

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

November 24, 2023

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MEETING MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Economic Development Advisory Committee
Meeting Number (No. 05-23)

Virtual Meeting

Wednesday October 11, 2023

Committee Members in Attendance: Derek Roy, Filip Ivanovski, Tony Schmidt, Thomas Sandor, Mohummid Sayanvala, Brian Kennedy, Kendra Brough, Cory de Villiers, Councillor Corey Kimpson and Councillor Sheri Roberts

Members Regrets: P. Brown, M. Onafrychuk, E. Martin, G. Furlong and B. Ratz

Staff Members in Attendance: Trevor McWilliams and Ingrid Borges

Guest: Paul Willms

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge was held in person at City Hall and virtually via Zoom Video Conferencing. T. Sandor welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Approval of Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: Tony Schmidt

Seconded by: Filip Ivanovski

THAT the minutes listed under the heading of Approval of Minutes be approved.

1. Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes –
Wednesday September 13, 2023

CARRIED

Agenda Items

a) Presentation – Paul Willms, City of Cambridge, re: Parks Master Plan

Using a PowerPoint Presentation, P. Willms discussed the following in detail: The City's Strategic Goals and Objectives, Parks Master Plan Process, Project Timeline, City of Cambridge Parks, Highlights, Types of Parks, Engagement and Consultation, Key Themes, Improvements and Levels of Service (Types and Format). A copy of P. Willms' presentation is on file with Economic Development.

Throughout the presentation discussion ensued regarding sponsorship opportunities, capital and operating budget, development charges, cash in lieu, meeting with stakeholders, utilizing existing assets, and off leash dog parks. P. Willms noted that staff have received a great response from the public surveys. Tourism along with making Cambridge a tourist destination appears to be a common theme with stakeholders. It was shared that Dillon Consulting has been retained.

b) Economic Development Review and Action Plan (EDRAP) - Update

T. McWilliams explained there have been a few time constraints and advised that version 3 of the draft plan should be submitted to staff by October 20th as most comments have been received and reviewed by the consultant. EDAC and the Staff Steering Committee will be circulated the draft plan as soon as it is available, and Sequence will appear at EDAC at the November meeting for discussion. The comprehensive final report will be brought forward to Council in February 2024.

Councillor's Update

It was explained that Council is looking for potential food idea options for the new Cambridge Recreation Complex. Staff will present recommendations sometime in November 2023.

Other Business

T. McWilliams stated that Cambridgelicious will begin Friday October 13th and run until Sunday October 22, 2023. Staff will review the program after it has concluded and provide feedback on how and if the city should move forward in the future.

Staff noted the Downtown Cambridge and Hespeler Village seasonal road closure surveys will be available through “Engage Cambridge” in the coming weeks for feedback.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday November 8, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Location: Hybrid Meeting – In person at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Filip Ivanovski

Seconded by: Cory de Villiers

THAT the Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair

Paul Brown

Chair's Name



Committee Liaison

Trevor McWilliams

Name of Staff member

MINUTES



Corporation of the City of Cambridge Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting Number #5-23

Virtual Meeting – October 12, 2023

Committee Members in Attendance: Andrew Cann, Julie Graham, Matthew Rogers, Mark Longo, Mike Jeans, Renee Billiau, Selwyn Langlois, and Stephanie Bangarth, Councillor R. Earnshaw

Members Regrets: S. Purdy

Staff Members in Attendance: Claire McLoughlin, Landscape Architect, Mohamed Juuda, Sustainable Transportation Coordinator, and Shannon Smith, Administrative Service Representative

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Trails Advisory Committee of the City of Cambridge was held in a hybrid format in person at Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St, Cambridge, ON N1R 8S1, Secord Room, 2nd floor; and virtually via Zoom. S. Bangarth, Chair, welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Indigenous Territory Acknowledgment

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest

Approval of September 2023 Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: S. Langlois

Seconded by: M. Jeans

THAT the minutes listed under the heading of Approval of Minutes be approved.

1. Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2023, be approved.

In Favour (8): A. Cann, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Longo, M. Jeans, R. Billiau, S. Langlois, and S. Bangarth

CARRIED (8-0)

Agenda Items

a) Transportation Engineering Project Updates

J. Leach, Active Transportation Coordinator provided the committee with trail updates on Blenheim Road and Elgin St. North.

