



# Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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August 3, 2023

RE: Consent Agenda Item 6.48 Selwyn Township - Short Term Rentals

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on July 12, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2023-226:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.48 listed for JULY, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch is in receipt of Selwyn Township resolution of June 27, 2023;

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch also supports the resolution and also requests that the Province move forward as soon as possible to legislate that all third party Short Term Rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings and to compel compliance that the Province establish the requirement for STR companies to require each rental listing to be registered and to pay an appropriate annual fee and that STR company provide this registry along with the collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located which allows the municipality to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds for municipal expenses to enforce/respond to issues at a STR property; and further



That the Province require the STR company to de-list/remove the property from the company's listings so that the property cannot be rented where a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc.; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, Speaker Ted Arnott, and MPP Matthew Rae.

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox  
Municipal Clerk



June 29, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Room 4620  
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Please be advised that at its meeting held on the 27th day of June 2023, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2023 – 143 – Notice of Motion – Short-Term Rentals**

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor John Boyko –

Whereas the demand for alternative accommodations has resulted in an increased prominence of residential properties being advertised for short term accommodations through third party companies such as Airbnb and VRBO; a shift from the ‘traditional’ cottage rental historically managed by a property owner; and

Whereas over the past decade a flood of properties have been removed from the ownership and long-term rental market (*Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance at McGill University*) contributing to housing shortages, increased housing demands and increased housing costs resulting in housing affordability issues, including affordable rentals; and

Whereas short term rentals (STR) can be beneficial, when operated appropriately, by providing solutions for the accommodation industry that supports local tourism and small businesses as well as providing an opportunity for property owners to generate income from their residence (permanent or seasonal) using a convenient third-party system; and

Whereas STR’s can create nuisances including noise, parking, high volumes of visitors attending a property, septic capacity and fire safety, for adjacent residential property owners who wish to experience quiet enjoyment of their property; and

Whereas research indicates that demand for STR’s is increasing, in part due to vacationers choosing domestic travel options as well as the financial benefits to property owners, demonstrating that STR’s are here to stay; and

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Whereas there are no Provincial regulations in place governing third party STR companies resulting in a variety of regulations/guidelines being implemented at the local municipal level which creates inconsistencies, confusion and frustrations for both consumers and residents across the Province;

That the Township of Selwyn request that the Province move forward as soon as possible to legislate that all third party Short Term Rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings and to compel compliance that the Province establish the requirement for STR companies to require each rental listing to be registered and to pay an appropriate annual fee and that STR company provide this registry along with the collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located which allows the municipality to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds for municipal expenses to enforce/respond to issues at a STR property; and further

That the Province require the STR company to de-list/remove the property from the company's listings so that the property cannot be rented where a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc...

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, local M.P.P. Dave Smith and M.P. Michelle Ferreri.

Carried.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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**VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD**

Resolution Number: R - 236 - 23

Date: July 10, 2023

For Clerk's use only, if required		
<b>Recorded Vote Requested By:</b>		
Barr	Y	N
Cameron	Y	N
Gural	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Maitland	Y	N

Moved by: Barr

Gural

Ireland

Maitland

Seconded by: Barr

Gural

Ireland

Maitland

**Notice of Motion: Proposed Provincial Planning Statement**

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

**WHEREAS** the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory, and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act is welcomed; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed Provincial Planning Statement (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and render aspects of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminate some local planning autonomy, and directly interfere with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, use and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

**WHEREAS** the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has played a crucial role in providing planning input and reviewing services to assist our municipality and has provided its own comments outlining its concerns and recommendations;

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## VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford urges the province to:

- Pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)
- Reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each one has unique landscapes, housing needs and visions for local planning matters
- Follow the recommendations provided by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

**AND THAT** our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried  Defeated

  
Michael Cameron, Mayor





OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Mail

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
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August 1, 2023

Dear Premier Ford:

City Council, at its meeting held on July 14, 2023, approved Item 13 of Planning Committee Report 23-011 which reads as follows:

**13. Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (Greenbelt Plan Amendment No. 3) (PED23046(a)) (City Wide) (Item 11.4)**

- (a) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff, in conjunction with Legal Services staff, be directed to provide input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator under protest with respect to any private development proposals and associated community benefits within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area;
- (b) That the Eleven Directions to Guide Development attached as Appendix "D", as amended, to Report PED23046(a), which were previously approved by Council as part of the City's Municipal Comprehensive Review process, be utilized as the framework for the City's input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Areas;

**Direction #11**

The City of Hamilton considers agricultural use to be of prime consideration, along with the protection of wetlands and natural heritage features.

