

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of Chatham-Kent Council
From: Heather Haynes, Council Assistant
Date: April 24, 2023
Re: Council Information Package

I have attached a list of items that have come into the office that may be of interest to members of Council. Please note that in accordance with Section 6.4(d) of the Procedural By-law, **Any member of Council may raise for discussion a communication, petition or resolution that is in the Information Package during the Approval of Communication Items portion of the Council Meeting.**

1. Staff Reports and Information

- (a) Action items from the March 27, 2023 Council Meeting.

2. Correspondence From

- (a) Letter from Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health addressed to Mayor Darrin Canniff dated March 24, 2023 re Ministry of Health Agreement with The Municipality of Chatham-Kent effective 28th day of March 2014 (the "Agreement").
- (b) Notice of Completion, Class Environmental Assessment Study re L.O. Stonehouse Memorial Walkbridge - Project File Available for Review – March 30 to May 1, 2023.
- (c) Notice of Completion, Thames River Slope Stabilization re Longwoods Road, Township of Zone, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, April 2023 - Project Report for Public Review – April 3 to May 2, 2023 (Accessible online at www.letstalkchatham-kent.ca).
- (d) Letter from Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated April 6, 2023 re Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act.
- (e) Communication from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities re FCM Board of Director Position.
- (f) Communication from Luanne Patterson, Senior System Manager, Environmental Assessment, Canadian National to Mayor Canniff dated April 12, 2023 re CN Right-Of-Way Vegetation Control.

3. Resolutions

- (a) Resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming dated March 31, 2023 re Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women an Epidemic.
- (b) Resolution from the Township of South Glengarry dated April 3, 2023 re Rural Education Funding and Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines.
- (c) Resolution from the Town of Essex dated March 31, 2023 supporting Chatham-Kent's resolution re A call to the Provincial Government to End Homelessness in Ontario.
- (d) Resolution from the Municipality of South Huron dated April 12, 2023 re Support for the School Bus Stop Arm Cameras.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Requestor</u>	<u>RTC</u> <u>Req'd (Y</u> <u>or N)</u>	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Revised</u>
13-2023	April 3, 2023	Motion - Whereas splashpads spread across Chatham-Kent are community infrastructure, intended to provide recreation, exercise, and cooling in warm weather. And whereas seasonal temperatures continue to increase, with hot weather occurring earlier in the spring and later in the fall in some years, And whereas the Kingston Park splashpad, the only splash pad in the urban centre of Chatham, opens two week later than other splash pads across CK, and is well used by residents across the municipality. Council direct administration to review the opening and closing dates of all splash pads in Chatham-Kent, with the goal of maximizing seasonal usage. And that these changes be made as soon as possible.	IES	Parks and Recreation	Robert Pollock	B. McGregor	N	April 3, 2023	July 10, 2023
14-2023	April 3, 2023	NOTICE OF MOTION - Ceccacci - Whereas it is important that a regular review of processes used by the Municipality occur to ensure consistency with best practices in the public sector; And Whereas public purchasing processes can be difficult for smaller businesses who do not have dedicated staff for submitting bids and have other pressures on their business; Now therefore Administration take the following steps, and return to Council with a report outlining recommended or optional changes to Council to streamline purchasing processes and to reflect best practices of other municipalities and public sector agencies: 1. Produce a summary of processes that are in place, or could be added, to address submission of non-compliant bids. 2. Produce helpful documentation for bidders to avoid common pitfalls that can result in non-compliant bids, to be included in tenders where any significant non-compliance has been noticed in previously released tenders. 3. Provide options for Council on implementing more active contract assessment/management approaches, including costing.	N/A			Ceccacci		April 24, 2023	

