

# Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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There were no requests for this period.

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19-4232

September 24, 2019

**RE: Building Code Services Transformation** 

Dear Head of Council,

I am writing today to announce that my ministry is launching a consultation on potential changes to the delivery of building code services. On September 24, 2019, I released a discussion paper: <u>Transforming and Modernizing the Delivery of Ontario's Building Code Services</u>.

Our government has heard from stakeholders about the need for better, modern, and timely services to support the building sector's ability to understand and apply building code requirements. To do this, the ministry is proposing to establish a new administrative authority to deliver a suite of enhanced and new user-driven services. Modernized service delivery will ensure that the sector has the supports it needs to continue growing Ontario's economy, while protecting public health and safety.

Your feedback is important and will help inform enhancements to current building code services and the development of new services, which would:

- strengthen public safety
- streamline customer service and approval processes
- deliver sector-driven services
- provide timely and modern tools and products
- promote consistency across the province
- enhance integrity in the system.

We will also be hosting regional information sessions that will include an informational session for the sector earlier in the afternoon (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) and a public open house in the evening (5:30 - 7:00 p.m.). Sessions will be held on the following dates:

- City of Belleville: Friday, October 4, 2019
   Belleville Lions Club, 119 Station St., Belleville
- City of North Bay: Monday, October 7, 2019
   North Bay Memorial Gardens, 100 Chippewa St. W., North Bay
- 3. Municipality of Chatham-Kent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 Chatham-Kent Cultural Centre, 75 William Street, Chatham-Kent
- 4. City of Vaughan: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 Vellore Hall, 9541 Weston Road, Woodbridge

For more information about this consultation and for additional ways to participate, please visit <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/buildingtransformation">www.ontario.ca/buildingtransformation</a> where you will find:

- A link to the discussion paper
- Information about how to provide feedback
- A short optional survey

The consultation will close on November 25, 2019.

I look forward to your feedback on the transformation of building code service delivery. Please note that Chief Building Officials will also receive notification of this transformation initiative and associated opportunities for engagement.

If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact ministry staff at <u>buildingtransformation@ontario.ca</u>.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark Minister

c: Municipal Clerks



CITY OF HAMILTON

September 30, 2019

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Correspondence from the City of Kitchener requesting support for their resolution respecting the lobbying of the Federal Government to review the regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes to remove the word flushable.

At the meeting of September 25, 2019, Hamilton City Council endorsed the City of Kitchener's resolution respecting the above matter as follows:

"WHEREAS in 2018 the City of Kitchener implemented a sustainable funding model Water Infrastructure Project (WIP) for the city's water, sanitary and stormwater infrastructure to ensure the safe delivery of these valued utilities;

WHEREAS in 2018 a multi-year initiative approved through the WIP has already improved several key measures of water quality, and proactive maintenance has reduced the risk of flooding in high-risk areas;

WHEREAS in 2018 the City has already seen a number of impacts due to the implementation of the WIP including: 48% decrease in complaints related to discoloured water; Storm main repairs increased by 27 per cent; 300 metric tonnes of sediment removed from catch basins; and, 2,200 properties protected against backflow and cross-connection contamination;

WHEREAS Single-use wipes are a \$6-billion industry and growing, and are now being advertised as the clean alternative to toilet paper and are safe to flush;

WHEREAS there is no one standard for what the word "flushable" means;

WHEREAS Single-use wipes are in fact not safe to flush as they are buoyant; are not biodegradable; and, are unable to break down into small pieces quickly;

WHEREAS Single-use wipes accumulate in the sewer system and eventually clog the sanitary sewer system costing municipalities hundreds of millions of dollars in additional repairs and maintenance costs each year to municipal sewer systems across the country; and

WHEREAS there is a lack of public awareness of the impact caused by non-flushable wipes being flushed down toilets and consumer education and outreach could play a large part in reducing the impact;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That the City of Kitchener lobby the Federal Government, to review regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes to remove the word flushable; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Region of Waterloo; and, all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario."

Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger

Mayor

Cc:

Minister Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Minister Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing The Association of Municipalities of Ontario Andrea Horwath, MPP Paul Miller, MPP Sandy Shaw, MPP Donna Skelly, MPP Monique Taylor, MPP The Region of Waterloo All Municipalities within the Province of Ontario

File C19-016 (5.1)



Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Natural Resources Conservation Policy Branch

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#### **Subject: Proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act**

Dear Head of Council and Clerk,

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry recognizes the critical role Ontario's municipalities play in the lives of Ontarians. We value our strong collaborative partnership with municipalities and the associations that represent their interests.

We want to advise you that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is proceeding with changes to the way aggregates are managed in Ontario and would like to invite municipal input on the changes we are proposing.

We have released an aggregate proposal that aims to cut red tape, create jobs, and promote economic growth within Ontario's aggregate industry — an industry that generates \$1.6 billion in production revenue annually and supports more than 28,000 jobs in aggregate-related sectors.

