

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

October 18, 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 / Awareness 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	Community Group

11/9/2024	8am – 1pm	The REMEMBERrun	250	Riverside Park (front)	Race	Community Group
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

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

Date: 10/18/2024 **Internal Memo #: IM24-025(CD)**

To: All Council Members

Circulated to: All Council Members, Hardy Bromberg

Department: Community Development

Division: Planning

From: Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner

Subject: Planning Notification Radius Update

Comments

At the September 17, 2024 Council meeting, the City Clerks Division presented the Comprehensive Public Notice Policy. Council raised a question regarding the costs associated with public notifications for planning applications. This memorandum has been prepared to provide Council with information on costs associated with public notifications.

Public Notifications are required for official plan amendments, zoning by-law amendments, plans of subdivision, vacant land condominiums, and consent and minor variance applications. As noted in the presentation by City Clerks, public notices for the above noted applications are mailed out to residents within a specific radius of a development property (60 metres for consent/minor variance applications and 120 metres for all other applications), are published in a newspaper, as well as posted on the City's website.

The print and mailout costs for the proposed public notice postcards based on the circulation size and radius are included in Table 1 below. These costs including the cost for newspaper publications are currently paid and will continue to be paid by the applicant through the application fees set for each application type. Current application fees are the same for each application type, as such cost recovery is on an aggregate basis, and not an individual application basis. Adjustments to the application fees will be evaluated as necessary through the standard budget processes to ensure application fees reflect costs for any required public notifications.

Following a decision by Council on the appropriate notification radius, Planning staff will initiate an Official Plan Amendment to review Official Plan policies on public notifications and recommend appropriate policy updates to implement any Council approved notification requirements. Alternatively, if Council does not make a decision on the notification radius, the Chief Planner will recommend appropriate notification radius as part of the Official Plan

Amendment. The statutory public meeting for the Official Plan Amendment can be scheduled for December 2024.

Table 1. Notification Radius and Costs

Circulation Radius	Small Circulation in Lower Density Area # of Labels Created by OnPoint	Large Circulation in a Higher Density Area # of Labels Created by OnPoint
Within 120 meters (Statutory Requirement)	50 Postcard cost: \$55.50	350 Postcard cost: \$388.50
Within 250 meters	150 Postcard cost: \$166.50	500 Postcard cost: \$555
Within 400 meters	300 Postcard cost: \$333	1000 Postcard cost: \$1,110
Within 500 meters	500 Postcard cost: \$555	1500 Postcard cost: \$1,665

*Labels means a mailing address created to send a notice to.

Approvals:

Manager/Supervisor Deputy City Manager City Manager



MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge Cambridge Cultural Awards Advisory Committee

Meeting Number: 06-24

David Durward Centre, Board Room
60 Dickson Street, Cambridge Ontario

June 19, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Evelina Turney, Kellea Corriveau, Bill Ashwell, Tracey Babineau, Paige Corriveau

Member Regrets: Nancy Movrin, Recreation Coordinator, Councillor Adam Cooper

Staff Members in Attendance: Zita Tavares, Recording Secretary

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting of the Cultural Awards Committee of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge was held in person. Evelina Turney, Chair welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Evelina, Chair informed the committee that Shannon McKinnon has resigned from the committee. We thank her for her service and wish her well.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Tracey Babineau

Seconded by: Bill Ashwell

THAT the meeting agenda items be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosure of interest

Approval of Cultural Awards Committee Minutes – Wednesday May 15, 2024

Moved by: Kellea Corriveau

Seconded by: Tracey Babineau

THAT the minutes of the Cultural Awards Committee of Wednesday May 15, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report amount was shared, total trust fund amount is \$71688.44.

ACTION ITEM – The trust fund amount needs clarification and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Bursary and Scholarships

The Purpose of the Bernice Adams Bursary: to provide assistance to deserving and qualified individuals to assist in their further development in the fields of: Communications and Literary Arts, Music, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts.

ACTION ITEM - Clarification when using Memorial or Legacy for the Bernice Adams awards.

