

# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

## August 9, 2024

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\*includes City of Cambridge memos and meeting minutes

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## MINUTES



### Corporation of the City of Cambridge Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting Number #3-24

Hybrid Meeting – March 14, 2024

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**Committee Members in Attendance:** Julie Graham, Matt Rogers, Mike Jeans, Sarah Purdy, Selwyn Langlois, and Stephanie Bangarth

**Staff Members in Attendance:** Claire McLoughlin, Landscape Architect, Jason Leach, Active Transportation Coordinator, Mohamed Juuda, Senior Transportation Engineering Technologist, Shannon Smith, Administrative Service Representative, and Steven Huang, Project Engineer

**Others in Attendance:** Councillor R. Earnshaw, Tom Strickland, Cycle WR Board Member, David Di Pietro, Senior Engineer, Region of Waterloo, Mark Longo, Alternative Committee Member, and Skylar Van Kruistum, Region of Waterloo

**Regrets:** A. Cann, R. Billau

#### Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Trails Advisory Committee of the City of Cambridge was held in a hybrid format in person at Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St, Cambridge, ON N1R 8S1, Secord Room, 2nd floor; and virtually via Zoom. S. Bangarth, Chair, welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### Roll Call

#### Indigenous Territory Acknowledgment

#### Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest

#### Approval of February 2024 Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: M. Jeans

Seconded by: S. Purdy

THAT the minutes listed under the heading of Approval of Minutes be approved.

1. Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2024, be approved.

In Favour (4): M. Jeans, S. Purdy, S. Langlois, and S. Bangarth

**CARRIED** (4-0)

J. Graham joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

### **Agenda Items**

#### **a) 2024 Trail Bridges Discussion**

A presentation was given on the Thompson Park Trail and the Mill Run Trail bridge projects. The presentation included the following information on each project:

- Thompson Park Trail Bridge – The focus of this project is to repair the bridge located south of Bismark Drive. Construction of the bridge is expected to start early July 2024 and will take approximately 4 weeks to complete.
- Mill Run Train Bridge – The bridge located east of Speedsville Road will be replaced. The new bridge will have a 3 meter clearance to allow for parks maintenance equipment to get through. The construction is expected to start mid-September 2024 and will take approximately 8 weeks to complete.

Councillor R. Earnshaw joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

#### **b) Ainslie Street Reconstruction – Region of Waterloo Presentation**

Information on the Ainslie Street reconstruction project was presented to the committee. The project limits are from Water Street South to Water Street North. As part of the project, cycle tracks from Concession St. to Simcoe St. are being proposed

Another public engagement is expected to be held in April 2024. With the appropriate approvals, it is anticipated that the construction will commence spring 2026.

J. Leach, S. Huang, D. Di Pietro, and S. Van Kruistum left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.



### **c) Cambridge Wayfinding Routes, Pt. 2 – Cycle WR Presentation**

An equity review of the Cambridge cycling routes was presented.

M. Rogers joined the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

A brief overview was provided on the Cycle WR wayfinding routes in Cambridge presentation originally presented at the February 8th, 2024 meeting. The concepts included seven options are ready to move forward and two that are not approved for all ages and abilities (AAA) as of yet. A brief overview of the presentation was provided.

Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee will discuss the information provided and will revisit the requested motion at the next meeting on April 11, 2024.

T. Strickland left the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

### **d) June 2024 Bike Month Planning**

The bike month subcommittee discussed the proposed plans for bike month to the group.

Members of CCTAC expressed their interest in attending more City events to promote bike month.

### **e) Operational Updates – Standing Item**

A group discussion was held where the following concerns were raised:

- Moffat Creek Trail – a washout is forming and gravel has become soft making it easy to fall
- Allendale Road Multi-Use Trail – trail is not plowed and construction fence is falling over onto trail.

Members of CCTAC are encouraged to utilize the trails request online form located on the Service Cambridge portal.

### **Councillor's Report**

Nothing was discussed

**Other Business**

- Ontario Bike Summit – The all-day event takes place from April 3rd – 5th, 2024 with pre-registration available. Members of the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee are to notify committee liaisons if there is interest in attending the event. The Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee will also have the opportunity to have a booth at the event.

**Next Meeting**

Date & Time: Thursday, April 11th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. - Hybrid Meeting (Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St, Cambridge, ON N1R 8S1, in the Secord Room [2nd Floor]; and via Zoom Link)

**Close of Meeting**

Moved by: S. Langlois

Seconded by: M. Jeans

THAT the Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

In Favour (6): J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Jeans, S. Purdy, S. Langlois, and S. Bangarth

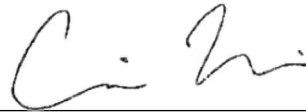
**CARRIED** (6-0)



Chair

Stephanie Bangarth

Chairs Name



Committee Liaison

Claire McLoughlin

Name of Staff Member



# Catherine Fife

## MPP Waterloo

To the Councils of:  
City of Cambridge  
City of Kitchener  
City of Waterloo  
Township of North Dumfries  
Township of Wellesley  
Township of Wilmot  
Township of Woolwich

### **RE: Expanding the Greenbelt to include Waterloo Region**

July 31, 2024

Dear Members of Councils,

According to the Ontario Farmland Trust, the province is losing 319 acres of farmland every day. This relentless destruction of our diminishing agricultural resources means that future generations of Ontarians will have less access to fresh, local food.