The proposal draws on feedback from industry, municipalities, Indigenous communities and other stakeholders. It will create opportunities for growth while maintaining a steadfast commitment to protecting the environment and addressing impacts to communities.

A summary of the proposed legislative changes, and instructions for providing feedback, can be found on the Environmental Registry (ERO# 019-0556) at the following link:

#### https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0556

My ministry is also considering some regulatory changes and would appreciate any initial feedback you have on these topics. As a next step, we expect to consult further on specific details related to regulatory proposals at a later date. I look forward to your input on these proposals and potential future changes.

If you have any questions about the proposed changes, please contact Andrew MacDonald, Resource Development Section, at 705-755-1222 or aggregates@ontario.ca.

Kind regards,

Original signed by Ala Boyd

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October 1, 2019

#### The Honorable Doug Ford

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

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CANNABIS BY-LAW (2.0)

Dear Premier;

This will confirm that at a meeting held on September 24, 2019, the Council of the City of Markham adopted the following resolution (links to the report and attachments are provided):

- 1. That the report entitled "Proposed Amendments to Cannabis By-law" and dated September 16, 2019 be received; and,
- 2. That staff bring forward a revised by-law to the September 24, 2019 Council meeting to amend Cannabis By-law 2018-135 by: a) adding a definition of "Smoke or Smoking" to assist in the enforcement of the By-law and prosecution; and b) delete the word "recreational" from the tile of By-law; and,
- 3. That, in keeping with the commitment made by the Province of Ontario to allow municipalities the authority to regulate or prohibit the smoking or vaporizing of cannabis, the City of Markham request the Province of Ontario amend Section 115(3) of the Municipal Act to permit municipalities to regulate smoking on highways (including sidewalks and boulevards); and further.
- 4. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Solicitor General, local MPs and MPPs, Chief of the York Regional Police, and York Region municipalities.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Killingsworth at 905-477-7000 ext. 2127.

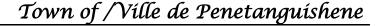
Kind regards,

Kimberley Kitteringham

City Clerk

Proposed By-law

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General Local MPs and MPPs cc: Chief of the York Regional Police York Region municipalities





October 2, 2019

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

Delivered by Email to: doug.ford@pc.ola.org

#### BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier:

#### <u>RE: Resolution from the Town of Penetanguishene – Municipal Amalgamation</u>

As you are aware, the Town of Penetanguishene, Township of Tay and Township of Tiny provided a <u>joint letter response on June 5, 2019</u> regarding the Regional Governance Review.

Please also be advised that the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene, during their September 25, 2019 Council meeting and at the request of the Township of McKellar, adopted the following resolution:

"WHEREAS there are 444 municipalities in Ontario that are very efficient and well governed, and who respond quickly to ratepayer's needs;

AND WHEREAS in the 1990's the Conservative Government forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes;

AND WHERAS forced amalgamation actually accomplished just the opposite: ill feelings, increased animosity and mistrust, job losses, rise in local taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborate and cooperative manner via, shared agreements that responds to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;





AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has a large deficit due to their own decision-making;

AND WHEREAS recently the same Conservative Government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50%, without "consultation";

AND WHERAS this same Conservative Government is presently reviewing other provincial regional governments through a purported "consultative" approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government should investigate all other internal ways of reducing their deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS the Province could look at what other provinces have done to reduce the debt with one singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, controlling OPP costs, substantially increase fines, and find a way to collect millions and millions of dollars in unpaid fines and instead, invest in the north to create jobs and stimulate and enhance economic development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization go beyond requesting "consultation" and "demand" that the Provincial Government do the following:

- 1. Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not.
- 2. Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduce the provincial deficit.
- 3. Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suit their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time line and volition.
- 4. To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process.
- 5. To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of



Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration."

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Stacey Cooper, Clerk Town of Penetanguishene

C. Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier
 Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs
 MPP's in the Province of Ontario
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
 Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA)
 Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
 All Ontario Municipalities



#### **Town of The Blue Mountains**

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#### Sent via E-mail

October 4, 2019

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Steve Clark | Minister | minister.mah@ontario.ca 777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

Dear Minister Clark,

#### RE: Integrity Commission Matters

Since the Province required all municipalities to have Integrity Commissioners ("ICs"), we have noted that although this is a quasi-judicial role, few if any decisions by Integrity Commissioners refer to British Common Law precedents, or any precedents for that matter.

In addition, there seems to be quite a difference of opinion on matters between Integrity Commissioners. As an example, our IC takes the position that in all cases the Complainant should never be named in a report, even when they are another member of Council, while at the County level, our County IC, states that she would almost always name the complainant in these circumstances, unless it was a personal matter. Her test would be whether it was a matter of public interest.

