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Date: 03/07/2025 **Internal Memo #: IM25-006(CD)**

To: Mayor and Council

Circulated to: Melissa Aldunate, Manager of Policy Planning; Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner; and Hardy Bromberg, Deputy City Manager

Department: Community Development

Division: Planning

From: Jeremy Parsons, MA, CAHP, Senior Planner – Heritage

Subject: Update on Heritage Register Review Project – City Response to Bill 23 and Bill 200

Comments

This memorandum is being shared with Council to provide an update on the Heritage Register Review Project and outline next steps.

Policy Background

The Province of Ontario has made significant changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* through Bill 23 (Schedule 6), the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022, which was proclaimed on January 1, 2023. The changes to Section 27 concerning listed, non-designated properties on the City's Heritage Register (the "Register") include:

- The requirement that the Clerk of each municipality ensure that the Register be made accessible to the public on the City's website;
- The requirement that properties added to the Register after January 1, 2023 must meet at least one (1) of nine (9) prescribed criteria under *Ontario Regulation 9/06* (as amended by *Ontario Regulation 569/22*) to be listed;
- The provision of an objection process for property owners of newly listed or previously listed properties on the Register;
- The requirement to remove listed properties that were added to the Register on or after January 1, 2023, on or before two years from the date of inclusion in the Register, unless they are designated;
- The requirement to remove listed properties that were added to the Register as of December 31, 2022 by January 1, 2027, unless they are designated;

- Changes to the requirement to consult with the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) before removing a listed property from the Register to specifically not require consultation where the *Ontario Heritage Act* requires the property's removal; and,
- The prohibition from re-listing properties on the Register, that were previously removed after January 1, 2023, for a period of five (5) years starting January 1, 2027.

Subsequent to Bill 23, Bill 200, the *Homeowner Protection Act, 2024* was proclaimed and given Royal Assent on June 6, 2024. Bill 200 extended the previously established deadline for de-listing (January 1, 2025) to January 1, 2027, or such a date as may be prescribed.

Project Background and Updates

WSP Canada Inc. is under contract for the review of the City's listed, non-designated properties on the Register. The objective of the Heritage Register Review process is to survey and assess at a high-level, all listed properties on the City's Heritage Register (with the exception of those properties within the proposed boundaries of Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Studies), to identify significant heritage properties that are candidates for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and to identify properties for removal and temporary retention. The review process will help to prioritize efforts to complete designations prior to January 1, 2027, in light of the two-year timeline for removing listed properties from the Heritage Register instituted through Bill 23 and Bill 200. As part of this review process, WSP prepared a Property Review Form for the City of Cambridge. Preliminary Heritage Evaluations will be conducted for prioritised listed properties that demonstrate significant cultural heritage value, and the properties will be evaluated against the criteria of *Ontario Regulation 9/06* (as amended by *Ontario Regulation 569/22*) of the OHA. The resulting evaluations will provide the City with the analysis required to pursue individual designations expeditiously on a categorized set of clear candidates for designation.

On January 16, 2025, the consultant team provided a presentation to MHAC to provide updates on the progress of the project to date. In January 2025, a scope change was initiated to expand the scope of the Register review from 478 listed properties to 608 listed properties, encompassing the majority of listed properties on the Register. The current Register includes approximately 660 listed properties. The review does not include properties located within existing HCD studies that are ongoing, in order to avoid the duplication of heritage evaluations.

Project Scope

The Heritage Register Review Project involves the review of 608 listed, non-designated properties on the Register. The consultant team is carrying out desktop reviews, historical research, architectural analysis, and evaluations under *Ontario Regulation 9/06* for each

property. Work will also involve site visits, photographs from the public right-of-way, and finally classifications and recommendations. Property classifications include:

1. Significant Built Heritage Resources (SBR);
2. Character Supporting Resources (CSR); and,
3. Not a Heritage Resource (NHR)

Properties classified as SBRs are considered to contain a high level of cultural heritage value or interest and are candidates for designation to be added to the designation work plan. Properties classified as CSRs are considered to contain some level of cultural heritage value or interest and may be retained on the Register for interim protection until January 1, 2027. Properties classified as NHRs contain minimal or no cultural heritage value or interest and are recommended to be removed from the Register.

The consultant team has provided a projection that, based on reviews to date, between 150-200 listed properties will be classified as SBRs and recommended to be added to the designation work plan. The review will also provide recommendations on potential areas for consideration for heritage conservation district studies. These areas include concentrations of listed properties and a significant aggregation of heritage building stock. All review forms are expected to be submitted to Heritage Planning staff by June 15, 2025.

Next Steps

Next steps will involve rolling submissions of review forms to Heritage Planning staff, who will review and provide comments to the consultant team. Once all review forms have been completed and reviewed, the full list of survey forms and recommendations will be brought before MHAC for review in early Spring 2025. Any comments provided by MHAC will be reflected in the final version of recommendations that will be presented to Council through a staff report in Summer 2025. The final completion date for the project, per the updated scope change, is August 31, 2025.

Future Work

Throughout the Heritage Register Review Project, Heritage Planning staff continue to provide recommendations to MHAC and Council to designate properties under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. HCD projects for Hespeler and Galt are also ongoing to designate significant portions of the city under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Along with continuing to designate properties on an ongoing basis, Heritage Planning staff will prioritize the list of candidates for designation, based on the work provided by the consultant team and in consultation with MHAC. The data and analysis provided throughout the Heritage Register Review Project will enable the City to designate a larger number of high-value properties in an efficient and prioritized manner. The designation work plan has been funded

in Council's most recent Capital Budget. Further information about the work plan and associated resources will be communicated following completion of the register review.

Attachments

N/A

Approvals:☒ Manager/Supervisor☒ Deputy City Manager☒ City Manager

Date: 03/07/2025 **Internal Memo #: IM25-007(CD)**

To: Council

Circulated to: Hardy Bromberg, Deputy City Manager

Department: Community Development

Division: Planning

From: Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner and Sylvia Rafalski-Misch,
Manager of Development Planning

Subject: Update on Regional Planning Transition

Comments

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

In November of 2022, the Province passed Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, announcing changes that would remove land use planning responsibilities under the Planning Act from seven upper-tier municipalities, including the Region of Waterloo (the Region).

On January 1, 2025, these changes came into effect and the Region's previous planning responsibilities and authorities are now the City's to carry out.

CITY'S NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY OVERVIEW

1. Approval Authority for Official Plan Amendments

On December 20, 2024, the Province posted additional amendments to Ontario Regulation 525/97 under the Planning Act to exempt certain lower-tier official plan matters from the need for provincial approval and this took effect on January 1, 2025. The City is now the Approval Authority for site specific Official Plan Amendments submitted as part of a development application(s), as well as certain City initiated Official Plan Amendments or Secondary Plans.

How has this changed our previous planning process?

Previously, all Council adopted Official Plan Amendments required Regional Approval which resulted in additional processing time (a minimum of 1-2 months and sometimes longer) before a decision was made by the Region on the amendment. In addition, City Planning staff had to prepare a lengthy Record for the amendment before submitting to the Region for a decision. These two processes have been eliminated for the above noted amendments.

Now when Council adopts an Official Plan Amendment that is exempted from provincial approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Ministry), Council's decision is final but can be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal. The following can appeal: the Owner/Applicant, those circulated agencies who made oral or written submissions on the amendment and the Minister.

Planning will now circulate all Official Plan Amendments to the Ministry, including all notices of Council's decision on the amendments. The Ministry may or may not comment on these amendments but would like to be kept informed.

Despite exempting certain Official Plan Amendments from Ministry approval, the Minister has the authority under the Planning Act to intervene where necessary to ensure all exempt Official Plan Amendments are in accordance with provincial policy.

Official Plan Matters Where Province is the Approval Authority

The Ministry is the Approval Authority for the following:

- A new City Official Plan
- City Official Plan Review amendments undertaken every 5 or 10 years to bring the City Official Plan into conformity and consistency with provincial plans and policies
- Official Plan Amendments establishing, changing, or revoking any policies required as part of a protected major transit station area (PMTSA), including:
 - i. the delineation (mapping) of the PMTSA
 - ii. the minimum number of residents and jobs per hectare planned in the PMTSA
 - iii. authorized uses of any land in the PMTSA, and
 - iv. minimum densities of any buildings and structures in the PMTSA

All Council adopted Official Plan Amendments in the above three categories will be forwarded to the Ministry for a decision. Previously, the Region was the Approval Authority for the above noted amendments.

With respect to the PMTSA, a site specific Official Plan Amendment requested by Owner/Applicant may still require Ministry approval if the amendment deals with any of the above listed PMTSA policy changes. Another example would be the ongoing Hespeler Road Corridor Secondary Plan which will require Ministry approval.

2. Approval Authority for Subdivisions and Condominiums

The City is now the Approval Authority for plans of subdivision and condominium.

Council will now make the final decisions on subdivisions, which includes issuing draft plan approvals with conditions or refusal of subdivision. The conditions must be satisfied before final approval of the subdivision after which the subdivision plan can be registered.

How has this changed our previous process?

Previously, Council's recommendations of draft approval for subdivisions with City conditions were forwarded to the Region for a decision which resulted in additional processing time before the Region approved the subdivision plan. Similarly, the Chief Planner's recommendations of draft approval for condominiums with City conditions were forwarded to the Region for a decision.

The following are additional subdivision and condominium processes under the Planning Act that the Region was previously responsible for, but have now been transferred to the City:

- Receive applications, review for completeness and issue notices of complete or incomplete application
- Circulate applications to commenting agencies and coordinate all comments and requested draft plan conditions
- Issue notices of decision
- Ensure all draft approval conditions including those of commenting agencies have been satisfied prior to final approval

Finally, the City will continue to enter into subdivision and condominium agreements to ensure all City requirements related to the development, including but not limited to servicing, transportation, access, natural heritage features, financial securities are satisfied. Additional conditions and clauses may need to be secured in the agreements if requested by certain commenting agencies or to fulfill the City's new areas of planning responsibilities as identified below.

3. Responsibility for the Following Planning Matters

The Planning Division is now responsible for the following additional planning matters:

- Planning policy review to ensure conformity with Regional Official Plan (now part of City Official Plan) and the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS).
- Natural heritage and environmental review, including species at risk
- Archaeology
- Contaminated sites and Records of Site Condition (RSC) – the Region will continue to comment on RSC requirements using the Regional Guideline until the Region's contaminated sites and threats inventory database has been transferred to all local municipalities
- Noise and vibration from railways, City roads and stationary noise
- Land use compatibility (noise, dust and odour) as per the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks compatibility guidelines
- Hydrogeological review for lands outside of source water protection areas, and may include the review of any hydrogeological studies for privately serviced developments

- Protection of any prime agricultural or rural lands within the City

Planning will obtain peer reviews of those studies dealing with matters for which we do not have an in-house expert, for example, noise studies or any other studies that would benefit from a peer review.