In Wilmot township alone, 770 acres of prime agricultural land is in danger of being lost forever if the Region of Waterloo's land assembly is completed as planned. According to the Canada Land Inventory, Wilmot Township is classified as Type 1 prime farmland and the 770 acres that are under threat of being expropriated are defined as having high capability soils<sup>i</sup>. Further, data from the 2021 Census of Agriculture states that the Waterloo Region, including Wilmot Township, has among the highest GDP per acre of farmland of any county in Ontario<sup>ii</sup>.

Former PC MP Lisa Raitt recently conducted a review of farmland in Ontario at the request of the Ford Government. She recommended "stronger protections for natural areas as a key part of law reform measures to increase housing supply."<sup>iii</sup>

On April 23, 2024, I tabled a motion to include Waterloo Region in the Greenbelt. The text is as follows:

"That, in the opinion of the House, the Government shall pause the Wilmot farmland expropriation, work to re-establish respect for farmers, re-commit to preserving Class 1 Farmland in Ontario, and restore the urban boundaries and the Countryside Line established by Waterloo Region's Official Plan, which never contemplated industrial uses on this prime agricultural farmland. Furthermore, that Greenbelt protection be extended to the Waterloo Moraine Protected Countryside designation as always anticipated for the protection of prime farmland and the region's most vulnerable groundwater recharge areas."

As you know, the government has delayed our return to the Legislature to October 21, 2024. I would appreciate hearing back from you in the early fall.

Sincerely,



Catherine Fife, MPP  
Waterloo

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<sup>i</sup> *Canada land inventory (CLI)*. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. <https://sis.agr.gc.ca/cansis/nsdb/cli/index.html>

<sup>ii</sup> Government of Canada, S. C. (2024, July 29). Census of agriculture. Government of Canada, Statistics Canada. <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/census-agriculture>

<sup>iii</sup> Pothen, P. (2024, April 10). *Statement: Bill 185 and proposed Provincial Planning Statement would unleash a wave of “Greenfield scandals” by removing tribunal oversight of sprawl approvals*. Environmental Defence. <https://environmentaldefence.ca/2024/04/10/bill-185-and-proposed-provincial-planning-statement-would-unleash-a-wave-of-greenfield-scandals-by-removing-tribunal-oversight-of-sprawl-approvals/>

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The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.2.  
**Resolution Number:** 2024-243  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #3  
**Date:** May 15, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the letter of support dated March 19, 2024 from the Town of Fort Erie supporting Resolution No. RC-2024-23 passed by the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln on February 26, 2024, regarding the urgent need for increased funding to libraries and museums in Ontario;  
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Neil Lumsden; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

  
MAYOR

## Legislative Services

March 19, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: Support Town of Lincoln Resolution - Request Provincial Government to Support Increasing Funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 18, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 28, 2024 requesting the Provincial Government to support increasing funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Lincoln correspondence dated February 28, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Peter Todd,  
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk  
[ptodd@forterie.ca](mailto:ptodd@forterie.ca)  
PT-dk

Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org)  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)  
Local Area Municipalities  
Niagara Region  
All Ontario Municipalities



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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

**RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

**WHEREAS** the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

**WHEREAS** libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

**WHEREAS** the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

**WHEREAS** Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

**CARRIED**

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

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JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario  
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region  
Local Area Municipalities  
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24163	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>M. O'Neil</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>

**WHEREAS** Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Municipality of Tweed dated June 17, 2024 regarding a request for the government to 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;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa 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.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	<b>MAYOR AND COUNCIL</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



**Resolution No.** 229  
**Title:** Councillor P. Valiquette  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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**Moved by** P. Valiquette  
**Seconded by** J. Palmateer

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 J.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;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**Carried**



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

<b>Resolution # RC24168</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 11</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> <i>M Hatfield</i>	<b>Seconded by:</b> <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

**WHEREAS** Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association dated June 19, 2024 regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario’s Forest Sector;

**NOWHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa 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.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	<b>MAYOR AND COUNCIL</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>MAYOR – MELANIE PILON</b> <i>M. Pilon</i>	<b>CLERK – MAURY O’NEILL</b> <i>Maury O'Neill</i>
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June 19, 2024

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

Sir



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



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24165	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>[Signature]</i>	Seconded by: <i>M Hatfield</i>

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Township of Larder Lake and the Town of Cobalt regarding Asset Retirement Obligations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of Wawa approves the following;

1. That correspondence from the Township of Larder Lake and the Town of Cobalt regarding Asset Retirement Obligation be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and all municipalities in Northern Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	<b>MAYOR AND COUNCIL</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE**

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 12

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities; And

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Act, 2001 section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada; And

**WHEREAS**, PS 3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018; And

**WHEREAS**, the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities; And

**WHEREAS**, many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting change will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO; And

**FINALLY, THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest\***


Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE**

**69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON**

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



**MOVED BY:**

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

**SECONDED BY:**

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 13

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
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Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*</b>

Chair:

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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

