



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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January 23, 2024

Subject: *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* regulation changes for special projects and well security

Hello,

Last fall we shared information about proposed regulation changes under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* related to:

- Establishing a framework to allow projects to test or demonstrate new or innovative activities in Ontario – called special projects - to pursue authorization under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*.
- Well security caps and exemptions for all wells under this act.

Today, we are writing to let you know that a decision has been made to proceed with these changes. The new regulation for special projects will allow businesses interested in pursuing projects to test, assess, pilot or demonstrate carbon storage projects to pursue special project designation, and if designated, apply for authorizations for their project. While this new regulation applies to both private and Crown lands, initially, special projects for carbon storage will only be enabled on private land because further legislative changes will be necessary to access Crown lands for carbon storage.

The changes are being made subject to the following modifications that were made in response to feedback received:

- Municipal source water protection authorities have been included as one of the parties to be circulated on applications for special projects.
- In response to a request from Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), the qualifications of people that may be approved by the ministry to conduct examinations of special projects has been expanded to include individuals holding a limited licence under the Professional Engineers Act. A limited licence is issued by PEO to an individual who, as a result of at least eight years of specialized experience, has developed competence in a certain area of

professional engineering, and holders may include individuals with academic qualifications other than a university engineering degree.

- The proposed changes that would have eliminated security exemptions and caps where a well licence is transferred were removed to allow more time to assess potential implications identified by operators / industry.

These changes came into effect on January 1, 2024. More details on the decision, the feedback received, and the original proposal can be viewed in in the decision notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-7507>.

Carbon storage is new to Ontario, and we want to ensure the activity is undertaken responsibly. That is why we are taking a phased approach to developing a framework to regulate this activity.

With Phase 2 – Enabling Demonstration – of our [roadmap towards regulating geologic carbon storage](#) now complete, the province is now turning to the development of the commercial scale framework and is taking a measured approach as to options for facilitating access to the underground pore space that is used for carbon storage. Ontario aims to have a commercial framework in place by summer 2025, with opportunities for public consultation beginning this year.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: Resources.Development@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Keyes
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch

Resolution
Regular Council Meeting



Agenda Number: 6.7
Resolution Number: 2024-009
Title: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Policy Update - Social and Economic Prosperity Review
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Moved by Mario Zanth
Seconded by Geneviève Lajoie

Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

And whereas nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility, and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

And whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

And whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

And whereas municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges, like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers, and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

And whereas inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

And whereas property taxpayers, including people on fixed incomes and small businesses, cannot afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

And whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

And whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration.

Be it resolved that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be circulated to all the municipalities in Ontario.

Carried as amended

Mélissa Cadieux, Clerk



February 2, 2024

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To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held January 30, 2024 adopted the following:

12.1.10 Reliable and Accessible Public Rail Transit - CN Rail

WHEREAS Canadians deserve access to reliable and efficient passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS in 2021 the Canadian Minister of Transportation announced that the federal government would be pursuing opportunities to enhance passenger rail services in southwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS passengers continue to experience long delays and disruptions to service, related to interruptions caused by CN Rail's freight systems and refusal to give priority to passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS Metrolinx and VIA, in extending or improving commuter train service from Aldershot through to Brantford, Woodstock, Ingersoll and London, is reliant on access to CN rail lines; and

WHEREAS CN Rail views increased passenger rail service on its lines as being incompatible with its primary business of moving freight and is unlikely to cooperate in extending commuter rail service on its lines in southwestern Ontario without direction from the federal government; and

WHEREAS CN Rail has shown a disregard for Municipal property maintenance standards in respect to the maintenance of their rail lines and blocks municipalities attempts to enforce municipal property standards upon their rail lines; and

WHEREAS CN Rail's consistent failure to provide a timely response to development applications adjacent to rail right of ways imposes inordinate delays and expense for builders and municipalities, further jeopardizing the ability of municipalities to address the housing crisis; and

WHEREAS there is a complete lack of federal regulations providing VIA and Metrolinx with any degree of priority or guaranteed access to rail rights of way or directing CN Rail to work cooperatively with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS The City of Brantford CALLS UPON the Federal Government to assist other levels of government as they take steps address the need for reliable and accessible public rail transit, timely processing of housing developments and the prompt and equitable enforcement of municipal property standards;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD requests that the Federal Government enact the necessary legislative and regulatory provisions:

- i. providing VIA and Metrolinx with priority right of way over freight rail lines, and further;
- ii. directing CN Rail to work positively and cooperatively with municipal and provincial governments in the processing of land development applications, and the prompt and timely enforcement of municipal property standards;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities; and to the Member of Provincial Parliament Will Bouma, Member of Parliament Larry Brock, Federal Minister of Transport Pablo Rodriguez, Provincial Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, President and CEO at Metrolinx, President and Chief Executive Officer of VIA Rail Canada Inc and President and Chief Executive Officer of CN.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



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cc Ontario Municipalities
Federal Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez
Provincial Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
President & CEO, Metrolinx

President & CEO, VIA Rail Canada Inc
President & CEO, CN

February 2, 2024

Sent via email

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Supreme Court of Appeal in Sudbury v. Ontario (Ministry of Labour)

Please be advised that the following Resolution was approved by Peel Regional Council on January 25, 2024:

Resolution Number 2024-65

Moved by Councillor Russo
Seconded by Councillor Parrish

Whereas in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (“Sudbury”) entered into a contract with a contractor to complete a project in its downtown core;

And whereas, the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the “Act”);

And whereas, an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

And whereas, Sudbury was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

And whereas, after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found Sudbury to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

And whereas, the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in the dismissal of Sudbury’s appeal;

And whereas, the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor;

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And whereas, the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

And whereas, The Regional Municipality of Peel believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. *That the Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project; and*
2. *That this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Greater Toronto Area municipalities.*

Carried

Thank you,



Aretha Adams,
Regional Clerk

Cc: David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Patricia Caza, Regional Solicitor & Commissioner of Legislative Services, Region of Peel
Kealy Dedman, Commissioner of Public Works, Region of Peel
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario - Karen Redman, MARCO Chair
Council of Ontario Construction Associations
Ontario Chamber of Commerce - Brent Edwards, Key Account Manager
All Greater Toronto Area municipalities

2024 Ontario Budget Consultation

On January 25, 2024 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council endorse this report, including the specific requests outlined in Tables 1 and 2, as York Region's submission to Ontario's 2024 Budget consultation.
2. The Regional Clerk send a copy of this report to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, local Members of Provincial Parliament and local municipalities.



The Regional Municipality of York

Committee of the Whole
Finance and Administration

January 11, 2024

FOR DECISION

Report of the Commissioner of Finance 2024 Ontario Budget Consultation

1. Recommendations

1. Council endorse this report, including the specific requests outlined in Tables 1 and 2, as York Region's submission to Ontario's 2024 Budget consultation.
2. The Regional Clerk send a copy of this report to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, local Members of Provincial Parliament and local municipalities.

2. Purpose

This report largely summarizes requests made to the Province during 2023 and seeks Council's endorsement to include them as part of the Ontario 2024 Budget consultation process. The deadline to make submissions is January 31, 2024.