REGION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Region continues to be responsible for the following: affordable/assisted housing, transit, waste management, regional transportation (regional roads, rail, widenings, access), source water protection, municipal water and wastewater, regional heritage and airport.

The Planning Act requires the City to circulate all Official Plan Amendments, Zoning By-law Amendments, Committee of Adjustment applications and Subdivision and Condominium applications to the Region. The Region will provide comments on any of the above matters of Regional interest, where applicable, as a commenting agency and/or a landowner.

ONGOING TRANSITION IMPROVEMENTS

How have we prepared so far?

Since the Province's announcement of Bill 23, the Planning Heads of all municipalities and the Region have been meeting regularly to prepare their planning teams for the transition. The municipalities worked together to share concerns, ideas and prepare a plan for the transition, that included:

- confirming planning roles and responsibilities for area municipalities and the Region
- the preparation of terms of reference for various studies required as part of development application submissions
- the transfer of all in process condominium and subdivision applications from the Region to the municipalities, including all Regional guidelines referenced in the Regional Official Plan to assist local municipalities in the review of the above noted planning matters
- the transfer of any required databases to assist in development review/policy changes
- finalize a consultation strategy with First Nations on planning matters
- Staff training, including collaborative training workshops for Management (January 2025) and all Planning staff (February 2025) with all municipalities and the Region

Other notable completed or ongoing Planning process improvements are:

- The City database (called the AMANDA system) and City online portal have been updated to allow condominium and subdivision applications to be submitted through the City's online portal and processed through AMANDA

- Staff implemented the City's new Public Notice Policy with the new public meeting notice postcards and developers are instructed to post the new development signs
- Staff are preparing a report for Council's consideration to update the Official Plan in order to increase the number of residents notified of planning applications from a 120m radius to one larger
- Standard operating procedures for development applications continue to be updated
- Ongoing updates to planning process/development applications website
- Exploring opportunities to use Strong Mayor Powers to streamline development processes, where appropriate

The Chief Planner and the Planning Managers continue to monitor staff capacity in relation to the additional transition responsibilities.

Next Steps

The Chief Planner and the Planning Managers will continue to support staff through the transition, including staff training, and identify any improvements to further streamline development approvals.

Attachments

None

Approvals:

☒ Manager/Supervisor

☒ Deputy City Manager

☒ City Manager

Date: 03/07/2025 **Internal Memo #: IM25-008(CD)**

To: Council

Circulated to: Hardy Bromberg, Deputy City Manager

Department: Community Development

Division: Building

From: Tanya Gies, Chief Building Official

Subject: Building Permit Statistics – 2024 Year End

Comments

This memo provides building permit information for 2024 with a comparison to previous years and includes:

- Number of permits issued, broken down into categories in accordance with the classification requirements in the Ontario Building Code;
- Construction value of permits issued;
- Number of new residential units permitted; and
- Permit revenue collected.

Building permits are required to ensure the health and safety of building occupants, ensuring construction projects are protected from structural failure, fire hazards and other health risks. They also ensure provincial standards for accessibility and energy efficiency are met.

Permit data provides information on growth in the municipality by showing the type and value of construction projects year over year.

Key Findings

The statistics show there is a decrease in permits issued and residential units created and increase in construction value in 2024, in comparison to both 2023 and the previous five-year average.

- 1675 building permits were issued in 2024, compared to 2020 in 2023, and the average of 1679 over the previous five-year timeframe between 2019 to 2023.

- Construction value of permits issued in 2024 was \$792,252,610 which is an increase of 17% over the 2023 construction value of \$678,049,624 and an increase of 54% over the previous five-year average of \$513,917,936.
- 816 new residential units were created by permit issuance in 2024 in comparison to 1178 in 2023 and the average over the previous 5 years of 957.

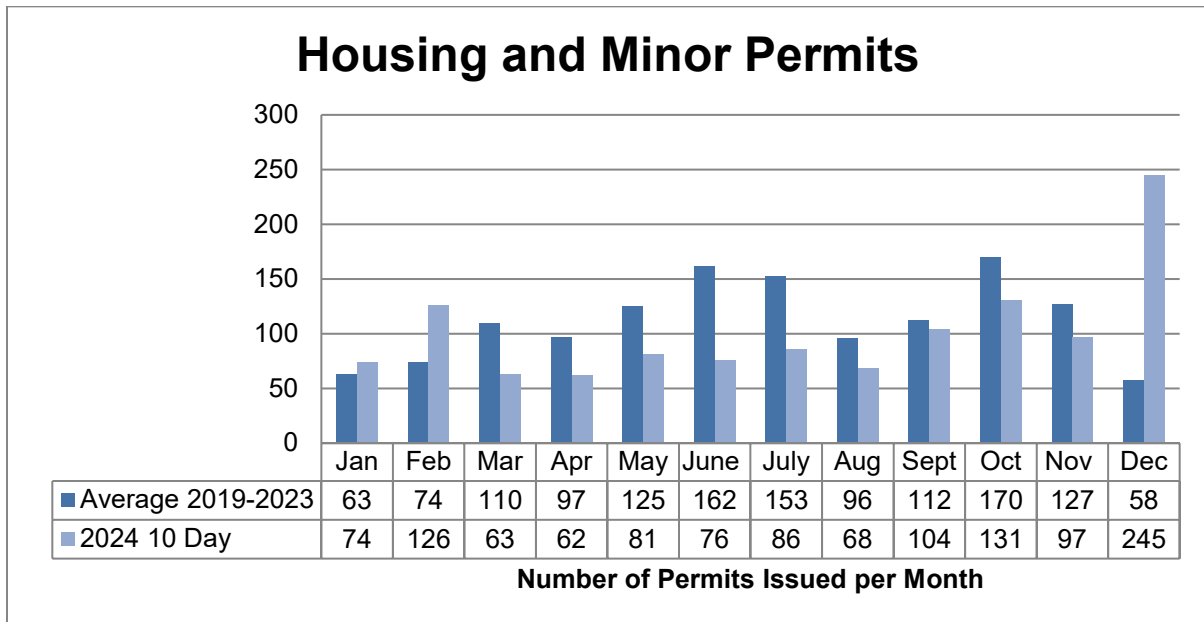
Financial Implications

Building Division revenue and expenses will be included in the year end operating update report brought to Council by the Finance Department.

ANALYSIS:

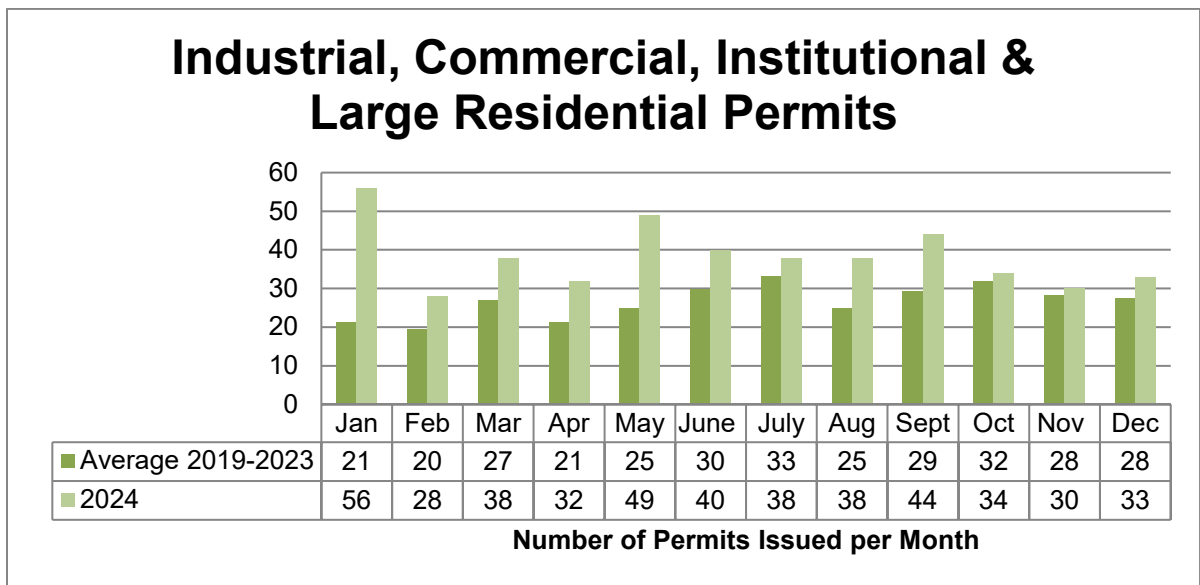
A comparison of the number of permits issued in 2024 against the average number of permits issued over the previous 5 years is as follows:

Housing and Minor Permits:



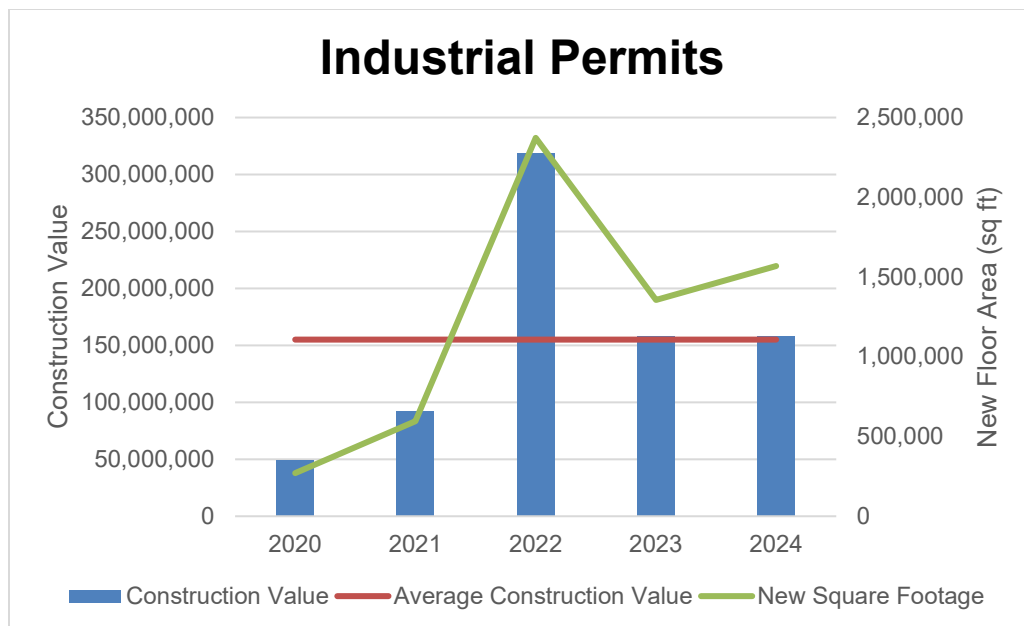
Housing and minor permits issued (Category 1:10 Day mandated turn-around time) were above average in January, February and December, and below average the remainder of the year.

Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Permits:



Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional permits issued (Categories 2, 3 and 4: 15-, 20- and 30-Day Turn-Around times) were above the previous five-year average in every month in 2024.

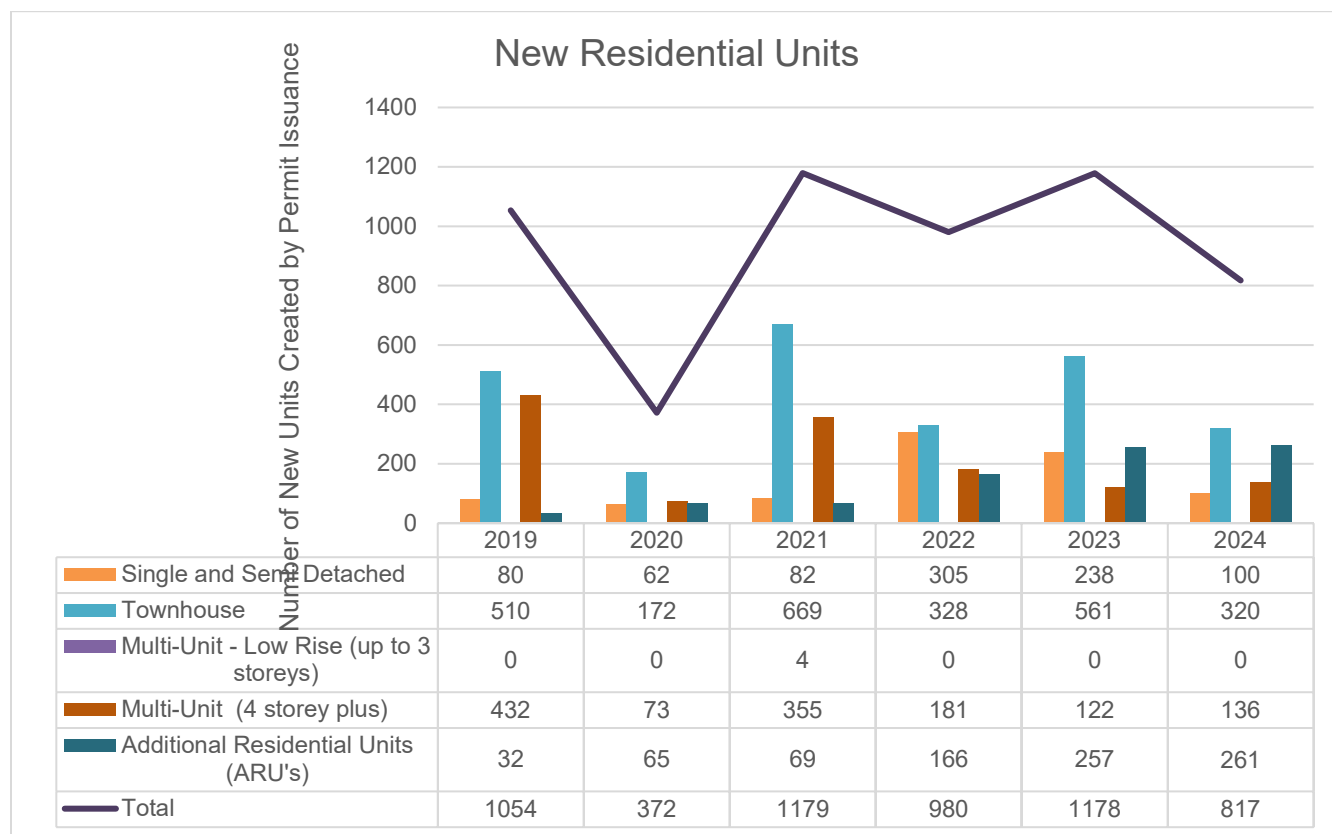
Industrial Development:



Cambridge has seen significant industrial development over the past three years, including the construction of the Amazon facility at 140 Old Mill Rd, two new industrial buildings at the

corner of Pinebush Rd and Franklin Blvd (220 and 240 Pinebush Rd) and the construction of several buildings on Allendale Road between Intermarket Rd and Fountain Street N.

New Residential Units:



816 new residential units were created by permit issuance in the following breakdown:

- Single and Semi-detached house units (100 units) comprised 12% of the total, with 88 new single detached houses, 4 new two-unit houses (8 new units) and 2 new semi-detached houses (4 new units);
- Townhouses comprised 39% of the total with 320 new town house units;
- New apartment units comprised 17%, with 136 new apartment units; and
- Additional Residential Units (ARU's) added to existing residential properties comprised 32% of the total with 251 ARU's added to existing residential buildings and 9 new detached ARU's.

The Building Faster Fund target number of new units in Cambridge, as part of the City of Cambridge's pledge to help facilitate the creation of 19,000 new units by 2031, was 1583 in 2023. 816 units created through building permit issuance account for 52% of the target number of units.

Attachments

Appendix A - IM25-008(CD) Building Permit Statistics 2024 Year End

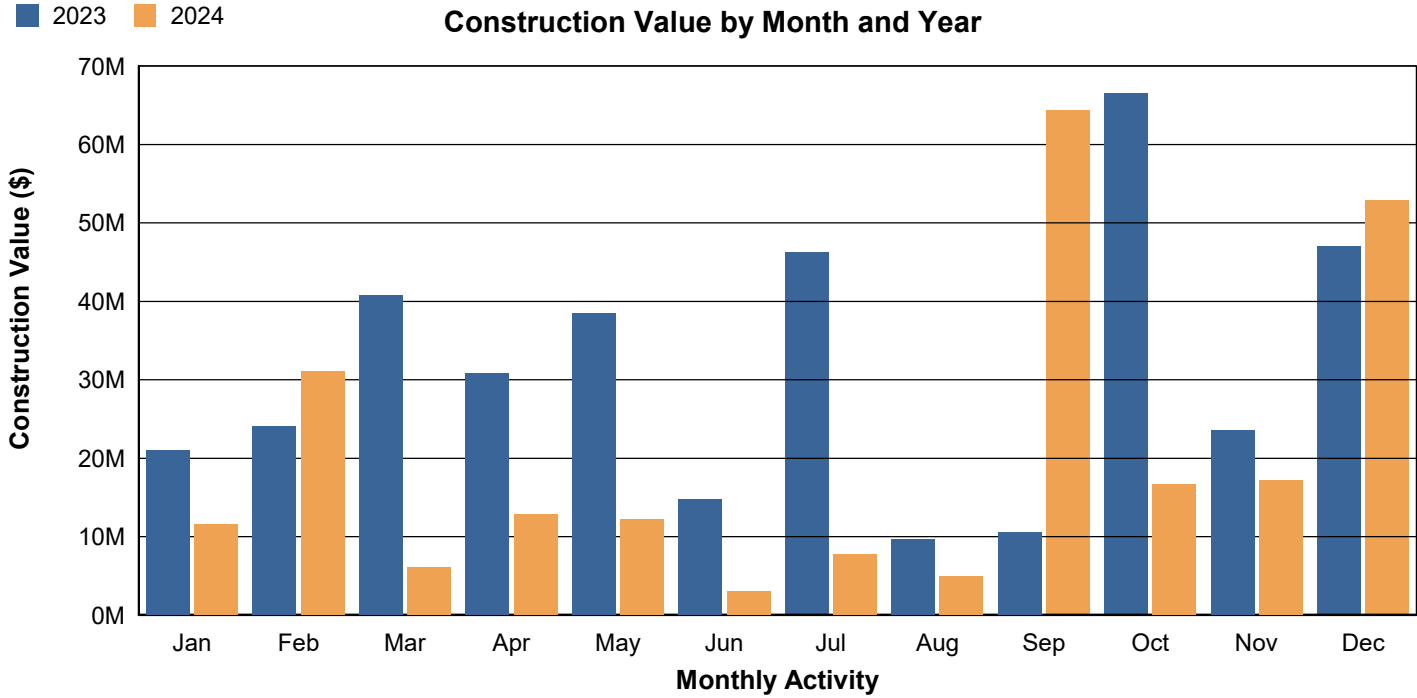
Approvals:

☒ Manager/Supervisor

☒ Deputy City Manager

☒ City Manager

1,675 Permits Issued in 2024
Total Construction Value of \$792,252,610



Building Permits Statistics 2024

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PERMITS ISSUED JANUARY TO DECEMBER

Classification	Description	2024 - Number of Permits	2024 - Value	2024 - Units	2023 - Number of Permits	2023 - Value	2023 - Units
Residential	New House	94	\$53,944,459	100	232	\$140,299,606	238
Residential	New Townhouse	361	\$93,965,953	320	579	\$161,949,522.17	561
Residential	Low Rise, New-Add-Alt	6	\$944,000	0	7	\$4,972,000	0
Residential	High Rise, New-Add-Alt	6	\$60,670,000	136	2	\$32,300,000	122
Residential	House - Alteration *	452	\$26,457,808	251	426	\$26,405,442	247
Residential	Deck/Porch	110	\$1,665,364	0	88	\$2,103,652	0
Residential	Accessory Structure	38	\$2,790,300	9	54	\$3,914,500	7
Residential	Foundation Only	26	\$0	0	5	\$977,952	0
Residential	Total	1,093	\$240,437,884	816	1,393	\$372,922,675	1,175
Assembly	Alteration	23	\$6,254,984		30	\$8,836,000	0
Assembly	New/Addition	6	\$267,825,000		8	\$43,270,862	0
Assembly	School Portable	11	\$341,000		8	\$85,400	0
Institutional	Alteration	0	\$0		2	\$307,500	0
Institutional	New/Addition	0	\$0		1	\$29,662,560	0
Office/Personal Service	Alteration	31	\$8,276,407		65	\$9,763,509	0
Office/Personal Service	New/Addition	2	\$2,000,000		2	\$29,662,560	0
Commercial	Alteration	42	\$4,497,390		50	\$6,734,367	1
Commercial	New/Addition	2	\$30,085,000		0	\$0	0
Industrial	Alteration	40	\$48,851,998		34	\$24,253,281	0
Industrial	New/Addition	15	\$98,733,305		15	\$133,765,000	0
Non-Residential	Total	172	\$466,865,084		215	\$259,288,479	1
Other Permit Types	Agricultural Building	0	\$0		0	\$0	0
Other Permit Types	Change of Use	0	\$0		3	\$0	0
Other Permit Types	Conditional Permits	8	\$25,000,000		13	\$20,063,401	0
Other Permit Types	Demolition	27	\$1,195,501		33	\$6,813,125	0
Other Permit Types	Designated Structures	38	\$4,697,661		29	\$3,822,111	0
Other Permit Types	Foundation - Non Res	5	\$31,700,000		0	\$0	0
Other Permit Types	Miscellaneous Permits	39	\$14,696,592		53	\$7,030,375	0
Other Permit Types	Permanent Signs	95	\$1,356,534		86	\$782,257	0
Other Permit Types	Plumbing Only	182	\$6,032,999		180	\$3,311,849	0
Other Permit Types	Temporary Tent	16	\$270,355		8	\$51,000	0
Other Permit Types	Total	410	\$84,949,642		405	\$41,874,118	0
All Permit Types	Grand Total	1,675	\$792,252,610		2,013	\$674,085,272	1,176

* New units created through a House Alteration permit include new interior Additional Residential Units (ARU's) and the addition of residential units to all other types of residential buildings. The new unit # indicated the number of newly created units.



MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Cambridge Cultural Awards Advisory Committee
Meeting Number: 01-25
Cambridge Centre for the Arts, Donaldson Room
60 Dickson Street, Cambridge Ontario
January 15, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Evelina Turney, Kellea Corriveau, Bill Ashwell, Tracey Babineau, Sarah Loat, David Campbell

Member Regrets: Councillor Adam Cooper, Fawzia Khan, Ashlyn Gladman, Paige Corriveau

Staff Members in Attendance: Zita Tavares, Recording Secretary, Lesley Head, Director of Recreation and Culture, Alix Aitken, Manager of Recreation and Culture

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting of the Cultural Awards Committee of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge was held . Evelina Turney, Chair, welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Introductions of everyone took place.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: David Campbell

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 September 18, 2024

Moved by: Kellea Corriveau

Seconded by: Tracey Babineau

THAT the minutes of the Cultural Awards Committee of Wednesday September 18, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED

Plan/discussion for 2025 Awards and Recognition

Cambridge has been recognized on the Cultural Days 2024 Top Participating Communities Listing. Each year, Cultural Days releases a highly anticipated ranking of communities from across the Country with the most registered Culture Day programs and events listed.

Cambridge has ranked 5th nationally overall and 2nd amongst mid-size cities.

Staff Introduced themselves to the committee. Alix Aitken, the Manager of Recreation and Culture along with Stephen Lavinge the new Supervisor of Arts and Culture have been tasked with reviewing the existing culture portfolio. With the approval of the Arts and Culture Action plan by City council in May of 2024 staff are now starting to operationalize the deliverables, finding efficiencies and creating better awareness of these two items that have been identified.

Staff discussed with the Advisory Committee the idea of combining the Cultural Achievement Awards with the work being done by the Culture Awards Committee. A lot of staff time is put into both events and the City is looking to identify resource efficiencies while enhancing the visibility of both Cultural events in the City of Cambridge. The City is looking to combine these in 2026 with the opportunity to highlight and elevate the awards.

Important to note:

- The Cultural Achievement awards were 27 minutes in length
- There is 1 FTE for the Cultural Portfolio
- There are a number of deliverables in the Action Plan that needs to be addressed using the current staff complement.
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Feedback from committee:

Bernice Adams Legacy awards recognized 7 different cultural people, by combining with other award events, would there be double the awards for the categories

The process for the event has already started, the committee has recommended the event take place at Roseville Estate. The event date has been secured.

The Committee expressed concerns with making any changes regarding the venue at this time. The venue has agreed to provide a discount. The total event budget is \$12,000, of which \$10,000 is allocated for the venue.

The Arts & Cultural Achievement Recognition Awards and the Cultural awards are two very different events. Merging the two events together for one larger event could work with some review and modifications.

Committee members noted that for the past couple of years the process of applying to join a committee was not easy. This makes it discouraging for others wanting to join.

The Cultural Awards started in memory of Bernice Adams 43 years running, be very careful not to lose what has been built so far with the idea of changing in a different direction.

The Cultural Awards Advisory Committee has agreed to meet in June of 2025 after this years event. This meeting will take place in June to determine how the two recognition events can merge into one for 2026.

There is concern with the venue and why not use city run facilities

Some issues:

The total number of people attending the event is approx. 200

The concern with hosting the event at a city facility is the size of the event, nothing suitable in Cambridge to host this event and the vision of the committee

Set up would be completed at venue because they have in stock -chairs tables, table setting etc.

In the past city facilities were used, using a city facility changes the workload

Toyota Room – was successful, best for smaller attendance

Galt Little Theatre (Community Players) not accessible, no elevator

City Hall Atrium – Random people from the street would wander in

City Hall Bowman Room - Acoustic is not great

Most Cambridge venues that were looked at only hold around 100-125

Using the city facility city staff could assist with setting up

The committee needs to find event volunteers for the day of Staff liaison should be working with the volunteer coordinator in the future.

The committee is trying to showcase different new venues throughout the city, it will keep the event fresh and interesting.

The committee requires more city promotion of the event and nominations

Alix will be the contact/liaison while Nancy is away

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Treasurer's Report

No current report

Bursary and Scholarships

No bursary and scholarships.

Business Arising from Minutes

ACTION ITEMS

Alix will follow up with:

- Correspondence

Will need access to inbox

- Treasurer report

Are ticket sales going back to event budget

Why is the interest amount not changing

Breakdown of the trust fund

- Bursary and Scholarships

Will need access to inbox for any received

New Business

Event date is May 22, 2025. The venue is Roseville Estate

Motion

Moved by: David Campbell

Seconded by: Bill Ashwell

THAT the Trustees agree for staff to issue a cheque request to Roseville Estate in the amount of \$10,120.00

CARRIED

Tracey shared:

The sponsorship document package was sent to all committee members

Any contacts or suggestions for sponsorship please send to Tracey

Researched some entertainment people/businesses etc.

Tabletop advertising sample template of a small menu type 5x7 card would be displayed on each table, with the names of the sponsors (small businesses, clubs, studios etc.) cost for \$100.00 each – Sarah will work on this

Silent Auction items Bill & Tracey will work on this, minimum is \$100.00 stand-alone items or can group in gift baskets

Swag bags (1 to each nominee)

Tickets were tracked by staff liaison

There is the option of selling tables to organizations

\$50.00 a ticket last year, early bird \$40 Evelina will price out the tickets

Approximately 60 -70 free tickets from last year

Committee members receive 1 free ticket, guests of committee member pay

Finalist/Nominator/Mayor, each receive 1 free ticket, councilor pays

Tracey will reach out to the 8 high schools to apply for scholarships, April 1st. deadline

Entertainment, MC and awards will be discussed at the February meeting, also reviewing the comments from last year's event survey

Award ideas – David will work on this

Tech – Kellea will connect with Dennis

MC – Could Steven Lavigne MC the event, will reach out to him - Alix

What other social media is available other than Facebook, Corporate social media can promote on the different social media platforms

The Bernice Adams page can be added to the city website, under Cambridge Centre for the Arts. Hold off any changes/payments to Beaver Tails Design Studio. This will be an action item for 2026 to move to the City website for all promotion of cultural recognition in the City.

City Updates

No other business

Other Business

No other business

Next meeting:

Wednesday February 19, 2025

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Tracey Babineau

Seconded by: David Campbell

THAT the Cultural Awards Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 9:04pm

CARRIED

Chairperson-Evelina Turney



Recording Secretary-Zita Tavares



Minutes

Cambridge Farmers' Market Advisory Committee
Market Building Galt Room
40 Dickson Street, Cambridge
January 23 – 6:30 p.m.



Committee Members in Attendance, Jeremy Brubacher, John Forsyth, Jay Burnett, Councillor Ross Earnshaw, Peter Van Brugge, Shane Murphy

Regrets: Carl Norg, Kevin Phelan

Staff in Attendance: Alix Aitken, Market Manager, Zita Tavares, Recording Secretary

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Farmers' Market was held in the Galt Room at the Farmer's Market building. John Forsyth, Vice - Chair welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosure of interest.

Delegations: none

Approval of the Thursday, December 12, 2024, Farmers' Market Advisory Committee minutes

Moved by: Jeremy Brubacher

Seconded by: Jay Burnett

THAT Thursday, December 12, 2024, Farmers' Market Advisory Committee minutes be approved.

CARRIED

Agenda Items

- Staffing update – Alix

The market has hired a full-time staff person, Abbey Poser Recreation Coordinator - Market starting Monday January 27, 2025. Abbey will be the staff liaison for the Farmers' market committee meetings and the main contact at the market.

- Managers' Report – January 2025

Some items to note:

Promotions

Busy renewing 2025 contracts

Operations

New Indoor Vendor – Authentic Jamaican Cuisine by Chef Shawn A Hastings

Cooler Maintenance needed on Carl's Choice Coolers – Not Scheduled

Hiring new Recreation Attendance for Market (replace Julie)

Geoff is back from leave

Renewing vendor and performance Applications

Updating website for 2025

Theft at Market – Memo is going out to vendors as a reminder to keep less money on your person and out of open view

When confronted with an aggressive person, vendors should try to deescalate, walk away and call for help (police and staff). The memo will be shared with committee members.

Events and Give Aways

Staff starting to work on some upcoming events:

February 15 – Family Day Weekend (Mayor's Levee 11-2 pm) Theme: Warming Cambridge Hearts – Craft, free cider

March 15 – St Patrick's Day

April 19 - Easter (Egg Hunt, Craft, Partnership with the Church)

Fires of Change event - May 3rd, more information to follow from John F

- Exterior Heritage Restoration update

The market project for the exterior and heritage of the market building was approved in the capital budget. The concept/design will be presented at the February meeting. This will go to tender in April, construction to start in July and completed at the end of this year. Business plan items will be included in the restoration project.

- Placemaking Project-update

The fountain project report will go to Council in March, if approved construction could start in the spring. The heritage project might impact construction staging in McIntyre square? could delay the timing of the market fountain construction.

- Porchlight Wesley United Church partnership

Porchlight is partnering with Wesley United Church to run a warming centre for 12 weeks. Concerns were raised that the market building is unlocked early Saturday morning for vendors to set up before staff arrive. Security at city hall is aware and will keep a close watch. Vendors will be advised of the warming centre next door and have access to security phone number.

Updates

- City Updates - Councilor Earnshaw

No new updates. Council meetings will resume on February 4th.

- BIA updates – Shane Murphy

Wedding week is March 3-9. The event is spread over the city.

Gift cards are selling very well, currently sold \$22,000 worth.

Sold 2000 gift cards to the crew filming The Handmaids Tale to distribute to neighbours for any disruption they may have caused.

