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Date: 02/21/2025 **Internal Memo #: 25-002(CRE)**

To: Council

Circulated to: Corporate Leadership Team

Department: Corporate Enterprise

Division: Corporate Strategy

From: Jenna Brown-Jowett, Director of Corporate Strategy

Subject: 2024 Year-End Government Relations Consultation Tracking & Grant Funding Report

Comments

Government Relations and Consultation Activity in 2024

Providing feedback to other levels of government is an important activity for the City to ensure that the impact of proposed legislative changes on the Cambridge community are considered. The government relations consultation review process was developed in order to provide a centralized way to coordinate and track opportunities for the City to provide input into Federal and Provincial legislative, regulatory, and programming considerations. This process is governed by the Government Relations Consultation Tracking Policy (Policy Number A09 ADM 008).

From January 1 to December 31, 2024, a total of six (6) government relations activities took place (Appendix A). The City provided comments for all six (6) opportunities. The total number of consultations was the same as 2023 when six (6) activities were also completed during the year. The number of government relations consultations undertaken each year is contingent upon the requests brought forward by other levels of Government, agencies, associations etc.

External Grant Application Tracking and Results in 2024

The City is pleased to share that it had twelve (12) successful grant applications in 2024 totaling \$20,638,448.39. Since September of 2021, the City has secured nearly \$37,000,000.00 in grant funding. These totals represent funds which would otherwise be drawn from the tax base or City reserve funds. Staff will continue their commitment to the public value of sustainability going forward, consistently finding ways to lessen the financial burden on the taxpayer while also maintaining or enhancing City service levels. With these successful funding contributions, the City is also able to further its strategic actions related to increasing housing options, providing age friendly services that are accessible to all, enhancing equity and inclusion efforts and taking action to combat climate change, among many others.

Highlights:

- From January 1 to December 31, 2024, there were forty-six (46) grant funding opportunities reviewed and tracked. This represents an increase of 35% compared to the number of grant funding opportunities reviewed and tracked in 2023 (when there were thirty-four (34) grant funding opportunities tracked).
- Twelve (12) were successful, including:
 1. 2024 Summer Employment Opportunities
 2. Building Faster Fund (BFF)
 3. Fire Protection Grant
 4. Rail Safety Improvement Program
 5. Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)
 6. 2024 Fire Prevention and Public Education Grant
 7. Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF)
 8. Inclusive Communities Grant
 9. My Main Street – Community Activator
 10. Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW) Expansion Project
 11. New Horizons for Seniors Program (2023) Community-Based Projects
 12. Older Adult Centres Associations of Ontario (OACAO) In-Person Seniors Active Living Fair Funding
- Four (4) were unsuccessful
- Four (4) have been submitted and are pending results
- Three (3) are being reviewed by staff to determine eligibility
- Twenty-three (23) were reviewed by staff and determined the City was either not eligible or did not have a suitable project that either met the funding requirements and/or could be completed within the grant timeframe.

There are many factors that affect external funding decisions, including the number of applications received relative to the amount of funding available. Cambridge has been very successful at obtaining grant funding previously.

Summary

Corporate Strategy will continue to investigate opportunities to enhance the methods we use to both proactively identify funding/ grant opportunities and increase our success rates with applications. The team will also continue to monitor and track both advocacy and grant opportunities and will provide information on future activity in the form of a biannual Council Information Package (CIP) in six months' time.

Attachments

Appendix A - Summary of GR activities

Appendix B - Summary of Grant Applications

Approvals:

Manager/Supervisor

Deputy City Manager

City Manager

Appendix A: Government Consultation Tracking Summary

Status	Consultation/Proposed Legislative Change	Ministry, Department or Agency	Consultation Deadline (MM/DD/YYYY)	Type
Submitted	Evaluating Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Requirements for Infrastructure Projects	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	03/17/2024	Provided Comments
Submitted	Get It Done Act, 2024 – Amending the Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	03/28/2024	Provided Comments
Submitted	Engagement on Proposed Modernization of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act	Treasury Board Secretariat	8/26/2024	Provided Comments
Submitted	Improving accessible built environment standards	The Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility	8/29/2024	Provided Comments
Submitted	Enabling the Use of Pay-on-Demand Surety Bonds to Secure Land-Use Planning Obligations under Section 70.3.1 of the Planning Act	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	10/16/2024	Provided comments in support of MFOA briefing
Submitted	Enabling greater beneficial reuse of excess soil	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	11/21/2024	Provided Comments

Appendix B: Grant Application Tracking Summary

Grant Status: Successful

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount Received
2024 Summer Employment Opportunities Funded by: Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	The following positions were funded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Licensing Student – Clerks • Bylaw Student - Clerks 	The summer employment positions focused on activities supporting key sectors within the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	\$4,629
Building Faster Fund (BFF) Funded by: Ministry of Infrastructure	Various road infrastructure projects	A three-year, \$1.2 billion program that provides significant new funding based on performance against provincial housing targets.	\$4,437,425
Fire Protection Grant Funded by: Solicitor General's Office of Ontario	Cambridge Fire is looking to purchase a self-contained breathing apparatus (S.C.B.A) washer to mitigate cancer causing particulate.	A grant for municipal fire departments for cancer prevention initiatives, covering equipment, PPE, and minor infrastructure.	\$59,948.78
Rail Safety Improvement Program Funded by: Transport Canada	Funding to support the delivery of the Blenheim Road Construction project.	Provides funding for projects that improve infrastructure or propose research or new technologies to increase safety at grade crossings and along rail lines or that address or prevent the impact of climate change and extreme weather along rail lines.	\$ 584,976