Key Points:

- As a result of Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* (Bill 23) changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, (Act) currently in effect, staff estimate development charge collections would be reduced by approximately \$700 million over the next ten years. Reductions would increase once exemptions for affordable ownership and rental housing, contemplated by Bill 134, *Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023*, take effect
- Without funding support from the Province, development charges collection reductions, would need to be offset by other funding sources, including a potential additional tax levy increase of 3.7% in 2024 and an additional user rate increase of 7.9% in 2025, to accommodate planned growth, maintain existing assets and avoid service level reductions

- York Region municipalities received targets totalling 150,000 new homes by 2031. To adequately service this growth and meet 100% of the targets, the Region would need to invest an additional \$2.6 billion for infrastructure in a fiscally sustainable way, which is over and above the near \$7.6 billion in growth-related infrastructure already included in the 2024, 10-year Capital Plan
- Despite providing vital housing-related infrastructure, upper-tier municipalities, like York Region, are not eligible for the Building Faster Fund and it is unclear if they will be eligible for the recently announced Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund
- The Region continues to advocate for senior government funding to address critical infrastructure needs, meet Provincial mandates and deliver social programs to a growing population. The requests contained in this report are consistent with, and supported by, previous Council positions through 2023
- The Province is requested to amend the Act to ensure non-profit housing receiving exemptions delivers housing that meets a required level of affordability

3. Background

Stakeholders will be able to provide input into the 2024 Ontario Budget until January 31, 2024

On October 19, 2023, the Minister of Finance [announced](#) stakeholders would have the opportunity to provide input to the Province of Ontario's 2024 budget process. Pre-budget in-person consultations are being held across the province from November 2023 to January 2024, with the [opportunity](#) to provide written submissions by January 31, 2024. The 2024 Budget is expected to be delivered in March.

Council has made a number of requests to the Province during 2023

Council has made several requests to the Province during 2023 which have been used as the basis of York Region's proposed submission. These have been summarized into five categories: addressing the financial impact of Bill 23; infrastructure required to meet new provincial housing targets; housing affordability challenges; transit priorities; and human and health services needs.

A \$700 million reduction in development charges collections is anticipated over the next ten years, for impacts of Bill 23 currently in effect

Development charges are used to pay for the additional infrastructure needed to service new growth. Bill 23 reduced the amount of development charges the Region will be able to collect by phasing in Council-approved rates, eliminating or reducing eligible services and providing potential new discounts and exemptions to developers. Throughout 2023, the financial impact of Bill 23 was refined as more information from the Province became available. The most recent estimate, as reported in the 2024 [Fiscal Strategy Report](#), is that the collection reductions would

be approximately \$700 million over the next ten years, comprised of \$284 million in reduced collections for water and wastewater services and \$415 million for all other services. The \$700 million does not include changes to the Act, that are not currently in effect, that would provide exemptions for affordable rental, affordable ownership and attainable housing and would result in further reductions beyond the current estimate.

The Province recognized that Bill 23 posed a challenge to municipalities and in a November 30, 2022 letter to the City of Toronto and the [Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\)](#) indicated it will assist in transition by keeping municipalities financially whole. However, to date, the Province has not made any funding commitment to address the Region's expected development charges collection reductions.

In the absence of funding from other levels of government, collection reductions, due to Bill 23, would have to be made up from non-development charges revenue. As an example, the one-time additional tax levy and user rate increase required to fund the 2024 to 2033 development charges collection reductions would be 3.7% in 2024 and 7.9% in 2025, respectively.

To support 100% of Provincial housing targets, the Region would need an additional \$2.6 billion to build more unplanned and accelerated infrastructure

To support the Provincial Housing targets, York Region would need to grow by about two to four times higher than historic trends. The significant advancement of population growth creates new infrastructure pressure for the Region. The 2024, 10-year capital plan includes nearly \$7.6 billion of growth-related infrastructure. Of this amount, just under \$3 billion will be for water and wastewater and just over \$3 billion will be for roads and transit spending to support growth across the Region. This investment represents the maximum that the Region can afford while maintaining its debt at a fiscally sustainable level.

To meet 100% of these targets, the 10-year Capital Plan would require an additional \$2.6 billion in unplanned and accelerated infrastructure, including transit, [water, wastewater](#), roads, and housing. If the Region is required to finance these projects using its own resources, it will cause debt levels to elevate and be maintained well above levels recognized in previous analyses to be fiscally sustainable.

In [November 2023](#), Council passed a resolution requesting the Province:

- Contribute funding toward the cost of unplanned and accelerated infrastructure to meet the housing targets
- Commit to keeping the Region financially whole from the reduced development charges collections
- Make upper-tier municipalities eligible for funding under the Building Faster Fund and the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund

Provincial support is needed for housing affordability needs, including increasing the supply of community housing

Council declared that York Region is facing a housing affordability crisis in [February 2021](#). As in [prior years](#), in [March](#) and [June](#) 2023, Council requested that senior levels of government commit two-thirds of the cost to build an additional 1,852 housing units to address growing needs, with the Provincial one-third share totalling \$216 million. Council has also previously requested that the Province provide the Region with its share of Provincial revenues collected through the Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST) to support York's affordable housing initiatives, most recently through the [2023 Ontario budget consultation](#) process. The latest publicly available figures showed that between 2017 and 2022, the Province collected \$1.06 billion in NRST revenues, of which [\\$258 million](#) was collected from York Region.

Although the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) help provide support housing provider capital repairs, they are not sufficient to address both capital repair and new supply needs and funds such as OPHI are expected to taper off by 2027-28.

The [Community Housing Development Master Plan](#) will identify development opportunities, estimated costs, and potential funding sources. The Plan will support the Region's continued advocacy and will help the Region to respond quickly to available funding opportunities. Without increased funding for development, rent subsidies and new rental supply, the Region will not be able to sustain or increase the number of households offered housing in future years.

Rising cost of living and a lack of affordable housing options place increasing pressure on homelessness programs and supports

In [February 2023](#), Council approved a total budget of \$31.8 million for programs aimed at combating homelessness, of which \$13.3 million is tax levy-funded. Also in February 2023, Council allocated [\\$12.8 million](#) over two years, with provisional funding sourced from the Pandemic Management and Recovery Reserve Fund, including \$4.1 million to address urgent needs of residents experiencing homelessness, \$5.5 million to increase, sustain and enhance the community housing system, and \$3.2 million to address human services gaps, including mental health and human trafficking supports. Although the Region continues to align with its mandate as Service Manager for housing and homelessness, senior government funding is critical to help meet growing demand.

This includes in [March 2023](#), York Region Council along with AMO requested that the Province acknowledge homelessness as a social, economic, and health crisis and take action to address it. In February 2023, York Region Council approved a gross expenditure budget of \$31.8 million for programs that directly address homelessness, with \$13.3 million funded through regional tax levy. A [June 2023](#) Memorandum reported the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness grew by 63% increase in between 2019 and 2022, and the number of people living unsheltered grew by 39% from 2021 to 2022.

Building a transportation network to accommodate growth requires partnership with all levels of government

The Region's [2022 Transportation Master Plan](#) guides the long-term vision for the Region's transportation network and guides the Transportation Capital Program. To sustainably deliver on a connected, efficient and reliable transportation network for the Region's growing communities, Council has advocated for Provincial funding for priority [Bus Rapid Transit](#) projects. Although these can only move forward with the support of senior governments, the Region's [Tabled 2024 Budget](#) includes spending to advance priority bus rapid transit projects to a state of readiness. Council has also [requested](#) the Province to invest in 400 series highways, GO rail service expansion and other needs required to address growth.

Additional funding is required for critical health, child care, long-term care and other human services to meet growing needs

While Provincial funding helps support critical programs like Public Health and Long-Term Care, it does not fully bridge the gap in funding impacts of legislation or fully fund the Province's share of costs. For instance, although the [Region continues to meet Ontario Public Health Standards](#) for the Region's growing population, York Region has historically contributed more than the required cost share for mandatory programs. Although the Province is responsible for mental health services and programs supporting survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, [funding in these areas is insufficient](#) to meet growing needs.