MOTION

THAT Bernice Adams Memorial Scholarship of \$200.00 be awarded from the Trust Fund to each of the recipients:

Jordan Oliver

Olivia Silva

Marcus Turner

Zaynab Tahir

Moved by: Tracey Babineau

Seconded by: Paige Corriveau

CARRIED

Staff Liaison to issue a cheque request from the Trust Fund.

Business Arising from Minutes

All invoices have been paid

Equipment has been accounted for and returned

Ticket sales emailed (June 5th) to all trustees with 2024 numbers

How as a committee can we better account for ticket sales and tickets given

Silent auction amount \$2110.00

Survey was completed by 27 people

Some results shared from survey -

Survey on Attendance - 15 returning, 12 new, 13 tickets purchased online, 13 complimentary tickets

Why did you attend? – committee member, supporter of the arts, nominee, nominator, past recipients, friend of a nominator, volunteer photographer

Survey on Venue – rated from 1-5 (5 being best)
12 rated 5, 12 rated 4, 3 rated 3 and nothing below 3

Majority liked the venue, some disappointed with parking, room was nice, was hot, accessibility issue with small, slow elevator, table layout was not great, servers only served the ends

Survey on Food – good variety, good food, did not meet dietary requirements for one person

Survey on Master of ceremonies experience – was expecting funny, overall good, very professional

For the next event MC should be better informed in advance with some Cambridge knowledge, and have a play by play of who is doing what

MC should do the whole event except when being called (chair, entertainment etc..)

Survey on Entertainment- reception & intermission

14 rated 5, 8 rated 4, 3 rated 3, 1 rated 1

Hard to hear over all the talking as people came in, wasn't ready to play intermission when began, too loud

Entertainment, for opening and closing

16 rated 5, 9 rated 4, 1 rated 3, 1 rated 2

Majority enjoyed both entertainers, performance amazing, too long tuning music, didn't attend for the musicians

Survey on Silent Auction

7 rated 5, 14 rated 4, 6 rated 3

95 % of attendees knew there was an auction and the protocols, should have more payment options

Need to look at more options such as e-transfer, credit cards and debit for payment

2 extra people needed for the silent auction to check out and money transaction

Survey on Program elements- liked/ dislike

Liked food, not enough seats, great evening, liked having the daughter to introduce Bernice Adams award, loved the camaraderie, speeches kept to a minimum, display for silent auction was amazing, would have liked to hear more about the award recipients with a couple of highlights

New Business

Evelina looking into Roseville Estate for event 2025 - May 22nd.

Silent auctions pick up, being firm about silent auction and swag bag pick up after last song

Add the next year's date to the current event on brochures etc.

Closing remarks and thank you before the last entertainment

Should there be background music when people were walking to get an award?

Speeches for each nominee (specific time allowed)

Take a committee group photo

Have the MC to direct when award winner has been announced to go with other nominees to the backdrop for a photo

Presenters need to know the order of events in advance

Food was not ready to go early, late being served

Connect with Beavertails, how to better utilize their services for more exposure etc.

Committee member access to Facebook page for posting

The budget at this time should be rectified

Past reach to past recipients

Plan to have installation/table or booth promoting Bernice Adams at other city events, decide which event

Review complimentary tickets, what happens when they are not going to be used

Need for new branding banners

City Updates

Concerts in the Parks every Sunday at 7 p.m.

Whimsical Wednesday every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Cambridge Studio Tour Saturday September 21 & Sunday September 22

Other Business

No other business

Next meeting:

Wednesday September 18, 2024

REMINDER - No meeting in July or August

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Tracey Babineau

Seconded by: Bill Ashwell

THAT the Cultural Awards Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 8:15pm

CARRIED

Chairperson-Evelina Turney



Recording Secretary-Zita Tavares



September 20, 2024

BY E-MAIL

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

Ontario Deposit Return Program

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

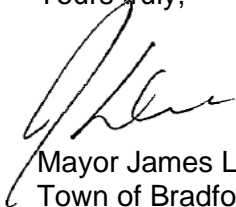
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,



Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

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October 4, 2024

RE: Motion from Mayor Lucas Cleveland regarding Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has announced the creation of highly secure facilities to provide involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues under the Mental Health Act, including dedicated mental health units in correctional centres and regional secure care facilities; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg, along with municipalities across Ontario, are facing growing challenges in addressing the complex needs of individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues, which place a significant strain on local emergency services, healthcare systems, community resources, and public safety; and

WHEREAS individuals experiencing severe mental health and addictions issues often cannot voluntarily seek the care they need, and involuntary care, provided with compassion and appropriate safeguards, can ensure they receive the necessary treatment to help stabilize their condition and improve community safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobourg supports the BC government's approach to providing secure, involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions challenges, as a compassionate and necessary intervention for those unable to seek help on their own; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobourg urges the Province of Ontario to implement similar measures to ensure that individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues in Ontario have access to secure, involuntary care when necessary; and



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Premier, Honourable David Piccini, MPP, all other Members of Provincial Parliament and all Ontario municipalities to seek their endorsement and support.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
Honourable, David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills
Development and Northumberland – Peterborough South MPP;,
All other Members of Provincial Parliament; and
All Ontario Municipalities



The TOWNSHIP of
NORTH DUMFRIES

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Ayr, Ontario, N0B 1E0

October 9, 2024

The Honourable Geoffrey B. Morawetz
Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice

SCJ.clerkship@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Geoffrey Morawetz,

Re: Support – City of Brantford Resolution

At its meeting October 7th, 2024, Council for the Township of North Dumfries received correspondence from the City of Brantford regarding the trial of the 1995 lawsuit between Six Nations of the Grand River Band of Indians and the Attorney General of Canada. After consideration, Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT the City of Brantford Resolution, dated September 24, 2024 regarding Request to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court Campaign be endorsed

AND THAT the City of Brantford, the Region of Waterloo and the Area Municipalities of Waterloo Region, Cambridge MP Bryan May and Cambridge MPP Brian Riddell be advised of Township Council's decision on this matter

Attached for background, please find a copy of the subject City of Brantford resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Kyle Kruger
Acting Clerk

copy: Bryan May, M.P.
Brian Riddell, M.P.P
City of Brantford
Region of Waterloo
Area Municipalities of Waterloo Region



September 27, 2024

Honourable Geoffrey Morawetz
Chief Justice of Ontario

Sent via email: SCJ.clerkship@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Geoffrey Morawetz:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held September 24, 2024 adopted the following:

12.1.5 Request to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court

WHEREAS the trial of the 1995 lawsuit between Six Nations of the Grand River Band of Indians and the Attorney General of Canada, His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, Court File No. CV-18-594281-0000 offers an opportunity to resolve centuries old grievances and injustices; and

WHEREAS the resolution of these claims is critical to resolving the tensions that exist throughout the watershed between Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation and area municipalities; and

WHEREAS the lawsuit has taken three decades to get to trial as a result of innumerable and unconscionable delaying tactics of the Crown as represented by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS resolution of the lawsuit would support and strengthen the provincial land title system in the Grand River watershed.

NOW THEREFORE The Council for the Corporation of the City of Brantford hereby resolves;

- A. THAT with respect council requests that the Honourable Geoffrey Morawetz, Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice, Ontario, assign a judge as soon as possible to hear the trial of Toronto Court File No. CV-18-594281-0000 and that the Court proceed as expeditiously as possible to conclude the trial of that matter; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Geoffrey Morawetz, Chief Justice of Ontario, the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs of Ontario, The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Canada and to the

Clerks of all municipalities in the Grand River Watershed, asking that their Councils pass this resolution posthaste.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

- cc Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
- Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs of Ontario
- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister
- Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
- Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Canada
- Clerks of all municipalities in the Grand River Watershed



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October 10, 2024

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RE: City of Quinte West Council resolution regarding The Canada Community-Building Fund

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on September 3, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-271:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda item 6.27 list on the September 3, 2024 agenda meeting be received for information; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council supports the resolution from the City of Quinte West, that Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly and that MPP Michael Chong be copied on the correspondence.