June 26, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Harley  
903303 Hanbury Rd  
New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on June 25, 2024, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-125**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**WHEREAS** the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Act, 2001, section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** PS3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting changes will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

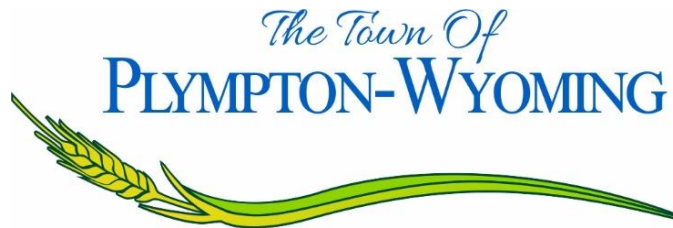
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt supports the resolutions from the Township of Harley, Coleman Township, Township of Larder Lake, Township of Casey, Township of Hudson & Township of Kerns and hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Steven Dalley  
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer  
Email: [sdalley@cobalt.ca](mailto:sdalley@cobalt.ca)



Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada  
Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade & Economic Development of Canada  
Hon. Francois-Phillip Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science, & Industry of Canada  
Innovation Science & Economic Development Canada (ISED)  
Government of Canada  
MP Marilyn Gladu  
MPP Bob Bailey  
(sent via e-mail)

Re: Underserviced Cellular Communication Services in Rural and Urban Centres in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, other Rural and Urban Centres across Lambton County, and beyond

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** the Government of Canada and The Town of Plympton-Wyoming have approved 2 new Cell Tower installations, yet no installations have occurred. ISED regulations state, *“Following the consultation, and once the company and local municipality agree, the tower must be built within three years.”*

**And Whereas** the Town of Plympton-Wyoming is not able to utilize all the available modern technology for Fire Services due to the lack of cell signals and reliable cellular service coverage in our rural and urban communities.

**And Whereas** residents of our community are not able to have reliability and confidence in our telecommunications infrastructure for our commercial establishments and economic growth, employment, school, virtual medical appointments, mental health, welfare and emergency services.

**And Whereas** Many areas are considered “Dead Zones” causing rural and urban communities to incur prohibitive costs which include roaming and overage fees and/or alternative resources in order to gain basic and limited communication functionality.

**And Whereas** the Federal Government is already exploring 6G services, yet existing Cell Towers in The Town of Plympton-Wyoming are only providing 3G which is ending in 2025, LTE and 4G service – where these services are even available.

**And Whereas** the ISED has committed to have a reliable Network and states that, *“Reliable telecommunications networks have never been more crucial. They support not only a wide range of economic and social activities but also other critical infrastructure sectors and*

*government services, and they are crucial for emergency services and public safety. They are fundamental to the safety, prosperity and well-being of Canadians.”*

**And Whereas** the top priority of the ISED as stated in the Telecommunications Reliability Agenda is, *“Robust Networks and Systems – This means there is robust architecture for telecommunications networks with appropriate redundancy, diversity, and hardening against hazards, with particular care for emergency services. There are systems with controls and monitoring and the telecommunications supply chain including supplier equipment is trusted and secure. Investments are made to support these activities including in rural and remote areas or to address coverage gaps.”*

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming requests that the Federal Government and ISED and make it their priority to push forward with their commitment to provide this crucial infrastructure in a meaningful and timely manner and provide action and enforcement of the regulations that mandate timely installation of approved Cell Tower Installations.

The health and well-being of our community is at the mercy of our Federal Government taking these matters seriously; taking action to reduce the harm being caused to our residents well being and allowing our emergency services to perform at standard that our larger urban municipalities are able to.

Sincerely,



Ella Flynn  
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc:  
All Ontario Municipalities





**RE: Letter of Support – AMPS in Ontario Building Code**

**July 31, 2024**

Hon. Graydon Smith  
Ministry of Natural Resources  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 99 Wellesley St  
Toronto, ON M7A 1W3  
[Graydon.smith@pc.ola.org](mailto:Graydon.smith@pc.ola.org)

AMCTO  
[amcto@amcto.com](mailto:amcto@amcto.com)

AMO  
[amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

RE: Township of Lake of Bays Resolution regarding Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act.

Please be advised that the Township of Limerick, at its meeting held on July 15, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent discussion, the following motion was passed:

**Motion112-2024**

Moved by Councillor Jan MacKillican  
Seconded by Councillor Shawn Pack

That staff is directed to issue a letter of support for Royal Assent of AMPS in the Building Code.

**Carried**

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

Sincerely,

Victoria Tisdale  
Clerk-Treasurer

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities

Victoria Tisdale, Clerk Treasurer  
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May 14, 2024

Via email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
**Attention: Paul Calandra**  
777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Mr. Calandra:

**RE: Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act.**

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The Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) is an enforcement tool approved by the Provincial Government in August of 2009 and was originally used for parking offences to free up court time and cost.

A large number of municipalities have adopted an AMPS program and have applied AMPS to other Municipal enforcement by-laws as a replacement to the standard Part 1 Provincial Offences Act (POA) ticket system, as it provides the alleged offender with a flexible appeal system and the municipality the ability to apply unpaid penalties on to the property taxes. AMPS frees up valuable Provincial Offences Court time saving the province and the municipalities valuable resources and funds.