The Region's [Ontario Works](#) caseload grew by 55% between 2018 and 2023, driven in part by an increase in refugee claimants, without an equivalent increase in administration funding. In addition, Ontario Works benefit amounts have not kept pace with growing costs. Council also [requested support](#) from senior governments to manage additional pressures on the Region's social services and emergency and transitional housing caused by an influx of asylum seekers.

The Federal-Provincial Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) agreement's objectives include improving access to child care, increasing affordability, and addressing needs for priority populations. As reported in [March 2023](#) and in [September 2023](#), the Province's allocation of 1,882 new licensed child care spaces over five years (2022-2026) through CWELCC falls short of the Region's estimated need for 7,372 spaces.

Committed dedicated funding is needed to manage impact of other legislative requirements

Direct compliance with the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* and regulatory amendments which came into effect in April 2022 and April 2023 requires additional infrastructure and staffing resources. In [April 2023](#), Council endorsed a request to the Province to fully fund the impacts of the new legislation and to increase base level-of-care funding.

Under the *Police Services Act*, York Region is required to develop a [Community Safety and Well-Being Plan](#). The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan was approved by Council in May 2022 which supports the Healthy Communities Priority of the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan and

supports York Region’s vision of strong, caring and safe communities. Although mandated by the Province, there is no dedicated provincial funding to support the Plan. Regional Council has allocated approximately \$435,000 through the 2023 budget.

4. Analysis

Provincial support is requested to help continue delivering critical programs while addressing legislative changes, population growth, and affordability pressures

While recognizing the Provincial support currently received, there is a need for additional funding to effectively manage capacity pressures, respond to legislation and accommodate growth. In line with previous advocacy and Council positions, Provincial support is requested to sustainably deliver critical infrastructure and services. Table 1 below summarizes the requests made during 2023.

Table 1
Proposed 2024 Provincial Budget Consultation Submission

Categories	Requests
Addressing Financial Impact of Bill 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm that the Region will be made financially whole as a result of changes to the Act, due to Bill 23, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For changes currently in effect, which are currently estimated to be at least \$284 million for water and wastewater-related infrastructure and \$415 million for all other infrastructure over the next ten years; and ○ For changes not yet in effect, with respect to exemptions for affordable and attainable housing, from the reduced development charges collections
Infrastructure Required to Meet Provincial Housing Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute funding towards the cost of the unplanned and accelerated infrastructure needed to meet the Provincial housing targets, including a capital contribution to York Region’s sewage, roads, transit and housing infrastructure costs that are increasing by more than \$2.6 billion • Make upper-tier municipalities eligible for funding under the Building Faster Fund which could provide up to \$400 million in total funding per year, for three years, to municipalities that are on track to meet their targets • Make upper-tier municipalities eligible for funding under the newly announced Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund which could provide all Ontario municipalities with up to \$200 million in total funding, over three years

Categories	Requests
Housing Affordability Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute \$216 million as the Province’s one-third share of funding for 1,852 new community housing units • Provide York Region with its share of Provincial NRST revenues to support affordable housing initiatives, reported to be \$258 million to the end of 2022 • Provide increased, long-term and predictable capital programs such as OPHI and COCHI to support the Region’s goal to increase the supply of community housing and sustain existing supply • Provide increased, long-term and predictable funding beyond 2029 for the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit to improve affordability and provide stability for renters • Increase capital and operating funding for construction and administration of required emergency and transitional housing facilities due to ongoing increases in service demand
Transit Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain programs to support transit service recovery and growth including maintaining provincial gas tax funding at current levels • Provide the Region with additional funding for priority bus rapid transit projects including Jane Street North (Highway 7 to Major Mackenzie Drive), Enterprise Boulevard (Andre De Grasse Street to Kennedy Road), and Highway 7 East (Kennedy Road to York Durham Line) • Make a long-term commitment to fund fare integration required to support integrated transit in the GTA and improve utilization of cross-boundary services including Spadina and Yonge Subways • Support growth with new or improved 400 series and arterial highways and interchanges, GO Rail service expansion (new stations and extensions of two-way, all day and 15-minute or better service)
Human and Health Services Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute funding to ensure York Region will be made financially whole due to unplanned expenditures to support the influx of refugees, refugee claimants and asylum seekers, estimated to cost up to \$4.3 million until March 31, 2024 with possible additional costs if initiatives are extended • Increase and index Ontario Works rates with inflation, similar to Ontario Disability Support Program, and increase administration funding to manage a growing caseload

Categories	Requests
	<p style="text-align: center;">crimes in Ontario</p>

It is recommended Council request the Province amend the *Development Charges Act* to ensure non-profit housing receiving exemptions delivers housing that meets a required level of affordability

Currently, non-profit residential developments receiving a development charges exemption under section 4.2 of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* are not required to deliver any level of affordable housing or maintain their non-profit status for any timeframe.

To address this, Council could request that the Province make the changes outlined in Table 2. Staff recommend deferring to definitions of affordability contained in federal, provincial, or municipal funding programs rather than prescribing a specific, qualifying, 'affordable' definition. The rationale for not providing a prescribed 'affordable' definition is as follows:

- There are competing affordability definitions embedded within federal/provincial/municipal programs
- Market rents are used in non-profit housing developments to help reduce overall operating costs or offset costs for subsidized units

- A non-profit housing provider's non-profit status, and mandate to deliver affordable housing, would be reflected in its articles of incorporation, and would restrict what it can do with its revenues, which in turn should restrict what the provide can charge in rent

Table 2

Proposed Amendments to development charges exemptions for non-profit housing

- Amend section 4.2 of the Act, providing that non-profit rental or ownership housing developments, receiving this exemption, must be developed under a prescribed federal, provincial, or municipal program that includes affordability criteria*.
 - In an instance where a non-profit rental or ownership housing development was developed without assistance from a federal, provincial, or municipal program, qualification to be determined by the municipal Council.
- Amend section 4.2 of the Act, providing that any non-profit housing development receiving this exemption must maintain its non-profit status, as defined under the Act, for 25 years (time frame aligning with the affordable ownership exemptions under the Act).
- To ensure developments receiving these exemptions maintain their non-profit status, it is requested that agreements be required and that they be registered on title. Together with registering agreements on title, should the non-profit status of the development change within the first 25 years, it is requested the development charges which would have ordinarily been due, become immediately payable plus interest, at a rate of Prime +1%**

*The Province is also requested to consult municipalities in developing prescribed list of programs

**Prime + 1% aligns with the maximum interest charge applicable to freezing and installment provisions under sections 26.1 and 26.2 of the Act

Responding to the 2024 Provincial Budget consultation supports York Region's Vision focus of good government and economic vitality

York Region's [Vision](#) of good government is one that is democratic, accessible, equitable and reliable. This response is evidence of the reliability of Regional Council as well as Council's commitment to delivering fiscally sustainable services in support of growth. The requests included in this report, if reflected in the 2024 Ontario budget, would support all areas of focus of the Region's Vision, including Healthy Communities, and Sustainable Environment as well.

5. Financial Considerations

While there are no immediate financial considerations associated with the recommendations of this report, the submission is expected to help inform the 2024 Ontario budget. Should the Province adopt the proposed requests, our active participation could lead to crucial provincial investments and policy adjustments aimed at offsetting the financial burdens introduced by Bill 23, supporting the delivery of critical infrastructure required to achieve Provincially mandated housing targets, and continuing to deliver quality services to York Region's growing population.