Blenheim Road

- The multi-use trail will run from Devils Creek trail to the west end of Victoria Park.
- The trail is expected to be 3 meters wide with a reduction to 2.4 meters at the trail end (Victoria Park)
- Proposing to have a pedestrian crossing at the crossing point at the end of the trail. The pedestrian crossing will have a crosswalk with flashing lights.

Elgin St. North

- The multi-use trail will run from Glamis Road to the south end of Samuelson St. where the tunnel ends.
- The trail is expected to be 3 meters wide.
- The trail will include pedestrian refuge islands on Glamis Road, Winter Avenue, Galt Avenue (sidewalk on east side), Bronson Ave. There is a signalized intersection at Samuelson St.

J. Leach asked the committee for feedback on where the trail should end as it cannot continue through the tunnel. The committee agreed that merging the trail onto the road on the south end was best.

A. Aitken joined the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

b) Cambridge Farmer's Market, Bike Fix Station

- A. Aitken, Manager of Recreation, Older Adult Services and Cambridge Farmers Market provided a presentation on the Markets desire to become a bike friendly business.
- The proposed site location is McIntyre Square located between the Cambridge Farmers Market and Historic City Hall. The bike fix station will include bike racks, and a bike repair station with hopes to add a drinking water fountain.

Moved by: A. Cann

Seconded by: M. Rogers

THAT the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee support the Cambridge Market becoming a certified bike friendly business and the installation of the drinking fountain in McIntyre Square.

In Favour (8): A. Cann, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Longo, M. Jeans, R. Billiau, S. Langlois, and S. Bangarth

CARRIED (8-0)

A. Aitken and J. Leach left the meeting at 8:08p.m.

c) Parks Masterplan Presentation

P. Willms, Sustainability Planner, Infrastructure Services - Operations provided a presentation on the parks master plan.

P. Willms requested feedback from the Cambridge Cycling Trails and Advisory Committee on the plan and interests, how the committee would like to be consulted on future parks, and any recommendations. The committee will further discuss the presentation at the next planned meeting.

P. Willms left the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

d) 2024 Bike Month/International Trails Day Updates

- The formed sub-committee briefly discussed brainstormed ideas. The sub-committee is hoping to do several smaller events with the focus on one large event.
- Brainstorming ideas will be provided to the Cambridge Cycling Trails and Advisory committee for review and feedback.

e) Winter Social Planning

Interest was expressed by committee members to attend Phil Kline's Unsilent Night on November 24, 2023.

f) Operational Items Discussion

Nothing was discussed.

Councillor's Report

Nothing was discussed.

Other Business

Nothing was discussed.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, November 9th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. - Hybrid Meeting (Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St, Cambridge, ON N1R 8S1, in the Second Room [2nd Floor]; and via Zoom Link)

Close of Meeting

Moved by: M. Jeans

Seconded by: R. Billiau

THAT the Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

In Favour (8): A. Cann, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Longo, M. Jeans, R. Billiau, S. Langlois, and S. Bangarth

CARRIED (8-0)



Chair



Committee Liaison

Stephanie Bangarth

Chair's Name

Claire McLoughlin

Name of Staff Member



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

November 14th, 2023

No. 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Municipality of Grey Highlands on June 21, 2023 requiring all stop arm cameras on to be installed and paid for by the Province on all school buses for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Attorney General Doug Downey; the Ministry of Education; the local Member of Provincial Parliament, MPP Vic Fedeli; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark _____

Jason Corbett _____

Steve Featherstone _____

Dan MacInnis _____


Narry Paquette _____

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 16 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of November 14th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.



Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Corporate Services

November 13, 2023

Re: Gender Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on October 30, 2023, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the safety of our community and its members is of extreme importance to every Orangeville resident, as well as to Orangeville Council; and

WHEREAS gender-based violence and intimate partner violence (IPV), often referred to as domestic violence, means any use of physical or sexual force, actual or threatened in an intimate relationship, including emotional and/or psychological abuse or harassing behaviour; and

WHEREAS on August 16th, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as “an epidemic” in the federal government’s formal response to a coroner’s inquest, also stating that his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic “in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response”; and

WHEREAS by declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, the Town of Orangeville can join the growing number of municipalities and regions in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic; and

WHEREAS the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence have increased exponentially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has not decreased, while funding to provide the growing demand of services and support for victims and survivors has not kept pace;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Town of Orangeville officially declare intimate-partner violence an epidemic, as per recommendation #1 from the Culleton, Kuzyk, and Warmerdam (CKW) Inquest; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**
- 2. The Town of Orangeville recommends that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 3. That the Town of Orangeville requests that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic; and**
- 4. That the Town of Orangeville requests that the provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the CKW Inquest, which provides a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide; and**
- 5. That the Town of Orangeville requests that the federal government starts this enactment by adding the word “femicide” as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada; and**
- 6. That the Town of Orangeville requests that the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions, and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic; and**
- 7. That the Acting Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the County of Dufferin, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, Members of Parliament, Members of Provincial Parliament, the United Nations, and all Ontario Municipalities.**

Carried Unanimously.

Yours truly,

Tracy Macdonald
Acting Clerk



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

November 14th, 2023

No. 17

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Municipality of Bluewater in urging Minister Thompson to address the issues of childcare availability in our province and to improve childcare availability; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, MPP Vic Fedeli and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

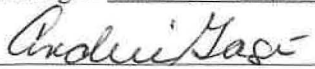
Donna Clark _____
Jason Corbett _____
Steve Featherstone _____
Dan MacInnis _____
Narry Paquette _____

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 17 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of November 14th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.


Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

November 14th, 2023

No. 18

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Township of Bonfield supports the Township of the Archipelago's resolution passed at their October 13, 2023 Council meeting calling upon the Province to include cigarette manufacturers within the scope of producer responsibility regulations and programs; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservations and Parks, relevant Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Leader of the Opposition parties, All Municipalities in Ontario, Pollution Probe, urging their support and action in this matter.

Carried Jason Corbett

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark

Jason Corbett

Steve Featherstone

Dan MacInnis

Narry Paquette

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 18 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of November 14th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

November 21, 2023

SENT VIA EMAIL

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4
VIA EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca

Attn: The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario

Re: Cigarette Producer Responsibility

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting on November 13, 2023 the Town of Amherstburg Council considered a resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago in support of amending legislation to ensure cigarette manufacturers are responsible for the collection, recycling, and proper disposal of cigarette waste and passed the following resolution:

Resolution # 20231113-009

Moved By Councillor Allaire
Seconded By Councillor Pouget

That a letter of support for item 16.1 - Township of The Archipelago | Resolution 2023-178 Cigarette Producer Responsibility **BE SENT** to all municipalities and the appropriate Minister.

Sincerely,

Michael Prue, Mayor
Town of Amherstburg



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

November 14th, 2023

No. 15

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

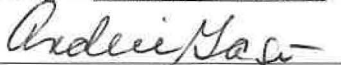
WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and; WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and; WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and; WHEREAS volunteer firefighters account for 71 % of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;
- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Nipissing Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 15 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of November 14th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.


Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



**Village of South River
Notice under Legislation Act, 2006**

Date: November 14, 2023

Motion Number: 320-2023

Moved By: Brian O'Hallarn

Seconded By: Robert Brooks

WHEREAS communities such as Village of South River may not be able to comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Almaguin News publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no clear local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper”;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Township of McKellar’s Resolution No. 23-671 that the Provincial government make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and the Township of McKellar.

Carried By: Jim Coleman

Lost By: _____

Name of Council Member	Yeas	Nays	Abstention	Pecuniary Interest	Recorded Vote
Mayor Coleman					
Councillor Brandt					
Councillor Brooks					
Councillor O’Hallarn					
Councillor Scott					

**Resolution
Regular Council Meeting**



Agenda Number: 9.4.
Resolution Number 23-371
Title: 23-R-49 Letter of Support - Conservation Officer Reclassification
Date: Monday, November 20, 2023