AMPS was written into the Building Code Act in December of 2017 however it has not received Royal Assent. AMPS has proven to be a valuable tool for education and enforcement of other Municipal by-laws. On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, we ask that AMPS receive Royal Assent. In doing so this would free up time for Building Officials to conduct their primary job (building inspections) instead of having to attend court normally a full day to hear an appeal to Part 1 ticket, at the same time providing the offender a more streamlined appeal system.

Sincerely,



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

TG/iv

Copy to:

MPP, Graydon Smith  
Association of Ontario Municipalities  
Association of Municipal Clerk and Treasurers of Ontario  
All Area Municipalities



*Annette Groves*  
*Mayor*

July 31, 2024

Sent via E-Mail: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

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

**RE: RESOLUTION ON PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS NEEDED TO RESTRICT KEEPING OF NON-NATIVE ("EXOTIC") WILD ANIMALS**

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting the Town of Smiths Falls regarding Resolution on Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native ("exotic") Wild Animals.

The resolution reads as follows:

*That the Town of Caledon support the Town of Smiths Falls regarding Resolution on Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native ("exotic") Wild Animals and the request to the Province to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("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 non-native ("exotic") wild animal population; and*

*That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, Town of Smiths Falls, and all Ontario municipalities.*

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at [Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca](mailto:Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca) or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Groves  
Mayor

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON**

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Cc: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)  
The Honorable Michael Kerzner, Ontario Solicitor General, [michael.kerzner@ontario.ca](mailto:michael.kerzner@ontario.ca)  
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
[minister.mnrf@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mnrf@ontario.ca)  
Kerry Costello, Clerk, Town of Smith Falls, [kcostello@smithsfalls.ca](mailto:kcostello@smithsfalls.ca)  
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**TOWNSHIP OF  
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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August 7, 2024

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

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle**

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-08-07-10  
Moved By: Councillor Quade  
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

**"Be It resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle.**

**And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible."**

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk

31 May 2024

Premier Doug Ford [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle**

**Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.**

**Resolution No. 2024/05/184:**

**7.4(c) WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;**

**AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;**

**AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;**

**AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;**

**AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;**

**AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;**

**AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;**

**AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;**

**AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.**

Thank you,



**Cindy Pigeau  
Municipal Clerk**

**Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation  
All Ontario Municipalities**



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24166	Meeting Order: 9
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

**WHEREAS** 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 and;

**WHEREAS** these after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations and;

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

**WHEREAS** as Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby 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 and;

**FURTHERMORE** that Council does hereby 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 and that this resolution be shared with the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, the Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	<b>MAYOR AND COUNCIL</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
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<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opat		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>



# *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.

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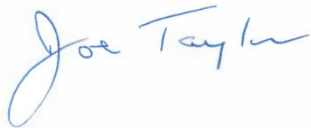
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Thank you in advance for your attention to this very critical issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

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

Yours truly,  
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

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Joe Taylor, Mayor

Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence  
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**City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department**

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July 26, 2024

Sent via email – [deputy-clerk@osmtownship.ca](mailto:deputy-clerk@osmtownship.ca)

Liz Ross,  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

**Re: Resolution Regarding the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries**

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated June 28, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the July 22, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-124). Council adopted the following resolution:

**THAT CA-2024-124, being a resolution from The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding the Importance of Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries, be endorsed.**

Sincerely,

*A. Pascual*

Audrey Pascual, Deputy Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration and Skills Development  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario municipalities





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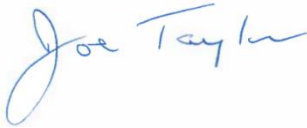
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*CORPORATION OF THE*  
***TOWNSHIP OF SCHREIBER***  
*CAO/CLERK*

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Hon. Patty Hajdu,  
705 Red River Road, Suite 3  
Thunder Bay, ON  
P7B 1J3

July 18, 2024

Re: Schreiber's Wastewater Treatment Plant

Dear Hon. Patty Hajdu,

I am writing to you today to request a meeting in person regarding our Wastewater Treatment Plant along with Mayor Mullins and Cllr. Bourgeault. The Schreiber Wastewater Treatment Plant was initially built in 1974 with only one Clarifier. In 1989 a second Clarifier was built in addition to some plant components, such as a chlorine contact chamber. The plants served the community well until recently when regulations changed. The practice of chlorinating effluent at wastewater plants has been around since the early 1900's. However, around 1999, new regulations came into effect that require wastewater plants to dechlorinate before discharging wastewater back into the environment.

The Practice of dechlorinating was a financial burden most communities were not able to bear. It became acceptable to implement temporary measures to dechlorinate effluent discharge at a reasonable cost. Unfortunately, Wastewater plants in many communities have adopted this temporary fix as a normal practice. Recently communities have been made aware that this temporary fix will no longer be tolerated, and permanent treatment practices must be adopted by 2026. Inspections of wastewater plants will again become the focus for inspectors starting this year for the first time in a decade.