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15-2023	April 3, 2023	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION - C. McGregor - That Fleet Management be directed to rent two mini excavators (mini-ex) for the remainder of 2023. One for the South and one for the North of the municipality for shared use between Cemetery Operations and Public Works. And that the purchase of two mini excavators be forwarded to the next budget deliberations to be added to the municipal fleet compliment.</p>	N/A				C. McGregor		April 24, 2023	
16-2023	April 23, 2023	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION - Jubenville - Whereas there are three flagpoles in front of the Chatham-Kent Civic Centre at 315 King St. West, that regularly fly the Canadian National Flag, the Ontario Provincial Flag and the Chatham-Kent Municipal Flag. And whereas there are flagpoles in front of other Chatham Kent Municipal service center buildings across Chatham Kent. And whereas in some circumstance other flags, representing different organizations, groups, or movements have flown under the direction of the Chatham Kent Mayor's office. And whereas some organizations, groups or movements have not been afforded the opportunity to also have their representing flag flown. Therefore, be it resolved that Council direct Administration to avoid controversy and discrimination while encouraging inclusion of all Chatham-Kent residents under the Federal, Provincial and Municipal flags, by stating the only flags that shall be flown at the Chatham-Kent Civic Centre and all Municipal service centers across Chatham-Kent, will be the Canadian National Flag, the Ontario Provincial Flag and the Chatham Kent Municipal Flag.</p>	N/A				Jubenville		April 24, 2023	

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March 24, 2023

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His Worship Darrin Canniff
Mayor
The Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Medavie EMS Chatham-Kent
315 King Street West PO Box 640 Civic Centre
Chatham ON N7M 5K8

Dear Mayor Canniff:

**Ministry of Health Agreement with The Municipality of Chatham-Kent effective
28th day of March 2014 (the "Agreement")**

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Health will provide The Municipality of Chatham-Kent for Medavie EMS Chatham-Kent one-time funding of up to \$246,832 for the 2022 calendar year and \$65,388 for the January to March of the 2023 calendar year. This funding is to support various Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) initiatives as part of the COVID-19 response in the emergency health services sector.

I am, therefore, pleased to provide you with the various COVID-19 funding that is reflected in the new budget 'COVID-19 Funding Schedule' along with related program policies, guidelines and reporting requirements attached, pursuant to section 4.2 of the Agreement. All terms and conditions contained in the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

The Assistant Deputy Minister of Emergency Health Services will write to The Municipality of Chatham-Kent shortly concerning the terms and conditions governing the funding.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to improving ambulance services in Ontario as we modernize and strengthen our public health care system and for all that you and your organization are doing to protect the health and safety of the people of Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Jones', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

Enclosure

- c: Michael Duben, Chief Administrative Officer, The Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Alison Blair, Associate Deputy Minister, Health Integration and Partnerships,
Ministry of Health
Susan Picarello, Assistant Deputy Minister, Emergency Health Services Division,
Ministry of Health

Notice of Completion

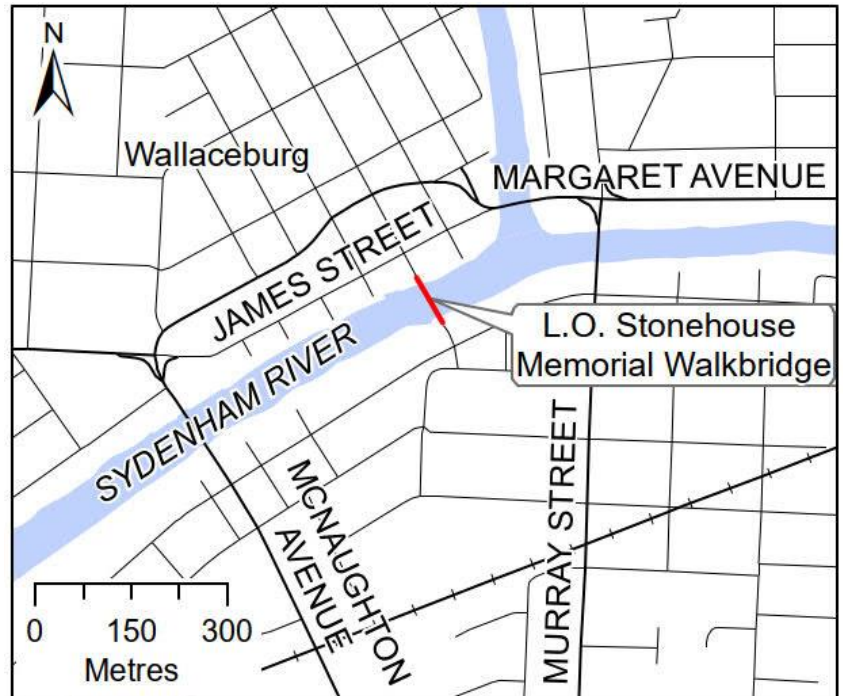
Class Environmental Assessment Study

L.O. Stonehouse Memorial Walkbridge

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent retained Dillon Consulting Limited to complete a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for the L.O. Stonehouse Memorial Walkbridge. The bridge crosses the Sydenham River in downtown Wallaceburg, as shown on the map below, and has been closed since November 2021 due to its deteriorating condition.

