

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of Chatham-Kent Council

From: Maggie Downey, Administrative Assistant

Date: September 25, 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 September 11 and 18, 2023 Council Meetings

2. Correspondence From

- (a) Communication from Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) and the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) dated August 20, 2023 re Motion on Municipal/Regional Funding to Support Newcomers including Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- (b) Communication from Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) and the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) dated August 20, 2023 re Motion on Strengthening Municipal Codes of Conduct in Ontario
- (c) Communication from Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) and the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) dated August 20, 2023 re Motion on Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic
- (d) Communication from Jacques Tetreault, Chair of the Chatham-Kent Agri-Development dated September 5, 2023 re Dissolution of the Chatham-Kent Agri Development Non-profit Organization and Board of Directors
- (e) Letter from the City of Hamilton, Mayor Horwath to the Hon. Paul Calandra, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated September 11, 2023 re Request to Abandon Greenbelt Development

- (f) Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre Dated September 19, 2023 re Thames Street - Thames River Slope Stabilization Municipal Class EA - Notice of Commencement and PIC

3. Resolutions

- (a) Resolution from the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby dated September 8, 2023 re Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

| <u>Date</u> | <u>ITEM</u> | <u>Requestor</u> |
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| September 11, 2023 | <p>Motion - FILMING LOCAL PRODUCTIONS - Whereas it has been recognized that the film industry has the potential to be a significant economic driver in Chatham-Kent. With the increasing demand for film production and the limitations of larger cities like Toronto and Vancouver, many production companies are relocating outside the GTA to take advantage of the attributes of utilizing smaller communities.</p> <p>And Whereas as studies have found that up to 20% of a production's total budget is typically spent on the filming location. With most productions costing between \$800,000-\$1M, filming in Chatham-Kent could provide significant benefits.</p> <p>That Administration be authorized to explore and report back to Council on the potential for economic spin-off from filming local productions in Chatham-Kent;</p> <p>That Administration be authorized to explore and report back on the potential community and cultural impact from filming productions in Chatham-Kent;</p> <p>That Administration be authorized to explore and report back on the overall impacts that filming local productions have had in other communities and emulate those successes in Chatham-Kent;</p> <p>And Administration be authorized to fund through Strategic Reserves, a dedicated staff member for no less than 12 months to foster the FLICK program and measure success and impact;</p> <p>And Administration dedicate Strategic Reserves funding to cover the cost for further exploration, planning, research and attraction.</p> | Canniff |
| September 11, 2023 | <p>Motion - TRAVELLING COUNCIL MEETINGS - Whereas the current Chatham-Kent Procedural By-law states all regular meetings of Council shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, 315 King Street West, Chatham (2nd Floor), or at such other place within the Municipality as Council may from time to time determine; And whereas a proposed calendar is presented by the Clerk's Office to Council for approval by fall of each year, detailing the dates for all regular Council meetings in the subsequent year; And whereas it is important for Council to have a presence throughout all communities within the Municipality of Chatham-Kent; And whereas in 2019 Council approved a pilot effort to host a Council meeting at Ryder Hall in Tilbury on October 7, 2019, and further in November 2019 approved the concept of Council meetings in all wards for the remainder of the Council term (2018-2022) in the Spring and Fall of 2020 and 2021; And whereas the pandemic made it impossible to follow through with the motion of Council meetings in all wards in 2020 and 2021; Therefore, it is requested that a report to Council be prepared by administration outlining the logistics of holding two Council meetings per year (spring and fall) in each ward over the remaining Council term (2023-2026). These communities include Tilbury (Ward 1), Blenheim (Ward 2), Ridgetown (Ward 3), Dresden (Ward 4), and Wallaceburg (Ward 5). This report should include potential locations within communities, eligibility to hold general public seating, how electronic voting may occur, use of microphones, media coverage including Cogeco television, and costs associated with holding Council meetings in other communities. The report should return in 2023 to allow the meetings to begin in spring of 2024.</p> | Canniff |

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| <p>September 18, 2023</p> | <p>REQUESTING TO WAIVE NOTICE -</p> <p>I councillor Lauren Anderson bring forward the following motion for consideration and voting tonight, September 18th, 2023</p> <p>Whereas the fire at the Wheatley Water Plant subsequently triggered a boil water advisory</p> <p>And a need for prompt, accurate, and up to date information sharing to affected residents from the Municipality during times of emergency has been identified</p> <p>And the limitations that Bill c-18 on information sharing capabilities of news sites on Meta-owned social media platforms</p> <p>And that affective communication was an identified issue in 2020 with a boil water advisory in Tilbury and Wheatley</p> <p>Be it advised that administration look into a mass information sharing system through instant alerts, text messaging and/or automated phone calling system for pricing and the availability to implement such services as soon as possible and report back to council at the earliest possible time. Further, that a media awareness campaign of available communications to residents begin immediately with the goal of creating awareness of the methods of information sharing available through the municipality to the general public</p> | <p>Anderson</p> |
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Motion on Municipal/Regional Funding to Support Newcomers Including Refugees and Asylum Seekers