In 2022, the Schreiber Town Council of the day started the process of UV disinfection. The Township hired EXP Services Inc, to prepare a design brief for the installation of the UV disinfection and the projected annual cost of operating the system. With a deadline for a permanent solution fast approaching in 2026, the Township has turned their focus to a permanent solution using chemicals to dechlorinate. This "Chemical in a Box" can be designed and installed for approximately **one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)** with an annual operating budget of **twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000.00)**. The UV solution is approximately **five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00)** to install with an annual operating budget of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)**. This initial installation cost of both is beyond reach for the Township so the lessor of the two (2) options is our only choice despite a higher annual operating cost. The Township is still working on finding the money for this project.

*CORPORATION OF THE*  
***TOWNSHIP OF SCHREIBER***  
*CAO/CLERK*

In 2021, the plant underwent an electrical inspection and the classification of the plant changed to a class 4. This means that all the electrical components in the plant must be changed to explosion proof components. This change was necessary due to the moist environment and gases produced by the process. Since the cost was astronomical for the Township, a decision was made to do the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) upgrade in 4 phases.

The first phase was completed in 2022 for **one hundred eighty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$181,500.00)**. In 2023, the prices for all the parts were almost double because of COVID. As a result, phase 2 price tag exceeded what was budgeted in 2023, so nothing was done.

In 2024, the ESA inspector requested a meeting with the Township of Schreiber to discuss the outstanding issues with the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The ESA has been more than patient with the Township as the normal practice is **30 days** to comply. We are required to have the Wastewater plant brought up to a Class 4 standard by the end of 2024. This endeavor will cost the Township approximately **one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)**. The Township is using the OTF money to cover this expense and borrowing the balance until the 2025 allocation is received.

As you can see in the attached spreadsheet, the electrical issue at the plant continues to present urgent situations from "dirty power" and corroded components. Electrical components continue to fail such as breakers, pumps, motors, receptacles, lights, heaters, the list is endless. These urgent repairs continue to put strains on the reserve funds.

Due to the age of the plant, the breakdowns are not only associated with the electrical issues. We have experienced breakdowns in the air distribution system, where confined entries are required to patch pipes under the plant. Currently we are experiencing a breakdown with clarifier 1. There seems to be a concrete failure on the wall separating the clarifier and the digester. This breakdown is preventing the sludge from being bagged properly. The clarifier will need to be pumped down and a concrete specialist brought in to examine the wall to see if repair is possible. We are unclear at this point about the cost of repair, but we anticipate somewhere around **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)**. We are currently investigating this urgent matter.

With mechanical breakdowns, electrical issues, and structural failures, the process of treating wastewater cannot be maintained. Sludge cannot get bagged due to the excess water from the structural failure. The lack of air in the process while we wait for the new blower and VFD to be installed. The Non-Compliance incidents that we have had to report have put Schreiber on the short list to be among the first inspections. The repairs and regulations that we are aware of will most certainly put a financial strain on the Township that a small resident tax base will never be able to sustain. The Non-Compliance reports have totaled **thirteen (13)** just since **March of 2024**.

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*CAO/CLERK*

The bagging system at the wastewater plant is the original installed in 1974. The system has been obsoleting for many years now, so parts are no longer available. When breakdowns occur, custom parts are made by an out-of-town welding shop. This translates into long down times while parts are manufactured. The system does not work well anymore so it requires constant manpower to ensure it continues to bag. This puts an incredible strain on staffing already faced with shortages. The bagging system needs to be upgraded as soon as possible since this process contributes to the Non-Compliance issues. This new system is also going to cost the Township another **million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)** plus.

As you can see on page 5 of this correspondence the Township has endured **one point five million dollars (\$1,518,061.34)** in unexpected repairs over the last **five and a half (5.5) years**. Aging infrastructure and little assistance are hemorrhaging small Municipalities all over the Province. It is imperative that the Provincial and Federal Governments step up to financially relieve the heavy burdens on small Municipalities.

We are reaching out to you today to discuss such EMERGENT issues and how the Provincial and Federal Governments are going to step up to plate and provide much needed financial assistance to assist with their mandated Regulations. To cover these essential upgrades small Municipalities will need to tax their residents to death to cover such costs.

I look forward to hearing back from you with a time for a scheduled meeting to discuss options available to small Municipalities with such emergent issues as I have described above.

Kind Regards,



Rhonda Smith  
CAO/Clerk for the Township of Schreiber

CC: Mayor Mullins  
Cllr. Bourgeault  
Cllr. McGrath  
Cllr. Mauro  
Cllr. Bryson  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister  
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

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**Unexpected Costs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Since 2019**

Year	Description	Cost
<b>2019</b>	Compressor Repair	\$84.75
	Bagging System Repair	\$290.51
	Bagging Building Heater Repair	\$1,695.00
	Sludge Motor Repair	\$901.18
	Bagging System Repair	\$2,009.25
	Bagging System Clamps Repair	\$1,007.42
	Clarifier Building Heater Repair	\$3,983.25
	Trash Pump	\$2,280.80
	Clarifier Heater Repair	\$1,192.09
	Clarifier Parts	\$15,036.15
	DE chlorination Feasibility Study	\$24,663.82
	Light Repair in the Clarifier Building	\$6,780.00
	<b>2019 Total</b>	<b>\$59,924.22</b>
<b>2020</b>	Bagger Heater Repair	\$565.28
	Clarifier Building Electrical Repairs	\$1,062.12
	Bagging System Electrical Repairs	\$1,062.12
	Chlorinator Parts	\$4,844.53
	Plant Electrical Inspection	\$23,938.00
	<b>2020 Total</b>	<b>\$31,472.05</b>
<b>2021</b>	Sludge Trailer Axle Repair	\$1,063.33
	Sludge Trailer Parts	\$2,594.48
	Water Heater Replacement (electrical surge)	\$519.79
	Light Repairs	\$1,595.71
	DeChlor Metering Pump	\$942.92
	Digester Decant Pump	\$3,587.55
	Building Classification as per ESA	\$6,614.40
	Electrical Assessment as per ESA	\$23,330.00
	<b>2021 Total</b>	<b>\$40,248.18</b>