Seconded by: M. Lubbock

Moved by: S. Cote

WHEREAS Ontario has 196 field Conservation Officers including 6 canine handlers who provide protection to Municipalities Natural Resources and uphold public safety by enforcing hunting and firearm laws and investigate gruesome injuries and even deaths that result from hunting-related accidents; in addition, Conservation Officers are often First Responders and ensure public safety by facilitating evacuations and enforcing Emergency Area orders during forest fires during record breaking wildfires such as we witnessed this past summer; and

WHEREAS Conservation Officers perform comparable work to Police Officers and other Enforcement Officers within the province and are professional, armed Peace Officers trained to police standards and undergo the same training; and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required that their constituents are informed, and their interests are safeguarded and ensure they have access to outreach and natural resources compliance services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Coleman does here by support the Ontario Conservation Officer's Association (OCA) in their efforts to have Conservation Officers in the Province of Ontario reclassified as Enforcement Officers and be compensated fairly; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution with a letter of support be forwarded to Ontario Premiere Doug Ford, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, the Local Provincial Member of Parliament (MPP) John Vanthof, Temiskaming Municipal Association and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

S. Cote

M. Lubbock

P. Rieux

L. Perry

Certified True Copy

Christopher W. Oslund
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

November 14th, 2023

No. 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the care, support, and happiness of older adults in Bonfield is a priority for Council;

WHEREAS older adults deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age; WHEREAS within the Province of Ontario, couples do not have the right to be accommodated together when entering long term care facilities;

WHEREAS the separation of spouses upon entering long term care facilities is a common occurrence across Ontario; WHEREAS Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till death do us part) was first introduced in the provincial legislature in 2019 and was reintroduced in 2022; WHEREAS Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission and to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together; WHEREAS Bill 21 passed its second reading in the provincial legislature on November 15, 2022 and was subsequently ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy and has since yet to be called to the Standing Committee; WHEREAS the Conservative Provincial Government may bring forward a new Bill that in principle supports the intent of Bill 21 to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Bonfield supports any future Bill to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act; AND THAT the Township of Bonfield requests the provincial legislature to enact any current and future proposed Bills to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act; AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Premier of Ontario, Nipissing District MPP Vic Fedeli and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark

Jason Corbett

Steve Featherstone

Dan MacInnis

Narry Paquette

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 14 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of November 14th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

November 16, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Resolution in Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting on November 14, 2023 Elgin County Council considered a resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge in support of Bill 21, Fixing the Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till death do us part), and passed the following resolution:

"Moved by: Councillor Noble
Seconded by: Councillor Couckuyt

RESOLVED THAT Elgin County Council support the resolution from the Council of the City of Cambridge regarding support of Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Member of Parliament Karen Vecchio, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Motion Carried."

A copy of the motion from the City of Cambridge is attached for your reference.

Yours truly,



Jenna Fentie
Manager of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk
jfentie@elgin.ca

cc Karen Vecchio, Member of Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Division
The City of Cambridge
Tel: (519) 740-4680 ext. 4585
mantond@cambridge.ca

October 27, 2023

Re: Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act

At its Council Meeting of October 24, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS the care, support, and happiness of older adults in Cambridge is a priority for City Council;

WHEREAS older adults deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age;

WHEREAS within the Province of Ontario couples do not have the right to be accommodated together when entering long term care facilities;

WHEREAS the separation of spouses upon entering long term care facilities is a common occurrence across Ontario;

WHEREAS Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till death do us part) was first introduced in the provincial legislature in 2019 and was reintroduced in 2022;

WHEREAS Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission and to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together;

WHEREAS Bill 21 passed its second reading in the provincial legislature on November 15, 2022 and was subsequently ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy and has since yet to be called to the Standing Committee;

WHEREAS the Conservative provincial Government may bring forward a new Bill that in principle supports the intent of Bill 21 to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Cambridge supports any future Bill to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act;

AND THAT the City of Cambridge requests the provincial legislature enact any current and future proposed Bills to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act.

AND FURTHER THAT the City Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the Region of Waterloo, Province of Ontario, The Honourable Premier of Ontario, The Right Honourable Provincial Members of Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Hon. Provincial Members of Parliament
Region of Waterloo
Province of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

Good afternoon,

Please note at their meeting on November 22, 2023, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 231-2023

Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Lambshead

That the Municipality of North Perth and the City of Cambridge's resolutions regarding Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act, 2022 be supported.

