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November 15, 2024

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2024 Special Events Schedule

| Date | Time | Event Name | Estimated Attendance | Confirmed Location | Event Type | Event Organizer |
|------------|------------------|--|------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 9/25/2024 | 10am – 12pm | Franco-Ontarian Day Flag Raising | 200 | City Hall, Civic Square | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 9/28/2024 | 10am – 3pm | Annual Hespeler Harvest Festival | 1,500 | Forbes Park and Scout House | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 9/28/2024 | 12:30pm – 3:30pm | Brian Riddell MPP Annual BBQ | 100 | Fiddlesticks Neighbourhood Association | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 9/28/2024 | 11am – 11:30am | Luminaire Street Market and Lantern Festival | 3,000 | Central Park Bandshell | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 9/28/2024 | 10am – 2pm | Cambridge Fire Department Open House | 1,000 | Fire Department Headquarters | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 9/29/2024 | 5am – 10am | The Fall 5km Classic | 650 | Riverside Park (volleyball courts and Kinsmen) | Race | Community |
| 9/30/2024 | 7pm – 9:30pm | Orange Shirt Day | Not confirmed | City Hall, Civic Square | Fundraiser / Award Campaign | City of Cambridge |
| 10/5/2024 | 6pm – 9pm | Re/Max Hot Air Balloon Client Appreciation | 200 | Victoria Park, Hespeler | Private | Community Group |
| 10/5/2024 | 9am – 1pm | Ride for Refuge | 200 | Churchill Park, Open Space | Fundraiser / Awareness Campaign | Community Group |
| 10/5/2024 | 11am – 4pm | Business Owners-Community Event | CANCELLED BY ORGANIZER | | | Community Group |
| 10/9/2024 | 11:30am – 1:30pm | Cambridge Oktoberfest Lunch | 1,000 | City Hall, Civic Square | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 10/19/2024 | 8am – 11am | Riverside Roughly Five | 100 | Riverside Park (Kinsmen) | Race | Community Group |
| 10/26/2024 | 12pm - 3pm | Hespeler Village Halloween Hunt | 600 | Hespeler Town Square | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 11/1/2024 | 6pm – 8:30pm | 2 nd Annual Pumpkin Walk | 200 | Forbes Park and Scout House | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 11/1/2024 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm | Fiddlesticks Pumpkin Walk | 450 | Ferguson Homestead | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 11/1/2024 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm | Preston Pumpkin Walk | 200 | Central Park | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |

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| 11/1/2024 | 6pm – 9pm | Downtown Cambridge Pumpkin Walk | 200 | Sculpture Garden | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 11/9/2024 | 8am – 1pm | The REMEMBERrun | 250 | Riverside Park (front) | Race | Community Group |
| 11/15/2024 | 6pm – 8pm | Winter Ice and Lights Kick Off Event | 300 | Central Park, Preston | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 11/16/2024 | 6pm start | Cambridge Santa Claus Parade | 6,000 | Hespeler Road | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 11/22/2024 | 7pm start | Phil Kline's Unsilent Night | 12,000 | Cambridge City Hall, Downtown Galt | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 12/1/2024 – 1/1/2025 | n/a | Winter Ice and Lights | 6,000 | Central Park | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 12/6/2024 | 6pm start | Music and Lights in the Village | 3,000 | Hespeler Village | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 12/7/2024 | 12pm start | Hespeler Santa Claus Parade | 1,000 | Queen Street | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 12/14/2024 – 12/15/2024 | 8am – 4pm, 10am – 4pm | Cambridge Christmas Market | 5,000 | City Hall | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 12/31/2024 | 3 – 7pm | New Year's Eve Party | 4,000 | Hespeler Arena | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 11/24/2024 | 3pm -5 pm | CPKC Holiday Train | 4,000 | Malcolm Street Train Station | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |

New Event

Indoor Bookings of 500+ Attendees

| Date | Time | Event Name | Estimated Attendance | Confirmed Location | Event Type | Event Organizer |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 10/4/2024 – 10/5/2024 | 3pm – 1am | Moi Tai Boxing Event | 800 | Duncan Macintosh Arena | Public, Ticketed | Community Group |
| 10/12/2024 | 9pm – 11pm | Garba Event | 500 | Duncan Macintosh Arena | Public, Ticketed | Community Group |