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

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Virginia LaTour, Deputy City Clerk

August 15, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Via Email - justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

RE: Notice of Motion – Councillor Stedall – The Canada Community-Building Fund

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on August 14, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-366 – Notice of Motion - Councillor Stedall - The Canada Community-Building Fund
Moved by Councillor Stedall
Seconded by Councillor McCue

Whereas the City of Quinte West is entering into an agreement to receive Canada Community-Building Funds, which is administered by the Association of Ontario Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of the Federal government;

And whereas the funding allocations are less that 2% year over year for the next 5 years;

And whereas the amounts allocated in the past 5 years were less than 2% year over year;

And whereas non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure projects without a corresponding growth in revenue;

And whereas there is a requirement for municipalities to complete an asset management plan and a housing needs analysis;

And whereas both of these plans show the large funding gap between infrastructure and housing needs and funds available from property taxation;

And whereas The City of Quinte West has over \$1.5 billion in core infrastructure assets and, like other municipalities, its infrastructure is aging and in need of upgrades and replacement;

And whereas The City's Asset Management Plan requires \$37 million annually to maintain existing assets which, based on current available funding, is resulting in an annual infrastructure deficit of over \$17.1 million;

And whereas municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end;

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CBBF agreement for 2024 - 2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to MFOA, AMO, MP Ryan Williams, and Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, and all Municipalities in Ontario.
Carried

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

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST



Virginia LaTour,
Deputy City Clerk

cc: Donna Herridge, Executive Director, MFOA
Colin Best, President, AMO
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
All Municipalities of Ontario

October 11, 2024

Minister of Transportation
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
Email: minister.mto@ontario.ca

MPP Oxford
Ernie Hardeman
Email: Ernie.Hardeman@pc.ola.org

SCOR EDC
Email: do@scorregion.com

Re: Continued Funding Support - Southwest Community Transit

Please be advised that the Town of Tillsonburg Council, at its meeting held on October 7, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution # 2024-474

Moved By: Councillor Luciani

Seconded By: Councillor Spencer

Whereas the County of Brant, Middlesex County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Norfolk County, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Grey County, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, and Wellington County have successfully utilized government funding to create and sustain local community transit through Southwest Community Transit; and

Whereas 85,000 riders have utilized the Southwest Community Transit services in the first half of 2024 alone, demonstrating significant community reliance on these services; and

Whereas the economic impact of this transit system is estimated to be \$748,800,000 annually, largely due to its role in providing transportation to employment opportunities; and

Whereas the current funding for this critical small urban and rural



inter-community transit service is set to expire in March 2025, putting the sustainability of the service at risk:

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Tillsonburg council urges the provincial government to continue funding Southwest Community Transit beyond March 2025 to ensure the ongoing viability of this essential service for small urban and rural Ontario

Be it further resolved that this resolution be circulated to the County of Brant, Elgin County, Middlesex County, Norfolk County, Oxford County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, Wellington County, Bruce County, Municipality of Bayham, Municipality of Thames Centre and other relevant stakeholders for their support and advocacy.

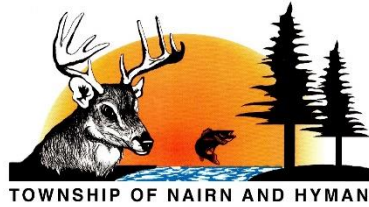
Carried

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

Sincerely,

Laura Pickersgill
Executive Assistant
Town of Tillsonburg

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



October 11, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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

RE: Opposition to the Transportation and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) and Mine Tailings from the Former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site

On behalf of the Councils of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin, we are formally submitting the attached joint resolution regarding our serious concerns over the proposed transportation and deposition of radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA).

Our Councils recently convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on October 2, 2024, to discuss this matter in response to information presented at a Town Hall Meeting on September 11, 2024, by the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. During our deliberations, it became evident that the materials slated for transport are not correctly categorized as NORM, but rather as mine tailings containing not only radioactive substances like niobium and uranium but also other hazardous heavy metals.

