

## Memorandum

**To: Mayor and Members of Chatham-Kent Council**

**From: Maggie Downey, Administrative Assistant**

**Date: May 27, 2024**

**Re: Council Information Package**

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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 May 13, 2024 Council Meetings

### **2. Correspondence From**

- (a) Hydro One dated May 8, 2024, re Wallaceburg Transformer Station located on 7564 Base Line Road
- (b) Raymond Cho, Ontario Minister for Seniors and Accessibility dated May 9, 2024 re June is Seniors Month
- (c) Mohsen Keyvani, P.Eng., Manager, Waste Approvals, Environmental Permissions Branch, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) dated May 8, 2024, re Response to CAO, Michael Duben's letter re York1 Environmental Waste Solutions Ltd
- (d) Harriett Grant, Director, Community and Indigenous Supports Branch, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) dated May 8, 2024, re Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy Five-Year Review
- (e) Township of Lake of Bays to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated May 14, 2024, re Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act

### **3. Committee and Board Highlights**

- (a) Communication from Greg Van Every, Conservation Services Coordinator, Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA) dated May 15 re Update on Ridge Landfill Community Trust Project in South Kent

**4. Resolutions**

- (a) Resolution from Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative re Calling for Dedicated Funding to address shoreline resiliency affected by Climate-Related Infrastructure Damage

Item 1a

Date	Item	Department	Division	Director	Requestor
May 13, 2024	<p><b>Beach Bus</b> - Whereas due to low ridership Municipal Council removed public transit route S1, the Beach Bus, from the base budget in 2020 which provided seasonal transit service to the communities of Erieau and Mitchell's Bay; And whereas several inquiries have been made regarding the possibility of re-establishing the service to promote affordable accessible feasible transit. Be it resolved administration draft a report outlining the history, cost and current financial implications and the business plan feasibility to allow council to be provided current updated and accurate information.</p>	IES	Engineering	Marissa Mascaro	Cl. Ceccacci
May 13, 2024	<p><b>Repeat Offenders</b> - Whereas a major area of bylaw complaints from citizens arise from neighbourhood issues such as property standards, garbage and derelict vehicles; And Whereas repeat offences under these bylaws and legislation by property owners is common; And Whereas under an existing Council motion, administration is reviewing Chatham-Kent's existing powers to address repeat offences; And Whereas some processes to address these neighbourhood issues are constrained by existing Provincial legislation; And Whereas the need for more housing across the Province, resulting in intensification of existing neighbourhoods, is likely to exacerbate these neighbourhood issues further; And Whereas staff time directed towards neighbourhood complaints reduces staff availability to work on other growth related projects, which can assist with current housing and growth priorities; Now Therefore Council direct administration, as part of its ongoing work on repeat offenders, to prepare a letter to the Attorney General of Ontario and any other applicable Ministries, requesting a review and enhancement of powers to address repeat offenders of bylaws and Provincial Legislation which regulate neighbourhood issues, such as the Building Code Act;</p>	DS	Building Services	Paul Lacina	Cl. Ceccacci
May 13, 2024	<p><b>Day Camps</b> - Whereas municipal day camps have been an important, low-cost resource for families in Chatham-Kent to provide supervision for youth in CK in summer months; And whereas there has been significant feedback form the public regarding camp costs, and registration process; Therefore administration report back to council with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An overview of operational budgets for 2023, and 2024 Stay N play municipal camps, including costs and revenue by camp location</li> <li>2. An overview of the programming included at differing sites</li> <li>3. Options for registration fee changes to be considered and forwarding to the budget committee</li> <li>4. An overview of available and utilized individual funding supports</li> <li>5. And that this report return in Fall 2024</li> </ol>	HHS	Recreation	Kelly Emery	Cl. B. McGregor

# Hydro One is investing in your community

## We are starting work at Wallaceburg Transformer Station

Hydro One is committed to providing safe and reliable power for homes and businesses now and in the future. That is why we are starting important work at our Wallaceburg Transformer Station located on 7564 Base Line Road, in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. This work will complement other plans in the area and at this station to improve the overall reliability of the electricity system in the community. This work will also bring additional power to the region served by Wallaceburg TS.