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount Received
<p>Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)</p> <p>Funded by: Ministry of Infrastructure</p>	<p>The 9 HAF projects include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing Strategy 2. Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan 3. Strategic Growth Area Secondary Plan 4. Additional Residential Unit (ARU) Assistance Program 5. Municipal Land for Affordable Housing 6. Digital Twin Accelerated Approvals 7. Development Guide & Portals 8. Form Based Zoning By-Law 9. Delegation of Authority Enhancements 	<p>The Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) provides incentive funding to local governments encouraging initiatives aimed at increasing housing supply. It also supports the development of complete, low-carbon and climate-resilient communities that are affordable, inclusive, equitable and diverse.</p>	<p>\$13,300,000</p>
<p>2024 Fire Prevention and Public Education Grant</p> <p>Funded by: Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association</p>	<p>The project aims to fund a trailer for storing and transporting fire safety equipment, enhancing community outreach and education.</p>	<p>A grant for municipal fire departments to create new programs related to a fire prevention public education initiative or program.</p>	<p>\$1,000</p>

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount Received
<p>Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF)</p> <p>Funded by: Ministry of Infrastructure</p>	<p>Development and densification on Queen St. West. This project includes a watermain upgrade and the renewal of storm and sanitary infrastructure to prepare for increased density and development.</p>	<p>Funding for the repair, rehabilitation, and expansion of core water infrastructure to protect communities and enable new housing development.</p>	<p>\$2,066,813</p>
<p>Inclusive Communities Grant</p> <p>Funded by: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility</p>	<p>Ed Newland Outdoor Pool - Site Work & Site Accessibility Upgrades.</p>	<p>The program provides funding for projects that increase accessible outdoor spaces, buildings, housing, and transportation for Ontarians of all ages and abilities.</p>	<p>\$60,000</p>
<p>My Main Street - Community Activator</p> <p>Funded by: Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario</p>	<p>Light lit up sea saws with water & light feature placed in Civic Square for one month. Programming accompanied once a week for the duration of the display.</p>	<p>Placemaking projects that will help strengthen the connection between people and places in areas of community and commercial importance or untapped potential.</p>	<p>\$92,156</p>
<p>Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW) Expansion Project</p> <p>Funded by: The Good Companions</p>	<p>Funding to support the Friendly Visiting Program at the City of Cambridge.</p>	<p>The goals of the project are to strengthen and grow SCWW programs in Ontario and Atlantic Canada, and to reduce loneliness and increase connectedness for isolated seniors.</p>	<p>\$4,000</p>

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount Received
<p>New Horizons for Seniors Program (2023) Community-Based Projects</p> <p>Funded by: Employment and Social Development Canada</p>	<p>Develop a print and digital directory to provide comprehensive resources for older adults in Cambridge. The project aims to enhance communication and accessibility of information for older residents.</p>	<p>Supports community-based projects that are designed by seniors for seniors. This program funds projects that empower seniors in their communities and contribute to improving their health and well-being.</p>	\$25,000
<p>Older Adult Centres Associations of Ontario (OACAO) In-Person Seniors Active Living Fair Funding</p> <p>Funded by: Older Adult Centres Association of Ontario (OACAO)</p>	<p>In-person and/or Virtual Fair that provides a public education forum to reintroduce and reconnect seniors to their Senior Active Living Centre, restoring them as vibrant community hubs.</p>	<p>Fund supports the delivery of a Trade Show that has a variety of topics for participants to engage in. Themes of the presenters can highlight stress, sleep and serenity.</p>	\$2,500

Grant Status: Unsuccessful

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
<p>Green and Inclusive Community Buildings – 1st Intake</p> <p>Funded by: Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada</p>	N/A	<p>Retrofitting, repairing, upgrading, and construction of publicly accessible community buildings in underserved and high-needs areas across Canada.</p>	N/A

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
<p>Seniors Community Grant Program (2024-2025)</p> <p>Funded by: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility</p>	N/A	<p>This funding allows community groups across the province to offer a wide variety of activities that help seniors to live independently, ensure their safety and security, connect them to their community, avoid isolation and help them achieve greater financial security and social connections.</p>	N/A
<p>Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Program</p> <p>Funded by: Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)</p>	N/A	<p>IRCC funds the delivery of settlement programming across the country and outside Canada and provides support for initiatives that contribute to the capacity enhancement of recipient organizations.</p>	N/A
<p>Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Foundation Community Infrastructure Fund</p> <p>Funded by: RBC Bank</p>	N/A	<p>To fund retrofits, repairs and upgrades of existing community spaces, as well as the construction of new spaces, with the goal of increasing sustainability and accessibility of buildings in our communities.</p>	N/A

Grant Status: Submitted (Pending Results)