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*CAO/CLERK*

**Unexpected Costs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Since 2019**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>2022</b>	DeChlor Project Study Final Invoice	\$33,249.43
	ESA Electrical Upgrade	\$18,189.09
	Clarifier Blower Line Repair	\$18,640.64
	ESA Upgrades Phase 1	\$181,440.33
	Receptacle Emergency Repair	\$2,017.92
	Sludge Pump Replacement	\$2,236.80
	VFD Failure - Dirty Power (troubleshooting)	\$1,414.88
	<b>2022 Total</b>	<b>\$257,189.09</b>
<b>2023</b>	Bagger Building Heater Repairs	\$395.50
	Bagger Building Heater Repairs	\$442.59
	Light Repair Garage Washrooms	\$1,209.91
	Emergency Blower Motor Install	\$6,130.21
	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$8,178.21</b>
<b>2024</b>	ESA Upgrades - Mandatory	\$990,822.00
	VFD Cabinet Blower	\$114,560.00
	Emergency Repair Lights and Heater Clarifier 2	\$14,430.80
	Bagger Building Heater Repair	\$1,236.79
	<b>2024 Total as of July 6th</b>	<b>\$1,121,049.59</b>
	<b>5.5 yr. Total</b>	<b>\$1,518,061.34</b>

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.4.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-245  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #29  
**Date:** May 15, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Town of Goderich, on March 18, 2024, regarding the phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario;**  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); our local Health Unit, Public Health Sudbury & Districts; and, all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
MAYOR



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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Matthew Pearson  
Chair  
Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee  
71108 Morrison Line  
RR3, Exeter Ontario  
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SENT VIA EMAIL: [mpearson@bmross.net](mailto:mpearson@bmross.net)

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RE: Recommended Phase-Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report

Dear M. Pearson,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That the Town of Goderich direct a letter to Minister Lisa Thompson requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario;

And Further That area municipalities, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, other Source Protection Committees, and local health units be forwarded the letter and asked for their support.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or [afisher@goderich.ca](mailto:afisher@goderich.ca).

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
/ar

cc. Premier Doug Ford [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
Hon. Paul Calandra [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

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MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org)  
MPP Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks  
[andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org](mailto:andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org)  
MPP Stan Cho, Minister of Long-Term Care [Stan.Cho@pc.ola.org](mailto:Stan.Cho@pc.ola.org)  
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July 29, 2024

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

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**RE: Letter of Support – Public Health Ontario Proposes Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells**

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Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Pelee passed the following resolution at their Regular Meeting of Council held on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024:

**Resolution 2024 – 129**

**Moved By:** Councillor Dave DeLellis

**Seconded By:** Councillor Michelle Taylor

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby support the City of Pickering, Township of Amaranth, Town of New Tecumseth, Town of Petrolia, Municipality of Central Manitoulin, and Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services.***

***AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, Chatham-Kent-Leamington MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, and the Windsor Essex County Health Unit.***

Sincerely,

*Kristine Horst*

**Kristine Horst**

**Township Administrator & Clerk**

**[Kristine.horst@pelee.ca](mailto:Kristine.horst@pelee.ca)**

Cc **Minister of Health, [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)**  
**Chatham-Kent-Leamington MPP, [Trevor.Jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:Trevor.Jones@pc.ola.org)**  
**Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, [Anthony.Leardi@pc.ola.org](mailto:Anthony.Leardi@pc.ola.org)**  
**Windsor Essex County Health Unit, [CEO@wechu.org](mailto:CEO@wechu.org)**  
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Sent by Email

July 3, 2024

The Honourable Sylvia Jones  
Minister of Health  
College Park, 5th Floor,  
777 Bay St  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3  
[sylvia.jones@ontario.ca](mailto:sylvia.jones@ontario.ca)

Subject: Corr. 18-24  
Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth  
Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on June 24, 2024 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 18-24 from Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth, dated May 16, 2024, regarding Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge, Durham Region Public Health, and all Ontario municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

Encl.

SC:am

Copy: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks;  
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge;  
Durham Region Public Health  
All Ontario Municipalities

Chief Administrative Officer



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May 16, 2024

Sent Via Email

**Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water**

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 15, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution concerning Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water.

**Resolution #: 5**

**Moved by:** G. Little

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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, including the entire Township of Amaranth, 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 Amaranth hereby requests 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, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit, and MPP Sylvia Jones.

