

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

March 3, 2023

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Date: 06/02/2023 **Internal Memo #: IM23-006 (CRE)**

To: Council

Circulated to: Corporate Leadership Team

Department: Corporate Enterprise

Division: Corporate Strategy

From: Jenna Brown-Jowett, Director of Corporate Strategy

Subject: 2022 Year-End Government Relations Consultation Tracking & Grant Activity

Comments

Government Relations and Consultation Activity in 2022

The government relations consultation review process was developed in order to provide a centralized way to coordinate and track opportunities for the City to provide input into Federal and Provincial legislative, regulatory, and programming considerations. This process is governed by the Government Relations Consultation Tracking Policy (Policy Number A09 ADM 008).

From January 1 to December 31, 2022, a total of seventeen (17) government relations activities took place (Appendix A). This is slightly lower than 2021 when twenty-one (21) activities were completed during the course of the year.

- Seven (7) consultation responses were submitted to the appropriate legislative body
- One (1) was an advocacy-related submission (provincial budget), and
- Nine (9) were reviewed with no response provided

Key highlights of consultation responses include:

- Ontario Budget Consultation
 - This opportunity allowed us to ensure that Cambridge specific recommendations were considered as part of the Provincial budget process
- Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022
 - There were significant proposed legislative amendments as part of Bill 23
 - Although staff were awaiting further details from the Province to fully understand the impacts, staff made every effort to provide consultation where possible in 2022

- Staff remain committed to working closely with our Municipal partners and others as we continue this advocacy work into 2023

The work ahead for 2023:

As we continue to strengthen our government relations program, we will work collaboratively with Council to develop a strategic government relations advocacy platform for priorities in Cambridge. In parallel to this, staff will continue to be abreast of changes and impacts, in an effort to ensure the Cambridge voice is part of the Provincial conversation.

External Grant Application Tracking and Results

From January 1 to December 31, 2022, there were eighteen (18) grant applications tracked through the Employee Grant Application Database (Appendix B). This is slightly higher than 2021, when there were fifteen (15) grant applications tracked.

Summary of 2022 tracked grant opportunities:

- Nine (9) were successful
- Three (3) were reviewed and determined to be not eligible
- Two (2) were unsuccessful
- Four (4) are in progress

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

The nine (9) successful grant applications in 2022 totaled \$2,276,505. These include the following:

- Audit and Accountability Fund- Fire Department IT Strategy Review
- Audit and Accountability Fund - Enhanced Customer Service Strategy Review
- Community Building Fund - Capital Stream (Ontario Trillium Foundation/ Province of Ontario)
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada IRCC)
- Community Buildings Retrofit Initiative
- Small Grant – SCWW Expansion Project
- Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (Lead by the Region)
- The Active Transportation Fund
- The Streamline Development Approval Fund (SDAF)

The total grant amount of \$2,276,505 represents funds that would otherwise be drawn from the tax base or City reserve funds. Staff are committed to the public value of sustainability to continue finding ways to lessen the financial burden on the taxpayer while also maintaining or enhancing City service levels.

The work ahead for 2023:

The Corporate Strategy Division will begin work on phase 2 of our Grant Framework, which will involve building a more proactive approach to grant opportunity identification and development. This will continue to help the City to build on its legacy of financial sustainability by continuing to leverage funds from other sources to support municipal projects and programs.

Corporate Strategy will continue to monitor and track both advocacy and grant opportunities and will provide information on future activity in the form of a Council Information Package (CIP) in six months' time.

Attachments

Appendix A – Summary of GR activities

Appendix B – Summary of Grant Applications

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

Appendix A: Government Consultation Tracking Summary

Status	Title of Consultation/Proposed Legislative Change	Ministry, Department or Agency	Consultation Deadline (or date of submission) (MM/DD/YYYY)	Type
Submitted	Housing Affordability Consultation	Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing	01/13/2022	Consultation Response
Submitted	Fire Certification Regulation Response	Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services	02/5/2022	Consultation Response
Submitted	More Homes for Everyone Act	Legislative Assembly of Ontario	4/29/2022	Consultation Response
Submitted	Flood Hazard Identification Mapping Program	Natural Resources Canada	06/17/2022	Consultation Response
Submitted	Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) Municipal Government Survey	Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)	10/19/2022	Consultation Response
Submitted	AODA Review	Government of Ontario	11/30/2022	Consultation Response
Submitted	Bill 23 - More Homes Built Faster Act	Legislative Assembly of Ontario	Various	Consultation Response
Submitted	Ontario Budget Consultation	Ministry of Finance	02/10/2022	Advocacy
Reviewed	Requirements for Advanced Recycling Facilities	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	02/25/2022	Reviewed

