

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

June 3, 2022

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Resolution
Number

22-100



Title: Support Resolution re Russian Sanctions

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Moved By

VanAlstine

Seconded By

Dufour

WHEREAS the country of Ukraine has experienced a premeditated and unprovoked invasion by Russia;

AND WHEREAS silence is complicity;

AND WHEREAS Canada imports hundreds of million of dollars' worth of good from Russia each year;

AND WHEREAS negative financial impacts upon a country can be used as a means to deter further conflict

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT The Town of Espanola unequivocally denounces Russia's unjustifiable war against Ukraine;

AND THAT the Town of Espanola supports the sanctions which the Federal government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia;

AND THAT effective immediately and until a time when the sovereignty of Ukraine is once again unchallenged, the Town of Espanola will: 1) Not purchase any products (ie plywood, fertilizer, steel, furniture or machinery) which can be easily traced to have originated from Russia; and 2) Insist that any future contracts for services for the Town of Espanola abide by these same limitations within our municipality;

AND THAT upon confirmation that the Belarusian military is engaged within Ukraine that the Town of Espanola apply these limitations upon goods from that country as well;

AND THAT this decision of Espanola Council be forwarded to all other municipalities within Ontario requesting they enact similar measures so that as a united front we can make a noticeable difference.

Carried

Defeated

Deferred

RECORDED VOTE

Bill Foster

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY
INTEREST

CHAIR

Mayor J. Beer

R. Dufour

K. Duplessis

S. Hayden

B. Foster

H. Malott

M. Van Alstine

For

Against

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Mayor J. Beer

R. Dufour

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M. Van Alstine

May 25, 2022

CL 10-2022, May 19, 2022

DISTRIBUTION LIST

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Re: Motion - Voluntary Russian Sanction Request

Whereas Russia's unprovoked and brazen invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine has been unequivocally condemned by the majority of the free world, including by those living and working in Niagara;

Whereas the death and destruction caused by Russia's senseless invasion will have a lasting impact on the innocent and independent citizens of Ukraine;

Whereas Russia has placed sanctions on many Canadian premiers, mayors, journalists, military officials as well as senior staff in the federal government, "indefinitely" banning these individuals from entering Russia;

Whereas those Russian sanctions include Toronto Mayor John Tory and Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson;

Whereas the residents and businesses of Niagara stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and the proud Ukrainian-Canadian community who call our region home;

Whereas Niagara Region continues to be a willing host to those Ukrainian citizens fleeing their homeland during this challenging time, providing support through the Region's Community Services Department as well as number of other local agencies;

Whereas silence may be interpreted as complicity; and

Whereas any sanctions placed on Niagara's elected officials be considered wholly ineffective and be received as a demonstration of Niagara's steadfast commitment to support Ukraine during this time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council unequivocally **DENOUNCES** Russia's unjustifiable invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine;

2. That Niagara Regional Council **SUPPORTS** all of the sanctions that the Federal Government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia;
3. That any Regional Councillor who wishes to be voluntarily sanctioned **INDICATE** their support by advising the Regional Chair's Office by phone or email by no later than Friday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m.;
4. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Consulate General of the Russian Federation with the names of the Regional Councillors who have indicated their support to be voluntarily sanctioned, resulting in their "indefinite" ban from entering Russia;
5. That the Regional Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to circulate this motion to Niagara's 12 local councils, local area MPs, MPPs, AMO, and FCM; and
6. That this motion **BE FORWARDED** to all other municipalities in Ontario, requesting they consider enacting similar measures in order to present a united front and support the citizens of Ukraine.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

CLK-C 2022-079

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May 31, 2022

File #120203

Sent via email: ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
Niagara Region
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Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: Niagara Region's Motion – Voluntary Russian Sanction Request

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 30, 2022 received and supported the Region's correspondence dated May 19, 2022 regarding the following:

- Denouncing Russia's unjustifiable invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine,
- Supporting sanctions that the Federal Government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia,
- Advising any Regional Councillor who wishes to be may voluntarily sanctioned indicate their support
- Regional Chair to send correspondence to the Consulate General of the Russian Federation naming those Councillors who indicated their support, resulting in their "indefinite ban from entering Russia",
- Forwarding to all municipalities in Ontario requesting they consider enacting similar measures in order to present a united front and support the citizens of Ukraine.