August 20, 2023

WHEREAS the Canadian government is failing to fully fund the municipal/regional front line that Canada relies on to welcome and settle newcomers, including those needing urgent support such as refugees and asylum-seekers fleeing conflict in their home countries and;

WHEREAS historically, by working together with other orders of government, local agencies, and community partners to co-ordinate their settlement, municipalities and regions have been able to expand services when there has been an influx through emergency shelter systems and other wraparound supports and;

WHEREAS municipal and regional leaders are operating with a nineteenth century revenue system to respond to twenty-first century responsibilities that include a housing and homelessness crisis, public health and safety issues such as the mental health and addictions crisis, ageing infrastructure, and other traditional responsibilities and;

WHEREAS this most recent influx of refugees has dramatically increased pressure on a system that is already over capacity, and despite best efforts, municipalities and regions can no longer keep up with the demand and;

WHEREAS while we are on the front line of welcoming newcomers to Canada, the federal government has not consulted nor planned with municipalities and regions to ensure these newcomers receive the housing and other supports they need, including for those who have come to Canada to learn. And when these needs cannot be met, it is often vulnerable and marginalized communities that are impacted the most and;

WHEREAS the federal government's commitment in July to increase interim housing supports is a good start, but it does not solve the systemic capacity issues municipalities across Ontario are facing, nor does it address the current refugee crisis in communities throughout the GTA and beyond.

Therefore, be it resolved that Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) and the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) is calling for an urgent meeting of all orders of government to discuss immediate action on the capacity issues faced by our municipalities and regions, and to put in place a funding model that addresses the on-going need for emergency housing and other supports as this refugee crisis continues and;



— **OBCM** —
Ontario's Big City Mayors

MARCO
MAYORS AND REGIONAL CHAIRS OF ONTARIO

THAT OBCM and MARCO are also calling on the federal government to consult with municipalities, regions, provinces and territories on the process of the setting of immigration targets, including for international students, and on the funding and supports required to ensure people receive the housing and other services they need when they arrive and;

THAT OBCM and MARCO requests that these numbers be announced with enough time to be included in provincial, regional and municipal growth planning.



Motion on Strengthening Municipal Codes of Conduct in Ontario

August 20, 2023

Whereas all Ontarians, including both municipal staff and elected members of council, deserve a safe and respectful workplace free from harassment and bullying; and

Whereas the *Municipal Act, 2001*, prescribes that municipalities shall have codes of conduct for council and local boards; and

Whereas municipalities and municipal integrity commissioners currently lack the tools to enforce codes of conduct; and

Whereas there are numerous examples of repeated contraventions of codes of conduct, bullying and harassment across the municipal sector; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario has recently consulted and engaged with municipalities across the province on strengthening codes of conduct;

Therefore be it resolved that the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) and Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM):

- Reaffirm their past support (and the support of other bodies such as AMO) for strengthening municipal codes of conduct;
- Call on the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen codes of conduct for Ontario's municipalities; and

That the proposed legislation includes administrative penalties, increased training, strengthened tools for integrity commissioners, and the ability for municipalities to apply for judicial removal of sitting members if advised by their integrity commissioner.



Motion on Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

August 20, 2023

WHEREAS 42 municipalities and regions including OBCM and MARCO members Ajax, Brampton, Burlington, Clarington, Hamilton, London, Oakville, Ottawa, Pickering, Whitby, Toronto and Windsor, along with Peel, Durham and Halton Regions as well as Lanark County, Essex County and Renfrew County across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic (as of August 18, 2023) and;

WHEREAS on August 16, 2023 Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as “an epidemic” in the federal government’s formal response to a coroner’s inquest, also stating that his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic “in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response,” and;

WHEREAS by declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, OBCM and MARCO can join the growing number of municipalities and regions in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic and;

WHEREAS the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence increased exponentially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has not decreased, while funding to provide the growing demand of services and support for victims and survivors of intimate partner and gender based violence has not kept pace.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT OBCM and MARCO declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT OBCM and MARCO recommend that gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario and;

REQUEST THAT the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare a gender-based and intimate partner violence epidemic across the country and;

REQUEST THAT the provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the inquest into the 2015 murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County, Ontario, which provide a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide and;



— OBCM —
Ontario's Big City Mayors



REQUEST THAT that the Federal government starts this enactment by adding the word Femicide as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada, and;

REQUEST THAT the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence epidemic.