Easter Egg Hunt is April 19th

BIA will be going to council to present the expansion of the downtown core

Continuing with beautifying the downtown core with more flowers

Main Street closure is happening this year in the summer months

There will be a consultation study to review how to modernize BIA's

Other Business

No other business

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 27, 2025

Market building - Galt Room

Close of Meeting

THAT the Cambridge Farmers' Market Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Moved by: Peter Van Brugge

Seconded by: Shane Murphy

CARRIED



Chair



Recording Secretary

Monday, January 20, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Legislative Building, Room 281
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1
Premier@ontario.ca

SENT VIA EMAIL

Tho Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
5th Flr, 777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8
minister.mto@ontario.ca

RE: Support for an Ontario-wide licencing framework for rideshare companies

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

Please be advised of the following motion that was passed at the January 13, 2025, Goderich Town Council meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Kelly

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Whereas Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel;

And Whereas, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particiially in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework;

And Whereas, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Town of Goderich Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

Be It Further Resolved that the Town of Goderich Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the County of Huron; and all six neighbouring Huron County lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
/ab

Enclosed:

1. Policy Note – Expanding Transportation Options in Ontario
2. Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus Letter of Support

cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca
Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs minister.mra@ontario.ca
The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) amopresident@amo.on.ca
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Meredith Staveley-Watson, Manager of Government Relations, EOWC info@eowc.org
The Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, info@eowc.org
The County of Huron and all neighbouring Huron County lower-tier municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.



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BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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February 5, 2025

The Honourable Sylvia Jones,
Minister of Health
5th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

RE: Paid-Plasma-Free Zone

Dear Hon. Sylvia Jones,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 5th, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the City of Toronto.

Resolution No: 2025-02-05-08
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the City of Toronto's resolution Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to Canadian Blood Services, Minister of Health, MPP John Yakabuski, and all Municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

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In reply please quote:
Ref.: 24-MM23.1

(Sent by Email)

December 20, 2024

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: Member Motion Item 23.1
Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise,
seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted [Item MM23.1](#) and in doing so, has forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and requested that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Yours sincerely,

Niko Markakis, for

for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/mp

Attachment

Sent to: All Ontario Municipalities
Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Blood Services
Chief Executive Officer, Grifols Canada

c. City Manager

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 23

MM23.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

City Council Decision

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies in the City.
2. City Council forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Summary

In the City of Toronto, we uphold the principle of voluntary blood and plasma donation, acknowledging its vital importance as a public good. Our commitment derives from the lessons of Canada's tainted blood crisis, which tragically claimed approximately 8,000 lives. The subsequent Royal Krever Commission urged a fully voluntary, non-payment oriented blood and plasma donation system.

Within our Ontario healthcare system, we perceive blood donations as a priceless public resource, underscoring the need to safeguard the integrity of the public, voluntary donor system.

The Voluntary Blood Donations Act of Ontario strengthens this stance, legislating against the payment of donors and prohibiting donors from receiving financial compensation for their blood or plasma.

Canada Blood Services plans to open five paid plasma clinics, including one in Toronto, by 2025. This issue needs immediate attention and action. The public health community has raised concerns about Grifols Pharmaceuticals' plans to open a Toronto clinic. It's vital we protect vulnerable residents from exploitation by for-profit plasma collection companies offering cash for blood-plasma, a predatory practice.

In bringing this motion forward, we strive to reinforce the principles of voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation, protecting both the integrity of Canada's public blood system and the dignity of blood donors.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM23.1

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-249600.pdf>

Attachment 1 - Resolution to Declare the City of Hamilton a "No Paid Plasma Zone"

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-250144.pdf>

**Resolution
Regular Council Meeting**



Agenda Number: 15.2.
Resolution Number 25-054
Title: 25-R-22 Northern Highway Safety Plan
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025

Moved by: M. Lubbock
Seconded by: S. Cote

WHEREAS THE TransCanada Highway is the road system meant to move goods and people across the country, but it is no longer equipped to do that safely in Northern Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Coleman hereby support the Northern Highway Safety Plan proposed by MPP Guy Bourgouin, MPP Lise Vaugois and MPP John Vanthof which includes the following;

Immediate Actions:

- Require all new drivers to be tested by MTO-certified inspectors instead of third-party companies.
- Return highway maintenance operations to the MTO while working with northern contractors.
- Increase staff at inspection sites, weigh scales, and OPP traffic enforcement.
- Expedite the 2+1 highway pilot project and use excavated material to build additional rest stops and parking areas.

Short-Term Improvements:

- Mandate snow tires for all passenger vehicles in Northern Ontario.
- Ensure driving schools comply with the MELT training system and improve MELT to include winter driving training.
- Address the abuse of “self-insurance provisions” and ensure fair payment for tow truck operators and service providers.
- Require all commercial vehicles to have dash cams.
- Increase the use of traffic cameras and photo radar to reduce speeding.
- Promote rail transport to reduce commercial truck traffic on northern highways.
- Upload connecting links back to the provincial highway system for consistent maintenance.
- Upgrade and expand rest stops with heated washrooms to meet traveler needs.
- Provide compensation to municipalities for damage to local roads caused by highway detours.

Long-Term Solutions:

- Widen and pave all shoulders on Highways 11 and 17.
- Convert Highways 11 and 17 into divided four-lane highways where possible or implement a continuous three-lane system if the 2+1 project proves successful.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation; the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing; all Provincial Leaders; the Temiskaming Municipal Association; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Certified True Copy

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Oslund', is written over a horizontal line.

Christopher W. Oslund
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer



January 24, 2025

MPP Guy Bourgouin *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*
MPP Lise Vaugeois *Thunder Bay-Superior North*
MPP John Vanthof *Timiskaming Cochrane*

NORTHERN HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

Introduction

Safety on the TransCanada Highways 11 and 17 continues to be the number one concern for most residents of Northern Ontario because they are our main streets. We use these highways to get to work, school, hockey, and medical appointments, but we share them with thousands of cross-country commercial trucks. As a result, Northern MPPs have had a lot to say over the years about the state of highways in the North and for good reason.

Years ago, the problem was proper and consistent winter maintenance. The Liberal government in power at the time claimed everything was fine, so MPP Vanthof's office created the Northern Road Report to show that it wasn't. The Minister of Transportation (MTO) demanded that the report be taken down, but in the end the Northern Road Report helped prove that even when contract requirements were being met, people were still being put at risk. As a result, the government of the day was forced to make changes to the system.

MPP Bourgouin introduced legislation to make maintenance standards the same across the TransCanada system, so that 11 north of North Bay would be maintained to the same standard as south. The legislation was defeated, but the government did create a separate standard for the northern portion of the TransCanada highway. MPP Bourgouin has also introduced other pieces of legislation regarding driver training and not being able to pass on double solid lines. This was defeated, but he remains committed to finding ways to solve safety issues the same as his fellow Northern MPPs. Similarly, MPP Vaugeois introduced a motion that driver testing be taken back by the MTO which would have been an effective way for the government to control the standard of drivers on the roads. All three members have been vocal in the legislature regarding highway safety throughout their careers.

We are once again facing a highway safety crisis, one that we believe requires a plan designed by Northerners for Northerners. It contains clear goals that we can push government of whatever stripe to implement for all our families.

Current Situation

Currently some poorly trained commercial vehicle drivers and the companies they work for are putting all other drivers at undue risk. Incidents have been easy to track on social media. Investigative reports on the problems in commercial truck training and licensing, and from the Auditor General of Ontario identified this problem as far back as 2018. We, Northern MPPs have mentioned this issue many times in the legislature. The response from the government has been that these are the safest roads in North America, and that they are looking into the matter.



January 25, 2025

MPP Guy Bourgouin *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*
MPP Lise Vaugeois *Thunder Bay-Superior North*
MPP John Vanthof *Timiskaming Cochrane*

Regardless of political stance, we hope that we can all agree that one of the basic jobs of any government is to ensure that people who are issued a driver's license are capable of safely driving the vehicle for which they are licensed. There are over a hundred companies in Ontario who recruit, train, and license their own drivers and they can issue Ontario licenses to them. These are among the worst offenders. Of course there are still good driving schools, and companies that provide excellent training programs to their new drivers, but not all of them. Change needs to happen in the immediate and long term, and we are proposing a plan to address these needs. First, there needs to be immediate action by the Ministry to ensure that only properly-trained drivers are graduating by appointing employees of the MTO to conduct driving tests for all new commercial vehicle drivers before they can receive a license.

Immediate Ask

- Have all new drivers tested by MTO certified inspectors, not third-party private companies. If their student drivers can't pass a legitimate road test, then these driving schools will be forced to change how they conduct business.

Short-Term

- Return the management of highway maintenance operations to the MTO, while working with contractors and providers throughout the North.
- Increase staffing at scales and inspection sites, as well as OPP Traffic enforcement to ensure the laws currently in place are being followed.
- Expedite the 2+1 pilot project and the construction of rest stops. Use the fill that is dug out to rebuild sections of the highway to create parking pull offs.

Medium-Term

- Make snow tires mandatory for all passenger vehicles registered in Northern Ontario.
- Ensure that driving schools comply with the current MELT training system.
- Reform issues within MELT itself and expand requirements to include winter driving training.
- Address the current abuse of "self insurance provisions" and ensure tow truck operators and other service providers can get paid for services from these schemes.
- Require that all commercial motor vehicles have dash cams.
- Increase the number of cameras and photo radar to slow down traffic.
- Emphasize rail to move goods so not as many loads must travel on the highway.
- Return connecting links to the provincial highway system so that maintenance is uniform.
- Better equip and increase the availability of rest stops with heated, maintained washrooms.
- Direct the cost of repairing damage to municipal roads caused by detour traffic from highway closures to the MTO.

Long-Term

- Widen and pave all shoulders on Highways 11 and 17.
- Make Highway 11 and 17 a divided four-lane highway wherever possible.
 - If the 2+1 pilot proves successful, a continuous three lane would be a good intermediate step. The TransCanada Highway is the road system meant to move goods and people

January 25, 2025



MPP Guy Bourgouin *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*
MPP Lise Vaugois *Thunder Bay-Superior North*
MPP John Vanthof *Timiskaming Cochrane*

This plan is designed to be a living document. The goals here have been suggested by industry stakeholders, drivers, municipalities and others. We are open to suggestions, ideas, and constructive criticism. Please send us your comments. By working together, we are hoping to make the highway safer for all our families.