Reviewed	Building Broadband Faster Act	Ministry of Infrastructure	4/7/2022	Reviewed
Reviewed	Floating Accommodations	Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources & Forestry	4/19/2022	Reviewed
Reviewed	Green Belt Plan	Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing	4/23/2022	Reviewed
Reviewed	Housing Services Act	Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing	N/A	Reviewed
Reviewed	Amendments to the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities	Ministry of the Environment	N/A	Reviewed
Reviewed	Recovery Strategy for the Chimney Swift	Environment and Climate Change Canada	06/15/2022	Reviewed
Reviewed	Recovery Strategy and Action Plan for the Black Redhorse	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	N/A	Reviewed
Reviewed	Cannabis Act Review	Federal Government	11/07/2022	Reviewed

Appendix B: Grant Application Tracking Summary

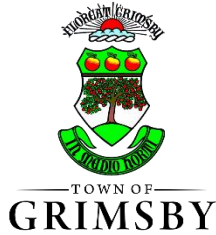
Status	Grant Program	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
Successful	Audit and Accountability Fund- Fire Department IT Strategy Review	To review the Fire Departments information management and technology strategy to identify efficiencies and opportunities to modernize and integrate technologies with the goal of reducing manual processes and improving.	\$30,528
Successful	Audit and Accountability Fund - Enhanced Customer Service Strategy Review	To review the City's current processes and service delivery data to provide information and analysis necessary to engage in the next phase of the centralized service delivery project. The review will identify opportunities to modernize, streamline and integrate services with the goal of improving efficiencies, costs savings and improving service delivery.	\$132,288
Successful	Community Building Fund - Capital Stream (Ontario Trillium Foundation/ Province of Ontario)	Repairs to the pool lining and pool lines, water circulation equipment and pool deck at Ed Newland Pool.	\$376,400

Successful	IRCC - Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	Program in partnership with Kinbridge NA to facilitate the arrival of immigrants, provide protection to refugees, and offer programming to help newcomers settle in Cambridge.	\$275,889 (annual allocation of multi-year funding)
Successful	Community Buildings Retrofit Initiative	To repair, renovate or retrofit existing sport and recreation facilities to help strengthen communities.	\$347,400
Successful	Small Grant – SCWW Expansion Project	Provides the opportunity for participants to join in on health and wellness seminars, educational lectures, brain-stimulating activities, listen to live musical entertainment, join in on general conversations, and make new and meaningful friendships.	\$4,000
Successful	Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (Lead by the Region)	Address the lack of charging stations and refueling stations for electric vehicles in Canada.	\$60,000
Successful	Active Transportation Fund	To help build new and expanded networks or pathways, bike lanes, trails and pedestrian bridges.	\$50,000
Successful	Streamline Development Approval Fund (SDAF)	To streamline development approval initiatives	\$1,000,000

		and support diversity internship programs.	
Reviewed & Not Eligible	Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant Program	For climate adaption projects.	N/A
Reviewed & Not Eligible	Low Carbon Economy Fund – Champions Stream	Projects that will result in measurable GHG emissions reductions towards Canada’s 2030 emissions reductions target.	N/A
Reviewed & Not Eligible	Enabling Change Program 2022-2023	The Enabling Change Program is a shared-cost transfer payment program administered by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility (“the ministry”) that provides funding to not-for-profit organizations, industry organizations, and professional associations to educate their stakeholders about accessibility, drive cultural awareness about the value and benefits of accessibility, and support regulatory compliance.	N/A
Unsuccessful	Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program	This initiative will support green and energy efficient retrofits, repairs or upgrades to existing publicly accessible community buildings and the construction of new publicly	N/A

		accessible community buildings.	
Unsuccessful	My Main Street 2/2	Placemaking projects in Southern Ontario designed to draw visitors and increase local vibrancy.	N/A
In Progress	Community Buildings Retrofit (CBR) Initiative	Assess the feasibility to support near-term and long-term projects that reduce energy and GHGs, extend asset life and reduce cost of ownership for local recreational and cultural facilities. Determine the best approach to achieving near net zero buildings with a study grant.	TBD
In Progress	Enabling Accessibility Fund- 2022 Small Projects Component	The Enabling Accessibility Fund (2022 Small Projects Component) provides up to \$100,000 for projects that make Canadian communities and workplaces more accessible for persons with disabilities. This funding supports projects that improve accessibility and safety for persons with disabilities in: a facility where persons with disabilities work or could work in the future (Workplace Accessibility Stream); or	TBD