We Grow FOR THE World

Item 2d

Chatham-Kent Agri-Development

(add date) *Sept 15 '23*

To the Mayor and Members of Chatham Kent Council .

Notice re. the dissolution of the Chatham Kent Agri Development non profit organization and Board of Directors.

Please accept this letter/notice from Chatham Kent Agri Development (CKAD) Non Profit Board of Directors that we will be dissolving our organization and sending this notice to the Federal Canada Revenue Office, following their rules for dissolution..

CKAD ,then called ADK, was first formed as a merger of the CK food group and the Chatham Ethanol Consortium in 1996 and originally incorporated as a non profit Agri Development Kent Board to promote and encourage value added agriculture in Chatham Kent . The original funding partners were HRDC , Community Futures , Ridgetown College , and the City of Chatham and Kent County ,with staff support hired under grants from these partners, followed by funding from the Municipality of ChathamKent and the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph.

For a few years we merged with reps from Lambton County as well until they pulled out and linked with their Economic Development Services Department as a separate organization.

Over the years since amalgamation in 1998 the new municipality also created an ag specialist to work in the Economic development department , among the first to do so in the province This position has since been cancelled and duties spread out to remaining staff.

Over the years CKAD received funding for specific projects and support funding for capital projects throughout the decades with support from the municipality..

Pre COVID both the Municipality and the Ridgetown campus dropped funding and federal funding was no longer available . to support a shared joint staff position with the Ridgetown Campus.

We have had three major focus group meetings in the past decade but with no staff and limited volunteer involvement have been unable to move forward This was not helped by the three year COVID break

As of last year we were informed that the limited support provided by Economic Development Services has been dropped vi aa dedicated staff person for Agricultural as Kim Cooper retired and such duties were spread our among other staff positions.

It should be noted that EDS and Health Services reps attended our last few physical meetings .

This made it very difficult for volunteers to run and promote the organization,, especially during the COVID although CKAD still supported many successful grant applications for various projects /companies within CK We have also supported and submitted names for the CK Ag Hall of Fame

We also continued to support , pay for and maintain our webpage over the years noted as "We grow for the World " a slogan created by James Snyder and also used as a promotional tool by the Municipality .

We intend to dissolve the website and give up the domain name unless the Municipality wishes to maintain the site . We have around \$10,000 remaining in funds and intend to pass that on to the Ag In the Classroom Organization , in honour of Ron Anderson , who was our first full time employee until he was hired by EDS as their first Ag specialist, after amalgamation, as Ron was a major supporter of their programs.

As the municipality has noted many times over the decades, agriculture is a major employer in many areas with an estimated 17,000 employees in multiple areas and careers. annually to CK . It has also been noted that agriculture is a

\$4 billion dollar industry .

As such we note that the industry/sector has changed and that the majority of innovation and valued added activities are now coming from the private sector..

We leave with some thoughts/ideas/projects for future consideration

-Consider the development of an Agricultural advisory Committee similar to the one for Strategic Planning This is already in place or under consideration for the Toronto Region, Kitchener Guelph Region, London Region and last, but not least Samia Lambton . This could be attached to Planning Services and/or Economic Development Services. The original ADK group acted as an advisory committee and actually had tow Council reps appointed to the Board .

-Consider developing an overall Agricultural Development Strategy /work plan , as has been developed in many other communities across Canada ,with much less of an agricultural base than CK

-Consider updating, in partnership with the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph and OMAFRA The Agri Food Opportunities Study from 2012 ,that was developed for Chatham Kent and Essex both as a joint document and two separate documents.

We thank the municipality and the Ridgeway Campus for their support over the decades and wish both organizations well in their continued support for value added agriculture .

Yours Sincerely,
Jacques Tetreault,
Chair ,Chatham Kent Ag Development
CC Stuart McFadden , Economic Development Services

Jacques B. Tetreault
CKAD

*note Mayor Canniff
your comments would be appreciated*

*Regards
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Mail

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

September 11, 2023

Dear Minister Calandra:

On August 18, 2023, Hamilton City Council approved Item 7.5 which reads as follows:

7.5 City of Hamilton – Request to Abandon Greenbelt Development

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to reducing the cost of housing and has pledged to facilitate the construction of 47,000 housing units by 2031;

WHEREAS, City of Hamilton staff have concluded that residential housing development within the former Greenbelt lands is unnecessary to facilitate construction of the pledged housing units;

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2023, Hamilton City Council declared “The Minister’s decision to remove 795 hectares of land from the Greenbelt Plan is unnecessary and is not supported by the City of Hamilton”;

WHEREAS, the Auditor General for the Province of Ontario has confirmed Hamilton’s conclusion that “Greenbelt land was not needed to meet the current housing targets assigned to them by the Housing Ministry”;