MINUTES



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

Meeting Number #8-24

Hybrid Meeting – October 10, 2024

Committee Members in Attendance: Andrew Cann, Julie Graham, Matt Rogers, Mike Jeans, Sarah Purdy, Selwyn Langlois, Mark Longo

Staff Members in Attendance: Jason Leach, Active Transportation Coordinator, Shannon Smith, Administrative Service Representative

Others in Attendance: Councillor R. Earnshaw

Regrets: S. Bangarth

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. M. Rogers, Vice-Chair, welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Indigenous Territory Acknowledgment

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest

Approval of September 2024 Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: A. Cann

Seconded by: M. Rogers

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

1. Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2024, be approved.

In Favour (7): A. Cann, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Jeans, S. Purdy, S. Langlois, M. Longo

CARRIED (7-0)

Agenda Items

a) Bike Month Subcommittee (2025 Planning)

The bike month subcommittee shared their previous experiences and takeaways of planning for bike month. The bike month subcommittee for 2025 would like to plan for one event on a larger trail that keeps cyclists off the road. Additionally, the subcommittee would like to have bike month advertised in the activities guide and participate in other City events to help promote bike month.

The subcommittee members M. Longo, M. Rogers and S. Purdy will remain the same for 2025 planning. The subcommittee intends to meet on the third Thursday of each month that the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee meets.

b) CycleWR Wayfinding

The CycleWR presentation was previously reviewed and discussed. The presentation provided several wayfinding routes that could be implemented within the City of Cambridge at a significantly lower cost.

A recommendation was made to pilot one or two suggested routes in 2025. If the pilot is successful, then more routes will be added in the future.

The committee reviewed each route to decide which route would be a part of the pilot. The following routes were selected for consideration:

1. Route 6: Eagle St./Pinebush Rd./Hespeler Rd. to Hespeler Core
2. Route 5A: Concession Street Southern Bypass, Preston – King Street

Wayfinding designs will be presented to the committee at a future meeting.

Transportation staff will determine how many signs are required and the potential cost to implement wayfinding on the selected routes for 2025.

c) St. Andrews Street – Multi-use Trail

The City has received concerns that vehicles are parking on the multi-use trail on St. Andrews St at Southwood Dr. The City would like to add “shared pathway” signs at intersections of Southwood Dr/St. Andrews St and Fourth Ave/St.

Andrews St. No parking signs and pavement markings will be added to the trail with the possibility to add flex bollards and centre lines. The flex bollard may require removal for winter snow clearing.

d) Joint Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

The Joint Regional Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Thursday November 7, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Members of the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee are encouraged to attend if available. An invite will be sent to committee members.

e) Project Updates

- Mill Run Trail – The construction of the pedestrian bridge is expected to start at the end of October 2024.
- Elgin Street North at Galt Avenue – A pedestrian crossover with signage, pavement markings and push button activated flashing beacons has been installed.
- Soper Park Pedestrian Tunnel – Is currently closed for repairs, which includes repointing of masonry and graffiti removal.

f) Operational Updates – Standing Item

- Ellacott Lookout – A safety concern was raised as the trail leads out to the parking lot requiring pedestrians and cyclists to walk the parking lot and back onto the trail.
- Roundabout on Franklin Boulevard and Clyde Road – The GRT bus when stopped is close or on the pedestrian crosswalk. Safety for pedestrians is a concern as vehicles in the roundabout are unable to see pedestrians crossing.

g) Events Update – Standing Item

- Hespeler Village Halloween Haunt – Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.
- Phil Kline's Unsilent Night – Friday, November 22, 2024, at 7:00 pm.
- CPKC Holiday Train- Sunday, November 24, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Music and Lights in the Village – Friday, December 6, 2024.
- Cambridge Christmas market – Saturday, December 14, 2024, to Sunday December 15, 2024.