The study is now complete and recommends replacement of the main and lift spans and rehabilitation of the remainder of the structure.

The study was completed in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule 'B' projects under the Municipal Class EA (2023). The project file is being made available for a 30-day public review period in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class EA. The project file documents the problem and opportunity, the evaluation of alternative solutions, anticipated impacts, mitigation measures, consultation completed, and commitments for future work.



The project file is available for review from **March 30 to May 1, 2023** at the locations listed below during regular business hours, and online at www.letstalkchatham-kent.ca/rehabilitation-of-the-lo-stonehouse-pedestrian-bridge.

**Chatham-Kent Public Library,
Wallaceburg Branch**
209 James Street
Wallaceburg, Ontario, N8A 2N4

**Municipality of Chatham-Kent Civic
Centre**
315 King Street West
Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5K8

If you have questions or comments regarding information in the project file, please contact either of the following project team members no later than **May 1, 2023**.

Curtis Watson, P.Eng
Project Manager
Dillon Consulting Limited
10 Fifth Street South
Chatham, Ontario, N7M 4V4
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Jason Cikatricis, C.E.T.
Engineering Technologist
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
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Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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Section 16 Order (Aboriginal and Treaty Rights)

A request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for an Order under Section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (*EA Act*) requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive EA), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., requiring further studies). A Section 16 Order can only be requested on the grounds that it may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered.

Further information on requests for orders under Section 16 of the *EA Act*, including information to be included in the request, is available on the MECP website at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order>

The request should be sent in writing or by email to the following contacts, and copied to the project team members listed above, no later than **May 1, 2023**.

**Minister of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks**

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and
Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2J3
Email: Minister.MECP@ontario.ca

**Director, Environmental Assessment
Branch**

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and
Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1P5
Email: EABDirector@ontario.ca

All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number, and property location – is collected under the authority of Section 30 of the *EA Act* and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* does not apply (Section 37). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Thames River Slope Stabilization – Longwoods Road, Township of Zone Municipal Class Environmental Assessment April 3, 2023

The Study

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent has initiated a Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to address erosion and slope stability issues along the Thames River. Matrix Solutions Inc. has been retained by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to complete the study in compliance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

Erosion and slope instability are occurring along the north bank of the Thames River at approximately 14239 Longwoods Road in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. This erosion and bank instability threatens the integrity of Longwoods Road, nearby infrastructure and private frontage along the roadway. The aim of this project is to determine an appropriate strategy to address the erosion and slope stability concerns, handle stormwater below grade and upon the surface, and limit the extent of the impacted footprint.

The Municipal Class EA evaluated a set of alternatives that included: Do Nothing, Close Longwoods Road, Re-align Longwoods Road, and Retain and Protect Longwoods Road. Through an evaluation of alternatives considering environmental, social, cultural, technical, and economical criteria, the study identified the preferred alternative solution to be Retain and Protect Longwoods Road. This alternative involves rock revetment toe protection, slope regrading, surface water and groundwater collection improvements, and restoration of stable vegetation on the bank.

A key component of the study is consultation with interested stakeholders (public, Indigenous communities, landowners, and agencies). A Public Information Centre was held online on the Let's Talk Chatham-Kent website from January 19, 2023 to February 15, 2023.

Project Report for Public Review

The Project File Report will be available on public record for a 30 calendar-day public and agency review period from April 3 to May 2, 2023. An electronic copy of the Project File Report will be accessible online through the Let's Talk Chatham-Kent website (www.letstalkchatham-kent.ca). Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by **May 2, 2023**. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Debbie Cooper at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, per contact details below.

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. Please visit the ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under Section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act at: www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks per contact details below, and also copied to Debbie Cooper at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3 minister.mecp@ontario.ca	Director, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor Toronto ON, M4V 1P5 EABDirector@ontario.ca	Debbie Cooper, C.Tech Project Manager Municipality of Chatham-Kent 315 King Street West Chatham, N7L 5K8 Phone: 519-360-1998 ckinfo@chatham-kent.ca
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Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (RSO 1990, c.F.31), Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (RSO 1990, c.M.56) and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and may be released, if requested, to any person.