**Construction details below and map of the station on the back.**



### Work Required

- Expand the station fence line to the east side within the existing Hydro One property.
- Remove decommissioned equipment and existing storage buildings.
- Remove the existing distribution transformer and relocate it to a new site near Wallaceburg TS. Once a new site for the distribution station is identified, the community will be informed.



### Timing

- Planned station construction work to continue until mid-2026.
- Typical construction hours are Monday to Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



### Temporary Impacts

- Install temporary access road to the site from Fraser Rd.
- An increase in construction noise and truck traffic as crews work.
- We do not anticipate any power interruptions to your home.

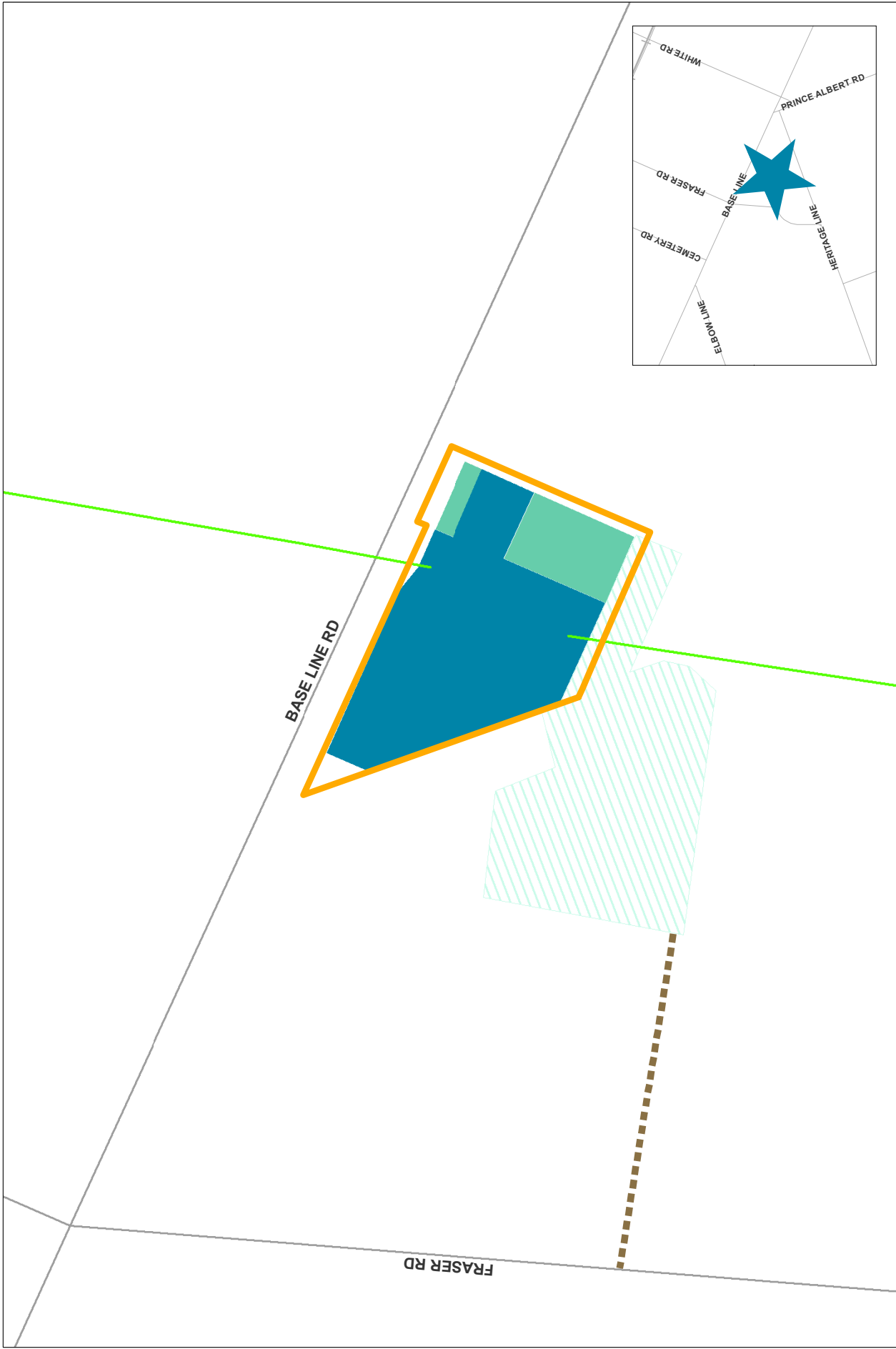
We thank you for your patience as we complete this important project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Hydro One Community Relations