Carried

For your reference I have attached the related resolutions. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Thanks,

Holly Salisko

Administrative Services Assistant | Clerk's Division/Planning



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October 26th, 2023

Minister of Long-Term Care
438 University Avenue, 8th Floor
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To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on October 16th, 2023 regarding a request for support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022 from Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP.

Moved By: Lee Anne Andriessen **Seconded By:** Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports Consent Agenda Item 7.11 *Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP – Request for Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022.*

AND THAT: Staff be directed to forward the resolution to other provincial entities and other Council counterparts across Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Sarah Carter
Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
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Cc: Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Perth Wellington MPP, Matthew Rae
All Ontario Municipalities

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Division
The City of Cambridge
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mantond@cambridge.ca

October 27, 2023

Re: Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act

At its Council Meeting of October 24, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS the care, support, and happiness of older adults in Cambridge is a priority for City Council;

WHEREAS older adults deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age;

WHEREAS within the Province of Ontario couples do not have the right to be accommodated together when entering long term care facilities;

WHEREAS the separation of spouses upon entering long term care facilities is a common occurrence across Ontario;

WHEREAS Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till death do us part) was first introduced in the provincial legislature in 2019 and was reintroduced in 2022;

WHEREAS Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission and to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together;

WHEREAS Bill 21 passed its second reading in the provincial legislature on November 15, 2022 and was subsequently ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy and has since yet to be called to the Standing Committee;

WHEREAS the Conservative provincial Government may bring forward a new Bill that in principle supports the intent of Bill 21 to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Cambridge supports any future Bill to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act;

AND THAT the City of Cambridge requests the provincial legislature enact any current and future proposed Bills to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act.

AND FURTHER THAT the City Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the Region of Waterloo, Province of Ontario, The Honourable Premier of Ontario, The Right Honourable Provincial Members of Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Hon. Provincial Members of Parliament
Region of Waterloo
Province of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Todd Kasenberg
Mayor of Municipality of North Perth

RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Kasenberg,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2022, the Till Death Do Us Part Act, passed second reading in the Ontario legislature after being [introduced for the third time in September 2022](#). The bill was then referred to the Ontario Legislature's Social Policy Committee. You can view highlights of the second reading debate here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYRlgQqDe2k>

I have been pushing for the Standing Committee on Social Policy to schedule a time to begin the work of reviewing Bill 21 since November 2022. **Today marks 286 days since the Act passed second reading at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.** Unfortunately, the Bill has yet to be called to committee.

Bill 21, which was formerly Bill 153 and 95, respectively, had passed second reading and was sent to the Justice Committee in December 2019, but was wiped off the order paper when Premier Ford prorogued the house in 2021. It was reintroduced early 2022 but did not have time to progress before the election.

Since I first introduced this Bill in 2019, the number of people who've reached out to my offices with heartbreaking stories of couples entering long-term care who are torn apart has skyrocketed. Simply put, Ontario seniors deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age. Of note, Nova Scotia passed similar legislation, titled the [Life Partners in Long-Term Care Act](#) in 2021.

Following many meetings with stakeholders, it's clear that "care campuses" which offer different levels of care (independent, assisted living and long-term care) are the progressive model for investing in quality care for Ontario's aging population. Care campuses are an essential element to keeping couples together as they often age at different rates. This level of choice has been brought to my attention as especially important to rural and northern municipal leaders across Ontario. The care campus model for seniors housing that builds different levels of care has unique financial savings that will be critical as we grapple with a rapidly aging province.

We need the Bill to be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy as soon as possible. We know that couples who are separated across Ontario cannot wait any longer for this legislative change to be made.