6. Local Impact

The submission as part of the 2024 Provincial Budget consultation process, is intended to support the continued provision of vital infrastructure and servicing required in a financially sustainable way to all nine local municipalities.

7. Conclusion

This report largely summarizes positions and requests that Council has made throughout the year that if endorsed, would form York Region's submission to the Ontario 2024 Budget consultation.

For more information on this report, please contact Edward Hankins, Director, Treasury Office and Deputy Treasurer at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71644. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

Recommended by:



Laura Mirabella

Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer

Approved for Submission:



Erin Mahoney

Chief Administrative Officer

December 14, 2023
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From: [Ontario News](#)
To: [Sudak, Ashley](#)
Subject: Ontario Launching "One Fare" to Save Transit Riders \$1,600
Date: February 5, 2024 9:57:25 AM



NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Launching "One Fare" to Save Transit Riders \$1,600

Transit riders using multiple transit agencies will transfer at no extra charge

February 05, 2024

[Premier's Office](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is keeping costs down for public transit riders with the launch of "One Fare," which will save riders an average of \$1,600 each year. Beginning February 26, 2024, riders will pay only once as they transfer for free between the TTC and participating transit agencies in the Greater Toronto Area, including GO Transit.

"Our government is on a mission to keep costs down for the hardworking people of Ontario," said Premier Doug Ford. "One Fare will eliminate double fares and put \$1,600 back into the pockets of transit riders. Alongside the hundreds of dollars we're saving for drivers by cutting the gas tax, scrapping road tolls and eliminating the licence plate sticker fee, we're providing commuters with real, tangible relief."

Fully funded by the Ontario government, One Fare will lead to over eight million new rides every year and will make cross-boundary travel more

affordable and convenient for students, seniors and other commuters transferring between GO Transit, TTC, Brampton Transit, Durham Region Transit, MiWay and York Region Transit.

“At a time when many families feel like they’re struggling to get ahead, our government is making public transit simpler, more convenient and more affordable,” said Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Transportation. “Under the leadership of Premier Ford, we will continue to make historic investments in public transit and put money back in commuters’ pockets, where it belongs.”

[One Fare](#) builds on improvements the government made in 2022 to [eliminate fares between GO Transit and several transit agencies in the Greater Golden Horseshoe](#). The government will continue to work with municipal partners to identify opportunities to make transit more seamless for riders by harmonizing discounted fares and other measures.

“Public transit should be a convenient and affordable option for getting to work, school or running errands,” said Olivia Chow, Mayor of Toronto. “Ontario’s One Fare will make it easier and cheaper to transfer between the TTC, GO Transit and other transit agencies. When governments continue to work together, we can make life more affordable and invest in services families rely on, like high quality public transit that costs you less.”

Over the next decade, Ontario is investing \$70.5 billion to transform public transit in the province, including the largest subway expansion in Canadian history with the Ontario Line, the Scarborough Subway Extension, the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension and the Yonge North Subway Extension. By 2031, the province will introduce two-way, all-day GO train service, every 15 minutes in key corridors in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to connect more people to transit, jobs and housing for generations to come.

Quick Facts

- Since 2023, transit users have been able to tap debit or credit cards on PRESTO devices to travel on all PRESTO participating transit agencies throughout the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, and

there have been more than 29 million PRESTO contactless boardings to date.

- The province continues to expedite the planning, design and construction of its five priority transit projects under the [Building Transit Faster Act](#), 2020, which includes the Ontario Line, the Scarborough Subway Extension, the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension, the Yonge North Subway Extension and Hamilton Light Rail Transit project.
- Ontario's One Fare Program is part of over 100 actions outlined in the [Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan](#), including fare and service integration.

Quotes

"Ontario's One Fare Program is another example of how we're saving commuters time and money. Whether it's to work, school or social events, our government's historic investments in Ontario's public transportation system is making it easier, faster and cheaper for people to get where they need to go."

- Prabmeet Sarkaria

Minister of Transportation

"Ontario's One Fare Program is a major milestone for fare integration that helps connect more communities across the Greater Toronto Area. Programs like this will reduce barriers to cross-boundary travel and will bring more people to transit, estimating more than 20,000 new riders per day. Metrolinx will continue working with the Ontario government to make taking transit from Brampton, Oshawa, or anywhere in between simpler, more convenient, and more affordable than ever before."

- Phil Verster

Metrolinx, CEO

"I'm pleased to welcome the Ontario government's One Fare Program. This innovative initiative, allowing seamless fare integration between Brampton Transit, GO Transit and other GTA transit agencies, is a significant boost for our community. With Brampton Transit leading the country in ridership

growth – a 160 per cent increase in the decade before the pandemic and a remarkable 30 per cent rise over pre-pandemic levels – this program will further enhance public transit's accessibility and affordability in Brampton – while providing substantial savings for commuters."

- Patrick Brown
Mayor of Brampton

"Transportation remains a top priority for York Regional Council, our more than 1.2 million residents and 66,500 businesses. Simplifying fare payments with the new One Fare Program puts travellers' experience first and makes our collective transit systems even more convenient, reliable and affordable. One Fare removes boundaries and barriers to travelling across different municipalities, allows for more convenient access and supports our growing communities."

- Wayne Emmerson
York Region Chairman and CEO

"Through a seamless and affordable experience, Ontario's One Fare Program will provide an attractive travel option for Durham Region and Toronto residents as they travel between our communities on public transit. The Region of Durham and Durham Region Transit are thrilled to participate in this program which will save transit customers money and increase transit ridership across the GTA."

- John Henry
Durham Regional Chair and CEO

"CUTA welcomes the Ontario government's introduction of the One Fare Program for riders in Toronto and the GTA. This fare integration initiative will help create a more seamless and cost-effective experience for commuters across various transit networks. By reducing the financial burden of multiple transit fares and encouraging a shift towards more sustainable modes of travel, this program will help make public transit more affordable across these fast-growing communities."

- Marco D'Angelo
Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) President and CEO

"The Ontario Chamber has been a strong advocate of fare integration, and we applaud the government for taking this step in partnership with municipalities. This announcement will help Ontarians and visitors connect more affordably to their places of work and leisure, alleviating traffic congestion while strengthening our economy."

- Daniel Tisch

President and CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce

"York University commends the Ontario government for eliminating the need for double fares by creating a more integrated fare system. The new One Fare Program will have a significant impact on our community as over 74 per cent of our students, and most of our faculty and staff, commute to campus via GO Transit as well as the two subway stations on our Keele Campus. An integrated fare system will not only create a more affordable, accessible, and efficient transportation network but also continue to provide a sustainable transportation option that will help to reduce our community's carbon footprint."

- Rhonda Lenton

President & Vice-Chancellor, York University

"Many members of the University of Toronto community depend on public transit for their travel to and from our campuses in Mississauga, Scarborough and downtown Toronto. That's why we welcome the One Fare program, which will help make sustainable transit a more affordable option for our students, faculty, librarians, and staff."

- Professor Meric Gertler

President, Scarborough Community Renewal Organization

Additional Resources

- [One Fare Program](#)
- [PRESTO](#)
- [Ontario Launching Credit and Debit Payment on TTC](#)
- [Ontario Launching Debit Payment on PRESTO Devices](#)
- [Ontario Expands PRESTO Credit Payment to More Local Transit Agencies](#)

- [Ontario Making it Easier and More Convenient to Take Transit](#)
- [Ontario Cutting the Cost of Taking Transit](#)

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Town of Aurora
Planning and Development Services

Notice of Adoption – Updated Official Plan

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora passed **By-law No. 6579-24** on the **30th day of January 2024** to adopt an Updated Official Plan under the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended (the Planning Act).