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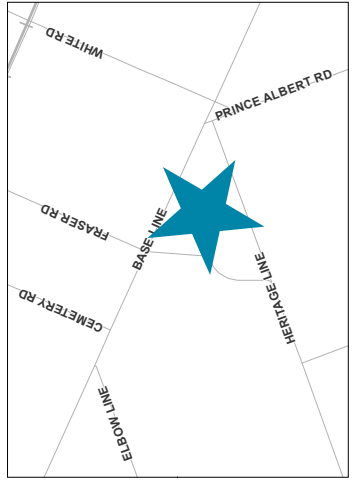
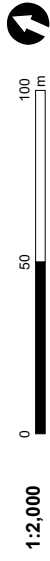
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-  Existing 115kV Transmission Line
-  Existing Station Footprint
-  Construction Laydown Yard
-  Temporary Access Road
-  Proposed Expansion on Hydro One Property
-  Hydro One Property Boundary
-  Road

## Wallaceburg Transformer Station Construction



## Minister Cho Op-ed for Seniors' Month – 2024

*June is Seniors Month: Keeping seniors fit, active and socially connected*

Seniors Month has been celebrated in the month of June since 1984, and this year marks 40 years celebrating Ontario's outstanding seniors and recognizing the positive impact they have made in our lives.

Across this great province, seniors have made enormous contributions in building the Ontario we all enjoy today, and they are the fastest growing demographic group. By 2046, the number of adults aged 65 and over is projected to increase significantly from over 2 million, since 2021, to 4.4 million.

This year's Seniors Month is another wonderful opportunity for celebrating our aging population with the theme, '**Working for Seniors**'. It's a theme that emphasizes the continued importance of supporting older adults through the right programs and initiatives that provide wellness, social engagement and education in communities across the province.

I am proud of the work we have done - and continue to do - to address the needs of an aging population while helping seniors contribute to all aspects of community life.

Our programs and services across our government will always be guided by the health and well-being of our senior population. And we will continue to invest in the supports that all seniors need and deserve so they can live life to the fullest.

For example, The Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) Program is a program that promotes wellness, social interaction, education, and support services with the goal of keeping seniors healthy and independent through approximately 316 programs across the province.

Each year, our Seniors Community Grant Program funds local not-for-profit community groups and organizations to deliver projects, supports and resources that help older adults by offering a wide variety of activities to promote engagement, reduce isolation and promote healthy living.

Our new website at [ontario.ca/seniors](https://ontario.ca/seniors) and our Guide to Programs and Services for Seniors offers a wealth of information for seniors and caregivers about health, finances, housing, security and more.

It is also a priority for me to honour the knowledge, experience, and contributions that Ontario's older adults have made to the province through the Ontario Senior Achievement Awards and Ontario Senior of the Year Awards.

Our government knows that Ontario's communities are strengthened, and everyone benefits when our aging population can stay active and connected with local supports.

Over the course of Seniors Month, we are working with municipalities and our community partners to provide resources that promote the health and well-being of Ontario's seniors, help reduce social isolation and make sure they have opportunities to thrive in their communities.

Not just during Seniors Month, but always, I encourage everyone to take some time to reach out and acknowledge a senior in your life.

Together, let's recognize our seniors and help keep them active, fit and socially connected.

For more information about programs and services for seniors, visit:  
[www.ontario.ca/seniors](http://www.ontario.ca/seniors).

**Raymond Cho**  
**Ontario Minister for Seniors and Accessibility**

# June is Seniors Month

Working for Seniors

## Information for Seniors in Ontario

The [Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility](#) works with community organizations to offer supports and services to help seniors stay active, well, safe and socially connected through a range of programs and services. This year, the theme for Seniors Month is Working for Seniors.