We are gravely concerned about the potential environmental and health impacts this project may have, particularly on Agnew Lake—a critical drinking water source for our communities. Our position is that ALTMA should be remediated using clean materials to mitigate existing contamination rather than accepting additional hazardous materials that could exacerbate environmental harm.

This joint resolution calls upon your government and relevant ministries to halt any further actions related to the transportation of this hazardous product to the ALTMA site. The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2024-EM2-12

DATED: October 2, 2024

MOVED BY: Vern Gorham

SECONDED BY: Jason Cote

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 to discuss the proposed plan to transport and deposit radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA); and

WHEREAS the Councils reviewed information received from the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission regarding this proposed plan at the Town Hall Meeting dated September 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Councils strongly agree that the materials that are planned to be deposited are not correctly defined as naturally occurring radioactive materials but rather mine tailings that contain not only the radioactive substance Niobium and uranium but also contain heavy metals that pose significant environmental and health risks; and

WHEREAS there are significant concerns regarding the potential contamination of drinking water sources, particularly Agnew Lake, which many residents rely on for safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS the Councils agree that the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) needs to be remediated using clean materials to mitigate the existing environmental impacts, rather than being used for the deposition of additional hazardous materials; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin formally oppose the transportation and deposition of these materials from the former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site, Nipissing First Nations lands and adjacent lands operated by the Ministry of Transportation to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demand that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission provide answers to our questions and that the municipalities receive notification of all forward movements of this project; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtaï and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members; Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members; the United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising; Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter and urge the Province of Ontario to prioritize the protection of our community's health, safety, and environmental integrity.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Yours truly,



Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk Treasurer
Township of Nairn and Hyman

Cc:

Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines
Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Chief Toulouse and the Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members
Chief Nootchtaï and the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members

Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members
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The United Chiefs and Council of Mnjoo Mnising
Ontario Ombudsman
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Canadian Environmental Law Association
MP Carol Hughes
MPP Michael Mantha
Association of Ontario Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities

Honourable Premier Doug Ford
Doug.Fordco@pc.ola.org

Sent via electronic mail

October 4, 2024

Dear Honourable Premier Doug Ford

At its Regular meeting on October 2, 2024, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C506-2024 endorsing the AMO and OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign.

Resolution C506-2024

Moved by: Garwood
Seconded by: Fisher

Whereas the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.5 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being derostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

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

Whereas 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% in 2008 to 65% 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; and,

Whereas these cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level; and,

Whereas 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 residents and communities.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Springwater and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Doug Downey, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

I can be reached via email at jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca or by phone at 705-728-4784, Ext. 2020.

Regards,



Jennifer Coughlin
Mayor, Township of Springwater

cc: Hon. Minister of Health Sylvia Jones
Hon. MPP Doug Shipley
Ontario Medical Association
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



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October 10, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
823 Albion Road
Etobicoke, ON
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VIA EMAIL:
premier@ontario.ca

RE: AMO OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign for the Province to recognize the physician shortage in Ontario

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on September 3, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-268:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.9 list on the September 3, 2024 agenda meeting be received for information; and

Whereas Puslinch Council supports the correspondence provided by AMO and OMA, that staff be directed to prepare correspondence accordingly.

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

Justine Brotherston

From: Kimberly Moran and Colin Best <amopresident@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2024 12:00 PM
To: Justine Brotherston
Subject: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign



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E: info@oma.org
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.

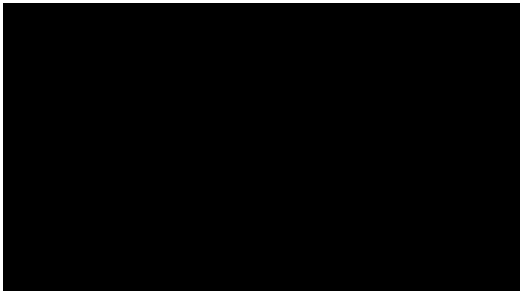
We have jointly developed the attached draft council resolution (Appendix A - Also in [PDF](#) and [Word](#) Versions), urging the provincial government to recognize the physician shortage in your municipality and the rest of Ontario. By adopting this resolution, your municipality can play a crucial 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.