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested
Field of Dreams - Jays Care	Provides funding to design, refurbish and build local baseball diamonds to be safe and inclusive spaces where communities can connect, and kids can grow.	The KIN-1 Baseball Diamond and Duke's Dugout Patio project is a comprehensive revitalization aimed at transforming the entire sports and spectator experience with a focus on accessibility and inclusivity.	\$150,000
Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation Funded by: Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and Ministry of Sport	Preston Memorial Auditorium Arena	This stream supports projects that extend the lifespan, maximize use, and improve the standards of existing facilities.	\$1,000,000
Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) Stream 2: New Builds/Signature New Builds Funded by: Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and Ministry of Sport	Cambridge Recreation Complex	Supports major infrastructure projects that address community needs, transform or create unique facilities, and attract investment, growth, and tourism.	\$22,136,523

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested
Housing Enabling Core Servicing (HECS) Funded by: Ministry of Infrastructure	Black Bridge Construction and Black Bridge Road Reconstruction Improvements	Funds projects to build, maintain and repair municipal roads, bridges and culverts in order to unlock new housing opportunities and ensure communities have safe and reliable roadways and transit infrastructure	\$11,561,250

Grant Status: Reviewing

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
Canada Cultural Spaces Fund Funded by: Government of Canada- Culture, history and sport	TBD	The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) aims to improve physical conditions and access to arts and heritage spaces, especially for under-represented groups.	TBD
Green Municipal Fund: Capital Project – Municipal Fleet Electrification Funded by: The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	TBD	Combined loan and grant funding for capital projects that achieve a partial or complete transition of municipal and/or transit fleet to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs), to significantly reduce corporate GHG emissions in line with Canada's 2030 and 2050 targets.	TBD

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
<p>Seniors Community Grant Program (2025-2026)</p> <p>Funded by: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility</p>	TBD	<p>This Grant Program supports local not-for-profits in delivering projects and resources that help older adults (55+) live independently, safely, and securely, stay connected, avoid isolation, and achieve financial security.</p>	TBD

Grant Status: Reviewed but did not apply (various reasons)

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
<p>Asphalt Art Initiative</p> <p>Funded by: Bloomberg Philanthropies</p>	TBD	<p>The grant funds visual art on roadways and public spaces to improve safety, revitalize underutilized areas, and promote community engagement.</p>	TBD
<p>Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF)</p> <p>Funded by: Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada</p>	N/A	<p>Accelerate the construction and upgrading of housing-enabling drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid-waste infrastructure, directly supporting the creation of new homes and increasing densification.</p>	N/A

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
<p>Community Emergency Preparedness Grant</p> <p>Funded by: Emergency Management Ontario</p>	N/A	Supports the purchase of critical supplies and equipment, and the delivery of training and services to improve local emergency response capabilities.	N/A
<p>Community War Memorial Funding</p> <p>Funded by: Veterans Affairs Canada</p>	N/A	Community War Memorial funding supports the construction, restoration or expansion of a community war memorial.	N/A
<p>Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) – Small Projects</p> <p>Funded by: Employment and Social Development Canada</p>	N/A	Funds projects to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities, helping them participate in community activities and access employment.	N/A
<p>Enabling Change Program</p> <p>Funded by: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility</p>	N/A	The program benefits from collaboration with leaders across many sectors who produce customized resources and directly communicate about accessibility and inclusion with their networks.	N/A

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
<p>2025-26 Ontario parks Investment Fund</p> <p>Funded by: Government of Ontario, Ministry of Transportation</p>	N/A	<p>This grant supports local and intercommunity transportation projects in unserved and underserved areas, especially rural regions, to build safe and reliable transit services.</p>	N/A
<p>Experience Ontario 2024</p> <p>Funded by: Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming</p>	N/A	<p>Provides support for festivals and events with a tourism economic impact to motivate visitors to discover Ontario, connect people with local experiences, and increase tourism spending.</p>	N/A
<p>Experience Ontario 2025</p> <p>Funded by: Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming</p>	N/A	<p>The Experience Ontario 2025 program provides support for festivals and events with a tourism economic impact to motivate visitors to discover Ontario, connect people with local experiences, and increase tourism spending.</p>	N/A

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
<p>Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program (FHIMP)</p> <p>Funded by: Natural Resources Canada</p>	N/A	<p>Flood maps provide reliable information on flood hazards and support decision-makers and Canadians in their efforts to adapt to a changing climate while protecting properties and lives.</p>	N/A
<p>Green and Inclusive Community Buildings – 2nd intake</p> <p>Funded by: Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada</p>	N/A	<p>Retrofitting, repairing, upgrading, and construction of publicly accessible community buildings in underserved and high-needs areas across Canada.</p>	N/A
<p>Invasive Species Action Fund (ISAF)</p> <p>Funded by: Ministry of Natural Resources</p>	N/A	<p>The Invasive Species Action Fund (ISAF) is a grant program designed to facilitate on-the-ground management and monitoring of invasive species in Ontario.</p>	N/A
<p>Low Carbon Economy Fund – Challenge</p> <p>Funded by: Environment and Climate Change Canada</p>	N/A	<p>An initiative aimed at harnessing Canadian ingenuity to combat greenhouse gas emissions and foster sustainable growth</p>	N/A

