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There were no requests for this period.



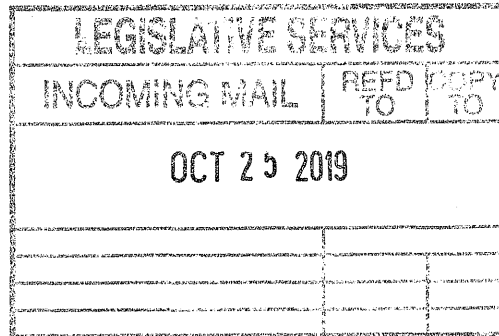
Corporate Services

Township File No.: OP.13.03

Refer To: Sara Brockman

October 22, 2019

Ms. Lisa Lyons
 Clerk
 Town of Newmarket
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Dear Ms. Lyons:

**Re: Request for Comments
 Adopted Township of King Official Plan (September 2019)
 Our King: Township of King Official Plan
 Township File No.: OP.13.03
 York Region File No.: LOP.13.K.0001**

The Township of King Council adopted their new Official Plan “Our King: Township of King Official Plan”, with changes, on September 23, 2019. These changes resulted in:

1. A Site Specific Policy Area (SSPA-4) being added to Schedule D1 for the Kingscross Estate Residential Area and corresponding text in Section 5.17.4 to identify a minimum lot area of 0.81 hectares (2 acres); and,
2. Modifications to Schedule D1 to change the extent of the Village Core, Mixed Use, and Established Neighbourhood designations in the area located on Keele Street, north of King Road.

The Township adopted Official Plan has now been forwarded to York Region for consideration as the approval authority.

For review and consideration, please use the following link to access the Township’s adopted version of the Official Plan, along with its associated Schedules:

<https://sharefile.king.ca/share.cgi?ssid=0jOpQ4c>

In an effort to meet the reduced review timelines for Planning Act applications due to the recent changes imposed by Bill 108, we ask that you provide your comments **no later than**

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Friday November 22, 2019. If needed, we would be pleased to facilitate a joint meeting with you, York Region and Township of King Planning staff.

For more information, and to stay updated on this Official Plan process, you can also visit the Township of King's Official Plan Review page on **Speaking:**

<https://speaking.king.ca/official-plan-review>

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at extension 75750, or by e-mail at sara.brockman@york.ca.

Yours truly,



Sara Brockman, MCIP, RPP
Senior Planner

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c. Kristen Harrison, Policy Planner, Township of King – by e-mail only

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Regular Council

October 28, 2019

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Item 11.2

Moved by:

Seconded by:

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has legislated in the *Building Code Act* that “the council of each municipality is responsible for the enforcement of this Act in the municipality” and “the council of each municipality shall appoint a chief building official and such inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of this Act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction”,

AND WHEREAS, “the council of a municipality may pass by-laws applicable to the matters for which and in the area in which the municipality has jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Act”,

AND WHEREAS, the Province has asked local governments to find efficient and cost effective ways to deliver municipal services is now asking municipalities to collect a tax on their behalf to create a new Delegated Administrative Authority to deliver services that have historically been the responsibility of the Ontario Government,

AND WHEREAS, Premier Ford stated in his keynote address at the Association of Ontario Municipalities 2019 Conference, that “we can’t continue throwing money at the problem (broken systems) as our predecessors did, into top-down, big government schemes. That is neither compassionate nor sustainable”,

AND WHEREAS, alternative methods of building administration and enforcement have been proposed in this consultation that remove municipal authority but not the associated liability,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the The Municipality of Prescott requests that, the Province of Ontario work with the current building sector groups that, for the past fifteen years, have been working to support the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and provide evidence based justification to municipalities that the creation of a

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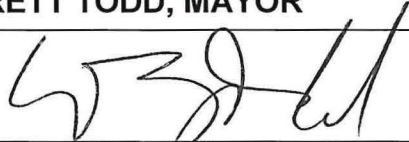
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new Delegated Administrative Authority is necessary prior to any legislative changes to the *Building Code Act*, with regard to building service delivery, are introduced in the Legislature.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Jim McDonnell, Parliamentary Assistant for Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to the Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration.

		REQUESTED BY:		
		RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
		Councillor Leanne Burton		
		Councillor Teresa Jansman		
		Councillor Lee McConnell		
CARRIED:		Councillor Mike Ostrander		
TABLED:		Councillor Gauri Shankar		
DEFEATED:		Mayor Brett Todd		
RECORDED VOTE:		Councillor Ray Young		

BRETT TODD, MAYOR	ACTING CLERK
	

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November 1, 2019

CL 16-2019, September 19, 2019***DISTRIBUTION LIST******SENT ELECTRONICALLY*****Re: Actions & Resources to Join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities
Report CAO 14-2019**

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 19, 2019, passed the following resolution:

That Report CAO 14-2019, dated September 19, 2019, respecting Actions & Resources to Join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **RESOLVE** to join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities (CIM), formerly known as Canadian Coalition for Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD) and **SIGN** a declaration to support the ten CIM commitments;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to create supporting governance structures with internal and external stakeholders to advise on internal diversity, equity, and inclusion issues and support the creation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan;
3. That the dedicated resources required for developing the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process; and
4. That Report CAO 14-2019 **BE CIRCULATED** to all municipalities in the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities, the local area municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

A copy of Report CAO 14-2019 is enclosed for your information.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

CLK-C 2019-234

Distribution List:

Municipalities in the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities
Niagara Region Local Area Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Subject: Actions & Resources to Join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities

Report to: Regional Council

Report date: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Recommendations

1. That Council **RESOLVE** to join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities (CIM), formerly known as Canadian Coalition for Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD) and **SIGN** a declaration to support the ten CIM commitments; and
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to create supporting governance structures with internal and external stakeholders to advise on internal diversity, equity, and inclusion issues and support the creation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan; and
3. That the dedicated resources required for developing the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to outline the action and resources involved for Niagara Region to join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities, in response to the motion of Council (COM 14-2019) on May 16, 2019.
- In 2017, there were 21 hate crimes reported to police in Niagara, which was an increase from 11 in 2016. In London there were 26, Windsor had 19, Hamilton had 91 and was the second highest rate per 100,000 in Canada. In Canada the majority of hate crimes are motivated by race or ethnicity (45%), religion (35%), sexual orientation (11%).
- The population of Niagara is growing, as is the diversity of those coming to Niagara. According to the 2016 census, 8.9% of people in Niagara are a visible minority (38,810 individuals), up from 7.0% in 2011. There are 18,625 people (4.3%) in Niagara with North American Indigenous origins (First Nations, Inuit, or Métis). In 2011, there were 14,720 people (3.8%) with North American Indigenous origins.
- Recognizing the importance of attracting and retaining a diverse workforce for achieving economic prosperity, a Global Attractiveness project was undertaken under the previous Council Strategic Plan. The 2017 report outlined actions associated with three objectives (see Appendix 1):
 - Supporting community readiness
 - Marketing to migrants
 - Supporting retention programs

- A strategic marketing manager has been hired to address one of the objectives, however, work has not yet been able to progress for the other two objectives absent dedicated resources.
- There are 77 municipalities across Canada that have joined CIM, with 20 in Ontario, including City of Hamilton, City of London, and City of Windsor.
- Other municipalities that have supported CIM have resourced at least one FTE for developing and implementing an action plan, and/or up to one FTE support for advisory committees.

Financial Considerations

Based on the experiences of other municipalities in Canada, providing dedicated resources is crucial to realize Council-led action pursuant to joining CIM.

Dedicated resources are recommended for a two-year period in order to fulfill the requirements of joining the CIM. The annual operating impact is estimated at \$144,000, which includes one temporary non-union FTE dedicated for the duration of the project, student support, and funds for training, conferences, mileage and community engagement. We estimate a total project cost of \$288,000 over two years. If the recommendations in this report are approved, a business case will be submitted for consideration through the 2020 budget approval process. The financial implication of these resources would be equivalent to 0.04% of the levy.

This potential financial implication should be considered in context of new budget commitments previously endorsed by Council and new budget pressures outlined by staff, as summarized in the following table presented to Budget Review Committee to illustrate the potential levy impact estimated for the 2020 budget.

<i>Previously Identified Budget Commitments/Pressures</i>	Council Report	Levy Amount (M\$)	Levy Increase %
Suicide Prevention Initiative	PHD 8-2019	0.200	0.05%
Niagara Airports	CAO 04-2019	2.240	0.61%
Waterfront Investment Program – Base funding	CSD 40-2019	1.000	0.27%
Smarter Niagara Incentive Program – Base funding	CSD 40-2019	0.600	0.16%
Brock LINC request for funding	ED 9-2019	1.500	0.41%
Niagara Regional Transit - phase in cost	CSD 40-2019	6.213	1.70%
NRPS 2019 position hiring deferral	BRC-C 7-2019	0.706	0.19%
Long-Term Care Home Redevelopment capital funding	COM 32-2019	5.899	1.62%
GO Project - Station Operations	CSD 17-2019	1.410	0.39%

<i>Previously Identified Budget Commitments/Pressures</i>	Council Report	Levy Amount (M\$)	Levy Increase %
EMS Central Hub capital funding	CSD 40-2019	0.390	0.11%
Potential Budget Pressure To-date		\$20.158	5.51%

Analysis

Background

The Niagara Region Global Attractiveness Committee Report was submitted in February 2017, written by external consultants, Sarah Wayland and Huyen Dam, in conjunction with the internal Niagara Region Global Attractiveness Committee. The report outlined current immigration patterns, the attraction and retention factors in Niagara, and an action plan with three objectives:

1. To support community readiness to be a welcoming region through engagement and fostering collaboration with key stakeholders using tailored information and data.
2. To improve Niagara's existing marketing and migrant/immigrant focused literature and create new marketing to attract primary and secondary migration from within Canada and internationally.
3. To support further implementation of concrete programs that will retain immigrants and international students.

The objectives were supported by six tactics, and short, medium, and long term actions (see Appendix 1). A Strategic Marketing Manager was hired to address the second objective, however, work has not yet progressed on the other two objectives due to a lack of dedicated resources. Although these objectives focus on Niagara being a welcoming community, able to retain immigrants, it was not focused specifically on addressing discrimination and racism as in the CIM ten common commitments.

The Canadian Coalition Against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD) was launched in 2004 as part of the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities (ICCAR) supported by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The name changed to Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities in 2019. Joining the Coalition and working actively towards the 10 commitments is beneficial for municipalities to be able to build respectful, inclusive and diverse societies, for the whole region, and specifically for newcomers, immigrants, refugees, Indigenous peoples, visible minorities, people with disabilities, and the LGBTQ2S+ community.

Additional benefits of joining CIM include access to a network of municipalities across the world to share best practices and resources, strengthening community partnerships,

involving diverse community stakeholders to understand their realities, and working together to form an Action Plan. Joining CIM can lead to increased accountability to citizens around issues of racism and discrimination, and increased trust, loyalty and respect towards the municipality, as the government works towards equity, inclusion, and appreciation of diversity in the community.

Creating an inclusive and diverse workforce and municipality leads to greater economic innovation and increased profitability. A 2018 report by McKinsey & Company called *Delivering through Diversity* described research conducted with 1,000 companies in 12 countries.¹ The research found that companies in the top-quartile for gender diversity on executive teams were 21% more likely to outperform on profitability and 27% more likely to have superior value creation. Companies in the top-quartile for ethnic/cultural diversity on executive teams were 33% more likely to have industry-leading profitability.

Focus groups and interviews with community partners and residents of Niagara conducted while developing the Public Health & Emergency Services Health Equity Strategic Plan found that discrimination based on race, gender, religion, sexuality, and other characteristics is experienced by people in multiple locations across the region. This results in negative health, social, and justice impacts for individuals and groups of people.² These negative results include physical harm as well as social or emotional impacts.² Studies have shown that when services have been withheld from people from certain populations due to stereotypes and misconceptions, has led to negative social and health outcomes and reluctance to access services when issues arise in the future.³ This applies not only for that individual, but for other family members as well. There is an over-representation of Indigenous peoples and visible minorities in many social services, including Family and Children's Services, the justice system, and in the homeless shelters.

Joining the Coalition

There are six steps to join the Coalition:

1. Prepare the case
2. Adopt a resolution to join
3. Sign the Declaration
4. Inform the Canadian Commission for UNESCO
5. Announce your involvement to local partners and residents
6. Agree to develop or adapt a unique plan of action

¹ Hunt V, Prince S, Dixon-Fyle S, & Yee L. (2018). *Delivering through Diversity*. McKinsey & Company.

² Paradies Y, Ben J, Denson N, Elias A, Priest N, Pieterse A, et al. (2015). Racism as a Determinant of Health: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. *PLoS ONE* 10(9): e0138511. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0138511>

³ Ben J, Cormack D, Harris R, & Paradies Y. (2017). Racism and health service utilisation: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *PLoS ONE* 12(12): e0189900. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0189900>

A summary of the ten Common Commitments grouped under three categories are listed in Appendix 2 with examples of current internal and external facing work from across the Regional departments and potential opportunities.

Other Municipal Action

There are 77 municipalities across Canada that have joined CIM, and 20 within Ontario. Here are some of the activities and resources of other similar municipalities.

Municipality	Committee	Action Plan	Staff Resources
Region of Peel	Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism Committee Seven members		Office of Culture and Inclusion – seven staff
City of Hamilton	Hamilton Committee Against Racism	Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Plan (announced 2019)	Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion Office – eight staff
City of London		Diversity and Inclusion Strategy (2015-2019)	One staff member (Coordinator, Government & External Relations)
City of Windsor	Diversity Committee Nine members		One staff (Diversity & Accessibility Advisor) – Clerks Office
Region of Waterloo (Not part of CIM)	Grand River Accessibility Advisory Committee (GRAAC) 12 members	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan (2018-2022)	One staff member

Based on the learnings and experiences of other municipalities in Canada, we recommend dedicated personnel and operating costs. Personnel would coordinate the governance structures with internal and external stakeholders, and draft a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan.

Drafting the Action Plan would include conducting literature reviews, community engagement, and an environmental scan of best practices across Canada and internationally, as well as identifying needs, best practices, resources, and areas of focus for advancing a more inclusive Niagara that supports the ten CIM commitments.

Alternatives Reviewed

Staff considered waiting until the 2021 budget cycle to request dedicated resources for this initiative. This is not recommended as there are no staff that can be reassigned in the meantime to support the proposed governance structures. This alternative would result in the work towards the commitments and action plan to progress slower, with an action plan not being created until 2021-2022.

A second alternative considered was for potential FTE support through the Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan. There is potential alignment between the CSWB Plan and the CIM recommendations for some aspects of the two projects, however, this would require the community consultations to identify diversity, equity, and/or inclusion as a key issue. This option is dependent on many variable factors, and does not offer committed support for CIM.

A third alternative considered was to hire a consultant to conduct research and draft an Action Plan. However, this would still require FTE support in directing the consultant, and would not be able to provide sustainable support to the internal Task Force or the Advisory Committee. A consultant would also not be able to develop and sustain quality internal and external stakeholder relationships that are important for this work.

A final alternative considered was leveraging existing resources by repurposing a current position. This option is not recommended, as there are no staff available for reallocation without significant impact on core Region operations or other strategic priorities.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

Supporting Business and Economic Growth, which works towards a coordinated approach to fostering economic growth in Niagara. Research has shown that culturally diverse regions are more innovative and economically prosperous.

Healthy and Vibrant Community, specifically with objective 2.1: Enhancing Community Wellbeing with the intended outcome to foster a safe and inclusive community. Council will contribute to creating a healthy and vibrant community through advancing the ten commitments, which include monitoring and taking action against racism and discrimination in the region, supporting people who experience racism and discrimination, as well as the police as they combat racism and discrimination.

Sustainable and Engaging Government, through committing to high quality, efficient, fiscally sustainable and coordinated services. Creating an inclusive, equitable, and diverse region will enhance Council's ability to provide customer focused services, demonstrates a value to continuous improvement, collaboration and innovation, and be inclusive through reaching and maximizing the assets of all members of the community.

Other Pertinent Reports

- [COM 14-2019](#) - Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD)
- [CAO 08-2019](#) - Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
- [CWCD 70-2017](#) - Global Attractiveness Committee Report

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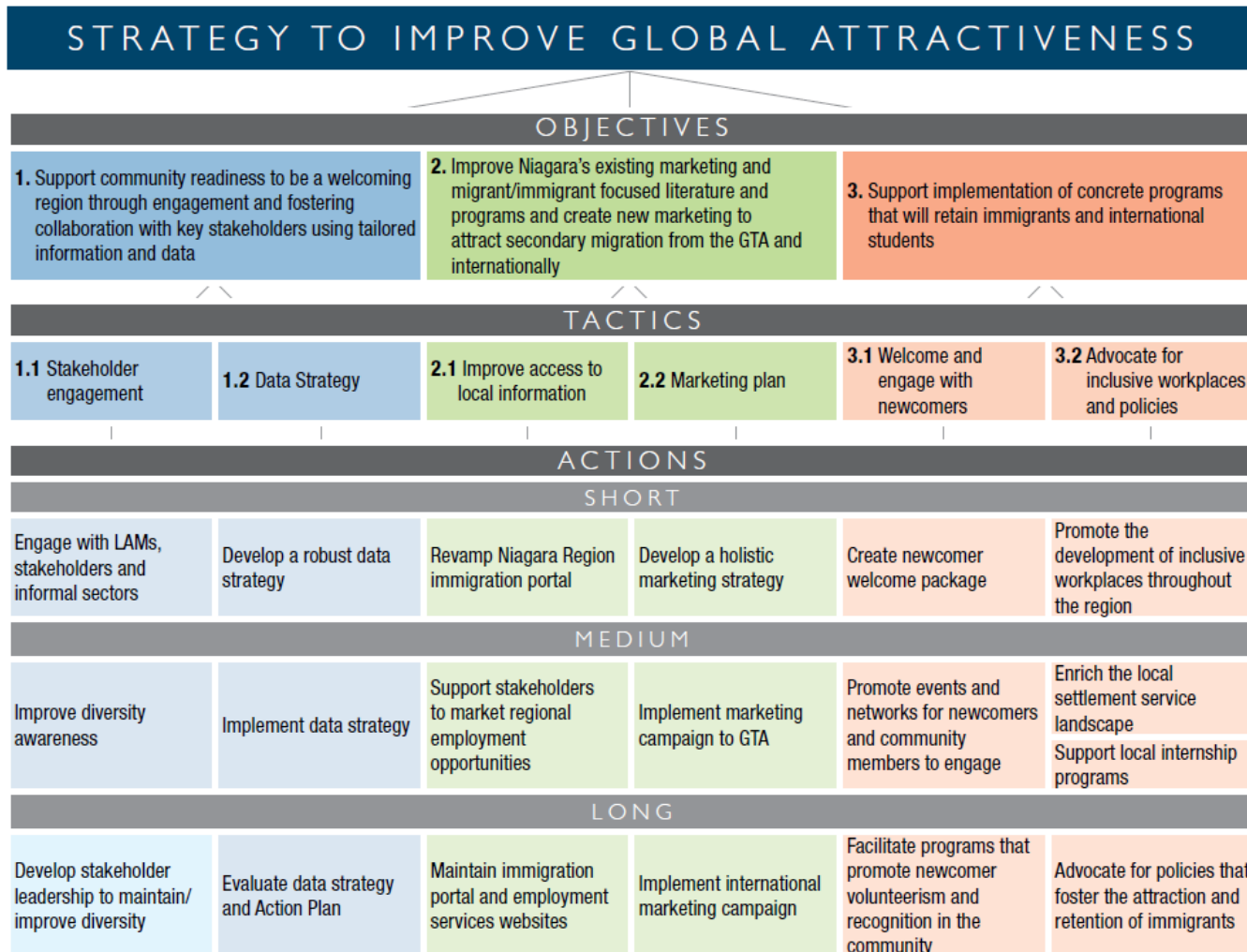
Submitted by:

Ron Tripp, P.Eng.
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared in consultation with Farzana Crocco, Strategic Marketing Manager; Sandy Dupuis, Corporate Performance Specialist; Donovan D'Amboise, Manager, Program Financial Support, and reviewed by Dr. Andrea Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Global Attractiveness Action Plan



Appendix 2 CIM Commitments - Current and Potential Future Activities

The municipality as a guardian of the public interest

1. Increase vigilance against systemic and individual racism and discrimination.

Current Internal Activities: HR policies

Potential Opportunities: Establish an external consultation or advisory committee

2. Monitor racism and discrimination in the community more broadly as well as municipal actions taken to address racism and discrimination.

Current Activities: None

Potential Opportunities: Report on the incidence of hate crimes, racism, and discrimination, as well as the responses taken, including areas such as housing, recreation, health, and other social programs

3. Inform and support individuals who experience racism and discrimination.

Current Internal Activities: HR Policies

Potential Opportunities: Use awareness materials and campaigns to inform citizens about their rights and obligations, including available resources and mechanisms for prevention and redress, as well as penalties for racist acts or behaviour and other forms of discrimination

4. Support policing services in their efforts to be exemplary institutions in combating racism and discrimination.

Potential Opportunities: Consult with local communities to hear concerns and receive input on responsive measures. Establish or enhance a comprehensive anti-racism and anti-discrimination vision statement and implement effective policies and procedures (including a complaints mechanism), as well as staff training to help prevent and respond to issues of racism and discrimination in policing services and in the community.

The municipality as an organization in the fulfillment of human rights

5. Provide equal opportunities as a municipal employer, service provider, and contractor.

Current Internal Activities: HR Policies

Current External Activities: Support Social Procurement

Potential Opportunities: Examine equity at a systemic level, such as auditing different aspects of the municipality's operations, including corporate planning, policy and program development, and procedures and practices with respect to employment, service delivery and contracting, as well as organizational culture; take steps to eliminate barriers; and finally, measure progress. Educate and sensitize elected officials and civil servants on mutual respect, citizenship and the obligation to protect and promote human rights.

6. Support measures to promote equity in the labour market.

Current Internal Activities: Corporate Diversity Training

Current External Activities: SAEO Employment Services, Bend the Curve

Potential Opportunities: In partnership with local chambers of commerce, set up a certification program for businesses, organizations, and professional bodies to integrate mechanisms into their own organizations for combating racism and building inclusive and respectful workplaces. Facilitate monitoring and removal of systemic barriers that impede fair and equitable access for full participation of Aboriginal and racialized communities in the economic life of the municipality, as well as access to professions and trades for foreign trained professionals.

7. Support measures to challenge racism and discrimination and promote diversity and equal opportunity in housing.

Current External Activities: 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan, Niagara Housing Statement

Potential Opportunities: Work with landlords and social housing providers, with the assistance of tenant associations and community organizations, including legal clinics, to adopt equitable policies and practices with respect to qualifying applicants and selecting tenants for market rent units consistent with human rights principles. Work with homebuilder, realtor, rental, hotel, tourist and hospitality associations to draw up anti-discrimination codes of practice for their respective industry businesses and organizations.

The municipality as a community sharing responsibility for respecting and promoting human rights and diversity

8. Involve citizens by giving them a voice in anti-racism initiatives and decision-making.

Current Internal and External Activities: Accessibility Advisory Committee, Lived Experience Advisory - homelessness, Mental Health Client Advisory, Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), Lived Experience Advisory Network (LEAN) - poverty, Council Strategic Plan (Shape Niagara)

Potential Opportunities: Take steps to facilitate and increase the representation of Aboriginal and racialized communities on municipal boards, commissions and committees. Organize regular community forums in collaboration with existing organizations and mechanisms in order to offer citizens an opportunity to discuss and be heard on issues of racism and discrimination in the municipality, including effectiveness of local policies and programs

9. Support measures to challenge racism and discrimination and promote diversity and equal opportunity in the education sector, and in other forms of learning

Current Internal Activities: Public Health – Indigenous Cultural Safety Training

Current External Activities: SAEO – Local Immigration Partnership (LIP)

Potential Opportunities: Support partnerships between educators and front-line community organizations to reach out to vulnerable youth whose access to education is adversely affected by bullying and violence or discriminatory discipline policies or practices. Create a program to recognize schools for their anti-racism and anti-discrimination initiatives.

10. Promote respect, understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity and the inclusion of Aboriginal and racialized communities into the cultural fabric of the municipality.

Current Internal Activities: Public Health - Indigenous Cultural Safety Training, Public Health - Health Equity Strategic Plan, Seniors Services and Community Programs – Diversity and Inclusivity Committee, Diversity Calendar for new International Plaza and Civic Park

Current External Activities: SAEO - LIP, 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan, Indigenous Community Engagement Consultant, Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara (OPENN), Public Health - Health Equity Strategic Plan, Economic Development marketing and promotion of Niagara, Diversity Calendar for new International Plaza and Civic Park

Potential Opportunities: Support initiatives that increase expertise and capacity within ethno-cultural organizations to effect change in their communities and enable their members to participate fully in society. Promote awareness of the fact that integration of a community's cultural fabric, together with its economic, educational, social and security interests, strengthens and benefits the whole community.

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November 1, 2019

CL 18-2019, October 17, 2019
DISTRIBUTION LIST
SENT ELECTRONICALLY
Re: Proposed Cuts to Legal Aid Ontario Budget

Regional Council, at its meeting held on October 17, 2019, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Niagara Community Legal Clinic is a not-for-profit agency providing access to justice and vital service to low-income Niagara citizens in civil law matters, including landlord-tenant disputes, Ontario Disability Support Payment (ODSP) appeals, pension appeals, workplace injury/WSIB compensation, consumer law protection, refugee assistance, migrant worker support, human rights law, power of attorney matters, and wills and estates for low-income seniors;

WHEREAS the Niagara Community Legal Clinic is funded by Legal Aid Ontario, an arm's-length agency of the Ministry of the Attorney General for Ontario, which (in addition to funding the province's legal clinics) provides much-needed support to low-income people in matters of family law, refugee law, and criminal law;

WHEREAS the two historic Niagara legal clinics – Justice Niagara, founded in 1978, and Niagara North Community Legal Assistance, founded in 1982 – merged on January 1, 2019, to form the Niagara Community Legal Clinic;

WHEREAS Legal Aid funding saves money in the overall justice system budget, in light of the evidence that the cases of self-represented parties (i.e., parties without Legal Aid support) consume significantly greater amounts of expensive court time and/or tribunal time; and

WHEREAS the Province cut approximately \$70 million from the Legal Aid Ontario budget in 2019, with approximately \$14.5 million of that being cut from the legal clinic system, and has indicated an intention to cut an additional \$17.3 million from the LAO budget in 2020:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Regional Chair Jim Bradley **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter to Ontario Attorney General Doug Downey, on behalf of Regional Council, reading as follows:

“The Region of Niagara is grateful for the work of the Niagara Community Legal Clinic, whose professionals provide meaningful access to justice for low-income people in Niagara. In light of the deep challenges Niagara faces in terms of poverty and lack of sufficient affordable housing, the services that the Niagara Community Legal Clinic provides are truly vital to our community.

It has come to our attention that the Province has proposed additional cuts to the budget of Legal Aid Ontario (LAO), the Niagara clinic’s funder, to be implemented in 2020. Because our Council deeply values the work of our Niagara Community Legal Clinic, and the supports that LAO provides to citizens facing challenges in family law, criminal law, and refugee law, we request that you not implement any additional cuts to the LAO budget. We also ask that you re-invest in the Legal Aid and clinic systems, so as to address the many barriers to access to justice that our citizens face.

Thank you for your consideration.”

2. That this motion and the Chair’s letter **BE CIRCULATED** to municipalities throughout Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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Distribution List:

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October 21, 2019

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
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Dear Attorney General Downey,

The Region of Niagara is grateful for the work of the Niagara Community Legal Clinic, whose professionals provide meaningful access to justice for low-income people in Niagara. In light of the deep challenges Niagara faces in terms of poverty and lack of sufficient affordable housing, the services that the Niagara Community Legal Clinic provides are truly vital to our community.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Bradley, Chair
Niagara Region



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November 1st, 2019

The Honourable Jeff Yurek
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 5th Floor 777 Bay Street
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sent via email: jeff.yurek@pc.ola.org

RE: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors Resolution FA-19-116

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the October 23, 2019 meeting of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

Motion No.: FA-19-116

Moved by: Scott Greig

Seconded By: Marion Koepke

Whereas the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors is comprised of elected representatives from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, the Township of Chatsworth, the Township of Georgian Bluffs, the Municipality of Grey Highlands, the Town of Meaford, the City of Owen Sound, the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, and the Town of the Blue Mountains; and,

Whereas the Board of Directors determines the policies, priorities, projects, fees and budget of the GSCA; and,

Whereas the GSCA provides important and valued programs and services to the residents of its member municipalities that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, forestry services, biodiversity preservation, stewardship, as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures;

Therefore, be it resolved that the publicly elected and municipally appointed GSCA Board of Directors supports the continuation of the programs and services of the GSCA, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs or services of GSCA be "wound down" at this time; and,

That the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs and services are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future; and,

That the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks utilize the Conservation Authorities Act regulations to ensure that all programs and projects of the Authority that are consistent with the Objects and Powers of an Authority be considered core programs.