MPP Guy Bourgouin
MPP Lise Vaugois
MPP John Vanthof



SEND A LETTER TO THE MINISTER

<https://win.newmode.net/mppguybourgouin/sendalettertothe ministeroftransportation>



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February 26, 2025

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

EMAIL: Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Requests the Province of Ontario Reconsider the Amendment of
Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act**

Please be advised that at its meeting of February 25, 2025, Council of the Town of Niagara on-the-Lake adopted the following resolution:

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council endorses the resolution from the Municipality of South Huron requesting the Province reconsider the amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Minister Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and MPP Thompson.
3. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Grant Bivol', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Grant Bivol
Town Clerk

c.c. Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Hon. Michael Ford - Michael.Ford@ontario.ca
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Paul Calandra - minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario - resolutions@amo.on.ca
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
MPP Thompson - lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org
All 444 Municipalities of Ontario



RE: Ontario Deposit Return Program

February 27, 2025

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

Dear Minister Khanjin,

At the Council Meeting held on February 19, 2025, Limerick Township Council approved Council Resolution 007-2025, supporting the letter submitted by Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program.

Motion007-2025

Moved by Councillor Jan MacKillican
Seconded by Councillor Glenn Locke

THAT Council for the Township of Limerick 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 Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; The Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local MPP, Ric Bresee; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at clerk@township.limerick.on.ca or by phone at 613-474-2863.

Sincerely,

Victoria Tisdale

Clerk-Treasurer

Township of Limerick

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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.

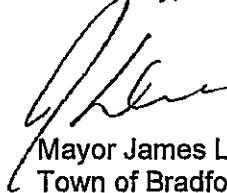
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

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.

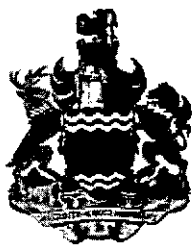
Yours truly,



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



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

January 31, 2025

Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks)
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance)
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, Municipality of St. Charles 'Deposit Return Program'

At a meeting held on January 22, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-01-22-035, adopting the below recommendation from the January 6, 2025 Public Works Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Martin
Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"That the Public Works Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Deposit Return Program' recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and


Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2025-01-22-035

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By M. Martin

Seconded By J. Fogel

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2025-01-22- 035

Council Date: January 22, 2025

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the three Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held January 6 and 8, 2025)."

Recorded Vote
Requested by

Councillor's Name

Carried



Warden's Signature

Deferred

Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: January 6, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.b

Resolution Number: 2025-01-06-004

Moved by: B. Ostrander

Seconded by: C. Logel

Council Meeting Date: January 22, 2025

"That the Public Works Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Deposit Return Program' recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.2.

Resolution Number 2024-403

Title: Resolution Stemming from October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #4

Date: November 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



February 28, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

**RE: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the
Nazi Swastika in Canada, Our File: C00**

**The Regional
Municipality of
Durham**

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**Alexander Harras
M.P.A.
Director of
Legislative Services
& Regional Clerk**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on February 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole, as amended:

“Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi swastika, also known as the hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and

Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B’Nai Brith’s call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols and iconography, including the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze). Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze)

2. Ban all Nazi symbols and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities.”

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/tf

c: B'nai Brith Canada
All Canadian Municipalities



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

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Item 14(a)

Date: February 19, 2025

29-02-2025

Moved by Katie Grigg

Seconded by *Crystal Fick*

WHEREAS speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving are among the leading causes of driving related collisions, injuries, and fatalities in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS municipalities are called upon to modify driver behaviour through expensive infrastructure and even more expensive policing; and,

WHEREAS infrastructure and policing are inherently limited in their effectiveness at reducing speed and distracted driving, and entirely ineffective at reducing impaired driving;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zorra Township calls on the Provincial and Federal governments to do everything in their power to limit speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving, and thereby reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities in our communities;

THAT the Township of Zorra specifically requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

AND THAT Zorra Township Staff work with Oxford County and all Oxford municipalities on the feasibility of implementing a long term Vision Zero Policy and the Good Roads Rural Road Safety strategy across all of Oxford; and,

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, Ontario Minister of Transportation, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs, Ontario Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Ontario Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Oxford police services boards, Safe and Well Oxford, Good Roads, and all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Recorded Vote

☐ Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Ryan		
Councillor Stewart		
Councillor Grigg		
Councillor Mitchell		
Councillor Finch		



 Mayor

February 25, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

At the regular meeting of Woodstock City Council held on February 20, 2025, the following resolution was passed:

“Whereas speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving are among the leading causes of driving related collisions, injuries, and fatalities in Ontario; and,

Whereas municipalities are called upon to modify driver behaviour through expensive infrastructure and even more expensive policing; and,

Whereas infrastructure and policing are inherently limited in their effectiveness at reducing speed and distracted driving, and entirely ineffective at reducing impaired driving;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Woodstock calls on the Provincial and Federal governments to do everything in their power to limit speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving, and thereby reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities in our communities; and,

That the City of Woodstock specifically requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and,

That City of Woodstock Staff work with Oxford County and all Oxford municipalities on the feasibility of implementing a long term Vision Zero Policy and the Good Roads Rural Road Safety strategy across all of Oxford; and,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, Ontario Minister of Transportation, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs, Ontario Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Ontario Minister of Health; and,

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Oxford police services boards, Safe

and Well Oxford, Good Roads, and all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.”

Yours Truly,

Jeff Bunn
Manager, Legislative Services/ Deputy City Clerk
City of Woodstock

Cc.

The Hon. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation - prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org

The Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure - kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org

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The Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health - sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

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Police Services Board - oapsb@oapsb.ca;

Safe and Well Oxford – safewelloxford@gmail.com

Good Roads - info@goodroads.ca

Association of Municipalities Ontario - amo@amo.on.ca

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) - roma@roma.on.ca

And all municipalities in Ontario



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March 4, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Fort Frances Re: Sovereignty of Canada

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 25, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution from the Town of Fort Frances, regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

Ec: Premier Doug Ford
The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities



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 Fort 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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**In reply please quote:
Ref.: 25-MM26.7**

(Sent by Email)

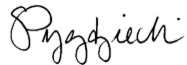
February 28, 2025

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: Member Motion Item 26.7
Creation of a City of Toronto "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" Campaign - by
Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie (Ward All)**

City Council on February 5, 2025, adopted [Item MM26.7](#) as amended and, in so doing, has forwarded the Item to all Ontario municipalities and encouraged them to join Toronto in a "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" campaign.

Yours sincerely,

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

for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/mp

Attachment

c. City Manager

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 26

MM26.7	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Creation of a City of Toronto “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” Campaign - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

City Council Decision

City Council on February 5, 2025, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the City Manager, and relevant Divisions to develop a comprehensive, multifaceted “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” campaign in response to the potential 25-percent tariffs announced by the Trump Administration, such campaign to encourage Toronto residents and businesses to join the City of Toronto's divisions and its agencies and corporations in purchasing locally made Canadian goods and services in order to protect local jobs in Toronto and Ontario where the proposed punitive tariffs would result in hundreds of thousands of job losses if imposed on Canada.
2. City Council direct the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Manager, in consultation with the Chief Procurement Officer and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, to accelerate the development of local procurement approaches as set out in Sidewalks to Skylines: A Ten-Year Action Plan for Toronto’s Economy to strengthen local businesses and protect local jobs.
3. City Council request the Federal Government to develop a standard recognizable label to be placed on all Canadian goods in clear, readable fonts that clearly shows percentages of Canadian content and any and all foreign content.
4. City Council forward the Item to all Ontario municipalities and encourage them to join Toronto in a “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” campaign.

City Council Decision Advice and Other Information

City Council considered the following Items together:

MM26.7 headed “Creation of a City of Toronto “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” Campaign - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie”; and

MM26.13 headed “Affirming Our Canadian Independence - by Councillor Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti”.

Summary

With recent threats from President Donald Trump to impose a 25 percent tariff on Canadian products and services, it is important that municipalities, businesses, and residents across Canada stand up for our country, our economy, and our businesses.

The City of Toronto, Canada's largest municipality, has an opportunity to encourage residents, businesses, and cities across Canada to create and participate in a "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" campaign to ensure that we support local products, local businesses, and local growth.

This motion requests that the City Manager and relevant City Divisions develop a comprehensive "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" campaign that will encourage spending to further develop our own local economies through the purchasing of local goods and services when available.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM26.7

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-252857.pdf>)

Communications (City Council)

(February 2, 2025) E-mail from George Bell (MM.Supp)



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Prime Minister of Canada
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justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
VIA EMAIL:
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March 5, 2025

Association of
Municipalities of Ontario
(AMO)
VIA EMAIL:
amo@amo.on.ca

Federation of Canadian
Municipalities –
VIA EMAIL:
resolutions@fcm.ca

RE: Resolution No. 2025-051 – Federal and Provincial Call to Action to Buy Canadian

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on February 20, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-051:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items 6.8 and 6.9 listed for FEBRUARY 20, 2025 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas United States President Donald Trump, continues to indicate that he will issue executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada; and

Whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and

Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and



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

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services; and

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

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch endorse the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and

That the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

That council call on the federal and provincial government to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

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

February 6, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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Via fax

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Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
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Via email

Re: United States Imposition of Tariffs on Canada

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Hanover, at their regular meeting of February 3, 2025, adopted the following resolution with respect to the above noted matter:

“Whereas United States President Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective February 4, 2025; and

Whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and

Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

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

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services; and

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

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Hanover endorse the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and

That the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

That council call on the federal and provincial government to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Vicki McDonald
Clerk

/tp

cc: Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
All Ontario Municipalities

January 29, 2025

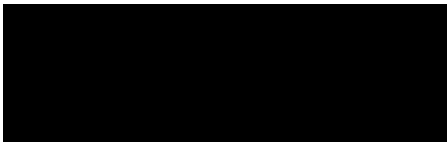
All Municipalities in Ontario
Via Email

Re: Sovereignty of Canada

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, January 20, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding Sovereignty of Canada.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0010.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0010

Title: Sovereignty of Canada

Date: January 20, 2025

Moved by: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded by: Councillor J. Brass

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS incoming 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 residents of our community, known as Canada's Most Patriotic Town, have demonstrated passion for and loyalty to our nation by opposing past "Buy America" trade measures; by celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary by simultaneously flying over 57,000 Canadian flags and along with other activities, by annually hosting popular Canada Day festivities throughout our municipality; and

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

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 multi-cultural 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 Halton Hills 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.