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
<p>Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants Program</p> <p>Funded by: Intact</p>	N/A	<p>Funding initiatives that implement proven climate adaptation solutions, prioritizing projects that protect communities and homeowners. Projects should target vulnerable communities, have clear success indicators, and be scalable.</p>	N/A
<p>Shade Structure Grant Program</p> <p>Funded by: Canadian Dermatology Association</p>	N/A	<p>To create safe outdoor environments that protect people from the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation.</p>	N/A
<p>Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP)</p> <p>Funded by: Natural Resources Canada</p>	N/A	<p>Aims to increase the availability of localized charging and hydrogen refueling opportunities.</p>	N/A
<p>Southwestern Ontario Development Fund – Period 16 2024</p> <p>Funded by: Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade</p>	N/A	<p>This fund supports projects to drive economic development. It aims to help companies grow, improve productivity, invest in innovation and skills, enter new markets, create jobs, and generate positive regional economic impact.</p>	N/A

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<p>Southwestern Ontario Development Fund – Period 18 2024</p> <p>Funded by: Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade</p>	N/A	<p>This fund supports projects to drive economic development. It aims to help companies grow, improve productivity, invest in innovation and skills, enter new markets, create jobs, and generate positive regional economic impact.</p>	N/A
<p>TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant</p> <p>Funded by: TD</p>	N/A	<p>The Foundation supports a wide range of environmental initiatives, with a primary focus on environmental education and green space programs.</p>	N/A
<p>The Musagetes Fund</p> <p>Funded by: Waterloo Region Community Foundation</p>	N/A	<p>Supports placemaking projects that will help strengthen the connection between people and places in areas of community and commercial importance or areas of untapped potential</p>	N/A
<p>Tourism Growth Program (TGP)- Southern Ontario</p> <p>Funded by: Government of Canada, FedDev</p>	N/A	<p>Provides funding to support communities, small- and medium-sized businesses and not-for-profit organizations in developing local tourism products and experiences.</p>	N/A

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
Trail Care Grant Funded by: Trans Canada Trail	N/A	Provides funding to build volunteerism, improve trail sections, support the transition from one season to another, and ensure that all users can safely access the benefits of outdoor recreation on the Trans Canada Trail.	N/A



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RESOLUTION # 47/2025
DATE : February ¹⁸ 2025

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 the Township of McGarry 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 FURHTER the Council of the Township of McGarry 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 Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Micheal Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Association of Ontario, Ontario Building Officials Association, Municipalities of Ontario.

Recorded vote requested by _____

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *

I declare this motion

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

Signature of Chair:

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

February 20, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Ontario Deposit Return Program

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, February 10, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0025 regarding Support for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding Ontario Deposit Return Program.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0025.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington – Halton Hills
Leaders of the Opposition Parties
All Municipalities in Ontario



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Resolution No.: 2025-0025

Title: Ontario Deposit Return Program

Date: February 10, 2025

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

Item No. 12.1

WHEREAS the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS ON September 20, 2024 the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury issued a letter endorsing the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills has always shown a leadership role in environmental matters including, passing in 2005, asking the province to create a deposit and return system for wine and liquor bottles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024, by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); MPP Ted Arnott; Leaders of the Opposition Parties; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Mayor Ann Lawlor

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.

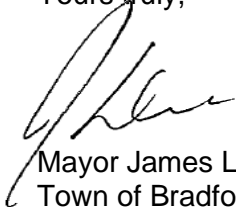
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

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



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February 4, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@aurora.ca

Town of Aurora
Mayor Tom Mrakas
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RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to **Respective** Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 3, 2025, endorsed correspondence from the Town of Aurora dated November 5, 2024, regarding Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding, with the following motion:

Resolution Number: RC-2025-04
Moved by: Councillor Greg Reimer Seconded by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva

That Council support and endorse the resolution as amended within the correspondence received regarding the request for the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure funding.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

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 **respective** municipalities; and

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

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to **respective** 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 **respective** 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 Town of Lincoln Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to **respective** municipalities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Town of Lincoln Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to **respective** 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 **respective** 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.

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

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk

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JK/dp

- c.c. Prime Minister of Canada
- Premier of Ontario
- Minister of Finance
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Niagara Area MPs and MPPs
- All Ontario municipalities
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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Mayor's Office

Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Tom Mrakas

Date: November 5, 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;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town 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 Aurora Town 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
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February 13, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

EMAIL: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister,

RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Please be advised that at its meeting of January 28, 2025, Council of the Town of Niagara on-the-Lake adopted the following resolution:

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 Niagara-on-the-Lake Town 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 Niagara-on-the-Lake Town 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

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

Sincerely,



Grant Bivol
Town Clerk

c.c. Ontario Minister of Finance Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy - Minister.fin@ontario.ca
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Paul Calandra - minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Info@fcm.ca
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All local Members of Parliament (MPs)
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
All 444 Municipalities of Ontario



Tillsonburg Town Council Decision Letter February 10, 2025 - Request for the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

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To Clerks <Clerks@tillsonburg.ca>

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Hello,

At the February 10, 2025, meeting of Tillsonburg Town Council, a resolution was passed requesting the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding. Please see below for your review:

Resolution # 2025-059

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Beres

Seconded By: Councillor Spencer

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

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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 Tillsonburg Town 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 Tillsonburg Town 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 the Prime Minister's Office, the Premier of Ontario's Office, 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.

Carried

Regards,

Amelia Jaggard

Deputy Clerk

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FORTFRANCES

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 2025

Oral Motion

“THAT Council supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.”