		a community space where programs or services are, or will be available for persons with disabilities.	
In Progress	TD Green Space	TD Green Space Grants support green infrastructure development, tree planting, forestry stewardship, and community green space expansion as a way to advance environmental and economic benefits toward a low-carbon economy. Through the program, municipalities are eligible to receive \$25,000 for grants in support of local forestry projects in areas of great need within a community.	TBD
In Progress	Tree Canada Treemendous Communities	Tree Canada supports greening projects wherever people live, work or play. Treemendous Communities funding is available to Canadian municipalities, Indigenous communities, business improvement associations, non-profit and community groups. Up to \$10,000 in funding is available per project.	TBD



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February 24, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Premier of Ontario
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Attention: Doug Ford, Premier

Dear Mr. Ford

RE: Barriers for Women in Politics

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 21, 2023 passed the following resolution:

C-23-055

Moved by: Councillor DiFlavio; Seconded by: Councillor Freake

WHEREAS, the Town of Grimsby values equality and inclusivity in all areas of life, including politics;

WHEREAS, women have historically been underrepresented in politics, and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office;

WHEREAS, misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world;

WHEREAS, the Town of Grimsby believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment, and where everyone feels equal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby encourages other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equality in all areas of society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Grimsby's MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the Town of Grimsby's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc.
All Ontario Municipalities
Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Dean Allison, MP – Niagara West
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP – Niagara West
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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February 27, 2023

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Attention: Hon. Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

RE: Changes to the Municipal Heritage Register

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Heritage Register is an important tool for the preservation and protection of cultural heritage properties within the Town of Grimsby and throughout the province of Ontario;

WHEREAS cultural heritage properties are those which have potential cultural heritage value or interest but have yet to been formally evaluated as per the process prescribed in the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS listed properties are labelled as such as they are 'listed' in the Town of Grimsby's Municipal Heritage Register, which identifies all municipally-recognized cultural heritage resources;

WHEREAS the Municipal Heritage Register allows municipalities to regulate demolition on properties protected under section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act, ensuring that their cultural heritage value is preserved for future generations;

WHEREAS "listing" a property on the municipal heritage register recognizes a property's cultural heritage value, and is generally less complex, time-consuming, and

economically burdensome to local municipalities than pursuing the designation of a property as outlined within the existing process, which requires extensive research and documentation;

WHEREAS the “listing” of properties on the Municipal Heritage Register provides a measure of protection, ensuring that these properties cannot be demolished without the approval of the municipality;

WHEREAS it is important to list properties of cultural heritage value or interest, including those that are not currently designated, in order to ensure their preservation for future generations;

WHEREAS the 60-day demolition provision in the Ontario Heritage Act provides a short time frame for the municipality to consider the heritage value of a property before it may be demolished;

WHEREAS the new requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act mandate the assessment of an unreasonable amount of resources for a local municipality within a 2-year timeline;

WHEREAS the new requirement of removal after the 2-year anniversary leaves resources exposed, and unprotected for up to 5 years;

WHEREAS the new requirements do not allow the municipality to further assess our nationally significant resources, more specifically resources connected to the War of 1812, our indigenous communities and culture, people of colour, LGBTQ+, and impacts our community’s commitment to ensure preservation of our inclusive history.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Grimsby addresses this resolution to the government of the Province of Ontario, affirming the importance of the Municipal Heritage Register and its role in preserving the cultural heritage of municipalities throughout the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Grimsby encourages the government of the Province of Ontario to make changes to the Ontario Heritage Act which promote the retention and expansion of the Municipal Heritage Register, including

the listing of properties of cultural heritage value or interest that are not currently designated;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Grimsby encourages the government of the Province of Ontario to change the Ontario Heritage Act to protect the 60-day demolition provision indefinitely, rather than for a maximum of 2 years in order to provide adequate time for the municipality to consider the heritage value of properties before they may be demolished;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Grimsby circulate this notice of motion to the municipalities of Ontario for endorsement and circulation to the Province.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bonnie Nistico-Dunk".