- (c) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to schedule a public meeting of the Planning Committee for the purpose of

obtaining public input as to the City's priorities and expectations with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area; and, that staff consult with City of Hamilton Public Engagement staff to ensure: the statutory meeting meets best engagement practice as much as possible; that the statutory meeting be held in the evening, be live streamed, and be held at a publicly accessible facility that is in close proximity to the Book Road lands; and, that the *Provincial Land and Development Facilitator*, all MPP and MP's be extended an invitation to attend.

- (d) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to request public discussion except where excluded under the provisions of the Municipal Act, including public agendas, a list of participants and minutes.
- (e) That the Mayor send a letter regarding these recommendations to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario Municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C23-012 when responding to this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Mayor Andrea Horwath

File #C23-012

c.c. Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
All Ontario Municipalities (by email)



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August 8, 2023

RE: 9.4.5 County of Wellington Planning Report - Comments on the Government's Proposal to Grow the Greenbelt

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on July 12, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2021-090:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.34 listed for JULY 12, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas Council supports the resolution from Municipality of Shuniah regarding Bill 3 - Special Powers and Duties of Heads of Council; and

That Council direct staff to support and circulate in accordance with the resolution.

Therefore, the Township of Puslinch, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:



1. These changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively impact the Municipality of Puslinch;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should listen to concerns raised by Associations such as AMO and AMCTO;
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Courtenay Hoytfox  
Municipal Clerk

CC:  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities



# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: Jun 20, 2023

Resolution No.: 232-23

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

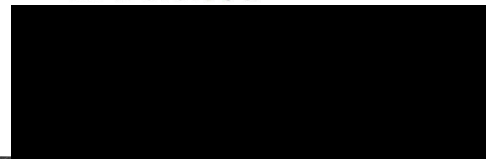
AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is proposing to expand the list of municipalities where the Head of Council has strong mayor powers and duties;

THEREFORE, this Municipality of Shuniah, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:

1. These changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Municipality of Shuniah;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should listen to concerns raised by Associations such as AMO and AMCTO;
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

Council further directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Thunder Bay MPP's, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other Municipalities in Ontario."

Carried       Defeated       Amended       Deferred



Signature



August 8, 2023

Sent to: [shelley@prostatecancerbc.ca](mailto:shelley@prostatecancerbc.ca)

Dear Shelley Werk:

**RE: Lighting Request – September 1, 2023 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize Prostate Cancer Awareness Month by illuminating the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in blue on September 1, 2023 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor  
Mayor



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August 8, 2023

Sent to: [shelley@prostatecancerbc.ca](mailto:shelley@prostatecancerbc.ca)

Dear Shelley Werk:

**RE: Lighting Request – September 1, 2023 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**

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I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in blue on September 1, 2023 to recognize Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ETH", written in a cursive style.

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



August 8, 2023

Sent to: [kate.foster@defeatduchenne.ca](mailto:kate.foster@defeatduchenne.ca)

Dear Kate Foster:

**RE: Lighting Request – September 7, 2023 World Duchenne Awareness Day**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize World Duchenne Awareness Day by illuminating the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in red on September 7, 2023 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor  
Mayor





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Dear Kate Foster:

**RE: Lighting Request – September 7, 2023 World Duchenne Awareness Day**

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I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in red on September 7, 2023 to recognize World Duchenne Awareness Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



August 8, 2023

Sent to: [Victoria.Bailey@canfasd.ca](mailto:Victoria.Bailey@canfasd.ca)

Dear Victoria Bailey:

**RE: Lighting Request – September 8, 2023 International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day by illuminating the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in red on September 8, 2023 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor  
Mayor



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August 8, 2023

Sent to: [Victoria.bailey@canfasd.ca](mailto:Victoria.bailey@canfasd.ca)

Dear Victoria Bailey:

**RE: Lighting Request – September 8, 2023 International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day**

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I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in red on September 8, 2023 to recognize International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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