TAKE NOTICE that the Updated Official Plan is being submitted to the Regional Municipality of York for approval as the upper tier approval authority under section 17 of the Planning Act. As such, the Region will provide notice of its final decision regarding the adoption and approval of the Updated Official Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act and O. Reg. 543/06. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision (including the person's or public body's address, fax number or email address) is made to the approval authority at:

The Regional Municipality of York
Corporate Services Department
Community Planning and Development Services
York Region Administrative Centre
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
1-877-464-9675 Ext: 71550
developmentsservices@york.ca

Purpose and Effect

The purpose and effect of the new Updated Official Plan is to serve as a policy document that applies to all lands within the municipal boundary of the Town of Aurora. The Plan was established through engagement with Council, members of the public, internal departments, external agencies and other key stakeholders, with input informing land use designations and policy development for responsible, long-term growth management.

The Updated Official Plan:

- Outlines the goals, objectives, visions, and policies intended to guide land use and development in the Town of Aurora to the horizon year of 2051.
- Outlines policies to guide and manage physical growth and development within the Town of Aurora based on existing and anticipated conditions and forecasts.

The existing Official Plan for the Town of Aurora was last adopted in 2010. It is being replaced by the new Updated Official Plan to account for review requirements under the Planning Act and amendments to Provincial planning legislation and policy that must be complied and conformed with, including the Planning Act, the Provincial Policy Statement, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. The Updated Official Plan is consistent with the required policy statements of the Planning Act, conforms with applicable provincial plans, and conforms to the York Region Official Plan.

Further Information

The Updated Official Plan and all supporting information is also available for public inspection online at the Town of Aurora website, at Town Hall during regular business hours, or by contacting planning@aurora.ca.

Contact

Any other inquiries should be directed to:

Adam Robb, MPL, MCIP, RPP, CAHP
Manager, Policy Planning and Heritage
(365) 500-3104
arobb@aurora.ca

DATED, this 7th day of February 2024



Marco Ramunno, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Development Services
Town of Aurora
100 John West Way
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February 8, 2024

Rural Ontario Municipal Association
 Attn: Board of Directors
 Via email roma@roma.on.ca

Ontario Good Roads Association
 Attn: Board of Directors
 Via email info@goodroads.ca

Via email

RE: return to combined ROMA and OGRA conferences

Dear ROMA & OGRA Board of Directors,

During the February 5, 2024 regular meeting of council, council in response to a notice of motion from Deputy Mayor Joel Field the following resolution passed:

MOVED: Bill Clark

SECONDED: Chad Hyatt

WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Petrolia call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Bob Bailey and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as amended

Carried

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Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Clerk/Operations Clerk

cc:

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton bob.bailey@pc.ola.org
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Resolution # RC24016	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS By-Law 1070-96, being a By-Law to continue and regulate a Fire Department for the Corporation of the Municipality of Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 1070-96, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

AND WHEREAS fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS on January 24, 2024, Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa received the 2024 Wawa Fire Service Review by The Loomex Group that identifies and evaluates Wawa's current and anticipated fire protection needs, Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt;

AND FINALLY RESOLVE 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).

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR – JIM HOFFMANN	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Resolution # RC24017	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>L. Newgate</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>

WHEREAS the Wawa Cemetery Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 where the Committee received correspondence from Tay Township requesting support regarding Provincial Cemetery Management,

AND WHEREAS, under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

AND WHEREAS over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

AND WHEREAS municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

AND WHEREAS the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;



AND FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Jill Dunlop and all Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR – JIM HOEFMANN	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
	

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Sent via Email

February 9, 2024

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'

At its Regular meeting on February 7, 2024, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C56-2024

That Council for the Township of Springwater endorse the resolution from the City of Greater Sudbury, and recognize resolutions from other Ontario municipalities such as the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, petitioning the province to amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project ; and,

That the resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario and MPP for Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

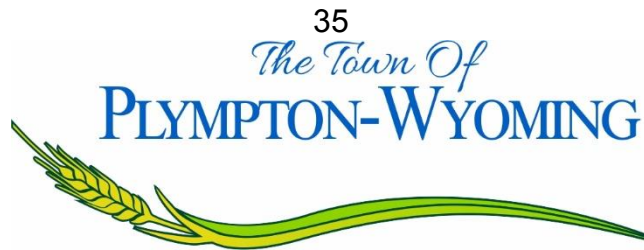
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at clerks@springwater.ca or by phone at 705-728-4784.

Regards,

C. Sarah A. Elliott, B.A., Dipl. M.A.,
Committee Coordinator/Administrative Assistant

cc:

Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development;
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario and MPP for Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte;
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario; The Council of Ontario Construction Associations; The Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.



The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca
DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

January 15th 2024

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 10th 2024, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the City of Greater Sudbury re. Amendment to the Occupational Health & Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'.

Motion 14

Moved by Councillor Bob Woolvett

Seconded by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the City of Greater Sudbury re. Amendment to the Occupational Health & Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Bob Bailey, MPP – Sarnia-Lambton
Association of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario's Big City Mayors
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario
Council of Ontario Construction Associations
Ontario Chamber of Commerce
All Ontario Municipalities

December 12, 2023

Sent Via Email

Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"

The following resolution was passed by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023:

CC2023-303: WHEREAS in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (the "City") entered into a contract with a contractor experienced in road construction projects to complete a project on Elgin Street in the City's downtown core;

AND WHEREAS the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the "Act");

AND WHEREAS an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

AND WHEREAS the City was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

AND WHEREAS after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found the City to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in dismissal of the City's appeal;

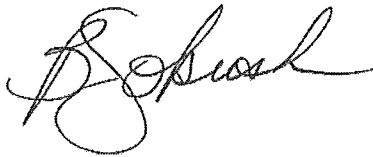
AND WHEREAS the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume plenary oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor; AND WHEREAS the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, France Gelin, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brigitte Sobush', written in a cursive style.

Brigitte Sobush
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

- c. Members of City Council
Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk



February 14th, 2024

Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

ATTENTION: Premier of Ontario

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Resolution – Conservation Officer Reclassification

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held January 23rd, 2024:

Moved by Councillor Roberts

Seconded by Councillor Summers

THAT, Council supports the resolution from Coleman Township regarding Conservation Officer Reclassification;

AND THAT, this resolution of support be circulated to the Premiere of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, local Members of Parliament and all Ontario Municipalities.

Resolved

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël

Amanda Noël,
Clerk/Acting CAO

Encls.

c.c. Minister of Natural Resources, Graydon Smith
Local MP's and MPP's
Association of Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities

**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

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L. Perry

Certified True Copy

Christopher W. Oslund
 CAO/Clerk - Treasurer



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Email

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Todd Smith, M.P.P.
Minister of Energy
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The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P.
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Colin Best
President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario
amopresident@amo.on.ca

February 14, 2024

Subject: Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

Dear Premier Ford, Ministers Smith and Bethlenfalvy, and President Best,

City Council, at its meeting held on February 14, 2024, passed the following resolution in support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy:

WHEREAS, residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief;

WHEREAS, natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in the cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills over the long term compared to gas heating;

WHEREAS, natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

WHEREAS, the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve

affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government;

WHEREAS, the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans;

WHEREAS, the construction of *new* methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the City's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council declared a climate emergency in 2019;

WHEREAS, transforming our buildings by supporting actions that improve the energy efficiency and GHG profile of new buildings within the City is one of 5 low-carbon transformations from ReCharge Hamilton, the City's Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is actively working to support the decarbonization of heating and cooling systems in existing and future building stock within the community, as demonstrated by the Better Homes Hamilton Home Energy Retrofit Pilot Program, which will provide 0% interest loans to up to 50 Hamilton homeowners to enable them to transition away from fossil-fuel powered heating and cooling equipment to low carbon air or ground source heat pump systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the City of Hamilton expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and requests that the Ontario Government allow the decision to stand; and

(b) That this resolution be circulated to the President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Colin Best; Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy and all Ontario Municipalities requesting support for the proposed changes.