**Ministry of
Municipal Affairs
and Housing**

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April 6, 2023

Good afternoon,

Today, our government announced further action to tackle the housing supply crisis and reach our goal of 1.5 million homes by 2031. The *Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act* is the latest in a series of steps our government is taking to increase housing supply and help more Ontarians find a home they can actually afford.

Despite external economic challenges that are slowing down new home construction, including inflation and soaring interest rates, Ontario's plan to build more homes faster is working – with the highest number of housing starts in more than 30 years in 2021 and 2022, and the highest number of rental housing starts on record last year.

Details about the range of measures in our plan can be found in the [news release here](#).

As part of the plan, our government is introducing a new province-wide planning policy document that would provide municipalities with more flexibility, reduce duplication, create more homes in urban and rural communities, support local economies and create jobs while continuing to protect the environment (including existing Greenbelt protections), and public safety. It would also require coordination between municipalities and school boards to consider school and childcare needs earlier in the planning process, so that families moving to new housing can expect that local schools will be available for their children.

Ontario is undertaking a 60-day consultation on the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement until June 6, 2023 <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6813>.

In addition, the plan contains numerous actions to further tackle Ontario's housing crisis, including:

- A \$6.5 million investment to appoint an additional 40 adjudicators and hire five staff to improve service standards and continue to reduce active applications and decision timeframes at the Landlord and Tenant Board. This increase more than doubles of the number of full-time adjudicators at the Landlord Tenant Board.

- Proposed changes to make life easier for renters, with changes that would, if passed, clarify and enhance tenants' rights to install air conditioners. We are proposing to further strengthen protections against evictions due to renovations, demolitions and conversions, as well as those for landlord's own use.
- Proposed changes to the *Planning Act*, *City of Toronto Act*, and *Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Act* to support the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement as well as other housing supply priorities.
- Doing more to protect first-time home buyers and their savings by expanding deposit insurance for First Home Savings Accounts held at Ontario credit unions.
- We are exploring a cooling-off/cancellation period on purchases of new freehold homes, and a requirement that purchasers of all new homes receive legal advice on their purchase agreements when they make one of the biggest purchases of their lives – a new home.

These and other related consultations can be found through the [Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry](#).

Our plan was informed by AMO's 2022 A Blueprint for Action and ROMA's 2022 Task Force Report on Attainable Housing and Purpose-Built Rentals. These changes build on our continued work to provide a solid foundation to address Ontario's housing supply crisis over the long term and will be supplemented by continued action in the future.

The housing supply action plan is the latest in a series of steps our government is taking to increase housing supply and help more Ontarians find a home they can afford. We look forward to continued collaboration with our municipal partners to create the homes that Ontarians need today, tomorrow and in the decades to come.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c. Chief Administrative Officer

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Run as a candidate

We encourage you to run for an FCM Board Director position.

Want to serve on FCM's Board of Directors in 2023? Access information about committees, candidate nominations, campaigning and the election rules.

As we continue to face the local and national impacts of the pandemic, governance of FCM will play a critical role in supporting the advocacy we carry out for municipalities across the country.

If you're invested in the issues our members care about, consider running for a one-year Board term to support our work.

Our Board is made up of elected municipal officials who are committed to championing local priorities at the national level on behalf of the FCM membership. The Board meets in person/hybrid three times per year, with some committee meetings in between. Our Board members also promote FCM priorities in their local communities and with their federal counterparts on Parliament Hill.

Becoming a Board Director is a great opportunity to connect with other members across the country to share lessons learned and new ideas. We hope you'll bring your talents and commitment to the table!

Who is eligible to run as a candidate?

If you wish to be registered on the electoral ballot, you must:

- **Be an elected official of an FCM-member municipality in good standing**
- **Submit your consent form:**
 - **Table Officer** resolution, [nomination form](#) and [consent form](#): Due May 7
 - **Director** resolution and [consent form](#): Due May 14 to include your name on the official ballot
- **Submit an official resolution:** The resolution (see the [template](#)) must be endorsed by your member municipality or Provincial/Territorial Municipal Association, expressly permitting you to seek a position on

FCM's Board and confirming your municipality/association will assume any costs related to your attending FCM meetings.

You are also encouraged to post campaign material including a brief bio (see next paragraph).