## Seniors Community Grants

This program funds local not-for-profit community groups and organizations to deliver projects, supports and resources for seniors that provide opportunities for greater social inclusion, volunteerism and community engagement.

Find information about the [program online](#).

## Seniors Active Living Fairs

Seniors can find information about government programs and services, as well as information about healthy aging and active lifestyles to keep them active and engaged.

Learn more about [seniors fairs in your community](#).

## Seniors Active Living Centre programs

Seniors Active Living Centre programs help local seniors stay active, become more involved in their community, and meet new friends in person or online. These programs include:

- unique social activities
- learning and educational opportunities
- recreational programming
- the Seniors Centre Without Walls virtual program
- online video sessions.

There are 316 programs across the province serving seniors annually.

To find a Seniors Active Living Centre program, please:

- visit the [Seniors Active Living Centre locator map](#)
- contact your municipality
- call 2-1-1.



# June is Seniors Month

Working for Seniors

## Age-friendly communities

Age-Friendly Communities are inclusive, accessible environments with programs and services that help seniors stay connected. These communities can include improved transit and housing, as well as opportunities for civic and social participation.

Learn more at [ontario.ca/agefriendly](https://ontario.ca/agefriendly).

## Health811

Health811 is a free, secure and confidential service Ontarians can call or access online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to receive health advice from qualified health professionals, such as a registered nurse, locate local health services and find trusted health information.

This service is available in both English and French, with translation support offered in other languages.

- Call: 811
- Toll-free TTY: 1-866-797-0007
- Chat live online
- Visit [ontario.ca/Health811](https://ontario.ca/Health811)

## Seniors Safety Line

Seniors Safety Line is a 24/7, confidential and free resource. It provides counselling, information, safety planning and referrals in 240 languages for seniors in Ontario who are experiencing, or are at risk of, any type of abuse or neglect.

Call Toll-free: 1-866-299-1011 or  
TTY: 1-866-299-0088.

## More information

Learn more about:

- Seniors Month at [ontario.ca/SeniorsMonth](https://ontario.ca/SeniorsMonth).
- ministry programs and services at [ontario.ca/seniors](https://ontario.ca/seniors).
- resources for seniors with the updated [Guide to Programs and Services for Seniors in Ontario](#).
- other programs and services available in your area at: [211ontario.ca](https://211ontario.ca).
- Seniors' INFOLine  
Call: 416-326-7076  
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May 8, 2024

Michael Duben  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent  
Email: [michael.duben@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:michael.duben@chatham-kent.ca)

Dear Michael Duben:

Thank you for your April 9, 2024, letter responding to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' letter of February 26, 2024, requesting comments from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent on the York1 Environmental Waste Solutions Ltd.'s proposal to construct a new cell at the existing approved landfill site and re-establish the operations of the waste transfer, processing, located at 29831 Irish School Road in Dresden, Ontario.

As a result of the comments that we have received to date from municipalities and the people of Dresden, the ministry is proposing to require the proponent to complete a comprehensive Environmental Assessment for this project. On March 26, 2024, the ministry posted a notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario, proposing to designate the York1 proposal as a Part II.3 project under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to require a comprehensive Environmental Assessment of the project. The commenting period for this consultation has begun and will run for 45 days until May 10, 2024.

More details on the proposed regulation and how to contact the ministry to provide your comments can be found at [ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8417](https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8417).

Please feel free to contact me at 416-432-7253, if you have any questions regarding the above.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mohsen Keyvani".

Mohsen Keyvani, P.Eng.  
Manager, Waste Approvals, Environmental Permissions Branch  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

c: George Kirchmair, Vice President, Environmental Services, York1  
Davin McCully, Manager, Planning & Project Management, Armstrong Planning

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May 8, 2024

Good afternoon,

As you may know, on March 6th, 2020, the Ontario government announced its five-year Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy (AHTS) to combat human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children and youth. The Strategy focuses on actions across government to raise awareness, protect victims and intervene earlier, better support survivors and hold offenders accountable.