Sincerely,



Andrea Horwath
Mayor

CC: All Ontario Municipalities (by email)



The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca
(sent via e-mail)

February 15th, 2024

Re: Carbon Tax

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on February 14th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the City of Sarnia regarding Carbon Tax.

Motion #12

Moved by Councillor John van Klaveren

Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey

That Council support correspondence item 'o' from the City of Sarnia regarding Carbon Tax.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



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January 19, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
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Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Carbon Tax

At its meeting held on January 15, 2024, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the federal government recently increased the carbon tax in April 2023 and will almost triple it by 2030; and

Whereas the Parliamentary Budget officer has admitted that when fiscal and economic impacts of the federal fuel charge are considered that the vast majority of households will see a staggering loss; and

Whereas this tax flows through from producers to transporters to the grocery store floor for our citizens; and

Whereas this tax does very little to reduce pollution and emissions; and

Whereas two thirds of Canadians are approximately \$200 away or less from not being able to pay all their bills at the end of the month; and

Therefore, be it resolved that Sarnia City Council write a Letter to the Federal government (and copied to other Municipalities for their consideration) strongly urging them to cancel the carbon tax which is financially hurting our citizens at a time

when affordability concerns are at an all-time high to ease the financial and inflationary pressure on our Citizens.

Your consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Amy Burkhart', written in black ink.

Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

cc: All Ontario Municipalities

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#02-24 held February 7, 2024

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting CW#02-24 held February 7, 2024, be adopted as circulated and the following recommendations be approved:

15.1.4 Member Motion - Mayor West - Association of Municipalities of Ontario: Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Service Delivery Review - (CW Item 12.1)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

Whereas nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

Whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

Whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

Whereas municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

Whereas inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

Whereas property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

Whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary

Whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Council for the City of Richmond Hill requests that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario (refer to Attachments 1, 2 and 3);

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved that the City Clerk send this motion to Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Ontario Leader of Opposition, and Leaders of other Parties, the Local Members of Parliament (MPs); the Local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); Ontario Big Cities Mayors Caucus (OBCM); Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO); the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario; the Small Urban GTHA Mayors as well as York Region and its member municipalities.

Carried

From: AMO - Policy Update <communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: January 10, 2024 1:14 PM
To: Raynor, Christopher <Christopher.Raynor@york.ca>
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Social and Economic Prosperity Review



POLICY UPDATE

Policy Update – Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Yesterday, [AMO presented](#) to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs outlining our recommendations for the provincial 2024 budget. AMO highlighted how the current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining the social and economic prosperity of Ontario. We are asking the provincial government to sit down with municipalities and work together on a social and economic prosperity review: a joint review of revenues, costs and financial risks and a detailed analysis of Ontario's infrastructure investment and service delivery needs.

We need *your* help.

Municipal councils are encouraged to support AMO's ongoing advocacy efforts by:

- Highlighting the challenges municipalities are facing and the need for this review during delegations at the upcoming ROMA conference in January, meetings with local MPPs, and your communities, using key messages included in [AMO's pre-budget backgrounder](#)
- Passing a [council resolution](#) at your next meeting, calling on the province to commit to this review in its upcoming provincial budget
- Sharing your support with local media channels using our [news release template](#)
- Meeting with or writing to local MPPs ([sample wording](#)) in advance of provincial budget

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Office of the Commissioner
 Finance
 Memorandum
FOR INFORMATION

To: Regional Council
 Meeting Date: January 25, 2024
 From: Laura Mirabella
 Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer
 Re: **Association of Ontario Municipalities of Ontario Resolution – Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

This memo provides information on the draft resolution provided by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) included on today's Council meeting agenda as item G.1. As discussed at the January 11, 2024 meeting of the Committee of the Whole, AMO has called for municipalities to pass a resolution advocating for a review of current fiscal arrangements with the Province.

AMO is advocating for a Provincial-Municipal Social and Economic Prosperity Review

On January 9, 2024, AMO [presented](#) to the Provincial Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs the [challenges](#) municipalities face, as municipal revenues, primarily reliant on property taxes, do not keep pace with the economy or inflation. Moreover, provincial grants, such as the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, lack necessary inflation adjustments. AMO highlighted the need for Provincial commitment to a Provincial-Municipal fiscal review, which was last held in 2008.

Last service delivery review took place in 2008 and its recommendations were fully implemented by 2018

In 2008, the Province signed the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Service Delivery Review (PMFSDR) Agreement with municipalities, shifting the burden of certain service costs from the municipal property tax base. By 2018, the Province fully implemented PMFSDR's recommendations, including uploading social assistance benefit costs and court security and prisoner transportation costs. The estimated total benefit was \$70 million in tax levy savings, equivalent to 4% of total Regional and local municipal property tax revenue in 2018.

Despite the uploads and associated tax savings, municipalities continue to spend more than they receive in other areas falling under Provincial responsibility, such as social housing, long-term care, land ambulance, social services, and child care, due to existing cost-sharing

arrangements. AMO has calculated that municipalities [expended](#) \$3.8 billion more in 2022 than they received in these areas.

Region has financial risks due to uncertainty regarding Provincial decisions related to cost-sharing, policy shifts, and eligibility changes

As presented at the tabling of the [2024 to 2026 Regional Budget](#) on November 23, 2023, each year the Region encounters uncertainty regarding funding it receives from senior government for provincially mandated programs. Funding from senior government constitutes 23% of overall Regional revenue. Many programs, particularly those in Community and Health Services, depend heavily on Provincial cost-sharing announcements, grants, and subsidy programs.

AMO is asking municipalities to support its advocacy efforts for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review as part of the 2024 Provincial Budget

The AMO resolution calls on the Province to undertake a review as part of the upcoming budget, with the aim of developing a consensus report with recommendations by 2025. The AMO resolution aligns with recent advocacy efforts, including the November 23, 2023 [Resolution for Funding to Support Infrastructure Required to Meet Provincial Housing Targets](#) and the [2024 Ontario Budget Consultation](#) report presented at the January 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

For more information on this memo, please contact Ed Hankins, Director, Treasury Office and Deputy Treasurer at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71644. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.