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities

February 28, 2023

Via email only

To: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Re: Oath of Office

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held February 21, 2023, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2023-119**

Moved by Councillor Franzen
Seconded by Deputy Mayor
Armstrong

Whereas most municipalities in Ontario have a native land acknowledgement in their opening ceremony; and

Whereas a clear reference to the rights of Indigenous people is the aim of advancing Truth and Reconciliation; and

Whereas Call to Action 94 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada called upon the Government of Canada to replace the wording of the Oath of Citizenship to include the recognition of the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas on June 21, 2021 an Act to amend The Citizenship Act received royal assent to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework; and

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

Therefore be it resolved that Council request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office: I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples; and further

That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Dave Smith, MP Michelle Ferreri, Premier Doug Ford and Curve Lake First Nation.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



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March 2, 2023

Will Short

Regional Clerk

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Dear Will Short:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on January 30, 2023, passed the following resolution regarding rental housing tenancy displacements:

"WHEREAS Ontario has a significant housing shortage necessitating an increase in both affordable and general supply;

WHEREAS the Province has mandated the creation of 1.5M new homes over 10 years via Bill 23, More Houses Built Faster Act with Kitchener's share being 35,000 new dwellings;

WHEREAS infill development is generally preferred to greenfield development, and urban sprawl, for both financial & environmental sustainability;

WHEREAS infill development has, and will continue to displace existing residents, often with affordable rental agreements; and,

WHEREAS Kitchener Council acknowledges housing as a basic human right and has approved a Housing for All Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT where existing rental housing cannot or will not be preserved, staff make recommendations on how the City can support the transitioning of displaced residents;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to review the rental replacement bylaws found elsewhere in Ontario to determine its benefits and its applicability in Kitchener;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to work with Community Stakeholders to make recommendations and deliver on

tools and best-practices that may be implemented immediately; tools that may require additional development, possibly as part of Kitchener's Official Plan review; and suggested advocacy to other orders of government where support may be outside of our jurisdiction and report back prior to the end of 2023;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Region of Waterloo and other local municipalities, should they choose to partner, and/or provide consistency-of-response to this growing challenge throughout our Region; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)."

Yours truly,

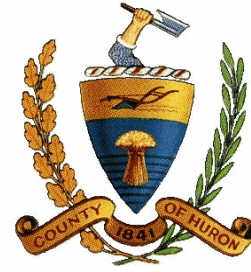


A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Ashley Sage, Clerk, Township of North Dumfries
Jeff Bunn, Manager of Legislated Services/Clerk, Township of Wilmot
Grace Kosch, Clerk, Township of Wellesley
Julie Finley-Swaren, City Clerk, City of Waterloo
Jeff Smith, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Woolwich
Danielle Manton, City Clerk, City of Cambridge
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)

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February 1, 2023

Sent via email.

Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

Please note that on February 1, 2023 Huron County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled *Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information*, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve forwarding Call to Action Letters to the following for support:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Member of Parliament
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, to require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community, we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost 50 years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the

impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen McNeil".

Glen McNeil
Warden, Huron County
On behalf of Huron County Council



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February 22, 2023

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Goderich, ON N7A 1M2

Dear Mr. McNeil, Warden:

Re: Corporation of the County of Huron – Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 14, 2023 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence received from the Corporation of the County of Huron regarding
Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference.

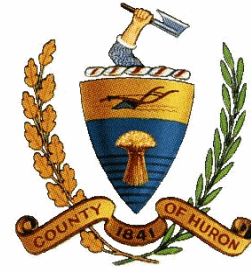
Sincerely,

Nicole Rubli
Acting City Clerk

Cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
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Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
Premier of Ontario
Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Member of Parliament
Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Federal Minister of Health

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Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, to require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community, we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost 50 years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the

impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,

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Glen McNeil
Warden, Huron County
On behalf of Huron County Council



Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information

Prepared: January 2023

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Background

On January 18, 2023, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request staff to prepare a report for Council on the Federal Cannabis Legislation Review with recommendations on options for Huron County to address their concerns with this legislation.

Cannabis Act: Information For Municipalities

According to The Government of Canada's *Information for Municipalities - Medical Use of Cannabis* there are two approved ways medical cannabis can be grown: *Licensed Producers* and *Personal and Designate Production*

1. Licensed Producers

Licensed producers are individuals or companies licensed by Health Canada to produce and sell cannabis for medical purposes. Licensed producers must meet stringent health and safety security requirements before producing and selling cannabis.

When applying to be a licensed producer under the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR), or when applying to amend a licence, an applicant must notify:

- The municipality
- Local fire officials
- Local law enforcement

Licensed producers must also notify these local authorities, within 30 days, after the issuance of a licence or the renewal, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation of their licence. These notification requirements are intended to provide local authorities with information about activities with cannabis conducted in their jurisdiction to allow them to take appropriate measures, as applicable.