The province is required by law to conduct a review of this Strategy under *the Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy Act, 2021*. The Act requires the province to maintain an AHTS and regularly review it at least every five years with regard to specific principles and consultation requirements. The purpose of the review is to assess the Strategy's success in achieving its objectives and outcomes. The review will inform policy decisions related to a path forward for Ontario's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy.

As we enter year five of the current strategy, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, through the Provincial Anti-Human Trafficking Coordination Office (PATCO) in collaboration with ministry partners, has begun Ontario's review of the [Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy 2020-2025](#).

I am writing to invite you, along with other members from your sector, to virtual engagement sessions being held in both English and French on the dates attached to this letter. The sessions will be 2.5 hours in length. Please see the attached list of dates and links to register.

In addition, we are seeking feedback from anyone who wishes to provide it, including members of the general public, through [EngageON](#) and the [Regulatory Registry](#). The postings for the Five-Year Review of the Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy will go live on both sites the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There will be an option for feedback to be provided anonymously. Please share these two links broadly with your regions and among your networks.

## Details for Participants

- Virtual sessions will not be recorded.
- If you plan to attend, please RSVP by clicking “Register” link in the attached meeting list. Please note the deadline to register is three (3) business days in advance of each session and capacity may be limited.
- We ask that organizations only register a maximum of two (2) participants to allow for a range of participants across sectors to participate.
- A social worker and/or elder will be present during all sessions.
- There are general and targeted sessions for survivors of human trafficking. Survivors are welcome to sign up for the session that is most reflective of their lived experience. Survivors will be eligible for an honorarium for their participation.

**We encourage you to use discretion in sharing registration information for the sessions which are limited to survivors (general and targeted).**

To help registrants prepare for the conversations, we will share a brief overview and some overarching questions in advance of each session. However, discussions will be tailored for each group of participants.

If you have questions about the engagement or would like to discuss any accommodation needs to support your participation, please contact Tahsin Sultana at the Provincial Anti-Human Trafficking Coordination Office at [antitraffickingoffice@ontario.ca](mailto:antitraffickingoffice@ontario.ca).

Thank you for your continued support.

*Harriett Grant*

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<https://www.ontario.ca/page/indigenous-healing-and-wellness-strategy>

**MEETING DATES AND REGISTRATION:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Session / Intended Participants</b>	<b>Sign-up</b>
Wednesday May 29	9:30am- 12pm	<p><b>Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Fund</b></p> <p>Limited to organizations that help survivors of human trafficking funded through the Community Supports Fund including sexual assault centers</p> <p>Should organizations not be able to attend this targeted session, register for Community Based Anti-Human Trafficking Service Providers sessions</p>	<p><a href="#">Register by May 24</a></p>
Tuesday June 4	9:30am- 12pm	<p><b>Indigenous Community-Based Anti-Human Trafficking Service Providers</b></p> <p>Focused session for Indigenous community-based service providers that provide services to victims/survivors of human trafficking; for example, Indigenous victim services, Indigenous anti-human trafficking liaisons, specialized mental health and addiction workers for Indigenous human trafficking survivors, Indigenous Shelter, Aboriginal Shelters of Ontario, etc.</p>	<p><a href="#">Register by May 30</a></p>
Wednesday June 5	1:30pm- 4pm	<p><b>Anti-Human Trafficking Indigenous-Led Initiatives Fund</b></p> <p>Limited to organizations that help survivors of human trafficking funded through the Indigenous-Led Initiatives Fund</p> <p>Should organizations not be able to attend this targeted session, register for Community Based Anti-Human Trafficking Service Providers sessions</p>	<p><a href="#">Register by May 31</a></p>
Thursday June 6	9:30am- 12pm	<p><b>Survivors of Sex Trafficking</b></p> <p>Focused session for survivors of sex trafficking</p>	<p><a href="#">Register by June 3</a></p>