Laura Mirabella
Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer



Erin Mahoney
Chief Administrative Officer

January 18, 2024
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AMO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY REVIEW

December 2023

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY REVIEW

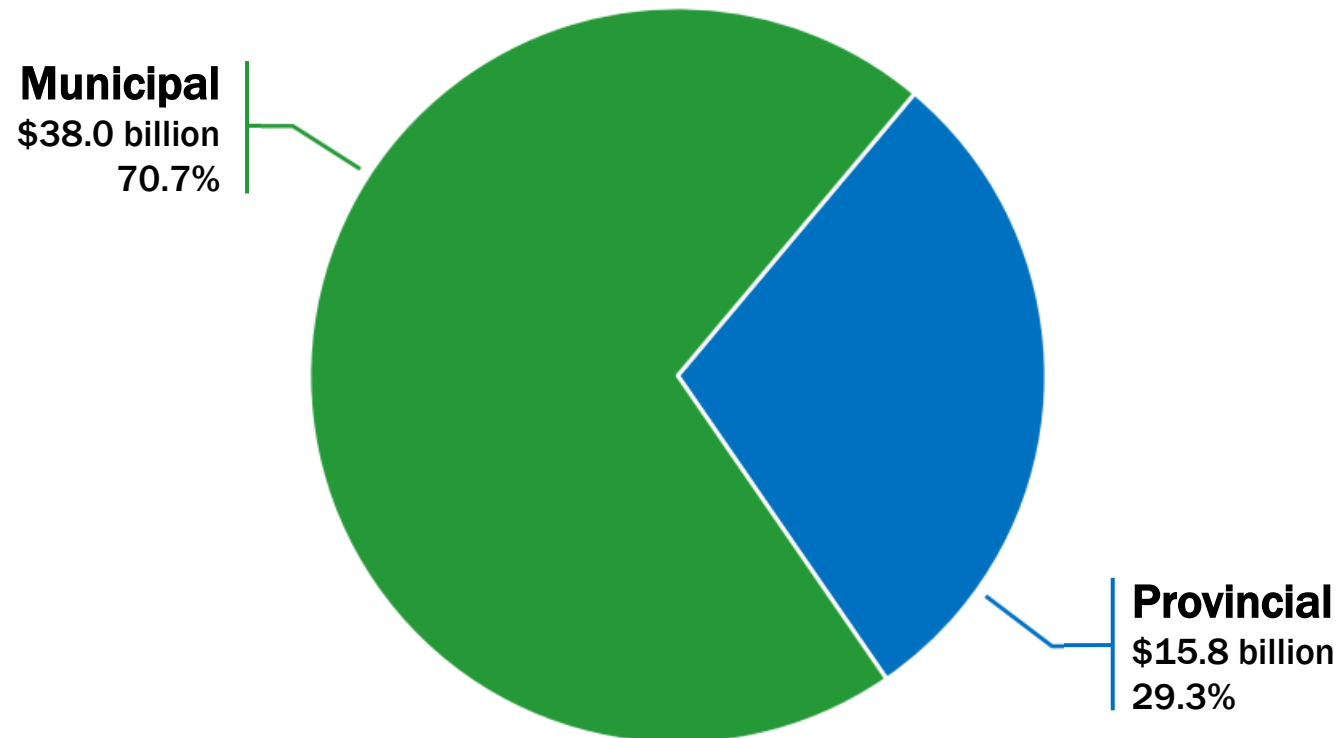
- Current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are failing our residents, our small businesses and our major industries.
 - Municipalities are facing increasingly complex challenges, such as tackling homelessness and climate change, without the financial tools to solve them.
 - Current cost-sharing arrangements mean that about \$4 billion a year of municipal property tax revenues go towards subsidizing provincial health and social services responsibilities.
 - These arrangements make it impossible for municipalities to invest in the infrastructure needed to support housing and economic growth.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY REVIEW

- Last adjusted in 2008, a review of provincial-municipal financial arrangements is long overdue.
 - Municipalities can no longer afford to subsidize the provincial treasury.
 - Property taxpayers – including small businesses and seniors on fixed incomes – can't afford to fix Ontario's fraying social safety net.
 - The City of Toronto New Deal acknowledges that current arrangements aren't working and that the downloading of the 1990s is unsustainable.
 - The province can, and should, invest more in Ontario's prosperity
- Taxpayers expect governments to work together to solve problems.
- AMO is asking the Government of Ontario to sit down with municipalities and work together on a social and economic prosperity review: a joint review of revenues, costs and financial risks and a detailed analysis of Ontario's infrastructure investment and service delivery needs.
- Let's work together to create a new fiscal framework that builds the strong and prosperous communities that are the foundation of Ontario's economy.

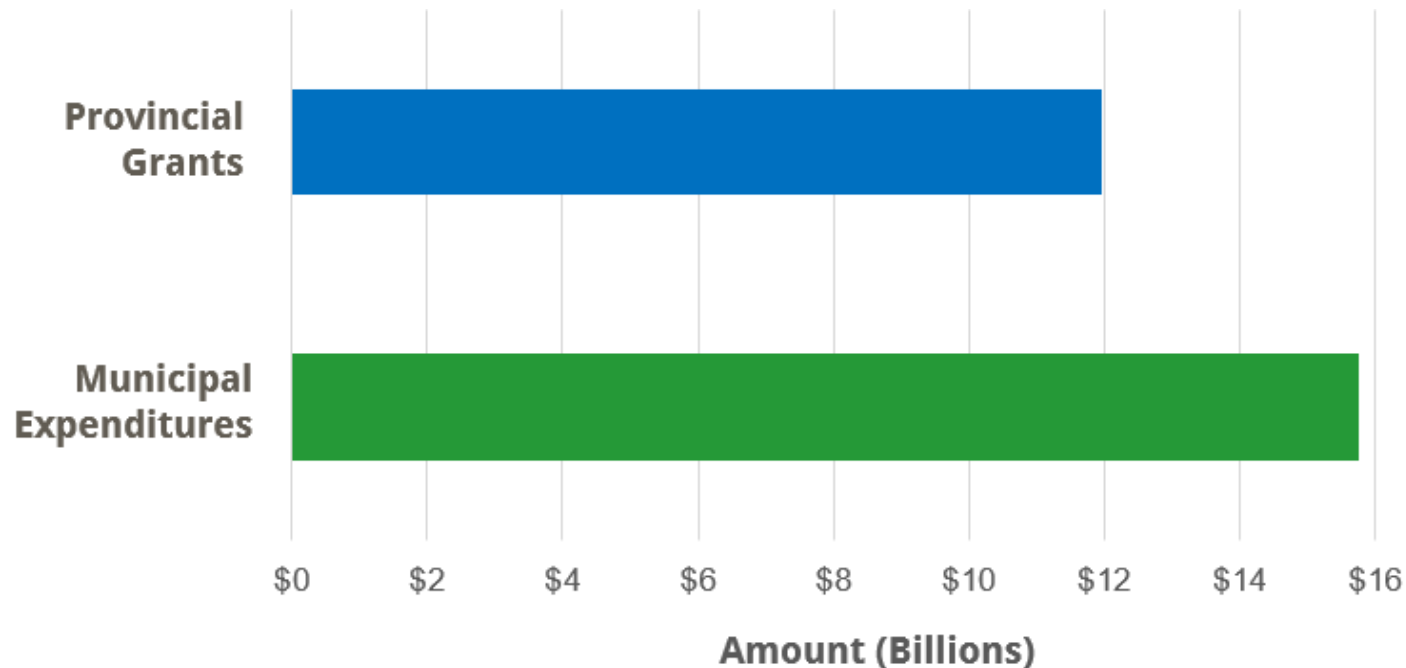
THE MUNICIPAL FISCAL CONTEXT

Municipalities in Ontario delivered \$54 billion in services in 2022.
Services that typically fall under provincial jurisdiction in other provinces comprised 29.3%.



THE CHALLENGE

Municipalities invested \$16 billion in services that typically fall under provincial jurisdiction in other provinces. **Provincial contributions offset these costs – but only in part.**



In 2022, **almost \$4 Billion** municipal property tax dollars went towards subsidizing the provincial treasury.