Here are the links to recent media coverage of the Till Death Do Us Part Act, which provide more specific insights into the lived experiences of older adults who are separated from their spouses:

- [CTV News Kitchener: Ontario seniors separated in long-term care pushing for the right to remain together](#)
- [CityNews Kitchener: Waterloo MPP appeals for seniors bill to be brought forward](#)
- [Waterloo Region Record: Cambridge senior calls for end to separating couples in long-term care](#)

November 16, 2023

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

Re: Motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act

At their Regular Meeting of Council on November 15, 2023, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act:

Whereas the Ontario government has acknowledged an affordable housing and housing supply crisis, communicating a targeted approach to build 1.5 million homes by 2031; and

Whereas nearly one-third of Ontario households rent, rather than own, according to the most recent 2021 Census of Population; and

Whereas the Ontario government has reported that Ontario broke ground on nearly 15,000 purpose-built rentals in 2022, a 7.5 percent increase from 2021 and the highest number on record, with continued growth into 2023; and

Whereas the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, provides for the maximum a landlord can increase most tenants rent during a year without the approval of the Landlord and Tenant Board; and

Whereas the Ontario government recently strengthened protections for tenants with the intention of preserving affordability, by holding the rent increase guideline for 2024 to 2.5 percent, well below the average inflation rate of 5.9 percent; and

Whereas the rental increase guideline protection does not apply to rental units occupied for the first time after November 15, 2018, leaving an increasing number of tenants susceptible to disproportionate and unsustainable rental increases compared to those benefiting from legislated increase protection;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer requests provincial consideration for amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, to ensure that all tenants benefit from protections intended to preserve affordability;

That a copy of this Resolution be sent to:

- Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Honourable Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- And all Ontario Municipalities.

Thank you,

Owen Jaggard

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CC:

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing paul.calandra@pc.ola.org

Associate Minister of Housing rob.flack@pc.ola.org

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

November 17, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023 the following motion regarding urging the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a guaranteed livable income was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-568

DATE: November 14, 2023

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Maynard

WHEREAS on November 23, 2021 Prince Edward County was certified as a 'Living Wage' Employer at the "support" level, through the Ontario Living Wage Network;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario livable wage for Hastings & Prince Edward, in 2022 was determined to be \$19.05, which is \$3.55 more than the Provincial minimum wage rate of \$15.50; and this rate is paid to all staff including students in 2023;

AND WHEREAS our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1,376;

AND WHEREAS the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax);

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the 2023 Vital Signs Report, up to 3,500 residents (10.1% to 13.5%) are living on low income (less than \$36,000 a year after taxes) and PEC's median income lags behind Ontario by \$7,500/year;

AND WHEREAS the median rent for one bedroom in Prince Edward County in accordance with the County Housing Plan for 2023 \$1,513 a month;

AND WHEREAS rent is considered affordable, when it is no more than 30% of gross annual income and the number of people receiving government benefits has increased to a level above the provincial average in Prince Edward County. Extrapolated, a full 30% of County residents are deemed to be low-income and unable to afford either market real estate or rental housing prices;

AND WHEREAS as of March 31, 2023, there are 1,089 households on the Prince Edward - Lennox and Addington Social Services wait list for subsidized housing in Prince Edward County;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with the County Food Collective, Food bank use is up 26% in Prince Edward County and as many as 6,000 residents experience food insecurity over a year's time;

AND WHEREAS on July 25, 2023 Council expressed support for a more generous Canada Child Benefit targeting low-income families struggling with food insecurity and urged Federal government expedite its 2021 election promise to roll-out Canada's first national school food policy, and endorsed the Coalition for Healthy School Food mission to work with partners across Canada to advocate for a universal cost-shared healthy Canada-wide school food program on September 26, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the 2017 Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) study/survey identified the general affordable workforce housing as a primary obstacle in our workforce attraction;

AND WHEREAS the collected data of housing and poverty statistics, and continuing to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result is important in establishing a livable income;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County join other municipalities across Ontario, including Belleville, Napanee to urge the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a Guaranteed Livable Income program; and

THAT this resolution be sent to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Parsa, M.P.P., Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Ryan Williams, Bay of Quinte M.P.P., Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte M.P.P, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition of Ontario and Pierre Poilievre Leader of the Official Opposition of Canada requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Maynard and Marcia Wallace,
CAO

November 23, 2023

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Via Email

Re: Support for Town of Grimsby resolution on Guaranteed Livable Income

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, November 20, 2023, adopted Resolution No. 2023-0222 regarding Support for Town of Grimsby resolution on Guaranteed Livable Income.