A copy of your correspondence dated May 19, 2022, is attached.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
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Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk
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tmacdonald@orangeville.ca regarding Ontario Land Tribunal

Good afternoon,

Orangeville Council, at it's May 16, 2022 Council meeting passed the following resolution: 2022-196

Moved: Councillor Peters

Seconded: Councillor Post

THAT the Town of Orangeville requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario;

AND THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario;

AND THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Result: Carried

Regards,

Tracy Macdonald| Assistant Clerk

Corporate Services Town of Orangeville

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May 24, 2022

Sent via email: amo@amo.on.ca

Attn: Association of Municipalities Ontario

RE: Mandatory Firefighter Certifications

I am writing to advise you that at the Council meeting held on May 9, 2022, Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

Whereas municipal governments provide essential services to the residents and businesses in their communities; and,

Whereas the introduction of new provincial policies and programs can have an impact on municipalities; and,

Whereas municipal governments are generally supportive of efforts to modernize and enhance the volunteer and full-time fire services that serve Ontario communities; and,

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) believes in principle that fire certification is a step in the right direction, it has not endorsed the draft regulations regarding firefighter certification presented by the Province; and,

Whereas municipalities and AMO are concerned the thirty-day consultation period was insufficient to fully understand the effects such regulations will have on municipal governments and their fire services; and,

Whereas fire chiefs have advised that the Ontario firefighter certification process will create additional training and new costs pressures on fire services; and,

Whereas the Ontario government has not provided any indication they will offer some form of financial support to deliver this service; and,

Whereas AMO, on behalf of municipal governments, in a letter to Solicitor General Jones dated February 25, 2022, made numerous comments and requests to address the shortcomings in the draft regulations.

**Legislative Services**

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Therefore be it resolved,

1. That the Town of Newmarket does hereby support AMO's recommendations; and,
2. That the Town of Newmarket does hereby call on the Solicitor General of Ontario to work with AMO, municipal governments and fire chiefs across Ontario to address the funding concerns raised so that municipalities can continue to offer high quality services to their communities; and,
3. That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM), and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration

Yours sincerely,

Jaclyn Grossi
Acting Deputy Clerk

Copy:
Ontario Small Urban Municipalities
All Ontario municipalities



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May 31, 2022

Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on May 9, 2022, passed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS the Province of Ontario adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 30% by 2030, and emissions from buildings represented 22% of the province's 2017 emissions,

WHEREAS all Waterloo Region municipalities, including the City of Kitchener, adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 80% below 2012 levels by 2050 and endorsed in principle a 50% reduction by 2030 interim target that requires the support of bold and immediate provincial and federal actions,

WHEREAS greenhouse gas emissions from buildings represent 45% of all emissions in Waterloo Region, and an important strategy in the TransformWR community climate action strategy, adopted by all Councils in Waterloo Region, targets new buildings to be net-zero carbon or able to transition to net-zero carbon using region-wide building standards and building capacity and expertise of building operators, property managers, and in the design and construction sector,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener recently adopted a policy requiring new City buildings greater than 500m² to have an energy intensity-based target of 25% energy improvement above Ontario Building Code Regulation 388/18 or NetZero Ready/NetZero energy, where site conditions allow;

WHEREAS buildings with better energy performance provide owners and occupants with lower energy bills, improved building comfort, and resilience from power disruptions that are expected to be more common in a changing climate, tackling both inequality and energy poverty;

WHEREAS while expensive retrofits of the current building stock to achieve future net zero requirements could be aligned with end-of-life replacement cycles to be more cost-efficient, new buildings that are not constructed to be net zero ready will require substantial retrofits before end-of-life replacement cycles at significantly more cost, making it more cost-efficient to build it right the first time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to include energy performance tiers and timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code, consistent with the intent of the draft National Model Building Code and the necessity of bold and immediate provincial action on climate change;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to adopt a more ambitious energy performance tier of the draft National Model Building Code as the minimum requirement for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code than those currently proposed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario encourage and provide authority to municipalities to adopt higher energy performance tiers than the Ontario Building Code and Green Development Standards;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to facilitate capacity, education and training in the implementation of the National Model Building Code for municipal planning and building inspection staff, developers, and homebuilders to help build capacity; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to area MPPs, and to all Ontario Municipalities."

