

Council Agenda Item 10(a) – Consent Agenda

For the Regular Meeting of Council November 21, 2024

If you wish to separate an Item from the Consent Agenda, please contact the Municipal Clerk prior to the meeting so a resolution can be prepared for any item requiring debate.

1. Correspondence from John Veen re: School Busses
2. Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Response to the Minister of Finance's 2024 Fall Economic Statement.
3. County of Renfrew Resolution re: Funding of Child Welfare Agencies

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the Clerk

Dear person

I am concerned about our School Busses we do not need
You live in a community where all kids spent many hours in the school bus
That is a waste of time of No Education
I like Parents to speak up and organize a local school
Here are some reasons I intent to submit to the NRT

School Busses

All together we can sing this new 3 part round and around

The School busses
The school busses

We do not need them
We do not need them

We need education
We need education

School Busses Strike Why? Is there an other way?

We can look back to the time when there were no Busses but education
This is good time to turn the clock back and keep the kids in its local community
That means smaller local school that we used to have

Every village in the valley can start their own primary school
These small school might have combined classes where older kids teach younger kids under
supervision of a trained teacher
The question is 'How do we bring education to the kids ?
Why do we lock our children for hours in a bus where they have
NO EDUCATION
We need **PARENTS ACTION**

To start talking about this you can Contact me and share ideas
Some technical person is able to create a website where we can share
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October 30, 2024

The Honourable Michael Parsa
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
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Toronto, Ontario M5G 2K8
Via email: MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca

RE: Funding of Child Welfare Agencies

Dear Minister Parsa,

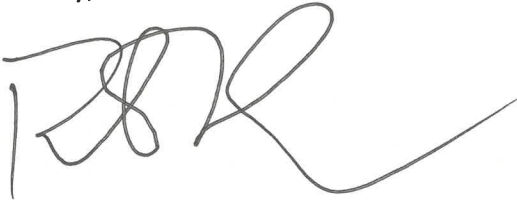
The Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew at their regular meeting on October 30, 2024, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke have no financial obligations concerning the funding of Child Welfare agencies; and
WHEREAS the Financial Accountability Office in June 2024 identified issues with funding in the Child Welfare sector; and
WHEREAS Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has experienced a funding cut of \$1.59 million, or 10.8%, over the past ten 10 years; and
WHEREAS Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County was provided planning allocations reflecting a further funding reduction of \$963,603 over the next two years; and
WHEREAS Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has achieved administrative efficiencies as a multi-service agency, has implemented various cost mitigation measures, including reductions in staff and services, and has reached a point where further measures could negatively impact children at risk and their families; and
WHEREAS both the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke are committed to improving the health and safety of their residents; and
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke formally request the Province of Ontario to consult with and collaborate with Child Welfare agencies to develop an updated and equitable Child Welfare funding formula; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the newly developed funding formula be structured to ensure an equitable and proportionate distribution that meets the diverse, unique, individual, and complex needs of the communities and populations served; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warden of the County of Renfrew and the Mayor of the City of Pembroke be directed to write a letter to Minister Parsa expressing their concerns and request a meeting in the fall of 2024 or to submit a joint delegation request for the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference;

AND THAT this resolution be shared with Premier Doug Ford, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), and local municipalities.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PE', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter Emon

Warden

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- c. Premier Doug Ford
MPP John Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC)
Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC)
Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS)
Renfrew County Local Municipalities



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Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Response to the Minister of Finance's 2024 Fall Economic Statement

October 30, 2024 - Eastern Ontario – The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) welcomes the Ontario Government's investment in municipalities and the services that they deliver as part of the [2024 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Building Ontario for You](#), announced today by Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy.

The Ontario Government's plan reduces the deficit and retains a path to balance the budget by 2026–2027. Compared to the 2024 Budget, Ontario is also projected to see both stronger growth in real GDP and employment in 2024.

A highlight for Eastern Ontario's small and rural municipalities includes an increase of \$100 million over the next two years to the [Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund](#) (OMPF). This will bring the OMPF funding to \$600 million by 2026. The OMPF is the Ontario Government's main general assistance grant to municipalities.

Infrastructure that enables housing and supports community vitality is the top priority for the EOWC. The EOWC's [Mind The Gap: Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper](#) highlights that we are a growing economy that can grow more with strategic investments. The current reality for rural and small-urban Ontario communities across the region is that the municipal infrastructure deficit is growing and has deepened by 58% since 2011. The EOWC hopes to continue working with the Ontario Government to unlock long term, sustainable infrastructure funding that will work for Ontario's rural and small-urban municipalities.

Additionally, under our strategic priority of healthcare, the EOWC is pleased to see investments in the [Learn and Stay Grant](#) program. This will help train and retain family physicians in Ontario and increase overall access to primary care. The EOWC is currently partnering with the [Eastern Ontario Physician Recruitment Alliance](#) (EOPRA), which is a regional-municipal partnership of



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physician recruiters across Eastern Ontario working together to attract Canadians studying abroad as well as international doctors. This alliance supports our region's efforts to ensure people have timely access to primary care.

"On behalf of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, I thank Minister Bethlenfalvy for the increased investment in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund highlighted in the Fall Economic Statement. This \$100 million boost signifies the Ontario Government's recognition of the unique challenges faced by our 103 rural and small-urban communities. The funding will bolster essential services and also foster growth and resilience across our region," stated EOWC Chair Peter Emon.

About the EOWC

The EOWC Inc. is a non-profit organization advocating for 103 small urban and rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario. The EOWC covers an area of 50,000 square kilometres, serving 800,000 residents. For more than 20 years, the EOWC has gained support and momentum by speaking with a united voice to champion regional municipal priorities and work with the government, businesses, non-profit organizations, Indigenous leaders, the media, and the public.

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