Moved by Wendy Brunetta, Seconded by Steven Maki, Motion Carried by Council.

WHEREAS President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions, and by more than a century and a half of multicultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect, and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Fort Frances categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Ford and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.



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SENT VIA E-MAIL

February 14, 2025

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**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF "BUY CANADIAN" POLICY
TOWNSHIP FILE: A-00 G**

Please be advised that during the regular meeting of the General Purpose and Administration Committee of February 3, 2025, the following motion was carried:

- THAT the Administration and Special Projects Committee receive Report CAO-04/25 regarding the implementation of "Buy Canadian" Policy;
- AND THAT the Policy remain in place until such time as there is clear indication from the Provincial and Federal Governments that trade relations have been normalized;
- AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario requesting they implement similar policies;
- AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to AMO and ROMA;
- AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, MP O'Connell, all Durham MPP's and appropriate Provincial Ministers;
- AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to all Township Committee Chairs for information;
- AND THAT Committee support this Policy in principle;
- AND THAT the final document be run through the CAO's office for final approval.

I trust you will find the above to be satisfactory.

Yours truly,


Emily Elliott
Deputy Clerk
/ljr

cc: Honourable Jennifer O'Connell, MP
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP (peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)
Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca)
Minister of Public and Business Service Deliver (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca)
AMO (amo@amo.on.ca)
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All Ontario Municipalities

REPORT

Office of the Mayor

TO: Finance and Emergency Services Committee

FROM: Mayor Dave Barton

DATE: February 3, 2025

REPORT: 04/25 **FILE NO.:**

SUBJECT: Implementation of “Buy Canadian” Policy

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee’s approval for the adoption of a “Buy Canadian” policy. This policy will prioritize Canadian suppliers and manufacturers for municipal procurement, encourage diversification of non-U.S. sources, and establish oversight mechanisms for any significant expenditures involving U.S. manufacturers. This initiative aligns with our commitment to supporting federal and provincial leaders, Canadian farmers, manufacturers, and the sovereignty of Canada. This policy shall work in tandem with the Township of Uxbridge’s procurement policy.

DISCUSSION:

1. Prioritization of Canadian Suppliers:

Staff will be directed to prioritize the purchase of goods and services from Canadian manufacturers and suppliers whenever possible. This policy aims to bolster the Canadian economy, support local businesses, and contribute to sustainable procurement practices.

2. Non-U.S. Alternatives:

In situations where Canadian products or services are unavailable, staff will seek suppliers from countries other than the United States. This approach will diversify our supply chain, reduce dependency on U.S. manufacturers, and promote broader international trade relationships.

3. Approval Requirements for U.S. Purchases:

To ensure transparency and fiscal responsibility, the following approval thresholds will apply to any purchases from U.S. manufacturers:

- **Expenses Over \$1,000:** Any purchase exceeding \$1,000 must be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in consultation with the mayor and council as appropriate.

4. Support for Canadian Sovereignty:

This policy demonstrates our municipality’s commitment to supporting federal and provincial leaders in their efforts to strengthen the Canadian economy. By prioritizing Canadian products, we are actively supporting:

- **Canadian farmers and agricultural producers**, ensuring the continued vitality of rural communities and food security.

- **Local and national manufacturers**, promoting job creation and innovation within Canada.

- **The sovereignty of Canada**, by reducing reliance on foreign suppliers and fostering economic independence.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

- **Good Governance:** Ensuring fiscal responsibility and transparency in procurement practices.
- **Economic Development:** Supporting local businesses, farmers, and manufacturers while contributing to Canada's economic sovereignty.
- **Sustainability:** Encouraging environmentally responsible and locally sourced procurement decisions.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report CAO-04/25 of Mayor Dave Barton be received for information;

AND THAT Committee direct staff to implement the "Buy Canadian" policy as outlined in this report;

AND THAT any purchases from U.S. manufacturers exceeding \$1,000 require CAO approval.

AND THAT a copy of Report CAO-04/25 be forwarded to the Finance and Emergency Services Committee for consideration.

AND THAT this policy will be in place until such time as there is clear indication from the Province and Feds that trade relations have been normalized.

AND THAT this policy be forward to all municipalities in Ontario and request they implement similar policies.

AND THAT this policy be forwarded to AMO and ROMA.

AND THAT this policy be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, MP O'Connell, Durham MPP's and appropriate Provincial ministers.

AND THAT we collaborate with North Durham Chamber of Commerce to implement the policy outlined above.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mayor Dave Barton



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February 18, 2025

Re: Proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian Goods

Please note at their Regular Meeting held February 18, 2025, the Township of Val Rita-Harty Council passed the following resolution: 25-008

Moved by Councillor Roger Lachance
Second by Councillor Alain Tremblay

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and.

Whereas municipalities have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.



