

Council Agenda Item 10(a) – Consent Agenda

For the Regular Meeting of Council December 11, 2024

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Ontario Provincial Police
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News Release/ Communiqué

FROM: Upper Ottawa Valley OPP

DATE: December 5, 2024

UOV OPP RESPOND TO 40 MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS IN ONE WEEK

Slow down, stay alert, stay in control

(PEMBROKE, ON) – Members of the Upper Ottawa Valley (UOV) Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to 40 motor vehicle collisions during a one-week period from November 28 to December 4, 2024. Several collisions occurred during the recent forecasted adverse weather conditions. Motorists are reminded to remove any accumulated snow on their vehicle prior to starting out and to adjust their driving behaviours when winter driving conditions arise.

Drivers are reminded of the Collision Reporting Centre (CRC) located at the UOV Detachment (Pembroke Site) at 77 International Drive in the City of Pembroke. Motorists involved in a property damage collision are now able to report their collision at the CRC within 48 hours of the occurrence. The CRC is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday each week.

The Highway Traffic Act requires that all collisions where people are injured or property damage is valued at more than \$2,000.00 to vehicles or property, or damage to any highway property to be reported to police forthwith. Reporting to the CRC will meet this requirement.

Property damage crashes consume a large amount of police resources and time as well as put all involved occupants at risk of being involved in a secondary collision and greater risk of injury. The UOV OPP continues to offer the same excellent service in responding to collisions that require an officer to attend however, many collisions on our highways and roadways are minor in nature and drivers are able to clear their vehicles quickly and safely off the highway without police assistance. An officer who attends a collision may direct those involved persons to attend the CRC if all the criteria are met.

STAY ALERT. SLOW DOWN. STAY IN CONTROL.

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November 29, 2024

Her Worship Debbi Grills
Mayor
United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria
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Dear Mayor Grills:

Our government is proud to have a strong working relationship with both our municipal partners and the police services that keep our communities safe. The collective agreement that was reached between the province and the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA) earlier this year reflects this strong relationship and will support our brave women and men in uniform across Ontario.

At the same time, we understand the impact these changes are having on the budgets of municipalities that are served by the OPP, including your own, which is why we are stepping up with additional provincial support. With that in mind, I am pleased to share with you the following proposed billing changes:

- A 3.75 per cent reduction of the total 2023 reconciled costs to all communities to approximate the full (100 per cent) impact of the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA) salary increases, excluding the 1 per cent increase that was built into the 2023 estimates; and
- A 44 per cent reduction on overtime 2023 reconciled costs to all communities;
- A 10 per cent reduction of 2025 invoice amounts to all communities to approximate the full (100 per cent) impact of the OPPA salary increases excluding the 1 per cent increase that was already built into the 2023 estimate.

These changes would provide over \$77 million in relief to OPP-policed municipalities.

The total billing statement that was initially provided to you for 2025, inclusive of the increases resulting from the new collective agreement, was \$101,745. Today's proposed billing changes will provide an estimated \$14,880 in financial relief for your municipality, bringing the new total for OPP services being billed to your municipality in 2025 to \$86,865.

In addition to these changes, the Government of Ontario is continuing its annual \$125 million Court Security & Prisoner Transportation Transfer Payment Program for the 2025 calendar year.

The province will also be examining options for reviewing the OPP billing model to ensure that it meets the needs of communities across the province.

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Whealy, Deputy Director of Issues and Legislative Affairs, at Ryan.Whealy@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued collaboration, valuable relationship, input and dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Kerzner", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General

Memorandum

To: Division Registrars and Marriage Licence Issuers

From: Sirad Mohamoud
Director and Deputy Registrar General

Date: November 18, 2024

Subject: Canada Post Labour Disruption

As you may know, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) began a national strike on November 15, 2024.

ServiceOntario is working to minimize the impact on government services during the Canada Post labour disruption and to continue to provide registration and certificate services to Ontarians. We appreciate that the postal service disruption is inconvenient, and we are doing everything we can to ensure critical services and benefits continue to be delivered in a timely manner.

As a temporary measure, municipalities are kindly requested to forward vital event registration documents (death, stillbirth and marriage) to our office via courier weekly, as required. Alternatively, municipalities are to hold registration documents until the end of the labour disruption.

Please remember that you are responsible for the proper handling of vital event registration documentation. A significant part of this responsibility is safeguarding the original documents and the information they contain. In the event we receive an urgent request to expedite a death, stillbirth or marriage registration (if the municipal clerk/delegate has performed the marriage) we will contact you and request that the registration documents be couriered to our office.

Ontarians should be directed to visit <http://www.ontario.ca/mail> for information on critical government services and programs during the strike. All ServiceOntario centres, government call centres and online services are open for business as usual.

Foreign Divorce Authorizations:

Please instruct couples planning to marry to courier their request and documentation to the Office of the Registrar General, Attention: Foreign Divorce Authorization. Completed authorizations will be sent via courier to the couple.

Expediting a Marriage Registration:

In the event a recently married couple requires their marriage registration to be expedited, they should be encouraged to speak with the person performing their marriage to make arrangements to have their marriage licence couriered to the Office of the Registrar General.

Regular mail delivery will resume once the labour disruption is over. For up-to-date information about service disruptions please visit <http://www.ontario.ca/mail>

Please do not hesitate to contact the dedicated Division Registrar Helpline (1-807-343-7431) should you have any questions or require assistance.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sirad M', is positioned above the printed name.