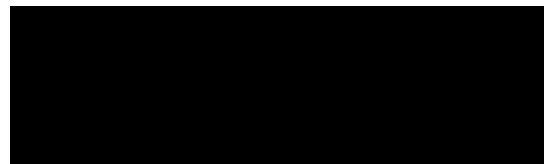
To set up a meeting with the OMA, please reach out to Tarun.Saroya@OMA.org (Senior Advisor for Government Relations and Advocacy) to book a 15-30 minute time slot at your earliest convenience.

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 Association



Colin Best
AMO President

Appendix A:

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)

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

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

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

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

- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of (the 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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The TOWNSHIP of
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October 9, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Solve the Crisis Campaign

At its meeting October 7th, 2024, Council for the Township of North Dumfries received correspondence from the Region of Waterloo in support of Ontario's Big City Mayors 'Solve the Crisis' campaign. After consideration, Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT the Township of North Dumfries support the Resolution of the Region of Waterloo, dated September 25th, 2024 as it pertains to Solve the Crisis Campaign;
AND THAT the Region of Waterloo, the City of Waterloo and the Area Municipalities of Waterloo Region, Cambridge MP Bryan May and Cambridge MPP Brian Riddell be advised of Township Council's decision on this matter.

Attached for background, please find a copy of the subject Region of Waterloo Resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Kyle Kruger
Acting Clerk

copy: Bryan May, M.P.
Brian Riddell, M.P.P
City of Waterloo
Region of Waterloo
Area Municipalities of Waterloo Region



September 26, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Solve the Crisis

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on September 25, 2024, approved the following motion:

Whereas there is a humanitarian crisis in cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. We need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province; and

Whereas the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023 as well as with an estimated 234,000 Ontarians experiencing homelessness and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023; and

Whereas the province has provided additional funding for mental health, addictions and homelessness programs, including the recently announced Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and

Whereas municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and

Whereas this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and



Whereas there is no provincial Minister focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Region of Waterloo supports the Solve the Crisis Campaign;

And calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially;

AND that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;

AND appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;

AND request that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*;

AND that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis.

AND provides the adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;

And that this Council calls on the residents across the Region of Waterloo to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting SolveTheCrisis.ca and showing your support;

And further that a copy of this motion be sent to:



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO

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- **The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada**
- **The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**
- **The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health**
- **The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**
- **The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions**
- **Local and area MPs, MPPs and Heads of Council**
- **The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions please contact Regional Councillor Dorothy McCabe Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca

Please forward any written responses to this letter to William Short, Director, Council & Administrative Services/Regional Clerk
regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca

Yours sincerely,

William Short, Director Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk

cc: Region of Waterloo Councillor Dorothy McCabe Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca



Justin Trudeau
justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca
(sent via e-mail)

October 10th, 2024

Re: Solve the Humanitarian Crisis

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its Regular Council meeting on October 9th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Waterloo regarding solving the humanitarian crisis.

Motion #14

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support correspondence item 'g' from the Municipality of Waterloo regarding Solve the Humanitarian Crisis.

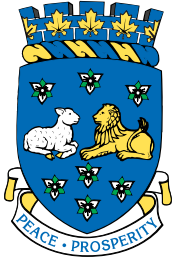
Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure & Communities of Canada
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Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton MPP bob.baileyco@pc.ola.org
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September 26, 2024

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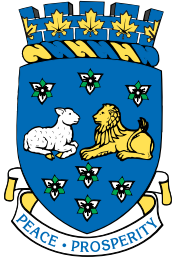
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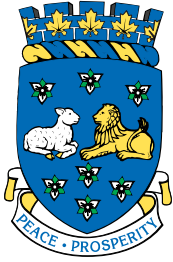
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Yours sincerely,

William Short, Director Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk

cc: Region of Waterloo Councillor Dorothy McCabe Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca



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October 8, 2024

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Paul Calandra

Sent by Email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

RE: Support Resolution – Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Please be advised at its meeting held on October 7, 2024, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution supporting AMCTO's advocacy for updates to the Municipal Elections Act:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Whereas, election rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore, Be It Resolved That Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

And Be It Further Resolved that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca) the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Simcoe-Grey MPP (brian.saunderson@pc.ola.org) and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com). Motion Carried.