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Therefore, be it resolved that, the Township of Val Rita-Harty supports the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

Be it further resolved that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers.
- All local MPs and MPPs
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

CARRIED

Vickie Boudreau
Clerk/Treasurer

Resolution: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs

Moved by: Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
Seconded by: Steve Ferguson, Vice-Chair, EOWC / Mayor of Prince Edward County

Whereas the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

Whereas municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments continue to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities' social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- Doug Ford, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
- Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
- Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
- Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All regional Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

Carried



Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC

February 10, 2025

February 20, 2025

Sent by email

See Distribution List on page 5

Re: Driver Training and Examinations Auditor General Report

The following recommendation of the Committee of Council Meeting of January 15, 2025 was approved by Council on January 22, 2025, pursuant to Council Resolution C027-2025:

CW009-2025**Whereas:**

- It is a relief that Premier Ford was unharmed in the accident on the 401 in Pickering involving a reckless driver (age 18) from Oshawa on January 8, 2025 (Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-premier-doug-ford-uninjured-in-highway-401-collision-says-his-office-1.7168982>)
- In addition to tragic loss of life and injury, vehicle collisions cause higher auto-insurance rates, unwanted congestion, lost productivity, and significant costs associated with emergency response (police, fire, paramedics, hospital emergency rooms and healthcare);
- According to the OPP, there were more car collision-related deaths (**568**) on Ontario highways in 2023 than in any year since 2007, making it **the deadliest year in over 15 years** and "...it's so critically important that we understand the rules of the road and we share the road safely, responsibly and understand the consequences for making a bad decision can be deadly." (Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/opp-number-fatalities-last-year-deadly-year-1.7204528>);
- That same year 26,425 were injured in vehicle collisions according to the MTO Preliminary 2023 Ontario Road Safety Annual Report (Source: <https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-07/mto-orsar-preliminary2023-en.pdf>)
- As of Thanksgiving 2024, the OPP notes that **296** drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists died in car collisions, and the vast majority of those road incidents were preventable and attributed to poor and careless actions and behaviours (Source: <https://barrie.ctvnews.ca/nearly-300-people-missing-from-thanksgiving-tables-opp-1.7070787>), one-fifth involving a transport truck (as at July 2024 Source: <https://www.baytoday.ca/local-news/one-fifth-of-fatal-collisions-in-2024-involve-transport-trucks-9177343>)

- 2024 is the most dangerous year for pedestrians and cyclists who have been particularly at risk this year, with fatalities in these two road user classes up 100 per cent and 82 per cent respectively over this time last year (Source: <https://www.mondaq.com/canada/rail-road-cycling/1565790/how-2024-has-quickly-become-the-deadliest-year-for-cyclists-and-pedestrians>);
- By far, the most common type of conviction of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) and cause for fatalities was speeding, representing 60.4% of all HTA convictions (Source: <https://www.g1.ca/driving-statistics/>);
- Peel Region had 25 fatalities due to car collisions - 13 in Brampton and 12 in Mississauga;
- The most dangerous places to drive in Ontario are Brantford (0.7/5), Kingston (0.7/5), Burlington (0.8/5) and Brampton (1.1/5), which impacts road safety and insurance affordability for everyone in these communities (Source: <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/top-10-safest-and-most-dangerous-cities-to-drive-in-ontario-in-2024-889054846.html>);
- From January to September 2024 the following traffic violation charges have been made by Peel Police:
 - 632 careless driving charges (345 in Brampton, a 25% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023)
 - 559 cellphone use while driving charges (125 in Brampton, a 29% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023)
 - 6,367 speeding charges (830 in Brampton, a 117% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023)
 - 1,992 “Fail to Stop” at a stop sign charges (874 in Brampton, a 74% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023);
- To mitigate speeding drivers, The City of Brampton has made historic investments in ASE cameras, an ASE processing centre, speed bumps, road diets, lower speed limits, police enforcement and other traffic calming measures, however like all municipalities, lacks jurisdiction over driver training and examinations, an area requiring urgent reform under the Provincial Government;
- Under the HTA, the Ministry of Transportation (Ministry) is responsible for protecting the public by restricting the privilege of driving to those who demonstrate that they have the necessary knowledge, skills and experience to drive safely;

- Ensuring that drivers receive appropriate and effective training and testing before they get a driver's licence is a crucial step in keeping Ontario's roads safe;
- The Auditor General (AG) conducted a value for money audit (AG Report) which includes 18 recommendations (***summary attached to this motion***) for the Provincial Government Ministry, published in December 2023 and concludes by highlighting:

“Our audit concluded that the Ministry of Transportation did not have effective evidence-based driver examination programs to evaluate and test novice drivers thoroughly and consistently. The Ministry did not provide effective oversight of novice driver training and driver examination service providers to ensure desired service outcomes with due regard to economy. Ministry oversight of driving schools and instructors was limited. It does not regulate driver training services outside of the optional Beginner Driver Education program, curbing its ability to identify and/or deter substandard training practices within the industry. In addition, the Ministry's monitoring programs were not designed to proactively identify drivers with repeat suspensions or high-risk medical conditions, impeding the effectiveness of these programs to maximize road safety in Ontario. (Source Page 4:

https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_drivertraining_en23.pdf);

- In March 2024, CBC Marketplace broke an investigative story “Driving schools selling shortcuts to insurance discounts and faster road tests” where schools submit false information to government saying drivers completed 40 hours of training, consistent with concerning findings in the AG Report (Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/marketplace-driving-schools-education-fee-1.7134557>); and
- The provincial government has not provided a substantial update on any action taken regarding the recommendations in the AG Report to improve driver training and examination for safer drivers and improve safety on our roads.