**CARRIED**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Martin', written in a cursive style.

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk

CC:  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Minister of Health  
Wellington Dufferin Public Health Unit  
MPP Sylvia Jones  
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July 8, 2024

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

Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO PROPOSES PHASING OUT FREE WATER TESTING FOR PRIVATE WELLS**

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin adopted the following resolution at their meeting of June 27, 2024, regarding the above noted matter;

Resolution # 200-2024

Moved by: Councillor D. Stephens

Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT Central Manitoulin Council supports the Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services;***

***FURTHER, this resolution is circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, and Sudbury District Health Unit...Carried***

Please contact our office should you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Deforge", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Ms. Denise Deforge  
CAO/Clerk

cc. Minister of Health [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)  
Sudbury District Health Unit [sutcliffep@phsd.ca](mailto:sutcliffep@phsd.ca)  
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~ AT THE HEART OF IT ALL ~



July 11, 2024

New Tecumseth  
Clerks/Administration Department  
Administration Centre  
10 Wellington St. E. Alliston, ON L9R 1A1

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RE: Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

During the July 8, 2024, regular meeting of council, correspondence from New Tecumseth regarding Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Liz Welsh                      Seconded: Joel Field

THAT the council of the Town of Petrolia support the resolution of the Township of Tecumseth, regarding Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells.

Carried

Kind regards,

*Original Signed*

Mandi Pearson  
Director of Legislative Services | Deputy Operations | Clerk

cc:        file

[andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org](mailto:andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org) - Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

[Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org) - Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

[Karalyn.dueck@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:Karalyn.dueck@county-lambton.on.ca) – Lambton Public Health, Office of the Medical Officer of Health

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June 24, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of June 17, 2024:

**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, including the entire Township of The Archipelago, 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 Town of New Tecumseth hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services;

**And Further That** this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, and Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe -Grey.

Page 1 of 2

Yours truly,



Pamela Slowleigh  
Deputy Clerk

cc. [andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org](mailto:andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org) - Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
[Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org) - Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health  
[Sanja.Hakkarainen@smdhu.org](mailto:Sanja.Hakkarainen@smdhu.org) – Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Office of the Medical Officer of Health  
[Brian.Saunderson@pc.ola.org](mailto:Brian.Saunderson@pc.ola.org) – Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey  
All Ontario Municipalities

Phone: (519)882-2350



Annette Groves  
Mayor

July 31, 2024

Sent via E-Mail: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

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

**RE: WATER TESTING SERVICES FOR PRIVATE DRINKING WATER**

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting other municipalities' request regarding Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water.

The resolution reads as follows:

*That the Town of Caledon support the City of Pickering and Town of Amaranth regarding Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water and the request to the Province to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing- out of free private drinking water testing services; and*

*That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, City of Pickering, Town of Amaranth, Peel Public Health, and all Ontario municipalities.*

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at [Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca](mailto:Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca) or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Groves  
Mayor

Cc: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)  
The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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Aretha Adams, Regional Clerk, Region of Peel [Aretha.adams@peelregion.ca](mailto:Aretha.adams@peelregion.ca)  
Clerk, City of Pickering [clerk@pickering.ca](mailto:clerk@pickering.ca)  
Clerk, Town of Amaranth [info@amaranth.ca](mailto:info@amaranth.ca)  
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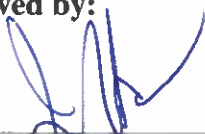



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

<b>Resolution # RC24172</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 15</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> 	<b>Seconded by:</b> 

**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; and (Northern Ontario only) and;

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

**WHEREAS** the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77<sup>6</sup> 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 Municipality of Wawa urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of Wawa and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with AMO, Colin Best, Ontario Medical Association, Kimberly Moran, CEO, Premier Doug Ford, and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED		YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Jim Hoffmann		
		Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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oma.org

Dear Heads of Council and Clerks,

Communities across Ontario have been facing critical healthcare challenges, including long waitlists for primary care, shortages of doctors and other healthcare workers; and emergency room closures. These cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level.

In response, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are working collaboratively to advocate for a better healthcare system for Ontario's residents and communities.

We have jointly developed the attached draft council resolution (Appendix A - Also in PDF and Word Versions), urging the provincial government to recognize the physician shortage in your municipality and the rest of Ontario. By adopting this resolution, your municipality can play a crucial role in highlighting the urgent need for more healthcare resources and support.

AMO is excited to welcome everyone to Ottawa for our annual conference from August 18-21, 2024. We are pleased to inform you that the OMA will be participating at this year's conference. Along with sponsoring the Rural Caucus Lunch on August 20, the OMA has reserved meeting room at the Fairmont Château Laurier for both August 20 and 21 to meet directly with municipal leaders. During these meetings, we would like to hear what you are seeing on the ground and discuss opportunities to work closer with you. We believe that collaboration between Ontario's doctors and all 444 municipalities is essential in addressing the healthcare needs of your community.

To set up a meeting with the OMA, please reach out to [Tarun.Saroya@OMA.org](mailto:Tarun.Saroya@OMA.org) (Senior Advisor for Government Relations and Advocacy) to book a 15-30 minute time slot at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to your positive response and to working together towards a healthier future for all Ontarians.