Outreach during your campaign

Once your documentation is submitted and approved, we encourage you to submit a picture and a short bio, which we'll post on this website. The bio may include a link to a campaign video if you choose to produce and host one through a third-party provider (e.g., YouTube).

You may [post campaign materials](#) on this website, which may contain only the following: written text of the candidate's biography (maximum 500 words); a candidate photo; a link to a campaign video; a link to the candidate's personal campaign page; and one additional link to a candidate's promotional material. FCM will not be responsible for translating materials and will post the information in the language(s) received.

Want to apply to sit as a committee member?

Our committees include Board and non-Board members of FCM. Eligible candidates may apply to become a member of select FCM's Standing Committees. We'll email members a link to the online form when the application window opens after the Annual Conference.

Campaign guidelines

These [Campaign guidelines](#) include the 2023 rules for campaigning.

SAMPLE COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2023

**FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES –
ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of member municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the united voice required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

WHEREAS FCM's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference and Trade Show, May 25 to 28, 2023, followed by the election of FCM's Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the **(INSERT NAME OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OR PROVINCIAL OR TERRITORIAL MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION)** endorse **(INSERT NAME OF ELECTED OFFICIAL)** to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in May 2023 and ending **(INDICATE END DATE - must be at minimum until June 2024)**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council assumes all costs associated with **(INSERT NAME OF ELECTED OFFICIAL)** attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.



Luanne Patterson
Senior System Manager
Environmental Assessment

Directrice de l'analyse des systèmes
Évaluation environnementale

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April 12, 2023

RE: CN RIGHT-OF-WAY VEGETATION CONTROL

Dear Mayor,

CN remains committed to running its railway sustainably, as well as building a level of trust and collaboration with the communities in which we operate.

To that end, we are reaching out to advise you of our vegetation control activities in your area between April and October 2023. A regularly updated schedule is available at: [CN.ca/vegetation](https://cn.ca/vegetation)

If not managed properly, trees, brush or other vegetation can severely compromise rail and public safety. Vegetation can impede the view motorists have of oncoming trains and increase the risk of crossing accidents. Unwanted vegetation can damage the integrity of the railbed, interfere with signals and switches, contribute to track side fires, compromise employee and citizens safety, reduce visibility for train crews at road crossings/train control signals and track side warning devices, to name a few of the potential risks.

CN's annual vegetation control program is designed to mitigate these risks by managing brush, weeds, and other undesirable vegetation. This program is critical to ensure safe operations and contributes to the overall safety of your community.

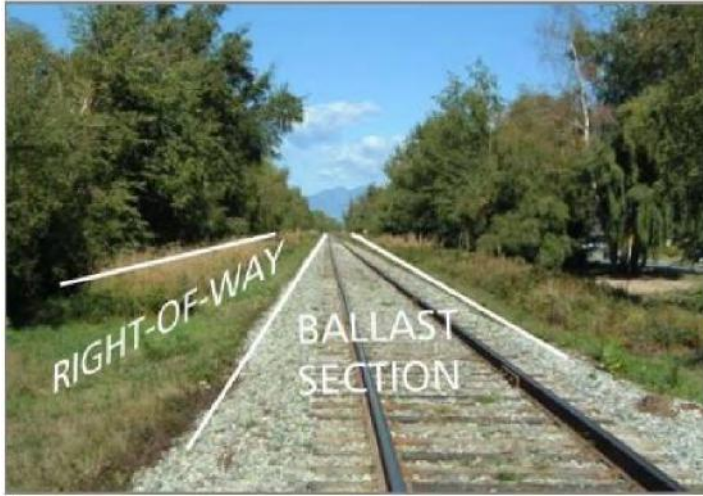
Control Measures

CN manages vegetation using both chemical and mechanical methods. We are sensitive to concerns your community may have regarding chemical vegetation control and I would like to assure you that at CN, we strive to safeguard our neighbouring communities and the environment.

The track infrastructure is composed of two main sections, the ballast section typically ranging from 16-24 feet (which is primarily gravel and supports the track structure) and the right of way portion (which is the area outside of the ballast section to the CN property boundary).

The 16–24-foot ballast section and the areas around signals and communications equipment that are critical for safe railway operations will be managed using chemical methods. Application in these safety critical areas is done by spray trucks or spray trains with downcast nozzles that spray a short distance above the ground surface with shrouded booms, specially designed to limit the chemicals from drifting. The right-of-way section is maintained using mechanical control methods such as mowing, or brush cutting and may be chemically treated to control noxious or invasive weeds or brush.