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Watershed Municipalities
 Arran-Elderslie, Chatsworth, Georgian Bluffs, Grey Highlands
 Meaford, Owen Sound, South Bruce Peninsula, Blue Mountains

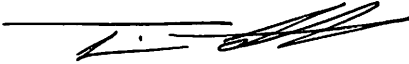
The Honourable Jeff Yurek, MECP
Re: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board Support of Authority Programs
November 1st, 2019

That this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Bill Walker, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Conservation Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,



Tim Lanthier
Interim General Manager
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

cc: Premier Doug Ford
MPP Bill Walker
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November 7, 2019

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Floor
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Conservation Authority Exit Clause

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara passed the following motion at their regular meeting held October 28, 2019, unanimously by a recorded vote:

WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA has consistently expressed its view that its watershed conservation authorities are duplicative, financially unaccountable, in conflict with citizens and private property rights;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA has encountered the regulatory obstacles to challenge the arbitrary, inefficient, non-transparent, and unsustainable municipal levy forced upon it annually by its watershed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA questions the efficacy and relevance of its watershed conservation authorities' programs and services and their performance in achieving the goals of conservation and environmental stewardship;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA finds the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations inconsistent and obsolete;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks the Honourable Jeff Yurek signaled the province's intent to reconsider and update the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA support the province's determination that the existing Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations require review;


AND THAT the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA signal to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks of its willingness to participate in all consultations and submissions to the same;

AND THAT further the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA signal its express desire that an exit clause be provided in any new Conservation Authorities Act to permit municipalities that determine the objects of conservation and environmental stewardship can be provided by alternative governance, programs, and/or services to exist costly and unwarranted conservation authority(ies) jurisdiction(s);

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Conservation Ontario, Ontario's thirty-six conservation authorities, and all upper and lower-tier Ontario municipalities.

I trust the above is self-explanatory however if you require further information or clarification, please contact me.

Yours truly,



Jennifer Connor, CMO
Legislative Services Manager/Clerk

JC/cw

c.c. Jill Dunlop, MPP
Conservation Ontario
Ontario Conservation Authorities
Ontario Municipalities



October 30, 2019

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

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier:

Re: Resolution from the Township of Springwater – Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their October 29, 2019 Council meeting and at the request of the Township of Springwater, adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas the Township of Springwater, like all municipalities in Ontario must confront fiscal limitations and re-evaluate programs, services, and the financial sustainability of each;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater is a constituent municipality in portions of the watershed under the jurisdiction of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and is compelled to remit non-negotiable levy funding to the Authority on an annual basis;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater cannot exercise line-item scrutiny of Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority’s budget and operations nor does the Authority itself provide detailed substantiation of the same to its member municipalities like the Township of Springwater;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater must account for all taxpayer funds it expends within its operations and that it forwards to local agencies and boards;
 Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater requests that the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority provide prior to passage of its 2020 budget the following:

- (1) Its interpretation and understanding of its mandated operations as found in the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c.C.27 and its prescribed regulations;
- (2) The costs of each as determined under (1);
- (3) Detailed definitions and determinations of what can be characterized as non-mandatory programming and services(s);
- (4) The costs of each as determined under (3);
- (5) Detailed definitions and determinations of fee-for-service activities of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the revenues they generate as the activities take place within and/or requests originate from geographic area of the Township of Springwater; and
- (6) The Costs that arise from programs and services enabled through the Memorandum of Understanding with the Severn Sound Environmental Association.

And That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario.”

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at cao@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 Ext. 2222.

Sincerely



George Vadeboncoeur
Chief Administrative Officer

Enclosure.

- c. Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservations, and Parks
County of Simcoe
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Ontario Conservation Authorities
All Ontario Municipalities

October 21, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
8195 8th Line
Utopia ON, L0M 1T0

RE: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 16, 2019, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C457-2019

Moved by: Coughlin

Seconded by: Moore

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(2) The costs of each as determined under (1);

(3) Detailed definitions and determinations of what can be characterized as non-mandatory programming and service(s);

(4) The costs of each as determined under (3);

(5) Detailed definitions and determinations of fee-for-service activities of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the revenues they generate as the activities take place within and/or requests originate from geographic area of the Township of Springwater; and

(6) The costs that arise from programs and services enabled through the Memorandum of Understanding with the Severn Sound Environmental Association.

And That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario.

Carried

Sincerely,



Renée Chaperon
Clerk
/cp

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
The County of Simcoe
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