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. The City Brampton endorse the Auditor General Value-for-Money Audit Driver Training and Examination Report (AG Report) - its findings and 18 recommendations to ensure that we have safe and qualified drivers on our roads; and
2. The City of Brampton share this motion and endorsement with the Premier, Minister of Transportation, all local MPPs, and the leaders of the official opposition and third party; and

3. The City of Brampton request a formal update from the provincial government and meeting with the Minister of Transportation regarding any action taken to date based on the recommendations described in the AG Report, particularly those that prioritize improved driver training and examination for safer drivers on our roads; and
4. The City of Brampton forward this motion and attachment to any cities or towns listed in the AG Report and the top dangerous cities in Ontario, encouraging them to pass a similar motion; and CC them in the follow-up correspondence to the province; and
5. The City of Brampton forward this motion, attachment, and follow-up correspondence to the Region of Peel, Peel Police, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Driving Instructors Association, and Young Drivers of Canada.
6. Staff report back with data to identify road safety hotspots with the intention to use the data strategically with Peel Police to improve Brampton's status as a safe city to drive.
7. Staff report back on bylaw enforcement tactics regarding driving instructors as referenced on page 22 of the AG Report: "In some municipalities, such as Brampton, municipal bylaw officers patrolled test routes and issued fines to driving instructors who lingered around exam routes".

A summary of recommendations in the Auditor General Value-for-Money Audit Driver Training and Examination Report is attached.

By copy of this correspondence to Robert Higgs, Director, Enforcement and By-law Services, Legislative Services, and Shane Loftus, Director, Road Maintenance and Operations, Public Works and Engineering, they are requested to carry out the directions outlined in clauses 6 and 7. Item **RM 5/2025** has been added to the Referred Matters List for the report requested.

Yours truly,

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ATTACHMENT: Summary of recommendations published by the Auditor General Value – “Value-for-Money Audit: Driver Training and Examination” December 2023

NOTE: The following list of recommendations have been copied directly from the report.

Issue and Recommendations (Pg16-38)

https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_drivertraining_en23.pdf:

4.1 Driver Examinations

4.1.1 Novice Drivers from Urban Areas Who Took Road Tests at Rural or Suburban Drive Test Centres Were Involved in More Collisions

1. So that driver examinations effectively assess whether novice drivers are sufficiently prepared to drive safely on Ontario’s roads, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
 - assess the impact on road safety of novice drivers from urban areas taking their road tests at rural and suburban DriveTest Centres; and
 - based on that assessment, identify and put in place reasonable restrictions that prohibit urban novice drivers from taking their road test at a DriveTest Centre outside of where they live, work or study.

4.1.2 Ministry Reduced the Requirements for the G (Highway) Road Test Without a Full Review and Formal Evaluation of Road Safety Impacts

2. To understand the full impact of the reduced G (highway) road test and make evidence-based decisions about the reduced test, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
 - conduct a thorough policy analysis of the impact of the reduced G (highway) road test, including the impact related to drivers from countries with no reciprocal driver’s licence exchange agreement with Ontario;
 - track and compare the collision rates of drivers who pass the reduced G (highway) road test to those who passed the full G (highway) road test over a sufficient period of time to determine if it increases road safety risk; and
 - based on these analyses, determine whether it is appropriate to continue to use the reduced G (highway) road test.

4.1.3 Novice Drivers Can Repeat the Knowledge Test as Many Times as Necessary in One Sitting to Pass

3. To encourage novice drivers to study the rules of the road more effectively prior to attempting the G1 knowledge test, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation review best practices in other jurisdictions, such as Quebec and British Columbia, and determine whether it should introduce a wait period before an individual can retake the test or limit the number of tests that can be taken in a single day.

4.2 Driver Training

4.2.1 Drivers Allowed to Shorten Their G1 Supervised Driving Period Were Involved in More Collisions

4. So that novice drivers are better prepared to drive safely on Ontario’s roads, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
 - review and identify opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of the Beginner Driver Education program (program) for novice drivers, including the sufficiency of the existing minimum number of driving practice hours;
 - based on leading practices in other jurisdictions, reassess the time discount provision that allows novice drivers to shorten the supervised driving period after the completion of the program;

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- based on its review of these areas, implement necessary changes to improve the program; and subsequent to making changes to the program, determine whether all novice drivers should be required to complete the program.

4.2.2 Ministry Provided Limited Guidance Regarding Necessary Driving Practices for New Drivers Compared to Other Jurisdictions

5. So that novice drivers are well prepared to drive safely on Ontario roads, and to protect the integrity of the Ministry's driver examination process, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- review the types of driver training services available in the marketplace (including the practice of route training) and assess their impact on novice drivers and on the integrity of the driver examination process;
 - based on that assessment, propose regulatory changes to prohibit driver training services that compromise the Ministry's ability to assess the driving skills of novice drivers through the Ministry examination process; and
 - implement monitoring and enforcement tools to deter prohibited driver training services.

4.2.3 Unregulated Driver Training Services May Undermine the Integrity of Driver Examinations

4.2.4 Weak Oversight of Beginner Driver Education Driving Schools

6. To strengthen the oversight of driving schools, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- develop and implement a formal policy to require timely on-site follow-ups at driving schools where audits identified either serious or a high number of compliance violations to assess if the violations have been resolved;
 - develop and implement a strategy for routinely conducting cost-effective mystery shops on driving schools that it identifies as high-risk; and
 - regularly document and assess progress reported through follow-ups with driving schools to direct the Ministry's future oversight and enforcement actions.