Yours truly,



A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk



May 24, 2022

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2J3

ATTENTION: Honorable Minister Steve Clark

Dear Minister Clark:

RE: Ontario Must Build it Right the First Time

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held May 10th, 2022:

Moved by Councillor Jeannie Kelso

Seconded by Reeve Peter McLaren

THAT, the Council of the Township of Lanark Highlands support the City of Waterloo's resolution re: Ontario Must Build it Right the First Time;

AND THAT, this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël,
Clerk

Encl.

c. c. All Ontario Municipalities

March 23, 2022

Hon. Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**RE: Resolution from the City of Waterloo passed March 21st, 2022 re: Ontario
Must Build it Right the First Time**

Dear Minister Clark,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo at its Council meeting held on Monday, March 21st, 2022 resolved as follows:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 30% by 2030, and emissions from buildings represented 22% of the province's 2017 emissions,

WHEREAS all Waterloo Region municipalities, including the City of Waterloo, adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 80% below 2012 levels by 2050 and endorsed in principle a 50% reduction by 2030 interim target that requires the support of bold and immediate provincial and federal actions,

WHEREAS greenhouse gas emissions from buildings represent 45% of all emissions in Waterloo Region, and an important strategy in the TransformWR community climate action strategy, adopted by all Councils in Waterloo Region, targets new buildings to be net-zero carbon or able to transition to net-zero carbon using region-wide building standards and building capacity and expertise of building operators, property managers, and in the design and construction sector,

WHEREAS the City of Waterloo recently adopted a net-zero carbon policy for new local government buildings and endorsed a corporate greenhouse gas and energy roadmap to achieve a 50% emissions reduction by 2030 for existing local government buildings and net-zero emissions by 2050 (provided the provincial electricity grid is also net-zero emissions),

WHEREAS the draft National Model Building Code proposes energy performance tiers for new buildings and a pathway to requiring net zero ready construction in new buildings, allowing the building industry, skilled trades, and suppliers to adapt on a predictable and reasonable timeline while encouraging innovation;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is consulting on changes for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code (ERO #: 019-4974) that generally aligns with the draft National Model Building Code except it does not propose adopting energy performance tiers, it does not propose timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier, and, according to Efficiency Canada and The Atmospheric Fund, it proposes adopting minimum energy performance standards that do not materially improve on the requirements in the current Ontario Building code;

WHEREAS buildings with better energy performance provide owners and occupants with lower energy bills, improved building comfort, and resilience from power disruptions that are expected to be more common in a changing climate, tackling both inequality and energy poverty;

WHEREAS municipalities are already leading the way in adopting or developing energy performance tiers as part of Green Development Standards, including Toronto and Whitby with adopted standards and Ottawa, Pickering, and others with standards in development;

WHEREAS the City of Waterloo is finalizing Green Development Standards for its west side employment lands and actively pursuing Green Development Standards in partnership with the Region of Waterloo, the Cities of Kitchener and Cambridge, and all local electricity and gas utilities through WR Community Energy;

WHEREAS while expensive retrofits of the current building stock to achieve future net zero requirements could be aligned with end-of-life replacement cycles to be more cost-efficient, new buildings that are not constructed to be net zero ready will require substantial retrofits before end-of-life replacement cycles at significantly more cost, making it more cost-efficient to build it right the first time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to include energy performance tiers and timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code, consistent with the intent of the draft National Model Building Code and the necessity of bold and immediate provincial action on climate change;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to adopt a more ambitious energy performance tier of the draft National Model Building Code as the minimum requirement for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code than those currently proposed;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario provide authority to municipalities to adopt a specific higher energy performance tier than the Ontario Building Code, which would provide more consistency for developers and homebuilders than the emerging patchwork of municipal Green Development Standards;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to facilitate capacity, education and training in the implementation of the National Model Building Code for municipal planning and building inspection staff, developers, and homebuilders to help build capacity; and

THAT this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to area MPPs, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Julie Scott
City Clerk, City of Waterloo

CC (by email):

Catherine Fife, M.P.P (Waterloo)
Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P (Kitchener Centre)
Belinda C. Karahalios, M.P.P (Cambridge)
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May 31, 2022

File #120203

Sent via email: Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Federal Government's Plans to Tax Vacant Foreign Owned Properties

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 30, 2022 passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Federal Government proposed a tax on vacant non-resident foreign owned properties in the 2021 budget, and

Whereas the intent of this tax is to reduce speculation in the real estate market which is believed to contribute to housing unaffordability in Canada, and

Whereas Fort Erie and other vacation destinations across Ontario have a high number of non-resident American-owned vacation properties that are vacant during the tourism off-season during the winter months, and

Whereas the Federal Government signaled their intent to exempt non-resident foreign owned vacation properties in Canada so long as they meet certain requirements including being located in a Census Agglomeration with a population of less than 30,000 people, and

Whereas Fort Erie and numerous other seasonal vacation destinations across Southern Ontario are in Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomerations with populations well in excess of 30,000 people despite the communities themselves being small and medium-sized municipalities, and

Whereas Fort Erie and other communities across Ontario have a long history of being a vacation destination for American visitors, many of which have owned the same property for generations, and would be taxed yearly on their assessed value of their vacation property based on this proposal, and

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Whereas vacant property taxes would be allocated to the general revenues of the federal government and not directly benefit the municipalities where these properties are located and serviced, and

Whereas vacation properties that are seasonally vacant do not contribute to the speculation that is believed to contribute to housing unaffordability in Canada,

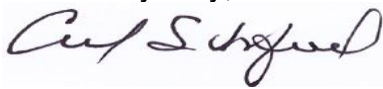
Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie requests the Federal Government to review the proposed exemption framework for seasonal vacation properties to better reflect the reality of where these properties are located and how they are used, and further

That: This resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue (Canada), Tony Baldinelli, Member of Parliament for Niagara Falls, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities located in Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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c.c. The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada and Minister of Finance

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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Bidding Wars on Apartment Rentals

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 30, 2022 passed the following resolution:

Whereas Canada's housing market has not only made it difficult for many Canadians to afford to purchase a home but also to rent apartments, and

Whereas there is a disconnect between affordability of housing and apartment rentals versus wages that have not kept pace with them nor has it kept pace with inflation, cost of living expenses, the rising costs of goods & services including – food, gas and utility, and

Whereas Ontario has now become the least affordable jurisdiction suffering the worst erosion in the last 50 years, and

Whereas many Canadians continue to be locked out of the housing & rental market for many reasons including the affordability of a down payment, rising inflation rates, and the escalation of bidding wars, and

Whereas bidding wars do not stop at home purchases but have now transitioned to apartment rentals as a ripple effect of the real estate market, and

Whereas there is a profound psychological effect to those individuals who continue to be shut out of the housing and rental market as a direct result, and

Whereas both blind bids and open bids are bad for the housing and apartment market which can lead to a housing bubble, and while blind bids offer no transparency, both types create unrealistic values that helps the seller and the rental owner but hurts the purchaser and renter, and

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Whereas there are multiple sites that encourage and teach how to win at bidding wars, and

Whereas there is no comprehensive data or statistics that currently tracks prices for rentals, and

Whereas the Government of Ontario will be introducing new legislation with respect to blind bidding only which does not prohibit the seller from entering into a bidding war but, rather, would give sellers the option to "opt for an open offer process", and

Whereas the changes to the *Trust in Real Estate Services Act* provides an advantage to the seller(s) and largely weakens opportunities of the buyer and renter further adding to the disparity between the two;

Now therefore, be it resolved,

That: Both the Federal & Provincial Governments enact legislation that prevents both open and closed bidding on both rental units and residential sales, and further

That: Both the Federal & Provincial Government prohibit sales beyond the list price, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Municipalities for their support.

References:

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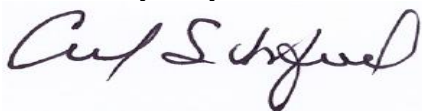
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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c.c. All Members of Parliament
All Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities



The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Mayor Soever Notice of Motion May 10, 2022

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Moved by: Mayor Soever

Seconded by: Councillor Hope

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of good government and the democratic process that all Ontarians have access to candidate information during the upcoming municipal elections; and,
WHEREAS the clerks of some municipalities do not supply the mailing addresses of voters on the voters list to candidates, thereby limiting the access of voters who have mailing addresses outside the municipality to candidate information, effectively disenfranchising them;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains expresses its support for the inclusion of the mailing addresses of voters on voter's lists provided to candidates;
AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all municipalities in Ontario to ask for their support;
AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association