Tuesday June 11	9am-12pm	<p><b>Francophone Session (service providers)</b></p> <p>Community based service providers providing programs and/or services to victims and survivors of human trafficking including in the violence against women/gender-based violence, youth justice, and developmental services sectors, human trafficking coalitions and equity serving agencies, civil liberties groups and transfer payment recipients conducting anti-human trafficking work in the education and health services sectors</p>	<a href="#">Register by June 6</a>
Thursday June 13	9am-12pm	<p><b>Francophone Session for Survivors of Human Trafficking</b></p> <p>Focused session for survivors of human trafficking who are Francophone</p>	<a href="#">Register by June 10</a>
Tuesday June 18	1:30pm-4pm	<p><b>Community Based Anti-Human Trafficking Service Providers</b></p> <p>Community based service providers providing programs and/or services to victims and survivors of human trafficking including in the violence against women/gender-based violence, sexual assault centers, youth justice, and developmental services sectors, human trafficking coalitions and equity serving agencies, civil liberties groups and transfer payment recipients conducting anti-human trafficking work in the education and health services sectors</p>	<a href="#">Register by June 13</a>
Wednesday June 19	1:30pm-4pm	<p><b>Indigenous Community-Based Anti-Human Trafficking Service Providers</b></p> <p>Indigenous community-based service providers that provide services to victims/survivors of HT, for example Indigenous Victim Services, Indigenous AHT liaisons, Specialized mental health and additions workers for Indigenous HT Survivors, Indigenous Shelter, Aboriginal Shelters of Ontario, etc.</p>	<a href="#">Register by June 14</a>
Wednesday June 26	1:30PM-4PM	<p><b>Survivors of Human Trafficking Who Are Black</b></p> <p>Focused session for survivors of human trafficking who identify as black (e.g., Afro-Caribbean, bi-racial, etc.)</p>	<a href="#">Register by June 21</a>

Thursday June 27	6pm- 8:30pm	<p><b>Community Based Anti-Human Trafficking Service Providers</b></p> <p>Community based service providers providing programs and/or services to victims and survivors of human trafficking including in the violence against women/gender-based violence, sexual assault centers, youth justice, and developmental services sectors, human trafficking coalitions and equity serving agencies, civil liberties groups and transfer payment recipients conducting anti-human trafficking work in the education and health services sectors</p>	<a href="#">Register by June 24</a>
Wednesday July 3	9:30am- 12pm	<p><b>Community Based Anti-Human Trafficking Service Providers</b></p> <p>Community based service providers providing programs and/or services to victims and survivors of human trafficking including in the violence against women/gender-based violence, sexual assault centers, youth justice, and developmental services sectors, human trafficking coalitions and equity serving agencies, civil liberties groups and transfer payment recipients conducting anti-human trafficking work in the education and health services sectors</p>	<a href="#">Register by June 28</a>
Thursday July 11	1:30PM- 4PM	<p><b>Survivors of Human Trafficking Who Are Indigenous</b></p> <p>Focused session for survivors of human trafficking who are Indigenous (e.g., First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples)</p>	<a href="#">Register by July 8</a>
Wednesday July 17	6:00pm- 8:30pm	<p><b>Survivors of Labour Trafficking</b></p> <p>Focused session for survivors of labour trafficking</p>	<a href="#">Register by July 12</a>



Item 2e

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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS  
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May 14, 2024

Via email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
**Attention: Paul Calandra**  
777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Mr. Calandra:

**RE: Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act.**

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The Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) is an enforcement tool approved by the Provincial Government in August of 2009 and was originally used for parking offences to free up court time and cost.

A large number of municipalities have adopted an AMPS program and have applied AMPS to other Municipal enforcement by-laws as a replacement to the standard Part 1 Provincial Offences Act (POA) ticket system, as it provides the alleged offender with a flexible appeal system and the municipality the ability to apply unpaid penalties on to the property taxes. AMPS frees up valuable Provincial Offences Court time saving the province and the municipalities valuable resources and funds.

AMPS was written into the Building Code Act in December of 2017 however it has not received Royal Assent. AMPS has proven to be a valuable tool for education and enforcement of other Municipal by-laws. On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, we ask that AMPS receive Royal Assent. In doing so this would free up time for Building Officials to conduct their primary job (building inspections) instead of having to attend court normally a full day to hear an appeal to Part 1 ticket, at the same time providing the offender a more streamlined appeal system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sykes', is written over the typed name.