Mayor Ann Lawlor



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 16.5.
Resolution Number 25-029
Title: Response to Tariff Threats - Support Canadian Business and Consumers
Date: Friday, February 21, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Manners
Seconded by: Councillor Barton

WHEREAS the Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago (The Archipelago) is a Canadian government entity; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago is committed to fiscal responsibility and prudent management of financial and organizational resources, information databases, and the protection of taxpayer information; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago developed 'guiding principles' for its broadband connectivity project that included 'Canadian solutions first, North American second' in the acquisition of technology and services; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago's projected capital program for 2025 is \$1.5 million; and

WHEREAS all Canadian municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

WHEREAS United States President, Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective March 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS predatory tariffs by the US government affect all our residents, businesses, and institutions within The Archipelago, the Province of Ontario, and Canada; and

WHEREAS federal, provincial, and municipal leaders are encouraging Canadians to 'buy Canadian'; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago supports Team Canada efforts to stop US tariffs on Canadian goods and services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Archipelago adopts the following actions:

1. That staff ensure that all municipal data resides within Canada for security and sovereignty interests; and
2. That The Archipelago supports the federal and provincial call to action “Canadian business first” policy in its procurement of capital and infrastructure programs; and
3. That The Archipelago promotes the policy of “Buy Canadian” to encourage the purchase of Canadian goods and services and to support local business in The Archipelago and Parry Sound District; and
4. That all travel to the US for municipal advocacy requires the adoption of a formal position on US tariffs by The Archipelago; and
5. That Staff prepare a Council tariff position and policy for Council approval.
6. That The Archipelago participate in the Parry Sound Chamber of Commerce survey of businesses on the impact of tariffs and support, where possible, actions that follow.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, MP Scott Aitchison – Parry Sound Muskoka, MPP Graydon Smith – Parry Sound Muskoka, Mayors of Parry Sound District Municipalities, Chief Adam Pawis - Shawanaga First Nation, Chief Warren Tabobondung - Wasauksing First Nation, Chief M. Wayne McQuabbie - Henvey Inlet First Nation, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all Ontario municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and community associations in The Archipelago.

Carried

February 24, 2025

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

**Re: Protecting Hamilton's Economy and Jobs: Strengthening Local
Procurement and Resilience Amid U.S. Tariff Threats – REVISED**

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, passed the following resolution:

Item 10.5 of the General Issues Committee Minutes GIC 25-002:

**10.5 Protecting Hamilton's Economy and Jobs: Strengthening Local
Procurement and Resilience Amid U.S. Tariff Threats – REVISED**

WHEREAS, the United States government, under President Donald Trump, had announced the imposition of 25% tariffs on Canadian goods effective February 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, the potential threat of tariffs on Hamilton's key industries poses significant risk to local businesses, workers, and the overall economic stability of our community;

WHEREAS, these tariffs could potentially reduce the city's GDP by up to \$1.1 billion, impacting key sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and the automotive industry;

WHEREAS, Hamilton's manufacturing sector employs over 28,000 workers locally and over 48,000 within the broader Hamilton CMA, and plays a critical role in the city's economic stability;

WHEREAS, the potential decline in Hamilton's largest export sector—iron and steel—could result in a \$3.6 billion reduction in export value;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has significant purchasing power through its capital projects and infrastructure investments, which can be leveraged to support local and national businesses during this economic uncertainty;

WHEREAS, although a 30-day pause on the implementation of these proposed tariffs has been agreed upon by President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the potential threat remains, necessitating the exploration of proactive measures to protect and support Hamilton's local businesses, workers, and families to ensure economic resilience, growth, and long-term prosperity for our city;

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2025, Council referred Councillor Matt Francis's "Buy Local and Canadian First Procurement Policy" motion to the Procurement Sub-Committee for consideration with the intention to lay the groundwork for prioritizing local procurement;

WHEREAS, the current economic climate and the urgent threat posed by new tariffs necessitate accelerated action to expand on the aforementioned motion and reinforce Hamilton's economic resilience;

WHEREAS, municipalities, while traditionally constrained by trade agreements, can play a pivotal role in supporting Canadian businesses through strategic procurement practices;

WHEREAS, the recent announcement of the imposition of tariffs on steel and aluminum products by the United States will have a significant impact on Hamilton's economy, key industries, and the livelihoods of workers in our city;

WHEREAS, Hamilton is a national leader in primary steel production and secondary processing, and local companies have been a vital part of the city's economy and identity for generations;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton remains committed to supporting its local businesses, promoting local procurement, and protecting jobs for Hamiltonians;

WHEREAS, the government of Canada's response to the imposition of tariffs by the U.S. may impact the costs of municipal capital projects and other essential infrastructure investments; and,

WHEREAS, collaboration with all orders of government is critical to mitigate the impact of these tariffs and protect Hamilton's industries and workers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) Staff expedite the review of current procurement policies and report back to GIC on February 26th, 2025 with preliminary recommendations on the feasibility of integrating "Buy Local and Canadian" policies effectively and urgently given the current economic uncertainty;
- (b) The City of Hamilton stands in solidarity with federal and provincial governments to advocate against U.S. tariffs and support a coordinated "Team Canada" response.
- (c) The City of Hamilton calls on the federal and provincial governments to collaborate with municipalities in identifying and removing barriers that prevent local governments from preferring Canadian businesses in procurement processes.

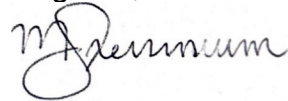
- (d) The City of Hamilton endorses the City of Burlington's "Buy Canada" resolution, dated January 31, 2025, and that the clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations for their information:
 - (i) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - (ii) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - (iii) Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus
 - (iv) Hamilton Members of Parliament (MPs)
 - (v) Hamilton Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
 - (vi) Municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- (e) That The Mayor with the support of staff identified by the City Manager's office further explore opportunities to support our steel industry partners, hardworking Hamiltonians and the backbone of the economy of our City through measures such as but not limited to:
 - (i) The re-orienting of our tendering and purchasing processes to build in the priority of sourcing steel and steel products from local companies first, and Canadian companies when necessary (in Sault Ste Marie for example). Also explore the sourcing of Canadian aluminum;
 - (ii) Calling on the senior orders of government to urgently facilitate the development of the supply chains necessary for municipalities around the country to source Hamilton steel and steel products for their capital works projects;
 - (iii) Calling on Ontario and Canada to begin to source their steel and steel products for their capital works projects from Hamilton companies ASAP;
 - (iv) Calling on the Federal and Provincial governments to encourage Canadian municipalities to begin to source Canadian steel and steel products for their municipal works projects and commit to developing programs to cover any cost inflation that may be incurred by municipalities, with or without retaliatory tariffs, to ensuring that any such costs are reimbursed to them by the Federal and Provincial governments;
 - (v) Demanding the Federal Government immediately establish a Canadian Border Service Agency customs office at the Hamilton's HOPA port, as has been requested by HOPA, to facilitate the movement of steel, steel products and other goods manufactured or grown/produced in Hamilton and surrounding areas to markets across Canada and abroad;

- (vi) Calling on the Federal government to accelerate its efforts to facilitate access to new markets for Hamilton steel and steel products abroad;
- (vii) Calling on the Federal government, and the Ontario government to expedite the construction of the Hamilton LRT as a stimulus initiative and commit to sourcing necessary steel and steel products from Hamilton, and passenger trains built in Canada with a requirement that those trains be manufactured with Hamilton steel and steel products; and,
- (viii) Calling on the Federal Government to eliminate the two-week waiting period for Employment Insurance (EI) applications for workers affected by U.S. tariffs, ensuring they have immediate access to financial support.

The City of Burlington's "Buy Canada" resolution, as endorsed by Hamilton City Council, is appended to this letter for your information.

Hamilton City Council requests your endorsement of this resolution, and circulate your endorsement to the Province of Ontario.

Regards,



Matthew Trennum
City Clerk
:AM

cc.

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Regular Council

Minutes

Date: January 28, 2025
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Council Chambers, City Hall, second floor

Members Present: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
Councillor Kelvin Galbraith
Councillor Lisa Kearns
Councillor Rory Nisan
Councillor Shawna Stolte
Councillor Paul Sharman
Councillor Angelo Bentivegna

Staff Present: Hassaan Basit, Chief Administrative Officer
Blake Hurley, Commissioner, Legal and Legislative Services/City Solicitor
Jacqueline Johnson, Commissioner, Community Services
Curt Benson, Commissioner, Development and Growth Management
Craig Millar, Chief Financial Officer
Scott Hamilton, Commissioner Public Works
Sue Evfremidis, Chief Human Resources Officer
Samantha Yew, City Clerk/Director, Legislative Services
Debbie Hordyk, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk
David Thompson, Specialist, Digital Communications
Richard Bellemare, Specialist, Digital Communications

18. Motions of Members

Mayor Meed Ward passed the gavel to Deputy Mayor Stolte to chair this portion of the meeting.

18.1 Buy Canadian Resolution (ADM-01-25)

Note: changes in bold were moved as part of the main motion.

Moved by: Mayor Meed Ward

Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

Whereas United States President Donald Trump has indicated he is planning to impose 25% tariffs on Canada February 1st; and

Whereas tariffs would lead to massive job losses and economic instability in both countries; and

Whereas municipalities will be on the frontlines of the economic fallout, and the **City of Burlington** wants to offer our support for a Team Canada response; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through our capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas Burlington's capital program for 2025 is \$100 million; and

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

Whereas Federal and Provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to Buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements from giving preference to Buy Canadian; 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.

Now therefore be it resolved that Burlington Council:

Stand with Team Canada to persuade decision-makers that tariffs are not in the best interests of Canadian or American consumers and businesses; and

Endorse the federal and provincial call for Buy Canadian; and

Call on the federal and provincial governments to work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

Should Tariffs be imposed ask the federal and provincial governments to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies for capital projects and 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 the City Clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations along with the request to endorse the same or similar:

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus
- Big City Mayors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Halton MPs
- Halton MPPs
- Halton Local Municipalities

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna



Northumberland County

Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

February 25, 2025

Right Hon. Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada)
Hon. Melanie Joly, (Minister of Foreign Affairs),
Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith (Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities),
Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario and Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party),
Marit Stiles (Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party),
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Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade,
Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
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John Beddows (Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus),
All regional Members of Canadian Parliament,
All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament,
All of Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus 'Canadian and Ontario Governments Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs'

At a meeting held on February 19, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-02-19-134, adopting the below recommendation:

Moved by: Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"That County Council support the correspondence from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) regarding 'Canadian and Ontario Governments Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs', and direct staff to send a copy of the resolution to:

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- Hon. Melanie Joly (Minister of Foreign Affairs),
- Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith (Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities),

- Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario and Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party),
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- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament,
- All of Ontario's municipalities.

Council Resolution # 2025-02-19-134

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By S. [Signature]

Seconded By J. [Signature]

Agenda
Item 8.a

Resolution Number
2025-02-19- 134

Council Date: February 19, 2025

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Recorded Vote
Requested by

Councillor's Name

Deferred

Warden's Signature

Carried

Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature

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
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- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

Carried

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Clark".

Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC

February 10, 2025

Township of Champlain

Resolution
Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.3.
Resolution Number 2025-071
Title: Canada Metal Processing Group - Announcement on steps to respond to U.S. tariff threats on the steel sector
Date: February 27, 2025

Moved By: Paul Emile Duval
Seconded By: Michel Lalonde

Whereas maintaining a healthy domestic steel manufacturing industry and its customer base, who transform steel into steel products, is critical to the economic stability of an independent and autonomous sovereign nation; and

Whereas Steel is a foundational industry to produce core products and infrastructure for essential industries e.g., defence, energy supply both fossil fuels and green energy, majority of industrial manufacturing e.g., automotive, transport, heavy equipment and essential for housing and infrastructure construction; and

Whereas the Heico Companies' Canada Metal Processing Group ("MPG Canada") operates three businesses (Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco, and Infasco) over 6 manufacturing sites in Quebec and Ontario and employs approximately 1600 individuals. The organization operates a state-of-the-art electric arc furnace (EAF) steel plant and billet caster, a two-strand rod mill, a rod processing facility, two wire mills, a bolt manufacturing facility, a nut manufacturing facility and a steel fastener coating facility. MPG Canada strives to offer the best customer experience by delivering high-value and sustainably engineered steel products across North America; and

Whereas, in the face of U.S. tariff threats, and as the Canadian Steel Producer Association (CSPA) members have been advocating, MPG Canada calls on the Canadian government to be prepared to react quickly to safeguard the long-term viability of Canadian steel product manufacturers, and the collective job security of its employees.

Be it resolved that the Township of Champlain supports The Canada Metal Processing Group ("MPG Canada") in its request to the Canadian Government to immediately:

- Prepare to implement matching retaliatory tariff measures without any consultation delay;
- Provide support for workers and businesses during this economic crisis;
- Prevent the ever-increasing unfairly traded imports from other countries into Canada and protect the domestic industry by instituting broad Section 53 surtaxes, without any possible exemptions;
- Promote buying Canadian steel, with its much lower carbon intensity than imports; and
- Work in collaboration with the U.S. to create an aligned North American steel trade market for melted and poured North American steel.

Be it further resolved that this Resolution be circulated to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada),
- The Hon. Melanie Joly (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada),
 - The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith (Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Canada),
 - Premier of Ontario,
 - Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade,
 - Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),
 - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),

- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA),
- Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus,
- The Hon. Francis Drouin, MP - Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- Member of Provincial Parliament, MPP – Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- The Canadian Steel Producer Association,• MPG Canada,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and
- All of Ontario's municipalities.

Carried

Certified True Copy of Resolution

Alison Collard, Clerk

Date:

Canton de Champlain
Résolution
Réunion régulière du Conseil

No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 15.3.
No. du point 2025-071
Titre: Canada Metal Processing Group - Annonce des mesures à prendre pour répondre aux menaces tarifaires américaines sur le secteur de l'acier
Date: le 27 février 2025

Proposée par: Paul Emile Duval

Appuyée par: Michel Lalonde

Attendu que le maintien d'une industrie sidérurgique nationale saine et de sa clientèle, qui transforme l'acier en produits sidérurgiques, est essentiel à la stabilité économique d'une nation souveraine indépendante et autonome ; et

Attendu que l'acier est une industrie fondamentale pour la production de produits de base et d'infrastructures pour des industries essentielles telles que la défense, l'approvisionnement en énergie, qu'il s'agisse de combustibles fossiles ou d'énergie verte, la majorité des industries manufacturières telles que l'automobile, le transport, l'équipement lourd, ainsi que la construction de logements et d'infrastructures ; et

Attendu que le Groupe de transformation des métaux Canada (« MPG Canada ») de Heico Companies exploite trois entreprises (Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco et Infasco) sur six sites de fabrication au Québec et en Ontario et qu'il emploie environ 1 600 personnes. L'organisation exploite une aciérie à four électrique à arc (FEA) ultramoderne et une coulée de billettes, un laminoir à barres à deux brins, une installation de traitement des barres, deux laminoirs à fil, une installation de fabrication de boulons, une installation de fabrication d'écrous et une installation de revêtement d'attaches en acier. MPG Canada s'efforce d'offrir la meilleure expérience à ses clients en livrant des produits sidérurgiques de grande valeur et de conception durable dans toute l'Amérique du Nord ; et

Attendu que, face aux menaces de tarifs américains, et comme les membres de l'Association canadienne des producteurs d'acier (ACPA) l'ont préconisé, MPG Canada demande au gouvernement canadien d'être prêt à réagir rapidement pour protéger la viabilité à long terme des fabricants canadiens de produits d'acier et la sécurité d'emploi collective de ses employés.

Qu'il soit résolu que le Canton de Champlain appuie le Canada Metal Processing Group (« MPG Canada ») dans sa demande au gouvernement canadien de réagir immédiatement :

- Se préparer à mettre en œuvre des mesures tarifaires de rétorsion correspondantes sans délai de consultation ;
- Soutenir les travailleurs et les entreprises pendant cette crise économique ;
- Empêcher l'augmentation constante des importations déloyales d'autres pays vers le Canada et protéger l'industrie nationale en instituant de larges surtaxes au titre de l'article 53, sans aucune exemption possible ;
- Promouvoir l'achat d'acier canadien, dont l'intensité en carbone est bien inférieure à celle des importations ; et
- Travailler en collaboration avec les États-Unis pour créer un marché nord-américain aligné pour l'acier nord-américain fondu et coulé.

De plus, qu'il soit résolu que la présente résolution soit diffusée auprès de :

- Le très honorable Justin Trudeau (Premier ministre du Canada),
- L'honorable Mélanie Joly (ministre des Affaires étrangères Canada),
- L'honorable Nate Erskine-Smith (ministre du Logement, de l'Infrastructure et des Collectivités Canada),
- le premier ministre de l'Ontario,
- Le ministre du Développement économique, de la Création d'emplois et du Commerce de l'Ontario,
- le ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement de l'Ontario,

- Fédération canadienne des municipalités (FCM),
- Association des municipalités de l'Ontario (AMO),
- l'Association des municipalités rurales de l'Ontario (ROMA),
- le Caucus des gardiens de l'Est de l'Ontario,
- L'honorable Francis Drouin, député de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- Membre du Parlement provincial, MPP - Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- L'Association canadienne des producteurs d'acier,
- MPG Canada,
- L'Association des municipalités de l'Ontario, et
- Toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario

Adoptée

Copie certifiée conforme

Alison Collard, greffière Date :

Source: Canada Metal Processing Group

February 24, 2025 10:32 ET

Canada Metal Processing Group announces steps to respond to U.S. tariff threats on steel sector

BROSSARD, Quebec, Feb. 24, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Canada Metal Processing Group (MPG Canada) and its subsidiaries, Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco, and Infasco, are announcing the difficult but necessary steps to respond to the current challenging market environment and the threat of incoming tariffs from the United States on steel and steel derivatives. These measures will help maintain the majority of MPG Canada's footprint and workforce while reacting to the impact that these threats are already having on the company's demand for its products destined directly and indirectly, via our Canadian customers, to U.S. customers.

In light of lower anticipated demand and production volume, due to U.S. tariff threats and trade challenges in Canada with increasing imports, the measures include a workforce reduction of 140 production and office employees in Ontario and Quebec, implementation of cost savings actions, and the cancellation or pause of some projects. These steps will enable MPG Canada to remain competitive to service our customers and protect the business in the short-term.

"This was an extremely difficult decision for our company, and not one that was made lightly, but necessary for the business in the current environment," said MPG Canada President Matt Walker. "Our employees are the backbone of our operations. They work hard, day in and day out, to create steel products which are recognized for their quality and good customer service while being an integral part of the Canada-U.S. supply chain."

Soft market in 2024, weak North American macroeconomic demand linked to a U.S. election year, the increased challenge of unfair trade imports into Canada, and now the imminent threat of 25% U.S. tariffs on steel sector and 25% on all Canadian products into the U.S., are having serious impacts on the demand for MPG Canada products.

"While it is impossible at this juncture to predict how long these actions by the United States will last, the Canadian government must be prepared to react quickly to safeguard the long-term viability of Canadian steel product manufacturers, and the collective job security of our employees," said Walker. "Maintaining a healthy domestic steel manufacturing industry and their customer base, who transform steel to steel products, is critical to the economic stability of an independent and autonomous sovereign nation. Steel is a foundational industry to produce core products and infrastructure for essential industries e.g., defence, energy supply both fossil fuels and green energy, majority of industrial manufacturing e.g., automotive, transport, heavy equipment and essential for housing and infrastructure construction."

In the face of U.S. tariff threats, and as the Canadian Steel Producer Association (CSPA) members have been advocating, MPG Canada calls on the Canadian government to immediately:

- Prepare to implement matching retaliatory tariff measures without any consultation delay.
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About Canada Metal Processing Group

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For media inquiries, please contact:

Frédéric Perron | Director, Marketing and Business Development
Canada Metal Processing Group, part of The Heico Companies
fperron@mpg.heicocompanies.com



March 4, 2025

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

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

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Re: Tariffs on Canadian Production

Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 25, 2025 passed the following resolution:

40/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Whereas the recent threats of an imposition on tariffs on Canadian production will have a substantial effect on the items produced in the County of Essex and purchased in the Town of LaSalle;

And Whereas there has only been a 30-day reprieve granted;

And Whereas, a tariff on Canadian steel and aluminum has been threatened;

And Whereas, these tariffs were going to be applied by another country and therefore can be deemed as being external to the Province and Country;

And Whereas, the interprovincial trade has been deemed by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) to represent 18% of Canada's GDP.

And Whereas, the CFIP released a report that said removing interprovincial barriers could boost the economy by up to \$200 billion annually;

And Whereas, items produced, grown, and manufactured in Essex County are sent across Canada;

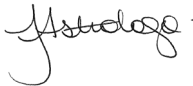
And Whereas, persons in the Town of LaSalle purchase goods manufactured in many provinces and from across the country, and these goods are in many cases subject to interprovincial barriers.

Be It Resolved that, the Town of LaSalle calls upon both the Provincial and Federal Governments to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers to ensure that items produced in the County of Essex and that Canadian items purchased in the Town of LaSalle are no longer subject to these interprovincial trade barriers.

Carried.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of LaSalle's support of the above matter.

Yours Truly,



Jennifer Astrologo
Director of Council Services/Clerk
Town of LaSalle
jastrologo@lasalle.ca

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca
All Ontario Municipalities

2025 Special Events Schedule

Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance	Confirmed Location	Event Type	Event Organizer
2/15/2025	11am – 2pm	Mayor's Winter Levee	800-1000	Bowman Room, Civic Square – City Hall	Public, Free	City of Cambridge