Yours sincerely,



Kimberly Moran  
CEO, Ontario Medical



Colin Best  
Association AMO President

Appendix A:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of (the name of municipality) urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in (name of municipality) and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.





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**Sent Via Email**

**30 July 2024**

Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)  
Hon. Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health)  
Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health)  
Eric Duncan, MP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry)  
Nolan Quinn, MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ontario Medical Association (OMA)  
Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC)  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Township of North Dundas Council Meeting – July 18, 2024 – Request for the Provincial Government to Recognize the Physician Shortage in the Township of North Dundas.**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Township of North Dundas, at its regular meeting held July 18, 2024, passed the following resolution:

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Bergeron

**Seconded By:** Councillor Annable

**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

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of North Dundas urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of North Dundas and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

**Carried**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 613-774-2105 ext. 226 or via email at [njohnston@northdundas.com](mailto:njohnston@northdundas.com).

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "N. Johnston".

Nancy Johnston, MBA

Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



# Township of Lucan Biddulph

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July 30, 2024

## Sent Via Email

Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)  
Hon. Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health)  
Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health)  
Rob Flack, MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London)  
Steve Pinsonneault, MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ontario Medical Association (OMA)  
Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC)  
All Ontario Municipalities

## **RE: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign – Physician Shortage**

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Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on Tuesday July 16, 2024, the Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph passed the following resolution:

### **Resolution No. 2024 - 187**

**Moved by D. Regan**

**Seconded by J. Hodgins**

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Lucan Biddulph and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

CARRIED

Please contact our office should you require any further information on this matter.

Sincerely,



Tina Merner  
Deputy Clerk



**RE: Letter of Support – AMO-OMA**

**July 31, 2024**

**Motion110-2024**

Moved by Councillor Glenn Locke  
Seconded by Councillor Grace Hamm

That Council direct staff to issue a letter of support to AMO and the Ontario Medical Association as requested.

**Carried**

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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 Township of Limerick urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Limerick and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Sincerely,

Victoria Tisdale

Clerk-Treasurer

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Dear Heads of Council and Clerks,

Communities across Ontario have been facing critical healthcare challenges, including long waitlists for primary care, shortages of doctors and other healthcare workers; and emergency room closures. These cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level.

In response, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are working collaboratively to advocate for a better healthcare system for Ontario's residents and communities.

We have jointly developed the attached draft council resolution (Appendix A - Also in PDF and Word Versions), urging the provincial government to recognize the physician shortage in your municipality and the rest of Ontario. By adopting this resolution, your municipality can play a crucial role in highlighting the urgent need for more healthcare resources and support.

AMO is excited to welcome everyone to Ottawa for our annual conference from August 18-21, 2024. We are pleased to inform you that the OMA will be participating at this year's conference. Along with sponsoring the Rural Caucus Lunch on August 20, the OMA has reserved meeting room at the Fairmont Château Laurier for both August 20 and 21 to meet directly with municipal leaders. During these meetings, we would like to hear what you are seeing on the ground and discuss opportunities to work closer with you. We believe that collaboration between Ontario's doctors and all 444 municipalities is essential in addressing the healthcare needs of your community.

To set up a meeting with the OMA, please reach out to [Tarun.Saroya@OMA.org](mailto:Tarun.Saroya@OMA.org) (Senior Advisor for Government Relations and Advocacy) to book a 15-30 minute time slot at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to your positive response and to working together towards a healthier future for all Ontarians.

Yours sincerely,



Kimberly Moran  
CEO, Ontario Medical



Colin Best  
Association AMO President

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24172	Meeting Order: 15
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

**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

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of Wawa and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with AMO, Colin Best, Ontario Medical Association, Kimberly Moran, CEO, Premier Doug Ford, and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

This document is available in alternate formats.



*Annette Groves*  
*Mayor*

July 31, 2024

Sent via E-Mail: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

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

**RE: SUPPORT FOR FAMILY DOCTORS**

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting other municipalities' request regarding support for family doctors.

The resolution reads as follows:

*That the Town of Caledon support the Town of Petrolia and City of Bellville regarding the resolution in support of Family Doctors, and the request to the Province to take immediate action to ensure family physicians are properly compensated with immediate fee increases and that the administrative burden now being experienced by family doctors be reduced so they have more time to see their patients; and*

*That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Doug Ford, Premier, Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, the City of Belleville, the Town of Petrolia and all Ontario municipalities.*

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at [Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca](mailto:Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca) or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Groves  
Mayor

Cc: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)  
Mandi Pearson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Town of Petrolia, [mpearson@petrolia.ca](mailto:mpearson@petrolia.ca)  
Matt MacDonald, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk, City of Belleville,  
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Ref.: 24-MM19.5**

(Sent by Email)

July 31, 2024

**MUNICIPAL CLERKS OF ONTARIO'S MUNICIPALITIES:****Subject: Member Motions Item 19.5  
Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians (Ward All)**

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, adopted [Item MM19.5](#) and, in so doing, has forwarded 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.

  
for City Clerk

J. Canchela/wg

Attachment

Sent to: Premier, Province of Ontario  
Minister of Health and Deputy Premier, Province of Ontario  
Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Municipal Clerks of Ontario's Municipalities

c. City Manager

## City Council

### Member Motions - Meeting 19

MM19.5	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>)