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

TG/lv  
Copy to:

MPP, Graydon Smith  
Association of Ontario Municipalities  
Association of Municipal Clerk and Treasurers of Ontario  
All Area Municipalities



Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority  
100 Thames Street  
Chatham, ON N7L 2Y8

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

**Subject:** Update on Ridge Landfill Community Trust Project in South Kent

Thanks to the generous support of the Ridge Landfill Community Trust, the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority has achieved significant milestones in environmental restoration, benefiting both wildlife and residents of South Kent. With **\$277,957.15 in funds spent so far, and an additional \$6.2 million leveraged**, we've successfully restored **190.91 acres of wetland, tall grass prairie, and trees**.

This restoration effort has had several positive impacts. Wetland restoration improves water quality, reduces flood risks, and provides essential habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife. Additionally, the restoration of tall grass prairies helps to combat flooding and erosion, and also supports declining grassland species, such as the Eastern Meadowlark and Bobolink. The **planting of 48,951 trees** not only enhances air quality but also provides shade, reduces erosion, and creates wildlife corridors.

These actions benefit the residents of South Kent by preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area, providing recreational opportunities, and supporting local biodiversity. Moreover, they contribute to the region's resilience to climate change by sequestering carbon and mitigating the effects of extreme weather events.

This partnership has been instrumental in these achievements, ensuring the preservation and enhancement of our natural landscapes for future generations. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our shared mission.

Additionally, attached is an info graphic showing our statistics thus far for quick reference.

Sincerely,

**Greg Van Every**  
*Conservation Services Coordinator*  
Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority  
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Chatham, ON N7L 2Y8  
[www.ltvca.ca](http://www.ltvca.ca)

## Ridge Landfill Community Trust Funding Update

### Trees Planted



48,951

### Funds Spent

\$

**\$277,957.15**

### Leveraged Funds

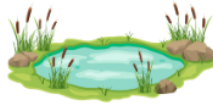
\$6.2 Million



■ Ridge Landfill Funds  
■ Leveraged Funds

### Natural Restoration Acres Achieved

190.91



Wetlands



Tall Grass Prairies



Trees



**GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE**  
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**L'ALLIANCE DES VILLES**  
DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT

DRAFT - Resolution Calling for Dedicated Funding to address shoreline resiliency affected by Climate-Related Infrastructure Damage

Sponsors: Chatham-Kent ON, QC, & USA

WHEREAS, climate change poses significant threats to infrastructure across the freshwater Great Lakes-St Lawrence River basin, including roads, bridges, water systems, buildings, and

WHEREAS the municipalities have experienced substantial shoreline erosion that is threatening local infrastructure, such as along Lake Erie, Chatham Kent's closure of a vital highway since 2019, demonstrating the immediate need for action to protect infrastructure from climate-related damage and

WHEREAS, proactive measures to address climate-related infrastructure damage before it occurs can mitigate the risk of costly repairs and prevent the loss of critical infrastructure assets and

WHEREAS, Canadian municipalities have completed Canada's Core Public Infrastructure Survey (CCPI) to assess the need for climate adaptations for core municipal infrastructure, highlighting the importance of dedicated funding for climate resilience initiatives and

WHEREAS climate change and extreme weather events are affecting lives in Canada, with wildfires, heatwaves, floods, thawing permafrost, and fluctuating water levels exacerbating the erosion of the shoreline and impacting the very foundations of communities and

WHEREAS adaptation means creating safe and secure communities in this time of change, necessitating action across interconnected systems such as reducing the impacts of climate-related disasters, improving health and well-being, protecting and restoring nature and biodiversity, building and maintaining resilient infrastructure, and supporting the economy and workers; and