WHEREAS, development of the Greenbelt would be a significant financial liability to Hamilton taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the Auditor General for the Province of Ontario stated: “Land sites removed from the Greenbelt in December 2022 were largely not serviced, were not in their servicing plans, and that many of the sites would be challenging to prioritize and service in the near future...” and “Some of these sites would require considerable infrastructure to prepare them for housing development”; and

WHEREAS, the Greenbelt should be protected as a vital element of Hamilton's environmental and agricultural resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton requests the Province of Ontario abandon its plan to develop the Greenbelt and that all lands within the City of Hamilton removed from the Greenbelt be reinstated; and
- (b) That this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities where Greenbelt lands were slated for development for support and a similar declaration to the Province of Ontario.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C23-015 when responding to this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Mayor Andrea Horwath

File #C23-015

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

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT and PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
Thames River Slope Stabilization – Thames Street, Community of Chatham
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
September 19, 2023

The Study

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Schedule 'B' 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.

The study area, which encompasses the north bank of the Thames River between Third Street and Fifth Street in Chatham, Ontario, is at risk of failure due to slope instability, erosion of the bank, and failing shoreline protection infrastructure. The bank is a public safety hazard in its present state and requires mitigation.

The aim of this project is to determine an appropriate shoreline protection 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.

Virtual Public Information Centre

The Public Information Centre (PIC) will be carried out virtually on the Let's Talk Chatham-Kent website. This virtual public engagement has been arranged to allow residents and interested members of the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed recommendations, including the preferred alternatives, the evaluation process, and the next steps in the study process.

Your input is important!

Display slides and comment sheets will be made available to the public on the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's website at www.letstalkchatham-kent.ca/.

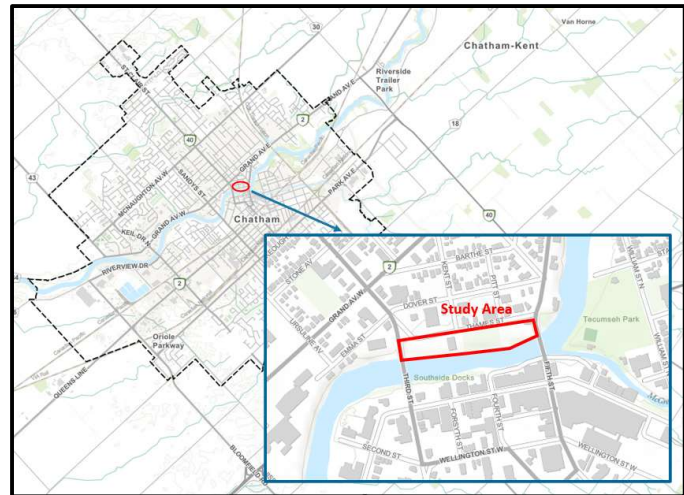
Please provide your comments by November 1, 2023.

Alternatively, to submit a comment or question, to receive additional information, or if you have accessibility requirements to participate in this Study, please contact a project representative below:

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Study Area





**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

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September 8, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON, K1A

Attention: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 5, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded by: Councillor Freake

Whereas the Canadian livable wage for Niagara Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 below the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in Grimsby as of August 2023 is now \$2000 a month; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In Niagara west, rent is approximately 272% of Ontario Works, 145% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 75% of minimum wage full-time, and 150% of minimum wage part time; and

Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

Whereas there are no housing units under Niagara Regional Housing for single adults or families with dependents, including 2,3,4 or five bedrooms in our community; and

Whereas the Grimsby Benevolent Fund reported that in 2022:

- 70+ households received monthly rental supplement totaling \$237,744
- \$79,500 was invested into one time emergency housing support as of June 7, 2023
- 78 households are receiving monthly financial benefits to make rental housing more affordable; and

Whereas food inflation was 8.3% and groceries rose by 9.1%; and

Whereas the Grimsby Food Bank numbers from June 2023 reported:

- 19 new households
- 447 served households
- 1055 served individuals
- 7 emergency visits; and

Whereas the Grimsby Economic Strategic Plan identified the general high cost of living and housing affordability as primary obstacles in our workforce attraction.

Therefore be it resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby encourage these same municipalities to join us in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.

Be it further resolved the Town of Grimsby Clerks Department circulates this resolution to Niagara West MP Dean Allison and Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff, requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby, through its Finance and Human Resources departments, undertake a comprehensive assessment to explore the feasibility and implementation of a living wage policy for all Town of Grimsby employees, with the aim of ensuring that all municipal workers receive fair compensation that aligns with the principles of a living wage and that staff be directed to explore becoming a living wage employer.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bonnie Nistico-Dunk".

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West