca)) the Premier of Ontario ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Township of Lake of Bays MPP ([graydon.smith@pc.ola.org](mailto:graydon.smith@pc.ola.org)) and AMCTO ([advocacy@amcto.com](mailto:advocacy@amcto.com)).

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We look forward to hearing of the continued advocacy of this matter and further updates on when the Ministry will move ahead with amending the Municipal Elections Act

Sincerely,



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