4.3 Graduated Licensing System May Not Adequately Prepare Less-Experienced Drivers from Other Countries to Drive in Ontario

7. To better prepare novice drivers from other countries for driving in Ontario, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- research whether drivers from other countries have unique challenges that may contribute to their involvement in a higher proportion of collisions;
 - reassess the impact of waiving the 12-month wait period between the G1 (knowledge) and G2 (city) road test; and
 - based on the results of Ministry research and reassessment, make necessary changes to the training and examination programs.

4.4 Monitoring High-Risk Licensed Drivers

4.4.1 Ministry Rarely Requires Drivers with Repeat Driving Suspensions to Take Retraining Courses

8. To encourage road safety and provide early remedial measures for drivers with a history of repeat driving offences and suspensions, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- routinely identify drivers with a record of repeat driving offences and suspensions who Ministry data indicates are at increased likelihood to cause a collision; and
 - expand the criteria for requiring drivers to complete remediation and retraining to include these drivers.

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4.4.2 Elderly Drivers' Ability to Drive Safely Not Effectively Assessed

9. To enhance road safety for the growing number of elderly drivers, we recommend the Ministry of Transportation review and adopt best practices from other jurisdictions, such as:
- re-examining elderly drivers' driving skills; and
 - requiring regular medical assessments for all Drivers 80 and older.

4.4.3 Reporting of Drivers Who May Be Medically Unfit to Drive Could Be Improved

10. For more complete and timely identification, assessment and suspension of drivers with high medical risks, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation periodically conduct educational and outreach initiatives to increase awareness among doctors, nurses and optometrists to report patients for medical assessment.

4.4.4 Supporting Evidence for Ministry's Medical Suspension Decisions Not Always Complete

11. To help ensure that decisions to suspend driver's licences are based on all medically relevant information, and that the suspension decisions are consistent and adequately supported, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- redesign the forms doctors use to provide condition-specific medical information to the Ministry to include all necessary information, such as test or treatment results;
 - require medical assessors to consistently document their rationale for decisions related to complex driving suspensions and reinstatements; and
 - implement a quality-assurance process to routinely review the completeness and appropriateness of medical assessments.

4.5 Driver Examination Services Contract Management and Oversight

4.5.1 Ministry's Contract Administration Was Ineffective, and Failed to Improve Driver Examination Services for Ontarians

12. To better motivate the service provider to improve service rather than incur penalties, and to hold the service provider accountable for contract deliverables, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- design and implement performance measures that incorporate effective penalties for performance failures, including delays in contract deliverables;
 - collect an upfront contingency deposit for performance penalties based on historical records; and
 - design and implement incentives (in addition to penalties) to promote compliance and appropriate responses from the service provider.

13. To promote effective contract management and relations between the Ministry of Transportation and its service provider, and to avoid undermining the contractual position of the Ministry, we recommend that the Ministry ensure that communications with contractors use appropriate contract channels.

4.5.2 Ministry's Compliance Audits of Driver Examination Services Were Inconsistent and Incomplete

14. To better monitor and report on the driver examination service provider's compliance and performance, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation strengthen its audit function by implementing a program of risk-based audits to examine all key operational processes of driver examination services, including road tests.

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4.5.3 Ministry Paid Additional Funds to Maintain Service Levels That Were the Responsibility of the Service Provider

15. To provide for better accountability of funds provided to third parties for driver examination services to Ontarians, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- administer contracts such that risks and costs are allocated between the parties in accordance with contractual terms; and
- conduct thorough reviews on all relief, subsidization or reimbursement requests from service providers and render decisions that are consistent with the Ministry's contractual obligations.

4.5.4 Ministry Awarded New Contract to the Service Provider Despite Poor Performance and Issues of Concern

16. To provide for more effective oversight of driver examination service providers, and to provide Ontarians with better quality of service, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- ensure adequate lead time to comply with government policies on procurement when contracting with a service provider;
- consider past performance in negotiating future contracts;
- compare its experience relative to other Canadian provinces to identify best practices in structuring driver examination services; and
- use independent research to immediately evaluate the costs and benefits of various options for an examination service delivery partnership.

4.6 Ministry Overrode Its Own Proof of Identification Requirements When Issuing Driver's Licences

17. To better prevent fraud and identify theft, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- develop internal guidelines and formal procedures to evaluate and document the extenuating circumstances for ID escalations;
- educate Serco and ServiceOntario staff on these guidelines and procedures; and
- put in place a process to monitor that these guidelines and procedures are followed.

4.7 Ministry Did Not Incorporate Key Safety Data When Determining the Effectiveness of Its Road Safety Programs

18. To measure the effectiveness of its driver training and examination programs on a timely basis, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- expand the use of business intelligence tools to conduct additional analytics that leverage data from related information systems, linking driver information to the driver examination, collisions and driver medical databases;
- establish a comprehensive set of road safety indicators, including those related to collision rates, based on the objectives of its driver training and examination programs; and
- monitor its driver training and examination programs using these indicators, and report on the results annually.

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2025 Special Events Schedule

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2/15/2025	11am – 2pm	Mayor's Winter Levee	800-1000	Bowman Room, Civic Square – City Hall	Public, Free	City of Cambridge