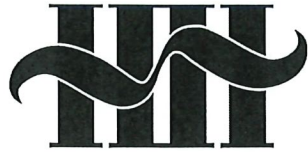
Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2023-0222.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon. Michael Chong, MP – Wellington – Halton Hills
Hon. Ted Arnott, MPP – Wellington – Halton Hills
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Halton Region
All Ontario Municipalities



TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2023-0222

Title: Support for Town of Grimsby resolution on Guaranteed Livable Income

Date: November 20, 2023

Moved by: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No. 13.1

WHEREAS the Canadian livable wage for the Greater Toronto Area for 2023 was determined to be \$25.05. This was \$16,511.25 above the annual income of a minimum wage employee;

AND WHEREAS Town of Halton Hills residents on programs such as Ontario Works receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of up to \$733, and ODSP recipients receive up to \$1308;

AND WHEREAS at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,679.03 monthly (before tax);

AND WHEREAS the median rent (MMR) for a one bedroom apartment in the Town of Halton Hills as of 2022 was \$1100.00 a month, and average market rent (AMR) for the same was \$1215.00;

AND WHEREAS rent is considered affordable when it is less than 30% of income. In the Town of Halton Hills, rent is approximately 150% of Ontario Works, 84% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 41% of minimum wage full-time (before tax), and 82% of minimum wage part time;

AND WHEREAS an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$60.50 monthly;

AND WHEREAS the recent 2022 State of Housing Report from the Region of Halton determined that the Region of Halton has serious shortfalls in both affordable and attainable housing supply;

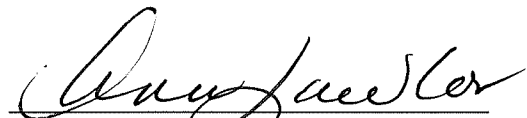
AND WHEREAS this resolution is in support of the September 5th resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby on Guaranteed Livable Income.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills circulates correspondence to all Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills encourage these same municipalities to join the Town of Halton Hills in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data,

AND FURTHER THAT other levels of government continue to promote affordability and work to align government support programs, such as Ontario Works and ODSP, with the cost of living and average market rent (AMR), including looking into a Guaranteed Livable Income Program;

AND FURTHER THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Region of Halton, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Ted Arnott, MP Michael Chong, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Michael Parsa, Premier Doug Ford and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.



Mayor Ann Lawlor

November 17, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023 the following motion regarding support for the Province to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, storm water management systems, and certain water taking activities was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-569

DATE: November 14, 2023

MOVED BY: Councillor Maynard

SECONDED BY: Councillor Roberts

WHEREAS the Municipality, in support of the Quinte Conservation Authority, actively supports the Source Water Protection Program, as part of local efforts to implement the Clean Water Act, 2006 and its regulations to protect local municipal drinking water sources;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is proposing to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities;

AND WHEREAS In 2018, Bill 68, the Open for Business Act was passed, whereby it legislated that less complex activities that pose low-risk to the environment should not be required to go through the approval process and instead, should self-register on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR);

AND WHEREAS Quinte Conservation Authority has outlined in their October 24, 2023 report to their Board, that the activities proposed to move to the EASR may pose too much risk to drinking water, and can pose threats to human health and the environment;

AND WHEREAS Quinte Conservation Authority noted the source water protection concern generally lies in the fact the Ministry will no longer undertake an up-front detailed review of applications related to the specified activities, thereby potentially weakening regulatory oversight;

AND WHEREAS the specified activities, which have the potential to cause significant adverse impacts to the natural environment and human health will no

longer be subject to public and site-specific scrutiny prior to commencing operation in Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County supports the concerns outlined by Quinte Conservation Authority and urges the Provincial government to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities; and

THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte M.P.P. and Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and

THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and all Ontario Conservation Authorities.

CARRIED

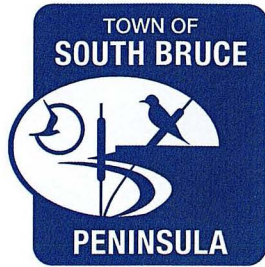
Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Maynard and Marcia Wallace, CAO





Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2023

29. Notice of Motion – Deputy Mayor Hull – Request to Amend Highway Traffic Act for Use of Automated Speed Enforcement Systems

R-407-2023

It was **Moved** by C. Hull, **Seconded** by K. Durst and **Carried**

Whereas speeding on the roads of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula is a concern and can occur in all areas of the community;

And whereas the Town of South Bruce Peninsula has limited resources to implement effective traffic calming measures, speed mitigation, road design and re-design;

And whereas current barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to the community;

And whereas local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement;

And whereas s.205.1 of the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones.