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CN will use chemical control techniques on the ballast section and specific locations of the right of way throughout the network for safety reasons. Furthermore, when chemicals are applied via spray train or truck, as outlined in the photo below, additives called surfactants are included to make the chemical work better.



CN has retained professional contractors qualified to undertake this work. They are required to comply with all laws and regulations applicable to CN. In addition, the contractors will ensure that vegetation control is performed with consideration of the environment and in accordance with the highest industry standards.

Inquiries

Should your community have any noxious weed removal requests, we ask that you contact CN's Public Inquiry Line at contact@cn.ca or fill out the form at [CN.ca/vegetation](https://cn.ca/vegetation) before June 1, 2023 with the specific information and location. CN will make every effort to include those locations as part of our 2023 Vegetation Management Program. All notices sent after the above-mentioned date will be included in the 2024 Vegetation Management Plan.

We look forward to working with you and answering any questions you may have regarding our vegetation control activities in your community.

Please find attached the notices CN is publishing in local papers to advise the public. We would kindly ask that you post copies on your community's website and at City Hall or other central locations for a wider distribution.

For any questions or more information, please contact the CN Public Inquiry Line by telephone at 1888-888-5909, or by email at contact@cn.ca.

Please also find attached a list of FAQs regarding the program that may be of further assistance.
Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Luanne', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Luanne Patterson



Annual Vegetation Management Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Where can I get more information about CN's Vegetation Management Program?

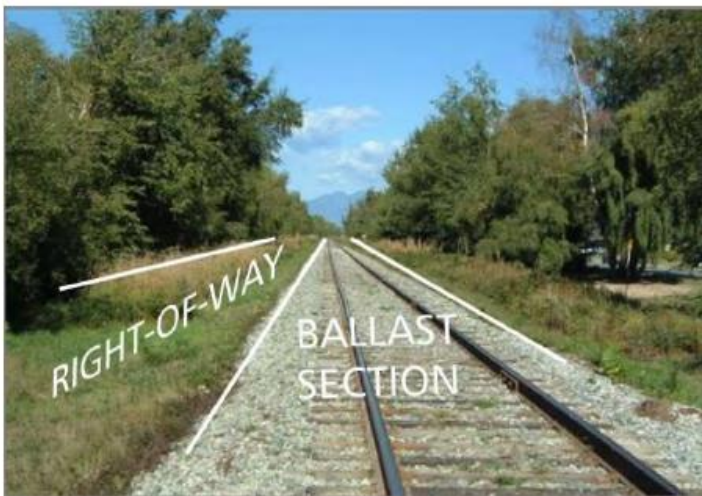
For more details, please visit our website at [CN.ca/vegetation](https://www.cn.ca/vegetation)

Why does CN need to remove vegetation along its train tracks annually?

At CN, safety is a core value. Part of maintaining and operating a safe railway is ensuring vegetation is managed along our corridors. CN also has an obligation, pursuant to the *Rules Respecting Track Safety*, adopted under the *Railway Safety Act*, to ensure that vegetation on or immediately adjacent to the railway roadbed is controlled. More specifically, the rules require federal railways to ensure the track is free of vegetation that could create fire hazards, affect the track integrity, or obstruct visibility of operations and inspections. Separate regulations also require removal of vegetation to ensure every grade crossing meets sightline requirements.

Where does CN remove vegetation?

For the purposes of vegetation control, CN divides its rail lines into two components: the ballast section and the right-of-way. The ballast section (gravelled area) covers a 16 to 24ft width (4.9 to 7.3m). The right-of-way section covers a 42ft width (13m) on each side of the ballast section.





Vegetation in the right-of-way section needs to be controlled to protect sight lines for train crews to see signal systems and at road crossings, prevent trees from fouling the track during storms, reduce fuel loading to prevent fires, minimize wildlife mortality, ensure good drainage along ditches and culverts, amongst other safety requirements and is primarily controlled mechanically, by mowing and cutting of vegetation. Certain herbicide products are used (excluding glyphosate) to encourage grass rather than shrubs and trees.