Licensed producers are expected to obey all relevant federal, provincial and municipal laws and by-laws, including municipal zoning by-laws.

2. Personal and Designated Production

If a person wants to produce a limited amount of cannabis for his/her own medical purposes, he/she needs to register with Health Canada. He/she can also choose to designate another person to produce a limited amount of cannabis for him/her. A person can produce a limited number of marijuana plants under a maximum of two registrations (for one other person and him/herself, or two other people). Marijuana plants may be produced under a maximum of four registrations at one address.

A registered or designated person is permitted to produce marijuana plants indoors and/or outdoors, but not both at the same time. If a person wishes to produce marijuana plants outdoors, the boundary of the land on which the production site is located cannot have any points in common with the boundary of the land on which a school, public playground, day care facility or other public place frequented mainly by persons under 18 years of age.

The number of plants a person can grow is determined by the daily amount recommended by their health care practitioner and a set of formulas in the regulations.

Health Canada also recommends that registered and designated persons be discreet with their production.

Individuals who are registered with Health Canada to produce a limited amount of cannabis for medical purposes are expected to obey all federal, provincial and municipal laws and by-laws.

Community Expressed Concerns

Recently, some concerns regarding the Cannabis Act and local growing practices have been expressed by community members. Some of the topics of concern expressed have included:

- Excessive noise produced by ventilation units
- Serious odour impacts from production
- Health concerns from neighbouring property owners
- Questions regarding zoning requirements for Cannabis operations, particularly in regards to areas zoned residential
- The current lack of a Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) between licensed facilities/designate growers, and homes, public facilities

Impact to the Municipality

Community concerns regarding the Cannabis Act have an impact on the municipality. These impacts include the costs associated with Council and staff time and legal fees. There is also a potential for community disruption pertaining to licenses issued under the Federal Medical Cannabis Registration process.

It is important to note that the municipality's concerns expressed in this report are not against or opposed to cannabis. The County of Huron appreciates the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to other levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

Advocacy Efforts to Date

On October 5, 2022 a letter was sent to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat of Health Canada. The letter offered requested feedback on the Cannabis Act and a recommendation for a Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas.

See Appendix A.

Recommendations for Further Advocacy

Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information (this report)

Further advocacy could be accomplished by sending this report, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration.

A Call to Action Letter could be sent on behalf of WOWC, and all WOWC member municipalities could be invited to send similar letters to the agencies and individuals outlined below.

Call to Action Letter

A sample Call to Action Letter for Huron County can be found in Appendix B. Once approved by Council, letters could be sent to:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
All Municipalities in Ontario
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
Premier of Ontario: Doug Ford
Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks: David Piccini
Provincial Minister of Agriculture: Lisa Thompson
Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Steve Clark
Member of Parliament: Ben Lobb
Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Marie-Claude Bibeau
Federal Minister of Health: Jean-Yves Duclos

Further Resources

The Cannabis Act: The Facts

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2018/06/backgrounder-the-cannabis-act-the-facts.html>

The Cannabis Act

https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/annualstatutes/2018_16/FullText.html#:~:text=The%20objectives%20of%20the%20Act,operating%20outside%20the%20legal%20framework

Cannabis Information for Municipalities

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis/information-municipalities.html>

Ontario: Cannabis Control Act

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17c26>

Correspondence Received by Council

Correspondence to Council, January 2023: Bonnie Shackelton

<https://agendas.huroncounty.ca/agendapublic/AttachmentViewer.ashx?AttachmentID=7134&ItemID=5394>

Appendix A

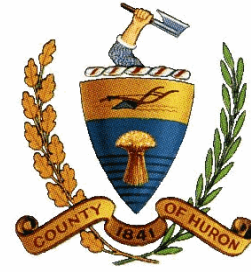
Copy of the letter sent to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat of Health Canada on October 5, 2022

Appendix B

Sample Call to Action Letter

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

Corporation of the County of Huron
1 Courthouse Square
Goderich, Ontario N7A 1M2
www.HuronCounty.ca
Phone: 519.524.8394
Toll Free: 1.888.524.8394



October, 5, 2022

To: Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat
Health Canada
Address locator 03021
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0K9

On October 5, 2022, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron send correspondence to Health Canada requesting consultation when implementing legislation on cannabis regulation as there is a direct impact on municipal operations and sometimes non compliancy to municipal by-laws;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron recommends the inclusion of a system of Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This correspondence be circulated to Huron County local municipalities for support.