As a result of this confusion on behalf of the Town of The Blue Mountains, please note the following resolution passed by Council on September 30, 2019:

Moved by:

**Rob Potter** 

Seconded by:

Peter Bordignon

WHEREAS the system of justice in Ontario is based on the British system of Common Law which bases decisions on legal precedents;

AND WHEREAS the decisions of Integrity Commissioners in settled cases could provide guidance to all involved in Municipal Government in Ontario as well as to the people they serve;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Code of Conduct Sub-Committee recommends that the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing create a searchable database of all matters placed before all Integrity Commissioners within the province and the resolution of such matters;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario via the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Carried.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Yours Truly,

Mayor Alar Soever

Town of The Blue Mountains

CC:

Mayor and Council, Town of The Blue Mountains (via e-mail) Shawn Everitt, CAO, Town of The Blue Mountains (via email)

Municipalities in Ontario (via-email)



October 8, 2019

To: All Ontario Municipalities Sent Via Email

Re: Menstrual Products in City Facilities Our File No. 16.6.99

At its meeting of September 23, 2019, St. Catharines City Council supported the implementation of a pilot project to provide free menstrual products at City Facilities. The pilot project will run from January until June 2020 and will include the installation of dispensing units in washrooms at locations to be determined by staff.

Below is the full motion which was approved by St. Catharines City Council at its meeting held on September 23, 2019:

That Council support the implementation of Option 1 for a pilot project on free menstrual products in City Facilities, beginning in January 2020 until June 2020 and with the results of the pilot project to be reviewed; and

That a cap be put in place as determined by staff; and

That the Budget Standing Committee include this pilot project in its draft 2020 budgets. FORTHWITH

A previous motion on this matter directed that any decisions related to this pilot project be shared with all Ontario municipalities and school boards.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk

Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk

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Hello,

Following up on the Notice of Study Commencement issued for York Region's Water and Wastewater Master Plan (WWMP) Update in August, please find the attached Notice of Open House Round 1. This notice will run in local community and multi-cultural newspapers and community magazines throughout the month of October.

The first round of Open Houses will discuss the project objectives and highlight:

- The importance of water and wastewater services in our communities
- Why a Master Plan is needed
- How the Plan will be updated

The Open Houses will also serve as an opportunity to engage with and educate the community on their water and wastewater services, including the programs, infrastructure, partnerships and initiatives occurring 'behind the scenes' that ensure safety and sustainability. Three locations for the Open House are scheduled as follows:

Municipality	Location	Date and time
Town of Aurora	Aurora Seniors Centre	Saturday, October 26, 2019 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Town of East Gwillimbury	East Gwillimbury Sports Complex	Tuesday, November 5, 2019 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
City of Markham	Thornhill Community Centre	Saturday, November 9, 2019 11 a.m. – 3.p.m.

In addition to the venues listed above, Open House content will be available online in an interactive format, providing a convenient participation opportunity to residents and stakeholders unable to attend in-person. This "Online Open House" will be open from October 26 – November 30, 2019 on york.ca/waterplan.

We will follow up this message with an email to share the Open House content for your information closer to the event. Please stay tuned for further information regarding when you can expect to see key project deliverables.

For further information about the project, please visit the project website at york.ca/waterplan or contact me directly.

Best regards,

Laura Alpi Project Liaison The Regional Municipality of York 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

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Encl. Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update - Notice of Open House Round 1

# DIVE into your master part of the super system.

YOU'RE INVITED

## BE A PART OF SHAPING YOUR WATER'S FUTURE

Experience your water system through interactive displays and discover what's involved in getting water to you. Your water has quite the journey, from planning, to pipes, to your home and even what happens after you flush. Meet some of the team behind your water and share your thoughts with us. Everyone is welcome. Kid-friendly activities and refreshments to enjoy.

#### **SATURDAY, OCT. 26, 2019**

2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Aurora Seniors Centre 90 John West Way, Aurora

#### **TUESDAY, NOV. 5, 2019**

4 p.m. – 8 p.m. East Gwillimbury Sports Complex 1914B Mount Albert Road, East Gwillimbury

#### **SATURDAY, NOV. 9, 2019**

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thornhill Community Centre 7755 Bayview Avenue, Markham

#### Can't make it in person?

Participate in our online Open House from October 26 to November 30. Provide feedback, receive updates and have your say at **york.ca/waterplan** 

Submit questions or comments, request accommodation or an accessible version of this notice or join the Master Plan Update mailing list by contacting:

#### Laura Alpi, Project Liaison

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The Regional Municipality of York is updating its Water and Wastewater Master Plan through the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment master planning process. The Master Plan Update will identify and evaluate long-term strategies, programs and infrastructure projects for future water and wastewater servicing needs to 2041 and beyond. Join us and provide your feedback at the Open Houses listed above. Community and partner input will shape alternative strategies to address future water needs. These strategies will be presented for input at Open Houses in 2020; details to be confirmed.

York Region

**Open House Round 1**