WHEREAS Canada's first National Adaptation Strategy outlines a shared vision for building strong and resilient communities for future generations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **(MUNICIPALITY)** calls on provincial and federal governments to allocate dedicated funding to local and municipal governments to address climate-related infrastructure damage before infrastructure becomes irreparably damaged or unusable and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this fund be made accessible to local governments when a critical piece of infrastructure, such as a road, bridge, water system, or building, etc., is under threat from changing climate conditions and is likely to be damaged or destroyed in a future climate event if no action is taken; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the dedicated funding should prioritize proactive measures such as shoreline protection, infrastructure relocation, and resilience enhancements to minimize the risk of damage and ensure the long-term viability of infrastructure assets and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **(MUNICIPALITY)** calls on provincial governments to empower provincial departments and agencies to provide more technical, financial, and regulatory support for local governments to address shoreline and waterfront issues on time, recognizing the critical role of provincial support in enhancing the resilience of coastal communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this support should include but not be limited to expertise in coastal engineering, funding assistance for infrastructure projects, and streamlined regulatory processes to expedite the implementation of climate adaptation measures along shorelines and waterfronts and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that provincial governments collaborate closely with local authorities, Indigenous communities, and relevant stakeholders to develop and implement comprehensive strategies for shoreline management and adaptation to ensure the long-term sustainability of coastal areas and the protection of infrastructure assets.

*A Resolution Submitted by Municipality of Chatham-Kent, ON*



**SECURING DEDICATED FUNDING TO ADDRESS SHORE RESILIENCY AFFECTED  
BY CLIMATE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE**

May 2024

WHEREAS climate change poses a significant threat to infrastructure across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin, including roads, bridges, water systems, homes and businesses.

AND WHEREAS Canadian municipalities have experienced substantial shoreline erosion that is threatening local infrastructure – such as along Lake Erie, where a vital highway in Chatham-Kent has been closed since 2019 – demonstrating the immediate need for action to protect infrastructure from climate-related damage.

AND WHEREAS proactive measures to address climate-related infrastructure damage before it occurs can mitigate the risk of costly repairs and prevent the loss of critical infrastructure assets.

AND WHEREAS Canadian municipalities have completed Canada’s Core Public Infrastructure Survey to assess the need for climate adaptations for core municipal infrastructure, highlighting the importance of dedicated funding for climate-resilience initiatives.

AND WHEREAS climate change and extreme weather events are affecting lives in Canada, with wildfires, heatwaves, floods, thawing permafrost and fluctuating water levels exacerbating the erosion of the shoreline and impacting the very foundations of communities.

AND WHEREAS adaptation means creating safe and secure communities in this time of change, necessitating action across interconnected systems, such as reducing the impacts of climate-related disasters, improving health and well-being, protecting and restoring nature and biodiversity, building and maintaining resilient infrastructure and supporting the economy and workers.

AND WHEREAS Canada’s first National Adaptation Strategy outlines a shared vision for building strong and resilient communities for current and future generations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative calls on provincial and federal governments to allocate dedicated funding to local (First Nations and municipal) governments to address climate-related infrastructure damage before infrastructure becomes irreparably damaged or unusable.

- This funding must be made accessible to local governments when a critical piece of infrastructure, such as a road, bridge, water system or buildings is under threat from changing climate conditions and is likely to be damaged or destroyed in a future climate event if no action is taken.
- The dedicated funding must prioritize proactive measures – such as shoreline protection, infrastructure relocation and resilience enhancements – to minimize the risk of damage and ensure the long-term viability of infrastructure assets.
- The Cities Initiative calls on provincial governments to empower provincial departments and agencies to provide more technical, financial and regulatory support for local governments to address shoreline and waterfront issues on time, recognizing the critical role of provincial support in enhancing the resilience of coastal communities.
- This support should include but not be limited to expertise in coastal engineering, funding assistance for infrastructure projects and streamlined regulatory processes to expedite the implementation of climate-adaptation measures along shorelines and waterfronts.
- Provincial governments must collaborate closely with local authorities, First Nations communities, and relevant stakeholders to develop and implement comprehensive strategies for shoreline management and adaptation to ensure the long-term sustainability of coastal areas and the protection of infrastructure assets.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution will be distributed to: the Federal Government Minister for Natural Resources Canada and Minister for Infrastructure, Communities, and Housing and Ontario and Québec's Ministers of Environment and Ministers for Municipal Affairs.