The ballast section, on the other hand, is the most critical area as it supports the track infrastructure that supports the movement of freight and passengers and provides an area for train crew to safely inspect their train. Given the crucial role it plays in ensuring the safety and integrity of rail operations, this section must be clear of all vegetation. The only proven way to effectively completely remove vegetation in the ballast section is through chemical application.



How will you manage dry plants that remain once the spraying is completed?

Ensuring vegetation is controlled on an annual basis is the best method to reduce larger volumes of dead and dry plants. This is because it eradicates vegetation before it grows, reducing the amount of dead plant material. CN's program has been developed specifically with this in mind. Most vegetation, once dead, will naturally decay leaving little debris. As for the right-of-way, the herbicides used are selective and the grass cover will remain intact while shrubs or noxious weeds will be controlled.

***What herbicides will CN be using?***

The choice of chemicals used depends on the specific plants targeted. All pesticides used in Canada are approved for use in Canada and the province in which they are applied. The chemicals for 2023 may include:

Name	Ingredient(s)	PCP #
Aspect	Picloram & 2,4-D	31641
Clearview	Aminopyralid & Metsulfuron-Methyl	29752
Credit Xtreme	Glyphosate	29888
Esplanade	Indaziflam 200g/l	31333
Milestone	Aminopyralid	28517
Navius Flex	Metsulfuron-Methyl & Aminocyclopyrachlor	3092228840 31333 32773 30203 30922 31470 31760 27736
Round Up Weather Pro	Glyphosate	27487
Hasten	Adjuvant	N/A
Gateway	Adjuvant	N/A

Will you be using Glyphosate. If so, is it dangerous for us or my pets?

All pesticides CN uses in Canada are registered by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) and have been approved for use in the province in which they are applied. Protection of human health and the environment is Health Canada's primary objective in the regulation of pesticides and all pesticides must undergo rigorous science-based assessments before being approved for sale in Canada. The PMRA also re-evaluates registered pesticides on a cyclical basis to ensure they continue to meet modern health and environmental standards. The PMRA re-evaluated glyphosate in 2017 and reconfirmed that products containing glyphosate do not present risks to human health or the environment when used in accordance with revised label directions. CN's vegetation control contractor uses glyphosate in accordance with label directions.



Has CN tried any non-chemical weed control options in the past, such as weed whacking? Have they worked?

CN has used weed cutting in the past to control vegetation, but this does not remove the roots, and actually encourages more growth. It is not an effective long-term solution for vegetation removal along railway tracks. The application of steam injection has also been investigated; however, it has proven ineffective in killing the roots, which, if left to continue growing, could compromise the integrity of the rail bed, causing unsafe operating conditions.

CN has also explored other options, such as high concentrate vinegar (acetic acid). However, this was deemed not to be a viable option as the acid reacts negatively with steel and the sensitive electronic monitoring equipment used to regulate the safe movement and operation of our trains.

I am an organic farmer adjacent to your tracks, should I be worried?

Most of the vegetation control focuses on the ballast section (gravelled area) which is 16 – 24 feet (4.9 to 7.3 meters) wide, leaving about 42 feet (13 meters) of right-of-way on each side of the ballast. The equipment used for application is a shrouded boom which focuses the spray downward to reduce potential drift. Application must also be done during appropriate weather conditions, including low wind levels.

Many properties back onto the railway. Are Aspect, Clearview, Credit Xtreme, Esplanade, Milestone, Navius Flex, Round Up Weather Pro, Hasten, and Gateway safe to use in close proximity to people and pets?

All pesticides used in Canada must be registered by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), which has one of the toughest regulatory requirements in the world for approving products for safe use. CN only uses pesticides that have been approved for use in Canada and the province in which they are applied. When used according to label directions, PMRA has evaluated them to be safe.

Can I request my area not be sprayed?

At CN, safety is a core value. CN is governed by the Railway Safety Act and must comply with the laws and regulations. Vegetation control is a key component of keeping our employees and the communities in which we operate safe. Ensuring vegetation is kept clear of our infrastructure, signals, road crossing sight lines and enabling our teams to inspect and maintain the track is critically important. As a result, all areas of the CN ballast section will be treated to control vegetation.



Stacey Blair
Clerk, Town of Carleton Place
sblair@carletonplace.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

March 31st 2023

Re: Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women an Epidemic

Dear Ms. Blair,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 29th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Carleton Place regarding Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women an Epidemic.