WORKING TOGETHER

Ontario's provincial and municipal governments have a strong history of collaboration

- COVID collaboration saved lives and stabilized the economy
- 2008 Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review and Upload Agreement re-balanced roles, responsibilities and finances and enabled increased municipal investments in capital

A Social and Economic Prosperity Review

- Update the provincial-municipal partnership to build sustainable communities, a solid foundation for economic growth and quality of life:
 - Affordability and fiscal sustainability for both orders of government
 - Fairness for taxpayers and affordability for residents
 - Coordinated and timely infrastructure investment resilient to climate realities
 - Increased housing supply and affordability
 - Robust health and social services supporting increased economic participation
 - Long term economic development and prosperity for Ontario and its communities
 - Modern, effective and streamlined service delivery

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February 16, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, at its meeting on February 6th, 2024, pass the following motion supporting the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

Resolution #2024-53

Moved by: Vicky Roeder-Martin

Seconded by: Terry Currie

Be It Resolved that Council supports resolution 2024-46 from the County of Prince Edward relating to a request to the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements. Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com

Yours truly,

Cheryl Marshall
Clerk-Treasurer

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Paul Calandra
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development – David Piccini
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February 16, 2024

Re: support Bill C-310 – increase tax credits for volunteer firefighting

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, at its meeting on February 6th, 2024, pass the following motion supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa to 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.

Resolution #2024-53

Moved by: Terry Currie

Seconded by: Vicky Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council supports Resolution RC23265 from Municipality of Wawa calling on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsection 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. Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Marshall". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Cheryl Marshall
Clerk-Treasurer

cc. Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Resolution # RC23265	Meeting Order: 10
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>J. Mal</i>

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;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

- 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 Municipality of Wawa 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, Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL



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February 16, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford
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Please be advised that Council carried a motion, at its meeting on February 13th, in support of Prince Edward County's resolution #2024-46, regarding support for the province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements:

RESOLUTION NO.	47-2024
DATE:	February 13, 2024
MOVED BY:	Councillor Phillip Smith
SECONDED BY:	Councillor Susan Irwin

That Council Support the resolution from Prince Edward County dated January 22, 2024, regarding support for the province to expand the life cycle of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements;

And Further That Council authorize the CAO/Clerk to send a letter of support to Premier Doug Ford, Honourable David Piccini Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Cathy MacMunn AMCT ACST
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
cmacmunn@centralfrontenac.com

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing- Paul Calandra
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skill Development- David Piccini
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February 16, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
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Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, at its meeting on February 6th, 2024, pass the following motion supporting the resolution from the City of Greater Sudbury.

Resolution #2024-51

Moved by: Vicky Roeder-Martin

Seconded by: Terry Currie

Be It Resolved that Council supports resolution CC2023-303 from City of Greater Sudbury relating to a request to the Province for an amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "Employer". Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com

Yours truly,

Cheryl Marshall
 Clerk-Treasurer

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Paul Calandra
 Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development – David Piccini
 MPP Graydon Smith
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario
 All Ontario Municipalities



December 12, 2023

Sent Via Email

Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"

The following resolution was passed by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023:

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CC2023-303: WHEREAS in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (the "City") entered into a contract with a contractor experienced in road construction projects to complete a project on Elgin Street in the City's downtown core;

AND WHEREAS the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the "Act");

AND WHEREAS an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

AND WHEREAS the City was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

AND WHEREAS after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found the City to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in dismissal of the City's appeal;

AND WHEREAS the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume plenary oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor; AND WHEREAS the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, France Gelin, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,



Brigitte Sobush
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

- c. Members of City Council
Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk

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February 16, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Re: support of resolution from Township of Conmee

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, at its meeting on February 6th, 2024, pass the following motion supporting the resolution from Township of Conmee relating to requested changes to the Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act.

Resolution #2024-56

Moved by: Daniel O'Halloran

Seconded by: Wesley Dyson

Be It Resolved that Council supports Resolution 2023-0247 from Township of Conmee relating to lobbying the Provincial Government to amend the Municipal Act & Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record pardoned from RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in Municipal Elections or holding office in Municipal Council. Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com

Yours truly,

Cheryl Marshall
 Clerk-Treasurer

cc. Attorney General – Doug Downey
 Solicitor General – Michael Kerzner
 Minister of Municipal Affairs – Paul Calandra
 MPP – Graydon Smith
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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On December 19th 2023, Council passed the following resolution at its regular meeting:

RESOLUTION 2023-0247

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Halvorsen

WHEREAS duly elected Officials of a Municipality, or a Township are expected to be above reproach and to conduct themselves with integrity, truth, justice, honesty, transparency and courtesy.

AND WHEREAS there are people of dubious character who have a Criminal Record, having been convicted of a Federal Offence of any of the Federal Statutes of Canada, but not limited to the Criminal Code or Narcotic Control Act, who are currently on Council of a Municipality or have let their name stand for election for Mayor, Reeve or Councillor as a municipal candidate.

NOT WITHSTANDING the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record pardoned from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections or holding office in municipal council

AND THAT an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a criminal offense and must resign

AND THAT Council of the Township of Conmee direct the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, Minister of Municipal Affairs Paul Calandra, MPP Kevin Holland, MPP and Leader of the Official Opposition Marit Stiles, MPP and Critic of the Attorney General Kristyn Wong-Tam, MPP and Critic of Solicitor General John Vanthof, MPP and Critic of Municipal Affairs Jeff Burch, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario



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Municipal League, and all Ontario municipalities

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February 7, 2024

Sent to: vicepresident@angelmancanada.org

Dear Gina Ciampa:

RE: Lighting Request – February 15, 2024 – International Angelman Syndrome Day

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 Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on February 15, 2024 to recognize International Angelman Syndrome 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,

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

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



February 7, 2024

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Lauren Pires:

RE: Lighting Request – February 29, 2024 – Rare Disease Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize Rare Disease Day by illuminating the Fred A. Lundy Bridge on Water Street in blue on February 29, 2024 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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Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Lauren Pires,

RE: Lighting Request – February 29, 2024 – Rare Disease Day

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 Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on February 29, 2024 to recognize Rare Disease 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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February 16, 2024

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Andrea Peterson:

RE: Proclamation Request – March 1 – 31, 2024 – March is Easter Seals Month

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize March 1 – 31, 2024 as March is Easter Seals Month.

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

Yours sincerely,

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February 16, 2024

Sent to [REDACTED]

Dear Andrea Peterson:

RE: Proclamation Request – March 1 – 31, 2024 – March is Easter Seals Month

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 proclaim March 1 – 31, 2024 as March is Easter Seals Month. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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February 13, 2024

Sent to: casn.secretary@gmail.com

Dear Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – March 1 – 31, 2024 – Amyloidosis Awareness Month

I am writing to advise that your proclamation and 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 proclaim March 1 – 31, 2024 as Amyloidosis Awareness Month. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in red on March 15, 2024 to recognize Amyloidosis Awareness Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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February 16, 2024

Sent to: tng@epilepsyork.org

Dear Tina Ng:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – Epilepsy Awareness Month and Purple Day – March 2024, March 26, 2024

I am writing to advise that your proclamation and 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 proclaim March 2024 as Epilepsy Awareness Month. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on March 26, 2024 to recognize Purple Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

In addition, the community flag pole located at the Newmarket Municipal Offices (395 Mulock Drive) will fly your flag from March 20, 2024 to March 27, 2024 to recognize Epilepsy Awareness Month. Please note that the flag must be dropped off at the Town of Newmarket Operations Centre at 1275 Maple Hill Court by 4:00 PM on March 18, 2024 ATTN: Nick Evans. Alternatively, you can leave it in the drop off box at the front of the building after 4:00 PM.

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

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February 12, 2024

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Debra Hemig:

RE: Lighting Request - March 6, 2024 – Global Lymphedema Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize Global Lymphedema Day by illuminating the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in turquoise on March 6, 2024 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

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February 13, 2024

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Debra Hemig:

RE: Lighting Request – March 6, 2024 – Global Lymphedema Day

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 Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in turquoise on March 6, 2024 to recognize Global Lymphedema Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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