Councillor's Report

- In addition to the CycleWR wayfinding project, members of the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory committee are encouraged to bring forward items that they feel should be considered during this year's budget review to Councillor Earnshaw.
- The River Mill subdivision has done an excellent job with trails. A recent proposal has been received to add 4-5 km of trails at the corner of Speedsville Road where there is a wetland.

Other Business

- Committee Branding – a recommendation was made for the committee to have more representation by having branded promotional materials such as a branded tent for events, items that get handed out and to add a QR code to pamphlets to connect to Cambridge's trail page.
- Portable Bike Counters –To bring forward item at the Joint Regional Advisory committee to get an idea of what other municipalities are doing.
- 2025 Meeting Schedule – The 2025 schedule was reviewed with the committee. Meeting dates are proposed to remain the same with the committee meeting on the second Thursday of each month except for July, August, and December. The schedule will be circulated to the committee members.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, November 14, 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. Purdy

Seconded by: J. Graham

THAT the Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

In Favour (7): A. Cann, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Jeans, S. Purdy, S. Langlois, M. Longo

CARRIED (7-0)

Vice-Chair

Matt Rogers

Vice-Chairs Name

Committee Liaison

Jason Leach

Name of Staff Member



MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

In-Person Meeting

November 14, 2024 – 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Quorum was not achieved

Committee Members in Attendance: Kyle Priestley, Rick Haldenby, Councilor Adam Cooper, Jeff Donkersgoed, Samuel Daniels, Brad McEwen.

Members Regrets: Christine Orton, Alix Voz, Christina Thompson, Christine Lippa, Melani Nemeskovic, Saiira Najak.

Staff Members in Attendance: Cristina Hovey, Alix Aitken, Stephen Lavigne

The meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge did not achieve quorum. The agenda may be carried forward to the next meeting, scheduled for December 12, 2024; however, staff are in communication to determine definitive next steps.

Chair

(Brad McEwen)

Recording Secretary

(Cristina Hovey)

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution # 3

Date: October 28, 2024

MOVED BY: Jamie MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Carma Williams

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AND WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges;

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

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

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery; Minister of Finance; the Premier of Ontario; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED



MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

- Deputy Mayor:** Carma Williams
- Councillor:** Jacques Massie
- Councillor:** Brian Caddell
- Councillor:** Jeff Manley
- Councillor:** Michael Madden
- Councillor:** Gary Martin
- Mayor:** Jamie MacDonald

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November 7, 2024

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RE: Motion for the Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development in Relation to Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practices

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 23, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-378: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

Whereas the provincial government is undertaking:

- a) significant road and underground projects over the next ten years which will generate significant excess soil to be managed and disposed; and
- b) studies of underground projects that if implemented will also generate significant excess soil: and



Whereas landfill sites across Ontario are already near capacity, necessitating amendments to legislation to allow certain quality soil to be disposed at excess soil reuse sites instead of being disposed of in landfills effective January 1, 2025; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is currently under resourced and lacks the capacity to effectively manage the additional enforcement and oversight required for the relocation of excess soil; and

Whereas the responsibility to enforce and oversee excess soil regulations is being downloaded onto municipalities, which have limited enforcement capabilities and face the risk of significant costs being passed on to local taxpayers; and

Whereas contamination of existing soil and groundwater is a significant concern, particularly in rural municipalities with valuable agricultural lands and reliance on groundwater for its residents; and

Whereas agricultural lands must be prioritized equally with housing needs, roads and underground infrastructure; failure to adequately protect these lands could exacerbate the ongoing food crisis in Ontario; and

Whereas Ontario is not alone in navigating the challenges of sustainable development, and the United Nations provides guidance through its Sustainable Development Report, which includes goals focused on economic growth, infrastructure, sustainable communities, hunger, clean water and sanitation, climate action, and life on land; and

Whereas it is critical that governments consider the comprehensive impacts on all of these areas when conducting feasibility studies and implementing projects which generate excess soil; and

Whereas neglecting to account for the broader implications of projects may lead to negative outcomes;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch calls on the provincial government to:



1. Prioritize the protection of agricultural lands in the management of excess soil from roads and underground projects and in the planning and feasibility studies related to such projects.
2. Ensure that adequate resources are allocated to the MECP to support effective enforcement and oversight of excess soil regulations.
3. Collaborate with municipalities to provide necessary support and funding for enforcement activities related to excess soil management, minimizing financial burdens on local taxpayers.
4. Conduct a comprehensive impact assessment that considers all aspects of sustainable development, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Report, before proceeding with the traffic tunnel project and any further amendments to excess soil legislation; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Premier of Ontario; all Ontario municipalities; MPP Arnott; MPP Rae; the Wellington Federation of Agriculture; and OMAFRA requesting support for the protection of agricultural lands and sustainable development practices in Ontario.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

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 #: 11

Resolution #: 9

Date: November 12, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports the resolution of from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent 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.

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

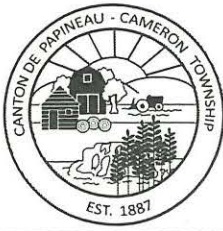
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| Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest* |
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Chair:

Patricia Hull

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



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

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November 13, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
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RE: Ontario Building Code

The Council of Papineau-Cameron met at their regular Council meeting on November 12, 2024 and passed the attached resolution 2024-328.

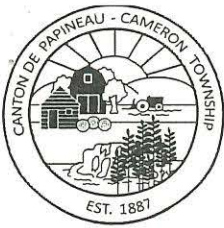
Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason McMartin, BA, ADA
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Encl. Council Resolution 2024-328

c.c. Hon. Paul Calandra MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Michael Parsa MPP, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Building Officials Association
Municipalities of Ontario



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DATE: November 12, 2024 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2024- 328

MOVED BY: *Shelley Belanger* **SECONDED BY:** *MChenier*

WHEREAS Ontario is facing a significant affordable housing crisis, with many residents struggling to secure safe and affordable living accommodations;

AND WHEREAS the crisis of homelessness in Ontario continues to affect thousands of individuals and families, necessitating urgent and effective housing solutions;

AND WHEREAS the current Ontario Building Code contains regulations that may inadvertently hinder the development of affordable housing by imposing excessive costs and barriers on individuals and developers;

AND WHEREAS current building code regulations may restrict the development of innovative housing solutions designed to address the needs of homeless individuals and families;

AND WHEREAS an increase in affordable housing units is essential to promote economic stability, community well-being, and social equity within Ontario;

AND WHEREAS providing pre-approved affordable housing plans can streamline the construction process, reduce costs, and facilitate quicker access to housing for those in need;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township hereby calls on the Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individuals, including:

1. Standardized Designs: Creating a set of pre-approved housing designs that meet safety and quality standards while being cost-effective and quick to construct.
2. Flexible Design Standards: Allowing for innovative building designs and materials that meet affordability criteria while ensuring safety and livability.
3. Community Integration: Ensuring that these housing designs can be integrated into existing neighborhoods in a way that respects community character and promotes acceptance.
4. Support for Diverse Models: Including options for various types of housing, such as tiny homes, modular units, and converted shipping containers, to cater to different needs and preferences.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township encourages the Ontario government to engage with stakeholders, including architects, housing advocates, and service providers, to develop these pre-approved plans that effectively address the needs of low income and homeless individuals;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Association Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Building Officials Association, Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED: *Robert Corriveau* **NOT CARRIED:** _____
(Mayor) (Mayor)

COPY

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

| RECORDED DIVISION VOTE | YES Signature | NO Signature | ABSTAIN Signature |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Mayor Robert Corriveau | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger | | | |
| Councillor Keith Dillabough | | | |
| Councillor Jason Bélanger | | | |
| Councillor Mélanie Chenier | | | |

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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MOVED BY:

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

SECONDED BY:

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

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

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| <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) |

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| Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest* |
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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

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
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SECONDED BY:

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

Motion #: 8

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

5. *Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.*

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

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

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Chair:

Patricia Hull

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



November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 333/2024

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

MOVED BY *Debbie Fox*

SECONDED BY *Francine Plante*

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and;

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. **Be It Further Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. **Be It Further Resolved That** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive their fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

- 4. **Be It Further Resolved That** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
- 5. **Be It Further Resolved That** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Defeated _____ / Carried *Bonita Culhane*
 Mayor Mayor

| Recorded Vote | Requested by _____ | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | YES | NO |
| Mayor Bonita Culhane | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor Louanne Caza | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor Elaine Fic | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor Annie Keft | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor Francine Plante | _____ | _____ |



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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| Resolution # RC24256 | Meeting Order: 7 |
| Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i> | Seconded by: <i>Joseph Opato</i> |

RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catherine's, and Resolution dated October 16, 2024 from the Municipality of St-Charles regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

| RESOLUTION RESULT | | RECORDED VOTE | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | CARRIED | MAYOR AND COUNCIL | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEFEATED | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | TABLED | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | WITHDRAWN | | |
| | | Mitch Hatfield | |
| | | Cathy Cannon | |
| | | Melanie Pilon | |
| | | 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: _____

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| DEPUTY MAYOR - JIM HOFFMANN | CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL |
| <i>Jim Hoffmann</i> | <i>Maury O'Neill</i> |

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.4.
Resolution Number 2024-365
Title: Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 -
Correspondence #7
Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catharines, regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

June 27, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
155 University Ave | Suite 800
Toronto, ON M5H 3B7

Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Re: Green Roads Pilot Project
Our File 35.72.3**

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting held on June 24, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS St. Catharines has declared a climate emergency, recognizing the urgent need to address and mitigate the impacts of climate change on our community and environment; and

WHEREAS alternatives to traditional road surfacing materials exist, including green roads technologies that are more sustainable and environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS bioresin is a natural alternative that can be used to support road surfacing, providing a more sustainable option that reduces our reliance on petrochemical-based products; and

WHEREAS many secondary roads in St. Catharines require resurfacing, presenting an opportunity to explore and implement innovative and sustainable road surfacing solutions; and

WHEREAS Good Roads, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have presented alternatives for municipal road restoration that include sustainable and environmentally friendly materials and methods; and

WHEREAS other municipalities, such as Centre Wellington, have entered into a similar pilot project using bioresin and other sustainable materials, demonstrating a commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS implementing pilot projects using bioresin on city roads can provide valuable data and insights into the feasibility, performance, and environmental benefits of this alternative material; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has established the Green Municipal Fund which includes new funding for pilot projects to test innovative and ambitious technologies to improve environmental outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council directs staff to investigate the feasibility and potential benefits of using bioresin on City road works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff investigate other alternative construction materials and methods for road works that minimizes the City's carbon footprint and are more environmentally sustainable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff prepare a report on the findings, no later than Q3 2024, including potential costs, benefits, and environmental impacts of using bioresin or other sustainable construction materials or methods for road works, and if feasible, a list of City streets where a pilot project may be considered in accordance with the City's procurement policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the FCM to encourage the exploration and adoption of sustainable road surfacing alternatives.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: all Ontario Municipalities

Good morning,

Please note at their meeting on November 6, 2024, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 238-2024

Moved by Councillor Lamshead
Seconded by Councillor Nelson

Whereas official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads; and

Whereas despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads; and

Whereas rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base; and

Whereas preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system; and

Whereas roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the County of Peterborough requests the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support;

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Thanks,

Holly Salisko

Administrative Services Assistant | Clerk's Division/Planning
Peterborough County

November 6, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
823 Albion Road
Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A3

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

At their regular meeting of November 6, 2024, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS preventing crashes helps to alleviate the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Pelham requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, and Good Roads;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Clerk, Sarah Leach 905-892-2607 ext 315.

Yours very truly,

jlegros

Jodi Legros

Legislative Coordinator

- c. Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation** Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org
- Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure** Kinga.Surma@pc.ola.org
- Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness** Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org
- Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs** Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org
- Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response** trevor.jones3@ontario.ca
- Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health** sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
- Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, Niagara West** Sam.oosterhoffco@pc.ola.org
- Good Roads, Scott R. Butler, Executive Director** scott@goodroads.ca
- Ontario Municipalities**



November 8, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their meeting on November 4th, 2024:

Moved by Lee Anne Andriessen **Seconded by** Neil Anstett

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of North Perth requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of North Perth requests that the Government of Ontario invests in the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead; and



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FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Cline
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor

CC: Minister of Transportation
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Agriculture
Minister of Rural Affairs
Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
Minister of Health
Good Roads
All municipalities in Ontario



November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 329/2024

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

MOVED BY *Elaine Fiu*

SECONDED BY *Francine Bente*

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of McGarry requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Defeated _____ / Carried Bonita Culhane
Mayor Mayor

| Recorded Vote | Requested by _____ | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | YES | NO |
| Mayor Bonita Culhane | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor Louanne Caza | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor Elaine Fic | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor Annie Keft | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor Francine Plante | _____ | _____ |



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November 14, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Sent by email to premier@ontario.ca

Re: Resolution on Establishing an Ontario Rural Roads Safety Program

At its regular meeting of Council held on October 16, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Amaranth requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make

the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

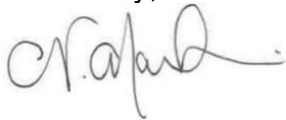
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Martin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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



Township of Horton
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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Moved by: Councillor Webster

Resolution No.: 2024-160

Seconded by: Councillor Webs

November 5th, 2024

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

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

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;



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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 Township of Horton 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, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP John Yakabuski, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

X CARRIED

Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk



Howick Township
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Gorrie, ON N0G 1X0

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Fax: 519-335-6208
Email: clerk@howick.ca
Website: www.howick.ca

November 6, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Premier Ford,

Re. Resolution – Ontario Provincial Police Costs for 2025

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Howick, at its meeting held November 5, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

MOVED BY: Councillor Rognvaldson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Grimes

WHEREAS the Township of Howick's 2025 OPP Annual Billing Costs represents a 21.15% increase over the 2024 OPP Annual Billing Costs, with many small, rural municipalities across Ontario facing even larger increases for 2025;

AND WHEREAS this 21.15% increase in OPP costs equates to more than a 2.8 per cent tax increase before Howick Township even begins its 2025 budget process in terms of levels of services;

AND WHEREAS the downloading of costs such as these from the province and the subsequent significant cost increases are not feasible or sustainable for small, rural municipalities in Ontario who are bound to raising their revenue solely through property taxes and user fees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Howick adopt and endorse Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls 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.

CARRIED.

The Township of Howick appreciates the province's attention to the financial challenges faced by small, rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Gillis

Caitlin Gillis, Clerk-Administrator

Cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, All Municipalities of Ontario
Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson
County of Huron

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



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

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), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND

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Fax: 705-526-9971
info@midland.ca



November 7, 2024

Premier Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities

At its November 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of Ontario's small urban municipalities; and

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

WHEREAS an increase of 26% one year, which is a million dollars (roughly 4% tax increase) for Midland and is something never projected;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT The Town of Midland call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small urban 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 the OPP Billing Model be referred to the Auditor General for review; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210

cc.

MPP, Simcoe North, Jill Dunlop jill.dunlopco@pc.ola.org
Minister of the Solicitor General, Sylvia Jones sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy peter.bethlenfalvyco@pc.ola.org
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) resolutions@amo.on.ca
All Municipalities in Ontario



November 14, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

RE: OPP Detachment Billing Increases

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

WHEREAS current police services within the Municipality of Leamington (hereinafter referred to as the 'Municipality') are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (hereinafter referred to as the 'OPP');

AND WHEREAS the Municipality and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades;

AND WHEREAS historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 5.67%;

AND WHEREAS the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Municipality on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$833,000 (14.45%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 2.48% tax rate increase, in addition to what the Municipality was contemplating for the residents of Leamington;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality was not consulted nor provided any advanced notice from the Commissioner regarding the significant cost increase received for OPP services;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality cannot afford to absorb this unexpected and entirely preventable increase without causing undo financial strain to our taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Leamington wishes to dispute the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 5% increase that is more manageable for the Municipality and in line with historical trends;

AND FURTHER THAT any increase above 5% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality request that the County of Essex undertake a feasibility study for a County Police Force;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP Trevor Jones, the County of Essex, and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP.

Yours Truly,

Abbie Marchildon

Abbie Marchildon, Council and Committee Coordinator

cc: The Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Trevor Jones, MPP
County of Essex
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