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

Sincerely,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Minister of Education
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery
Minister of Finance
Premier of Ontario
Simcoe Grey MPP
AMCTO Advocacy



October 8, 2024

Resolution No. 310/2024

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

MOVED BY *Alain Gu*

SECONDED BY *Francine Plante*

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

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

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

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

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

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

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca) the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca) the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca) , Sylvia Jones MPP (sylvia.jones@ontario.ca) and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com)

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	_____	_____

October 10, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, October 7, 2024, adopted Resolution No. 2024-0168 regarding Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2024-0168.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Minister of Education
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery
Minister of Finance
Halton MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
All Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2024-0168

Title: Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Date: October 7, 2024

Moved by: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded by: Mayor A. Lawlor

Item No. 12.1

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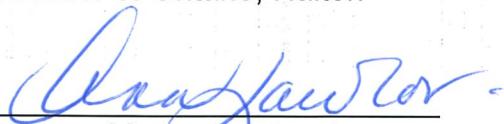
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AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills 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 this resolution 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 Business Service Delivery, Ministry of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, Halton MPPs, AMO and AMCTO.



Mayor Ann Lawlor

October 15, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

At its meeting of October 9, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-184, regarding the AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act, as follows:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge 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.”

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori McDonald". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



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sent via email

Minister Paul Calandra
Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Dear Minister Calandra:

I am writing to you as the Town Clerk at the Town of Smiths Falls and as the municipal officer responsible for the administration of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* in support of [AMCTO's recommendations](#) calling for the comprehensive changes to *MEA*.

AMCTO members, as municipal leaders, support the interests and well-being of 235,000 municipal employees across all municipalities in this Province.

Local election administrators care about running fair and accessible elections. We care about ensuring that candidates, voters, and third-party advertisers understand their responsibilities. We care that those that may knowingly break the rules are held to account. We care that the *MEA* and the accompanying *Education Act* and *Assessment Act* are complicated pieces of legislation on their own, and more so read together.

That is why AMCTO reviews the *Act* after every local election and why the Province should be making the necessary changes to make election administration easier and the *Act* clearer to follow for candidates and voters within the timelines AMCTO has set out.

Never has there been a more important moment to ensure the *Act* is working well, closes gaps and provides the right enforcement tools and mechanisms to safeguard our local electoral processes from threats of foreign interference, misinformation and bad actors. Local clerks need support and guidance on how to manage these threats and deal with potential events especially considering the federal government's recent legislation on foreign interference (Bill C-70).

AMCTO convened a group of municipal staff with experience and expertise in administering local elections to present you with several recommendations for making improvements to *MEA* and calling for an overhaul of the *Act* in the long-term.



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I support AMCTO's recommendations and call on you to update the *MEA* with priority and secondary recommendations by mid 2025 ahead of the 2026 election so that I can make the necessary adjustments for planning and implementation well ahead of statutory timelines imposed upon me to administer an election.

There is a provincial interest in ensuring the health of local democracy and the time to act is now – proactively instead of reactively. Election administrators face several uncertainties as we look ahead to 2026. We observe that in other jurisdictions with elections there is an increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) and other technology to spread misinformation. There are increased levels of electoral interference. Even in Canada, we are seeing reports of more candidates and elected officials stepping back from public life because of concerns for their safety and reputations.

There also is a provincial interest for reducing administrative and operational burdens to help free up staff time to focus on other critical statutory and operational tasks such as those related to planning and development processes, municipal governance, as well as service innovation, in support of provincial priorities.

I look forward to seeing legislation introduced to update the *MEA* in the coming months to address current challenges, streamline processes, and make legislation easier to understand and administer.

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

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

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Attachment: Resolution



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Resolution passed October 7, 2024: Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

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