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Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey

That Council support item 'J' of correspondence from the Town of Carleton Place regarding Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women and Epidemic.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

Item #3a
April 24, 2023



Please be advised that at their meeting of March 7, 2023, the Council of the Town of Carleton Place passed the following motion:

Lanark County Interval House and Community Support

Motion No. 04-134-04

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tennant

Seconded by: Councillor Comley

THAT the Town of Carleton Place recognizes the issues of violence in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families; and

THAT the Town of Carleton Place recognizes the rural Renfrew County inquest as important to all rural communities; and

THAT based on the statistics of 4815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local community, the Council of the Town of Carleton Place declares IPV (intimate partner violence)/VAW (violence against women) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County jury recommendations; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Stacey Blair, B.A., Dipl. M.A.

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Stephanie Jaworski

RESOLUTION NO 119-2023

SECONDED BY Martin Lang

DATE April 3, 2023

WHEREAS an announcement was recently made by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association asking for the Government of Ontario to lift the moratorium on pupil accommodation reviews (and school closures) prior to the end of the 2022-2023 school year;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of South Glengarry passed a resolution on June 20, 2022 in support of the Community Schools Alliance's Three Point Action Plan designed to improve access to public education in rural and norther communities; namely:

THAT the Province of Ontario increase the Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) to \$50 million;

THAT should the moratorium be lifted, that the moratorium remain in place for schools that qualify for the RNEF until a thorough review of the education funding formula is completed;

THAT before templates required by the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline are developed, there be consultation with school boards and community groups including the Community Schools Alliance;

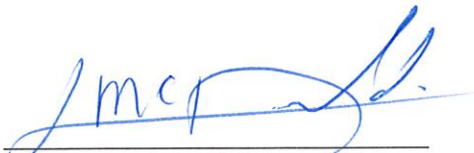
AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Minister of Education, has acknowledged the negative social and economic impact school closures have on Rural and Northern Ontario communities, and committed to a review of the process to better reflect the needs of Rural and Northern Ontario prior to the lifting of the moratorium,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry hereby respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Minister of Education, provide an update on the status of any review ^{of} to rural education funding, including the RNEF and the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review guidelines.



AND FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Education, MPP Nolan Quinn, AMO, ROMA, EOWC and all Ontario municipalities.

☒ CARRIED ☐ DEFEATED ☐ POSTPONED



Mayor Lachlan McDonald

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor McDonald	_____	_____
Deputy Lang	_____	_____
Councillor Jaworski	_____	_____
Councillor McDonell	_____	_____
Councillor Bougie	_____	_____



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Judy Smith

Director Municipal Governance
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March 31, 2023

RE: A Call to the Provincial Government to End Homelessness in Ontario

Dear Judy Smith,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 20, 2023, Council discussed the correspondence dated March 6, 2023 from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding a call to the Provincial government to end homelessness in Ontario. In particular, Councillor Verbeek indicated the importance of supporting this motion as the Provincial government should consider a comprehensive strategy to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-03-109

Moved By Councillor Verbeek
Seconded By Councillor Allard

That the correspondence dated March 6, 2023 from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent be received and supported; and

That a letter of support be sent to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelley Brown".

Shelley Brown

Acting Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services
sbrown@essex.ca

Item #3c
April 23, 2024

March 6, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier@ontario.ca

Re: A Call to the Provincial Government to End Homelessness in Ontario

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

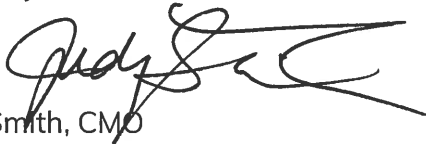
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Chatham-Kent calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judy Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Minister of Health
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April 12, 2023

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier Doug Ford
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Re: Support for the School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their March 20, 2023
Regular Council Meeting:

**That South Huron Council support the resolution of the Council of the
Municipality of North Perth to urge the Provincial Government to:**

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for
by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and**
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs
for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities; and**

**That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General
Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition
parties, Mathew Rae and Lisa Thompson MPPs, AMO and all municipalities
in Ontario.**

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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Item #3d
April 24, 2023

Encl.

cc: Attorney General Doug Downey
Minister of Education Stephen Lece
Provincial opposition parties
Mathew Rae MPP
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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell Seconded by Councillor Blazek

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcine@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.

Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition Parties
MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities