

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of Chatham-Kent Council

From: Maggie Downey, Administrative Assistant

Date: December 9, 2024

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 November 18, 2024 Council Meeting

2. Correspondence From

- (a) Communication from Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat dated November 7, 2024 re Nominations for the Order of Ontario
- (b) Communication from Prime Minister's Awards dated November 13, 2024, re Nominate an Educator for a 2025 Prime Minister's Award
- (c) Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC) dated October 2024 re Sean Columbus, Ec.D. granted EDAC's professional designation of Certificated Economic Developer
- (d) Graham McGregor, Associate Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform, Ministry of Solicitor General dated October 9, 2024, re Appointment as Associate Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform
- (e) Tricia Mitchell, Regional Director, Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard dated November 20, 2024, re Rondeau Park Barrier Beach
- (f) Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated November 28, 2024, re Additional Residential Units (ARU)

3. Committee and Board Highlights

- (a) Communication from Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) dated November 20, 2024, re ROMA Board November Highlights

4. Resolutions

- (a) Resolution from Howick Township dated November 6, 2024, re Ontario Provincial Police Costs for 2025
- (b) Resolution from Municipality of Leamington dated November 14, 2024, re Ontario OPP Detachment Billing Increases
- (c) Resolution from the Township of Papineau-Cameron dated November 13, 2024, re Ontario Building Code
- (d) Resolution from the City of Hamilton dated November 18, 2024, re Reducing Homelessness and Managing Encampments
- (e) Resolution from the Township of Terrace Bay dated November 19, 2024, re Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues
- (f) Resolution from the Township of Terrace Bay dated November 19, 2024, re Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Letter re Billy Bishop Airport Support
- (g) Resolution from Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) dated September 27, 2024, re Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals
- (h) Resolution from City of Hamilton dated November 19, 2024, re Opposing the Proposed Provincial Initiative that Seeks to Restrict or Limit the Autonomy of Municipalities in Implementing Road Safety Measures
- (i) Resolution from the Township of Puslinch dated November 21, 2024, re Proposed Amendments to the Excess Soil Regulation
- (j) Resolution from the City of Guelph dated November 29, 2024 re Enable Municipalities to Charge Fees for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities

Item 1a

Date	Item	Requestor
November 18 2024	Motion Sears Building Accessibility	Cl Storey
November 18 2024	Motion to Support Basic Income Guarantee for Canadians	Cl C McGregor
November 18 2024	Motion Encampments and Homelessness Funding	Cl B McGregor

From: Ontario Honours And Awards (MCM)
<OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca>
Sent: November 7, 2024 10:50 AM
Subject: Nominations for the Order of Ontario

Dear Friend,

The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism's, Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat delivers honour and award programs that celebrate Ontarians' outstanding achievements and recognizes individuals' contributions to a variety of sectors and communities.

The Order of Ontario is the most prestigious honour we administer. As the province's highest civilian honour, the Order of Ontario is reserved for Ontarians from all fields of endeavour and backgrounds, whose excellence has left a lasting legacy in the community, province, Canada and around the world. Each year, a select group of individuals are appointed to the Order. They represent the best of our province.

Among our goals for delivering the Order of Ontario program is ensuring those appointed to the Order represent the full breadth and depth of the people who make our province great. That is why we are encouraging you and/or your organizations to nominate an individual for this honour. The deadline for the 2025 nominations is March 31st, 2025.

Please consider drafting and submitting a nomination for someone in your community who you feel merits this important honour. For more information or to make a nomination please visit: [The Order of Ontario | Ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/page/the-order-of-ontario).

Please also consider nominating individuals for other Honours and Awards programs at www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards.

Yours Sincerely,

Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat

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From: Prime Minister's Awards / <ic.primeministersawards-prixdupremierministre.ic@canada.ca>

Sent: November 13, 2024 1:00 PM

To: CKmayor <CKmayor@chatham-kent.ca>

Subject: Nominate an educator today!/

Consider nominating an educator for a 2025 Prime Minister's Award! Download your [nomination package](#) today. The Prime Minister's Awards nomination deadline is **January 15, 2025!**

Teachers and early childhood educators are inspiring children in all areas of life, from science and math to schoolyard interactions.

Now's your chance to thank a teacher or early childhood educator in your life.

Nominate them for a Prime Minister's Award. Students, parents, colleagues, principals, supervisors, community leaders, or people with direct knowledge of the nominee's contribution can nominate.

Prime Minister's Awards recipients for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in STEM and Excellence in Early Childhood Education can receive:

- A certificate from the Prime Minister
- National recognition and promotion of their best teaching practices

Looking for inspiration? Check out the 2024 Prime Minister's Award recipients for [Teaching Excellence](#), [Teaching Excellence in STEM](#), and [Excellence in Early Childhood Education!](#)

Economic Developers Association Of Canada

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: Oct. 2024

Contact: Penny A. Gardiner, Ec.D., Chief Executive Officer
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Ec.D. Designation Achievement

The Economic Developers Association of Canada

Grassie, Ontario –

The Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC), a national professional association since 1968 representing approximately 1,000+ economic development professionals are pleased to congratulate Sean Columbus, Ec.D., Municipality of Chatham-Kent, ON for having been granted EDAC's professional designation of, Certificated Economic Developer Ec.D.

By doing so, Sean joins his colleagues from coast to coast to coast, who have successfully completed EDAC's stringent certification program, which is granted to EDAC members once all certification criteria have been met including recognized training, practical experience, a major research paper and both oral and written examinations.

Our Economic Development Program in conjunction with the University of Waterloo, is based on a description of the professional, identifying competency, both in academic background and practical experience. Professional such as Sean are granted the professional designation, Certified Economic Developer Ec.D. by EDAC that will signify her credentials. This designation along with a requirement of re-certification every three years establishes and maintains a uniform and professional basis for those employed in this field.

The curriculum is founded in economics, statistical and financial analysis, public and government administration, marketing, commerce and retailing. All of these will further enable Jennifer to use her educational qualifications as tools in the analysis of regional problems, provision of advisory or consulting services to the public and private sectors, and in the planning of development strategies. Our curricula also focus' on issues such as planning, financial administration and law as they apply to the municipal, regional, provincial, federal, and international scenes and as they are necessary in the development of sound economic development strategies. The theoretical portions of the curriculum are suitably reinforced by practical exercises in typical settings.

For further information about EDAC and our services - visit our web site at www.edac.ca

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132-2024-3435
By mail

October 9, 2024

Your Worship Darrin Canniff
Mayor
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street West PO Box 640
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Dear Mayor Canniff:

My name is Graham McGregor, and I am writing to share some exciting news with you. I have recently been appointed as the Associate Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform. After serving as Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General earlier this year, I am honoured to take on this new role in strengthening public safety across Ontario.

The rise in auto theft and violent carjackings has become a significant concern, threatening the safety and security of our communities. Our government is committed to tackling these crimes head-on. Equally important is our focus on bail reform—ensuring that violent and repeat offenders remain behind bars and face the full consequences of their actions.

Your leadership is crucial to the safety and well-being of our communities, and I want to express my sincere thanks for your ongoing dedication to public safety. I am looking forward to working closely with you to address these challenges and strengthen the security of our province.

If we have not yet had the opportunity to meet, I hope to do so soon. Please stay in touch through Manvir Hundal at manvir.hundal@ontario.ca. I am eager to hear your insights and discuss how we can work together to enhance public safety.

Thank you once again for your dedication and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gmcg", is written over the printed name of Graham McGregor.

Graham McGregor
Associate Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform



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November 20, 2024

Ms. Judy Smith, CMO
Director, Municipal Governance / Clerk
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
< MAGGIED@chatham-kent.ca >

Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for your correspondence of October 16, 2024, addressed to the Honourable Diane Lebovillier, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, regarding support for the Rondeau Park Barrier Beach. I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), through its Small Craft Harbours (SCH) program, manages a national network of harbours that provide commercial fish harvesters and other users with safe and accessible facilities. The SCH program prioritizes commercial fishing harbours across Canada to ensure safe operations for fishing vessels and other small craft.

DFO has a small craft harbour on Rondeau Bay (Erieau), which is a class A, core fishing harbour, managed by the Erieau Harbour Authority. The SCH-owned infrastructure includes a breakwater system, shore protection, a wharf system, jetties, and both water and land lots, covering approximately 35 hectares.

The SCH program across Canada received funding in Budget 2024, and much of that funding will be used to repair commercial fishing harbours. Investment in SCH infrastructure supports the economic prosperity of Canada's fisheries and maritime sectors and contributes to public safety. Many harbours across Canada are in need of repairs, both because of regular wear and tear as well as extreme weather events that are becoming more frequent, in part due to climate change.

Given that the barrier beach is located within Rondeau Provincial Park, a provincially-owned property, I would recommend continuing to engage with the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, to explore potential restoration options.

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DFO understands the importance of the barrier beach erosion issue to your community. Officials from DFO's SCH program have been actively involved in the Rondeau Barrier Beach remediation initiative since its inception. Departmental officials have attended steering committee meetings to offer technical expertise and are prepared to continue providing support as needed.

Thank you sharing your concerns on this matter and I look forward to our continued engagement.

Yours sincerely,

Mitchell, Tricia

Digitally signed by Mitchell, Tricia

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Tricia Mitchell
Regional Director General
Ontario and Prairie Region

c.c.: Office of the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Office of the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, M.P.P.
Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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234-2024-5434

November 28, 2024

Dear Head of Council:

Through the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, changes were made to the *Planning Act* to accelerate implementation of the province's additional residential unit (ARU) framework. These changes allowed "as-of-right" (without the need to apply for a rezoning) the use of up to 3 units per lot in many existing residential areas (i.e., up to 3 units allowed in the primary building, or up to 2 units allowed in the primary building and 1 unit allowed in an ancillary building such as a garage).

To support implementation of ARUs, the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*, made further changes to the *Planning Act* to provide me, as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, with broader regulation-making authority to remove municipal zoning by-law barriers that may be limiting the development of ARUs.

Following consultation on the Environmental Registry of Ontario, our government has taken further action to tackle the housing supply crisis and reach our goal of building more homes by amending [Ontario Regulation 299/19 – Additional Residential Units](#) to remove certain municipal zoning by-law barriers. These changes took effect upon filing.

These changes will help to facilitate the creation of ARUs, such as basement suites and garden suites, by eliminating barriers including maximum lot coverage, angular planes, floor space index (FSI), minimum separation distances and minimum lot sizes on parcels of urban residential land subject to the ARU framework in the *Planning Act*. More information on these changes can be found through [Environmental Registry of Ontario posting 019-9210](#).

It is my expectation that municipalities will respect these regulatory changes and the intent behind them. I will not hesitate to use my available powers to ensure these changes to the *Planning Act* are allowed to support our goal of building more homes.

We will continue working with our municipal partners to achieve our goal of building the homes that Ontarians need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Calandra", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister

Jessica Lippert, Chief of Staff to Minister Calandra

Chief Administrative Officer
Office of The Clerk

From: ROMA Communications <roma@roma.on.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 10:49 AM

To: Judy Smith <JUDYS@chatham-kent.ca>

Subject: ROMA Board Update: Meeting Min. Calandra, broadband and more



ROMA Board - November Highlights

Productive Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Paul Calandra attended the ROMA Board meeting in November. The Minister also committed to meeting with the Board quarterly to share ideas, seek feedback and listen to rural municipal needs from the provincial government. The meeting in November included discussion of:

- New resources and funding tools for housing-enabling infrastructure to help address the rural funding gap – including how municipal services corporations and private communal water systems could help.
- The urgent need for a strategic approach to homelessness including wrap-around supports and housing.
- The shortage in primary care providers, emergency room closures, and over-reliance on community paramedicine to fill these gaps. The Minister suggested that Dr. Jane Philpott who is chairing Ontario's primary care action team could benefit from hearing rural concerns.

OPP Billing Relief

The Board discussed concerns related to significant and unexpected municipal OPP rate and fee increases coming in 2025. AMO Policy is engaged with the Ministry of the Solicitor General on financial support to help municipalities manage the increase. Additional information is expected over the next few weeks.

Support for Managing Broadband Projects

As Internet Service Providers (ISPs) work to meet the government's 2025 broadband goals, AMO and ROMA are working to support the municipal sector.

AMO will host a webinar by the end of the year to help municipal staff understand how to navigate the relationship with ISPs using a template [Municipal Access Agreement](#). The ROMA Board approved a request from AMO staff to seek backstop funding from the province if an ISP saddles a municipality with unfair and unreasonable infrastructure construction and management costs.

2025 ROMA Conference

The Rural Routes concurrent sessions have been designed to highlight the rural perspective, issues and the innovations underway across the province in our rural communities. Here are a few highlights of session topics:

- Provincial Offences
- Rural Responses to Mental Health and Addictions
- Negotiating Community Benefit Agreements for Energy Projects
- Agricultural Economic Development
- Cyber Security

[View the full program here](#) and [register for the ROMA Conference today](#).

Get in the Zone

Join your ROMA Board of Director and Zone representative for an update and conversation on ROMA's current priorities at Zone Meet-ups on Sunday, January 19 at the 2025 ROMA Conference:

- Zones 1 to 5 10:30am-11:30am
- Zones 6 to 10 11:30am- 12:15pm

These meet-ups are an opportunity to hear and be heard. Your Zone representative will walk you through ROMA's advocacy priorities and open the floor for feedback and discussion on issues that matter to you.

Find your Zone [here](#).

Check out the [ROMA Zone Map](#) to learn more.

- **Zone 1** – Jamie McGrail, Councillor, Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- **Zone 2** – Steve McCabe, Councillor, Township of Wellington North
- **Zone 3** – Dave Beres, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tillsonburg

- **Zone 4** – Christina Early, Councillor, Town of Caledon
- **Zone 5** – Pam Sayne, Councillor, Township of Minden Hills
- **Zone 6** – Jennifer Murphy, Councillor, County of Renfrew
- **Zone 7** – Carma Williams, Deputy Mayor, Township of North Glengarry
- **Zone 8** – Christa Lowry, Mayor, Municipality of Mississippi Mills* ROMA Chair
- **Zone 9** – Mark Wilson, Councillor, City of Temiskaming Shores
- **Zone 10** – Janet Hager, Councillor, Municipality of Red Lake

AMO Rural Caucus Members

- Nicole Martin, CAO, Township of Amaranth
 - Dane Nielsen, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Grey Highlands
 - Natasha Salonen, Mayor, Township of Wilmot
 - Nathan Townend, Deputy Warden, County of Lennox & Addington
 - Tanya Vrebosch, Councillor, City of North Bay
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November 6, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Premier Ford,

Re. Resolution – Ontario Provincial Police Costs for 2025

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Howick, at its meeting held November 5, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

MOVED BY: Councillor Rognvaldson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Grimes

WHEREAS the Township of Howick's 2025 OPP Annual Billing Costs represents a 21.15% increase over the 2024 OPP Annual Billing Costs, with many small, rural municipalities across Ontario facing even larger increases for 2025;

AND WHEREAS this 21.15% increase in OPP costs equates to more than a 2.8 per cent tax increase before Howick Township even begins its 2025 budget process in terms of levels of services;

AND WHEREAS the downloading of costs such as these from the province and the subsequent significant cost increases are not feasible or sustainable for small, rural municipalities in Ontario who are bound to raising their revenue solely through property taxes and user fees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Howick adopt and endorse Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small, rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities.

CARRIED.

The Township of Howick appreciates the province's attention to the financial challenges faced by small, rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Gillis

Caitlin Gillis, Clerk-Administrator

Cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, All Municipalities of Ontario
Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson
County of Huron

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 229
Title: Councillor P. Valiquette
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Moved by P. Valiquette
Seconded by J. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;
AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.



November 14, 2024

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

RE: OPP Detachment Billing Increases

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

WHEREAS current police services within the Municipality of Leamington (hereinafter referred to as the 'Municipality') are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (hereinafter referred to as the 'OPP');

AND WHEREAS the Municipality and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades;

AND WHEREAS historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 5.67%;

AND WHEREAS the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Municipality on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$833,000 (14.45%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 2.48% tax rate increase, in addition to what the Municipality was contemplating for the residents of Leamington;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality was not consulted nor provided any advanced notice from the Commissioner regarding the significant cost increase received for OPP services;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality cannot afford to absorb this unexpected and entirely preventable increase without causing undo financial strain to our taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Leamington wishes to dispute the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 5% increase that is more manageable for the Municipality and in line with historical trends;

AND FURTHER THAT any increase above 5% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality request that the County of Essex undertake a feasibility study for a County Police Force;

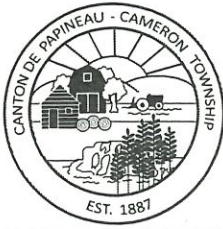
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP Trevor Jones, the County of Essex, and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP.

Yours Truly,

Abbie Marchildon

Abbie Marchildon, Council and Committee Coordinator

cc: The Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Trevor Jones, MPP
County of Essex
All 329 municipalities serviced by the OPP



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

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November 13, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
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RE: Ontario Building Code

The Council of Papineau-Cameron met at their regular Council meeting on November 12, 2024 and passed the attached resolution 2024-328.

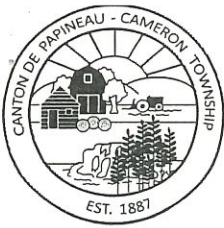
Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason McMartin, BA, ADA
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Encl. Council Resolution 2024-328

c.c. Hon. Paul Calandra MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Michael Parsa MPP, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Building Officials Association
Municipalities of Ontario



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

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DATE: November 12, 2024 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2024- 328

MOVED BY: *Shelley Belanger* **SECONDED BY:** *MChenier*

WHEREAS Ontario is facing a significant affordable housing crisis, with many residents struggling to secure safe and affordable living accommodations;

AND WHEREAS the crisis of homelessness in Ontario continues to affect thousands of individuals and families, necessitating urgent and effective housing solutions;

AND WHEREAS the current Ontario Building Code contains regulations that may inadvertently hinder the development of affordable housing by imposing excessive costs and barriers on individuals and developers;

AND WHEREAS current building code regulations may restrict the development of innovative housing solutions designed to address the needs of homeless individuals and families;

AND WHEREAS an increase in affordable housing units is essential to promote economic stability, community well-being, and social equity within Ontario;

AND WHEREAS providing pre-approved affordable housing plans can streamline the construction process, reduce costs, and facilitate quicker access to housing for those in need;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township hereby calls on the Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individuals, including:

1. Standardized Designs: Creating a set of pre-approved housing designs that meet safety and quality standards while being cost-effective and quick to construct.
2. Flexible Design Standards: Allowing for innovative building designs and materials that meet affordability criteria while ensuring safety and livability.
3. Community Integration: Ensuring that these housing designs can be integrated into existing neighborhoods in a way that respects community character and promotes acceptance.
4. Support for Diverse Models: Including options for various types of housing, such as tiny homes, modular units, and converted shipping containers, to cater to different needs and preferences.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township encourages the Ontario government to engage with stakeholders, including architects, housing advocates, and service providers, to develop these pre-approved plans that effectively address the needs of low income and homeless individuals;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Association Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Building Officials Association, Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED: *Robert Corriveau*
(Mayor)

NOT CARRIED: _____
(Mayor) **COPY**

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			



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November 18, 2024

Re: Reducing Homelessness Managing Encampments

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Item 6 of the General Issues Committee Report 24-017

6. Reducing Homelessness and Managing Encampments (HSC24027(c)) (City Wide) (General Issues Committee Agenda Item 10.2)

WHEREAS, in 2024 the City of Hamilton is investing \$185.9 million dollars into housing and homelessness solutions, 67% funded directly by municipal taxpayers;

WHEREAS, Ontario cities have been left to deal with the crisis of housing, homelessness, mental health and addictions without adequate resources from upper levels of government;

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has announced a \$250 million dollar funding initiative to address the urgent issue of encampments and unsheltered homelessness with the intention of a fifty-fifty cost sharing agreement with provincial governments;

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada will work directly with municipalities if necessary, but without the involvement of the Province of Ontario, Ontario municipalities will receive half of the potential funding available, while additional costs continue to be downloaded to municipal taxpayers;

WHEREAS, federal discussions with the Province of Ontario have not led to meaningful progress on a cost sharing funding agreement to date;
WHEREAS, the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has publicly announced an upcoming meeting with the federal Minister of Housing to take place in the week of October 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, mental health care, addiction treatment and housing are the responsibility of the Province of Ontario.

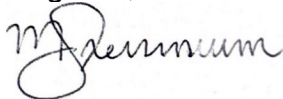
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Report HSC24027(c), respecting Reducing Homelessness and Managing Encampments, be received;

- (b) That the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Hamilton request that the Province of Ontario re-engage with the Government of Canada to ensure that Ontario municipalities have access to fully funded support towards encampments and unsheltered homelessness initiatives;
- (c) That City of Hamilton be directed to work with our Federal partners to maximize this opportunity; and
- (d) That this resolution be circulated with all Cities across Ontario with a population of 100,000 or more with a request for endorsement and approval of their own requests to the Province of Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and local MPPS and MPs.

Hamilton City Council requests that your City Council's endorse this resolution, and circulate your endorsement to the Province of Ontario.

Regards,



Matthew Trennum
City Clerk
:JV

cc.

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(Item 6)



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November 19, 2024

Minister of Health Sylvia Jones
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Dear Minister Jones,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday September 16, 2024, the following resolution was put forth by Councillor Chris Dube and was passed.

Re: Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues

Resolution 266-2024

Moved by: Councillor Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor Dube

WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay is gravely concerned about the ongoing shortages and staffing challenges facing Superior North EMS (SNEMS);

WHEREAS, the provincial funding for ambulance services, currently at 50%, along with the city's 50% contribution, has been falling short, leading to financial strain on municipalities and regional partners, including the City of Thunder Bay;

WHEREAS, the rolling shortages of paramedics and EMS personnel in the region present a significant risk to public safety and healthcare services in northern communities, which are disproportionately affected by the province-wide shortage of paramedics;

WHEREAS, recruitment and retention issues, including insufficient wages and benefits, lack of mental health supports, frequent exposure to traumatic experiences, and inadequate recovery time between work periods, are causing high turnover rates and burnout among EMS workers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, be requested to take immediate action to address the funding shortfalls and structural challenges in the delivery of EMS services in northern communities, including:

1. Increasing provincial funding to support EMS services and reduce the financial burden on municipalities;
2. Implementing incentives such as "learn and stay" grants to encourage paramedics to live and work in northern Ontario;
3. Enhancing support systems for EMS workers, including improved wages, benefits, and mental health resources.



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AND THAT, this resolution be forwarded to Minister Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:
AMO
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November 19, 2024

Honorable Anita Anand,
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transportation
House of Commons
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Via Email: Anita.anand@parl.gc.ca

Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow
Office of the Mayor
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Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday October 21, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed.

Re: NOMA Letter re Billy Bishop Airport Support

Resolution 293-2024

Moved By: Councillor St. Louis

Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport serves more than 2 million passengers per year, making it the 9th-busiest airport in Canada, 5th-busiest serving the US market, 3rd busiest airport in Ontario, and making it a critical component of the national and regional air transportation system; and

WHEREAS the airport provides daily connections to the North with service to Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and Sudbury, and enables access to many other neighbouring communities;

and WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport is a critical access point for Northern communities for economic opportunities, tourism, social connectivity and critical medical care located in downtown Toronto;

WHEREAS the airport operates under a Tripartite Agreement among the City of Toronto, Transport Canada and PortsToronto, and that agreement is set to expire in 2033; and

WHEREAS the airport is seeking to secure its long-term future through a process to modernize and extend the Tripartite Agreement to drive sustainable growth and enhanced access and connections for passengers and the communities it connects to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association is seeking urgent action from the City of Toronto, PortsToronto and Transport Canada to commence a process and conclude it by the end of 2025 to modernize the current Tripartite Agreement and secure the future of Billy Bishop Airport.



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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Hon. Anita Anand - President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, Mayor Olivia Chow – Toronto City, Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada - Minister of Tourism, Government of Canada, Hon. François-Philippe Champagne - Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry - Government of Canada, Hon. Arun Thangaraj - Deputy Minister of Transport Canada - Government of Canada, John D. Elvidge - City of Toronto – Clerk, Paul Johnson - City of Toronto - City Manager, Jag Sharma - City of Toronto - Deputy City Manager, RJ Steenstra - President and CEO - Ports Toronto, Sandra Papatello – Chair of Board of Directors - Ports Toronto, Neil Pakey - President and CEO - Nieuport Aviation, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria - Minister of Transportation - Government of Ontario, Hon. Vic Fedeli - Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade - Government of Ontario, MP Patty Hajdu (Thunder Bay - Superior North), MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Eric Melillo – Kenora, MPP Greg Rickford, (Kenora – Rainy River), MPP Kevin Holland, (Thunder Bay - Atikokan), MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North), and all NOMA member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

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All Ontario Municipalities



Friday, September 27, 2024

Sent via email
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Hon. Doug Ford
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Legislative Bldg, Rm 281
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Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Roadside Zoos Legislation

On Sunday, August 18, 2024 the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus passed the following motion:

Moved by B. Clarke, seconded by K. Marriott:

“THAT this report titled “Roadside Zoos” be received and filed; and

THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus pass the following resolution and forward to all 117 municipalities in Western Ontario;

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals in captivity; and,

WHEREAS non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS owners of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native (“exotic”) wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers'

Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca) and AMO (amo@amo.on.ca) , AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com) , and MLEAO (mleo@mleoa.ca)." - **CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil,
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc:

Hon Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association
Western Ontario Municipalities

[name of municipality] RESOLUTION
Provincial regulations needed to restrict keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

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WHEREAS the keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS owners of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native (“exotic”) wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection’s campaign for provincial regulations of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT [given the recent [enter incidents if any]], the [name municipality] hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario’s citizens and the non-native (“exotic”) wild animal population;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca) and MPP [name and email address provincial representative], AMO (amo@amo.on.ca), AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com), and MLEAO (mleo@mleo.ca).



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November 19, 2024

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca
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Re: Opposing the Proposed Provincial Initiative that Seeks to Restrict or Limit the Autonomy of Municipalities in Implementing Road Safety Measures

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, passed the following resolution:

7.1 Opposing the Proposed Provincial Initiative that Seeks to Restrict or Limit the Autonomy of Municipalities in Implementing Road Safety Measures

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

WHEREAS, the safety of all road users, including cyclists, is a paramount concern and a fundamental responsibility of both provincial and municipal governments;

WHEREAS, crashes involving motor vehicles pose significant risks to cyclists, pedestrians, and other vulnerable road users, leading to serious injuries and fatalities;

WHEREAS, the implementation of safe road infrastructures, such as bike lanes, is a proven measure to enhance the safety and accessibility of roadways for cyclists, promoting healthier and sustainable transportation options;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario ("OCC") conducted the Cycling Death review, which was the most comprehensive death review into the causes of cycling deaths in Ontario;

WHEREAS, the OCC made its primary recommendation to the province the adoption of "Complete Streets" which emphasize the need for comprehensive planning and design of roadway infrastructure to safely accommodate all users, including through the installation of more cycling networks including bike lanes;

WHEREAS, municipal governments have the local knowledge and contextual understanding necessary to effectively address specific community transportation needs, including the development and maintenance of safe cycling infrastructure within their cities;

WHEREAS, any provincial initiative that seeks to prevent or preclude municipalities from implementing necessary road safety measures, such as bike lanes, undermines local governance and the ability of municipalities to protect the well-being of their residents and ensure compliance with their obligations that roadways are reasonably safe for all users; and

WHEREAS, this resolution expresses the City of Hamilton's commitment to supporting municipal autonomy in enhancing road safety and emphasizes the importance of integrating protective measures for cyclists through locally tailored infrastructure solutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Hamilton City Council formally oppose any proposed provincial initiative that seeks to restrict or limit the autonomy of municipalities in implementing road safety measures, including the establishment and or removal of bike lanes or bike infrastructure;
- (b) That Hamilton City Council supports the empowerment of municipal road authorities to independently assess and recommend the best methods to ensure the safety of all road users within their jurisdictions and responsibilities; and
- (c) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the area MPPs and MPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,



Matthew Trennum
City Clerk

cc. Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Area MPPs and MPs,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



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November 21, 2024

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RE: 10.1 ERO Posting 019-9196 Enabling greater beneficial reuse excess soil

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 20th, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-415: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis**

**That Council receive the Mayors and Council member updates for information.
Whereas the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is currently
consulting on proposed amendments to the Excess Soil Regulation, with potentially
significant implications for local municipalities; and**

**Whereas these proposed changes, including landfilling restrictions and exemptions for
waste environmental compliance approvals, pose substantial risks to environmental**



**integrity, groundwater protection, local enforcement efforts, and land use planning;
and**

**Whereas the proposed amendments may undermine local municipalities' ability to effectively manage excess soil, potentially leading to adverse environmental impacts, such as soil and/or groundwater contamination and disruption of local ecosystems;
and**

Whereas the relaxation of regulatory requirements for soil management could further hinder the enforcement capabilities of municipal authorities, making it more challenging to monitor and address compliance issues, thus jeopardizing public health and safety; and