Thank you for requesting feedback on the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada. As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions, and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe areas for improvement during the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

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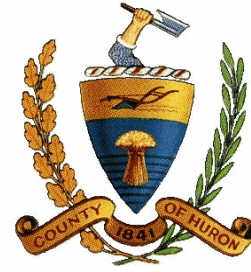
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{insert date}

To: {insert recipient}

Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

On {insert date}, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

THAT:

{insert motion}

AND FURTHER THAT:

{insert motion}

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

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Sincerely,



Glen McNeil
Warden, Huron County
On behalf of Huron County Council

February 24, 2023

CL 3-2023, February 23, 2023
PHSSC 2-2023, February 14, 2023
COM-C 14-2023, February 14, 2023

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Motion Respecting Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction

COM-C 14-2023

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 23, 2023, passed the following recommendation, as amended, of its Public Health and Social Services Committee:

Whereas Niagara Regional Council acknowledges that the challenges of homelessness, mental health and the opioid crisis are exceptionally complex issues that have a measurable and significantly detrimental impact on the residents of the Niagara region, including the loss of life;

Whereas addressing these issues places extreme stress on upper and lower-tier municipal programs and services, the Niagara Regional Police, Niagara Health, Emergency Medical Services and various non-profit service providers across the region;

Whereas the challenges of homelessness, mental health and opioids have seen a trend of becoming more prevalent in recent years and continue to have a significant impact on the Niagara community;

Whereas Niagara Region, through the staff in Community Services and Public Health, has taken many steps to address these issues with the development and provision of best-practice programming designed to mitigate their impact on the community;

Whereas Niagara Regional Council acknowledges that the challenges of homelessness, mental health and the opioid crisis are intrinsically diverse and should not be viewed as a single monolithic problem;

Whereas addressing these challenges will require strategies and tactics that are specifically designed for each of the unique issues;

Whereas Niagara Region accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with multiple stakeholders, including the provincial government and its agencies;

Whereas 26 Niagara agencies within the Region, including Public Health and Emergency Medical Services, have collaboratively developed a Substance Use Prevention Strategy known as the Opioid Prevention and Education Network of Niagara, and are actively implementing it;

Whereas Niagara Region is a “Built for Zero” community that has accurate and timely data regarding its homeless population and delivers programs and services targeted for strategically helping those individuals experiencing homelessness;

Whereas the challenges of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction are found throughout the entire province of Ontario and are not unique to Niagara;

Whereas Niagara Regional Council recognizes that municipal emergencies in Ontario are declared by the head of council as per the process detailed in the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act; and

Whereas Niagara Regional Council acknowledges that the declaration of an emergency does not immediately result in a municipality receiving any additional funds or resources from senior levels of government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to formally issue three separate declarations of emergency, in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction, as per the procedure outlined in the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act;
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Provincial Government requesting that action be taken on the eight measures proposed by the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (as previously endorsed by Regional Council on June 23, 2022), including:
 - a. Creation of a multi-sectoral task force to guide the development of a robust provincial opioid response plan that will ensure necessary resourcing, policy change, and health and social system coordination;
 - b. Expanding access to evidence informed harm reduction programs and practices including lifting the provincial cap of 21 Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) Sites, funding Urgent Public Health Needs Sites (UPHNS) and scaling up safer supply options;
 - c. Revision of the current CTS model to address the growing trends of opioid poisoning amongst those who are using inhalation methods;
 - d. Expanding access to opioid agonist therapy for opioid use disorder through a range of settings (e.g. mobile outreach, primary care, emergency departments, Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine Clinics), and a variety of medication options;

- e. Providing a long-term financial commitment to create more affordable and supportive housing for people in need, including people with substance use disorders;
 - f. Addressing the structural stigma and harms that discriminate against people who use drugs, through provincial support and advocacy to the Federal government to decriminalize personal use and possession of substances and ensure increased investments in health and social services at all levels;
 - g. Increasing investments in evidence-informed substance use prevention and mental health promotion initiatives that provide foundational support for the health, safety and well-being of individuals, families, and neighbourhoods, beginning from early childhood; and
 - h. Funding additional and dedicated positions for public health to support the critical coordination and leadership of local opioid and substance abuse strategies;
- 3. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting action be taken to correct the funding allocation model for homelessness based on the results of Auditor General's 2021 report which found that provincial funding in this area is incorrect;
 - 4. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Ministry of Health and the CEO of Ontario Health requesting that the province immediately commit to fully funding gaps in mental health service as have been identified in the Needs Based Planning project by Niagara Ontario Health Team's Mental Health and Addictions Working Group, as well as funding ongoing annual increases as required by inflation and population need;
 - 5. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, David Lametti, and Federal Minister of Health, Jean-Yves Duclos, reaffirming Regional Council's October 22, 2020 motion urging the Federal government convene a task force to explore the legal regulation and decriminalization of all drugs in Canada;
 - 6. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) requesting that targeted advocacy be conducted in these areas, including the development of a singular motion that can be ratified by municipal councils across Ontario calling on the province to take immediate action;
 - 7. That Niagara Region, through its Public Health and Social Services Committee, **URGE** the federal government to declare homelessness as a humanitarian crisis; and

8. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area municipalities, all municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and local MPs and MPPs.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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CLK-C 2023-019

Distribution List:

Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Chris Bittle, Member of Parliament, St. Catharines
Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre
Tony Baldinelli, Member of Parliament, Niagara Falls
Dean Allison, Member of Parliament, Niagara West
Jennie Stevens, Member of Provincial Parliament, St. Catharines
Jeff Burch, Member of Provincial Parliament, Niagara Centre
Wayne Gates, Member of Provincial Parliament, Niagara Falls
Sam Oosterhoff, Member of Provincial Parliament, Niagara West



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SENT VIA EMAIL

March 2, 2023

David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

Re: Town of Cobourg Resolution – Homeless and Unsheltered Persons

At a meeting held on February 27, 2023, the Municipal Council of the Town of Cobourg approved the following Resolution #045-23:

Homeless and Unsheltered Persons

Moved by Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Adam Bureau

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on February 27, 2023, Council considered a Delegation Action from the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 21, 2023, regarding Homelessness and Unsheltered Residents with an understanding and appreciation of the impacts and importance of the issue of homelessness has to the local community; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg acknowledges that there are complex issues which can be presented through the challenges of homelessness and a lack of transitional and affordable housing, which are most significantly felt at the local level on a daily basis; and therefore have a measurable and detrimental impact on the well-being of all citizens of the Town of Cobourg; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg does not have the resources, capacity or tools to address these complex challenges without the partnership of the designated service providers being the County of Northumberland, and the Province of Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges that homelessness in the Town of Cobourg is a social, economic and health crisis; and

FURTHER THAT Council requests the support of the County of Northumberland as the regional service manager and facilitator of the Community Safety and Well-Being Taskforce by including Cobourg representatives and people with lived experience on it in an effort to address the local issues of homelessness in the Town of Cobourg; and



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FURTHER THAT Council requests a need for immediate action from the Province of Ontario to develop, resource and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario; and,

FURTHER THAT Council invites the delegates to submit their presentations to the Northumberland County Social Services Standing Committee and County Council and member municipalities; and

FURTHER that a copy of this motion be sent to all Northumberland County Lower-Tier municipalities for support; and

FURTHER THAT that a copy of this motion be sent to Premier Doug Ford, MPP David Piccini, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Health, HKPR Board of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all 444 municipalities in Ontario.

045-23

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at blarmer@cobourg.ca or by telephone at (905)-372-4301 Ext. 4401.

Sincerely,

Brent Larmer
Municipal Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
Returning Officer
Legislative Services Department



Moved By	Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty	Resolution No.:
Last Name Printed	BEATTY	045-23
Seconded By	Councillor Adam Bureau	Council Date:
Last Name Printed	BUREAU	February 27, 2023

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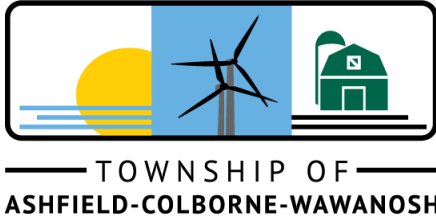
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Recorded vote requested by Councillor Adam Bureau

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Adam Bureau	X		
Councillor Aaron Burchat	X		
Councillor Brian Darling	X		
Councillor Miriam Mutton	X		
Councillor Randy Barber	X		
Mayor Lucas Cleveland		X	
Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty	X		
TOTAL:	6	1	



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The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

February 22, 2023

Re: Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors

Dear Minister,

Please be advised that at the February 21st meeting, the Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh adopted the following resolution,

Moved by Anita Snobelen

Seconded by Evan Hickey

WHEREAS concerns surrounding the accuracy of the Voters' List has been highlighted in elections past and inaccuracies continue to plague municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Ontario now has the responsibility to prepare and maintain a Permanent Register of Electors, under the Elections Act, for future municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS an accurate Permanent Register of Electors is paramount in upholding the integrity of democratic government;

AND WHEREAS an accurate Permanent Register of Electors could increase voter turnout statistics and possibly contribute to positive voter apathy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh requests that the Province of Ontario, through Elections Ontario and the Chief Electoral Officer utilize any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors;

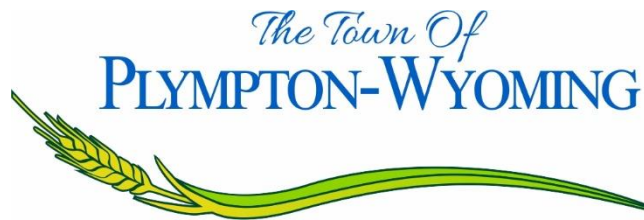
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Elections Ontario, MPP Lisa Thompson and Ontario Municipal Councils for their support.

Carried

Sincerely,

Florence Witherspoon
Municipal Clerk

cc. Greg Essensa, Chief Electoral Officer for Ontario, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, and
Ontario Municipal Councils



Mandi Pearson, Clerk/Operations Clerk
Town of Petrolia
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

February 17th 2023

Re: School Board Elections

Dear Ms. Pearson,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 8th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Petrolia regarding *School Board Elections*.

Motion 14

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support item 'M' of correspondence from the Town of Petrolia regarding compensation for School Board Elections.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton
All Ontario Municipalities

January 25, 2023

Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton
County of Lambton
Municipalities of Lambton County and Ontario

Via email

During the December 12, 2022, regular meeting of council, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Bill Clark Seconded: Debb Pitel

WHEREAS in the Province of Ontario, municipalities are responsible to conduct the election process on behalf of the school boards; and

WHEREAS an extensive amount of resources, time and management to advertise, co-ordinate and complete these trustee elections is placed on the municipality; and

WHEREAS municipalities do not receive any compensation or re-imbursement for use of orchestration of the school board trustee elections.

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Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

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February 22, 2023

Sent via Email: minister.edu@ontario.ca

Honourable Steven Lecce, Minister of Education

Dear Honourable Lecce:

Re: Town of Petrolia – Regarding School Board Elections – Request for Support

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 14, 2023 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence received from the Town of Petrolia regarding School Board Elections, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

Nicole Rubli
Acting City Clerk

Cc: MPP Bob Bailey Sarnia-Lambton
County of Lambton
Ontario Municipal Councils

January 25, 2023

Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton
County of Lambton
Municipalities of Lambton County and Ontario

Via email

During the December 12, 2022, regular meeting of council, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Bill Clark Seconded: Debb Pitel

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February 22, 2023

The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education

Re: Ontario School Board Elections

Dear Minister,

Please be advised that at the February 21st meeting, the Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh adopted the following resolution,

Moved by Jennifer Miltenburg
Seconded by Wayne Forster

WHEREAS the correspondence dated January 25, 2023 from the Town of Petrolia regarding Ontario School Board Elections highlights that municipalities do not get compensated for conducting trustee elections on behalf of School Boards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council hereby supports the letter and resolution of the Town of Petrolia;

AND FURTHER THAT a letter of support be sent to the Town of Petrolia, the Minister of Education, MPP Lisa Thompson, the County of Huron and Ontario Municipal Councils.

Carried

Sincerely,

Florence Witherspoon
Municipal Clerk

cc. The Town of Petrolia, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, and Ontario Municipal Councils

January 25, 2023

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MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton
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February 27, 2023

All Ontario Municipalities

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Re: School Board Election Compensation

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, Council of the Township of Dawn-Euphemia discussed the process and compensation for School Board Trustee Elections, and the following resolution was passed.

2023-33

School Board Election Compensation

That Council for the Township of Dawn-Euphemia support the resolution dated December 12, 2022, from the Council of the Town of Petrolia Re: School Boards becoming responsible for conducting their own trustee elections or at minimum municipalities be compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee elections; And that the resolution be sent to Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton, County of Lambton and all Municipalities of Lambton County and Ontario. *Carried.*

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipal Office.

Sincerely,

Terri Towstiuć
Deputy-Clerk
Township of Dawn-Euphemia

Cc: Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton
M. Pearson, Clerk, Town of Petrolia