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula supports the request of Parry Sound and the City of Cambridge that the Ontario Government amend s.205. 1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Rick Byers, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities;

And further that a delegation be requested at the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association Conference regarding our request to amend the *Highway Traffic Act* in order for the municipality to utilize automated enforcement systems.

November 14, 2023

Via email: paul.calandra@pc.ola.org

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attn: Hon. Paul Calandra
17th Floor 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Mr. Calandra,

**RE: Resolution of Support for Township of McKellar – re: Resolution regarding
Call for Amendment to Legislation Act, 2006**

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled Council meeting on November 14, 2023, and the following resolution was passed.

“Resolution TC-257-2023

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays supports the Township of McKellar’s resolution regarding a call for an amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); and CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all other Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CSykes', written over the printed name.

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
CS/lv

Copy to: Parry Sound – Muskoka, MPP, Graydon Smith
The Association of Ontario Municipalities
CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver
Municipalities in Ontario

Encl: Township of McKellar - Resolution No. 23-671



Township of McKellar

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October 19, 2023

Hon. Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Bldg 11th Flr, 720 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Sent via email: Doug.Downey@ontario.ca

RE: Call for an Amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006*

Dear Mr. Downey,

At the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 17, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar carried the following resolution:

Resolution No. 23-671

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

WHEREAS Metroland Media Group has sought bankruptcy protection and will cease the print publication of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario, moving to an online-only model; and

WHEREAS Neil Oliver, Chief Executive Officer and President of Metroland Media Group, said the 71 Metroland community publications will be digital only going forward; and

WHEREAS the *Legislation Act, 2006* provides a definition of "newspaper" which applies to every Ontario Act and Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that, (a) **is printed in sheet form**, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; ("journal"); and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

WHEREAS communities such as the West Parry Sound Area cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Parry Sound North Star news publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of "newspaper"; and

WHEREAS some small, rural, Ontario Municipalities may not have the means to bring an application to the Court to ask for directions and approval of an alternate manner of providing notice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby request the Provincial government to make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Regards,



Karlee Britton
Deputy Clerk
Township of McKellar
deputyclerk@mckellar.ca
(705) 389-2842 x5

cc:

Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)
Neil Oliver, CEO & President, Metroland Media Group
All Ontario Municipalities

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 343 **NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

Moved by: John Hetherington

Seconded by: Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan endorses and supports item 4.1 Township of McKellar Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried ✓ Defeated _____ Deferred _____

Sam Dunnett

Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			



Knowing our heritage
we will build ⁴² our future



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November 20, 2023

Via Email

Hon. Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Building, 11th Floor, 720 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Dear Honourable Downey,

**RE: Letter of Support - Amendments to Legislation Act, 2006 –
Corporation of the Township of Perry**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on Wednesday November 15, 2023, the Council of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

"Resolution #2023-378

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Whereas Metroland Media Group has sought bankruptcy protection and will cease to print publication of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario, moving to an online-only model; and

Whereas Neil Oliver, Chief Executive Officer and President of Metroland Media Group, said the 71 Metroland community publications will be digital only going forward; and

Whereas the Legislation Act, 2006, provides a definition of 'newspaper' which applies to every Ontario Act and Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that (a) is printed in sheet form, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; ('journal'); and

Whereas Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

Whereas communities such as the East Parry Sound Area cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Almaguin News and Muskoka Region publications are no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of 'newspaper'; and

Whereas some small, rural, Ontario Municipalities may not have the means to bring an application to the Court to ask for directions and approval of an alternate manner of providing notice;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby request the Provincial Government to make an amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006, to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, the Honourable Parry Sound Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith, The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried."

Your immediate attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Erica Cole, Dipl.M.A.
Deputy Clerk

CC: Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandara
Honourable Parry Sound Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)
CEO and President, Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver
All Ontario municipalities