Whereas the proposed regulations do not provide sufficient clarity regarding whether the intent of the proposed regulations are to permit ARA licensed sites to be used as reuse sites for excess soil; and

Whereas the proposed flexibility in soil reuse standards could conflict with established land use planning frameworks, potentially resulting in incompatible land uses and further strain on local infrastructure; and

Whereas the introduction of regional mapping for areas with naturally occurring exceedances presents significant financial challenges for municipalities, as the costs associated with implementing such mapping projects may not be feasible given limited budgets and resources; and

Whereas relaxing excess soil regulations and implementing regional mapping could negatively impact agricultural lands by allowing excess soil to be disposed of in ways that diminish the quality and usability of these valuable lands for future agricultural purposes, highlighting the need to prioritize the protection of agricultural lands equally with infrastructure projects and housing developments;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of Township of Puslinch formally objects to the proposed amendments to the Excess Soil Regulation, citing concerns regarding the detrimental effects on local municipalities, the environment, soil and groundwater quality protection, and effective land use planning; and



That the Council of Township of Puslinch directs staff to forward this resolution to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, outlining these concerns and advocating for a more balanced approach that prioritizes environmental protection, local governance, and the protection of resident's health and safety; and further,

That this resolution be shared with all Ontario Municipalities, the Premier of Ontario; County Planning staff, MPP Arnott; MPP Rae; the Wellington Federation of Agriculture; and OMAFRA requesting support for the protection of agricultural lands and sustainable excess soil management practices in Ontario.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities, County of Wellington Planning Staff, Wellington Federation of Agriculture, Executive Director of TAPMO



November 29, 2024

**Sent via email to: premier@ontario.ca; minister.mah@ontario.ca;
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**RE: Guelph City Council Resolution to Enable Municipalities to Charge Fees
for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities**

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Calandra and Minister Lecce,

Guelph City Council at its meeting held on November 26, 2024 passed a resolution regarding the ability of municipalities to charge gas utilities for their use of municipal property, which included the following motions:

1. That Council request the Province of Ontario to amend section 9 of Regulation 584/06 under the Municipal Act, 2001, to permit municipalities to charge fair fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property, as municipalities do in most other provinces.
2. That Council direct staff, to the satisfaction of the DCAO of IDE, to negotiate a Franchise Agreement with the gas distribution company that:
 - a. will allow the City of Guelph to charge fees for use of public property if and when Ontario Regulation 584/06 is amended to allow such charges,
 - b. will ensure that the City of Guelph is not liable to pay for any gas infrastructure relocations needed due to conflicts with municipal infrastructure, and
 - c. will ensure future charges for use of municipal property is not passed on to Guelph customers of the gas distribution company.
3. That the City of Guelph supports, in principle, the Bill 219, "No Free Ride for Fossil Fuels Act, 2024" tabled November 4, 2024 by Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner.

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Across most of Canada, municipalities charge for-profit gas utilities fees for the use of municipal property. This revenue supports municipalities in managing abandoned gas distribution infrastructure and any conflicts with municipal infrastructure without increasing the financial burden on property taxpayers. However, in Ontario, Section 9 of *O.Reg. 584/06* under the *Municipal Act, 2001* prohibits municipalities from charging for-profit gas utilities these fees. If the charging of these fees is permitted, revenues would provide much needed funding towards essential City services and programs, and support the City in funding any future work associated with gas distribution infrastructure.

As Guelph seeks to renew its Franchise Agreement, which sets out the conditions for the use of municipal property by the gas distribution company, there is an opportunity to review the compensation framework for municipalities across Ontario. Many sectors and individuals are increasingly transitioning away from natural gas in favour of cleaner and carbon-free technologies, and Guelph Council believes municipalities should not be locked in to long-term agreements which limit the ability of municipalities to receive fair compensation from for-profit gas distribution companies.

As such, Guelph City Council requests the Province of Ontario amend section 9 of *O.Reg. 584/06* under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to permit municipalities to charge fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property. Additionally, Guelph City Council would like to express its support, in principle, for Bill 219 – the *No Free Ride for Fossil Fuels Act, 2024*, which would enshrine the right of municipalities to charge fees under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*.

Sincerely,

Intergovernmental Services on behalf of Guelph City Council

Chief Administrative Office

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CC: Mike Schreiner, Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph;
Ontario's Big City Mayors
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All Ontario Municipalities