YES: 6

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Mayor Soever

Deputy Mayor Bordignon Councillor Hope

Councillor Matrosovs

Councillor Sampson

Councillor Bill Abbotts

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councillor Uram



Office of the District Chair

SENT VIA EMAIL (premier@ontario.ca)

June 1, 2022

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

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Annual Emergency Exercise Exemption

On behalf of The District Municipality of Muskoka, I am writing to express key concerns regarding the requirement for Ontario municipalities to conduct an annual practice exercise for a simulated emergency incident as prescribed by Regulation 380/04. The simulations aim to validate response plans and procedures, train staff and identify areas of improvement to ensure emergency response is delivered at optimal levels. Exemptions are not currently permitted under this legislation. While the District of Muskoka acknowledges and supports the need for emergency exercises, Muskoka District Council strongly encourages the amendment of Regulation 380/04 to permit exemptions for municipalities who have responded to an actual emergency during the respective calendar year. A copy of the District's Health Services Committee resolution, as adopted by Muskoka District Council, is attached as Appendix I.

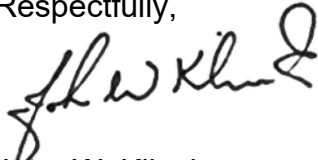
In 2021, The District's Emergency Control Group (ECG) convened twenty-four (24) times amounting to approximately 435 hours spent on emergency related activities. One of these incidents involved a watermain break in the Town of Bracebridge. Murray Advisory Services performed a critical analysis of the event and confirmed that the goals of an emergency exercise were achieved. The firm's final report included twelve (12) recommendations that helped improve the outcomes of a second water disruption event in the Town of Gravenhurst a few weeks later.

Despite the volume of actual emergencies managed by the ECG, the District of Muskoka must still conduct an annual exercise to remain compliant with the Regulation. This is not an efficient use of municipal resources and does not serve as a useful training mechanism for staff who have been over-extended by the emergency situations they have managed over the past year.

The Solicitor General granted a one-time exemption to municipalities in 2020 recognizing that municipalities were actively engaged in and managing various COVID-19 related initiatives. If pandemic management warrants an exemption to the annual simulation, surely there must be grounds to grant an exemption for the management of other emergency situations.

On behalf of Muskoka District Council, your consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John W. Klinck', written in a cursive style.

John W. Klinck
District Chair

THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF MUSKOKA

Cc: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
All Municipalities in Ontario

Appendix I

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The District Municipality of Muskoka

Health Services Committee
February 24, 2022

Moved By: J. Klinck

Seconded By: R. Nishikawa

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 380/04: Standards under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act sets the municipal standards for emergency management programs in Ontario and requires municipalities to conduct an annual exercise with their Emergency Control Group in order to evaluate the municipality's emergency response plan and procedures, O. Reg. 380/04, s. 12 (6);

AND WHEREAS Emergency Management Ontario previously granted municipalities exemption for the annual exercise requirement when the municipality experienced an actual emergency with documented proof of the municipality actively engaging their emergency management procedures and plan in response to the emergency;

AND WHEREAS on August 5, 2021 the Chief, Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) issued a memo to Community Emergency Management Coordinators stating that effective immediately, the Chief, EMO would no longer be issuing exemptions to the O. Reg. 380/04 requirement to conduct an annual exercise;

AND WHEREAS municipalities experience significant costs and burden to staff resources when faced with the response to an actual emergency and activation of their Emergency Control Group and/or Emergency Operations Centre;

AND WHEREAS a municipality's response to an actual emergency is more effective than an exercise in evaluating its emergency response plan and procedures as mandated by O. Reg. 380/04;

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AND WHEREAS planning, conducting and evaluating an emergency exercise requires significant time and effort for the Community Emergency Management Coordinator and Municipal Emergency Control Group that is duplicated when the municipality experiences a real emergency;

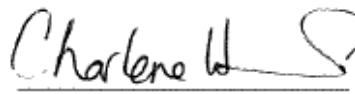
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Muskoka District Council hereby **requests** the Province of Ontario to amend Ontario Regulation 380/04 under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to provide an exemption to the annual exercise requirement for municipalities that have activated their Emergency Control Group and/or Emergency Response Plan in response to an actual emergency that year in recognition of the significant resources used to respond to the emergency and the effectiveness of such response in evaluating the municipality's emergency response plan and procedures;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution **be forwarded** to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General; and all other municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

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Defeated



Deputy Clerk