Sirad Mohamoud
Director and Deputy Registrar General

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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 large, stylized initial 'P'.

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister

Jessica Lippert, Chief of Staff to Minister Calandra

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Good Morning,

I am pleased to share an important milestone related to the modernization of wildland fire management in Ontario. On Monday, November 25th, the Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources, introduced Bill 228, *Resource Management and Safety Act, 2024*. Included in the bill is a proposal to make amendments to the *Forest Fires Prevention Act* (FFPA).

The FFPA provides the legal framework for wildland fire management in Ontario by setting out prevention, response and compliance measures. The FFPA has not had significant changes since 1999. The bill introduced today proposes a suite of legislative amendments to the FFPA that are intended to address the current and future threat of wildland fires, and to support the modernization of wildland fire management in the province.

These changes would help strengthen collective responsibility for wildland fire management, improve awareness of wildland fire risk, expand prevention and mitigation, enhance preparedness and response, and strengthen rules and consequences for non-compliance with wildland fire laws.

Specifically, the proposed amendments would change the name of the FFPA to the *Wildland Fire Management Act* and introduce a new purpose statement “to provide guidance and direction for wildland fire management so as to protect public safety, minimize adverse environmental, economic, health and social impacts of wildland fires, and contribute to a resilient province.”

Proposed amendments include the following:

1. Section 19 of the Act would be amended to clarify authority for the Minister to enter into agreements on all aspects of wildland fire management.
2. A new section 14 would be added to the Act to require municipalities and certain industries in the fire region to have a wildland fire management plan that meets prescribed standards as set out in regulation. This could be updating an existing plan or preparing a new plan.
3. Section 23 of the Act would be amended to clarify the Minister's order power to prohibit activities in areas that have been declared a wildland fire emergency area, and provide the Minister with the authority to issue a permit allowing certain activities in certain circumstances.
4. A new section 35.1 would be added to the Act to create a new power for the Minister to issue a remediation order and provide for opportunity for review of the order.
5. Section 7 of the Act would be amended to enable the Minister to set out standard rates, terms and conditions (and their application/use) when privately owned equipment and operators are used to respond to wildland fires and wildland fire emergency events.

6. A new section 35.2 would be added to the Act to enable administrative monetary penalties to address non-compliance with the FFPA and provide for an opportunity for review of the penalty.
7. Section 21.1 of the Act would be amended to enable the Minister to exercise discretion in determining whether the costs of suppressing or extinguishing a human-caused fire and associated damages will be recovered.
8. Amendments throughout the Act to inspection, investigation and enforcement sections including amending section 4 of the Act to create four categories of officer; replacing section 5 of the Act with new sections 5 to 5.9 to add more comprehensive inspection, investigation, and enforcement powers; setting out the limitation period for offences in subsection 35(9); and, allowing courts to issue a wider range of orders to ensure compliance upon conviction in subsection 35(1.1).
9. Amendments to administrative components of the Act to make administrative amendments, including changing the name of the Act, adding a purpose section and revoking and updating certain definitions.

To review the proposed amendments to the FFPA, please visit the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website: [Bill 228, Resource Management and Safety Act, 2024](#).

I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who participated throughout the ministry's recent consultation and engagement efforts related to the modernization of wildland fire management in Ontario. The feedback provided in response to our [discussion paper](#) and at various in-person and virtual engagement sessions assisted in informing the development of these proposals, and I appreciate the time and effort from all those who were able to submit comments or meet with us.

The introduction of this bill is a significant achievement as we continue to modernize wildland fire management in Ontario. If you have any questions, please email the team at Wildlandfire@ontario.ca.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to improve wildland fire management in Ontario to help keep people and communities safe from wildland fire risk.

Sincerely,



Tracey Mill
Assistant Deputy Minister
Provincial Services Division, Ministry of Natural
Resources

Bonjour,

J'ai le plaisir de partager une étape importante liée à la modernisation de la gestion des feux de végétation en Ontario. Le lundi 25 novembre, l'hon. Graydon Smith, ministre des Richesses naturelles, a déposé le projet de loi 228, la *Loi de 2024 sur la gestion et la sécurité des ressources*. Le projet de loi contient une proposition visant à apporter des modifications à la *Loi sur la prévention des incendies de forêt* (LPIF).

La LPIF fournit le cadre juridique de la gestion des feux de végétation en Ontario en établissant des mesures de prévention, d'intervention et de conformité. La LPIF n'a pas subi de changements importants depuis 1999. Le projet de loi présenté aujourd'hui propose une série de modifications législatives à la LPIF qui visent à contrer la menace actuelle et future des feux de végétation et à appuyer la modernisation de la gestion des feux de végétation dans la province.

Ces changements contribueraient à renforcer la responsabilité collective à l'égard de la gestion des feux de végétation, à accroître la sensibilisation au risque de feux de végétation, à élargir les mesures de prévention et d'atténuation, à améliorer la préparation et l'intervention, et à renforcer les règles et les conséquences en cas de non-conformité aux lois sur les feux de végétation.

Plus précisément, les modifications proposées changeraient le nom de la LPIF à la *Loi sur la gestion des feux de végétation* et introduiraient un nouvel énoncé d'objectif « afin de fournir des orientations et des directives pour la gestion des feux de végétation de façon à protéger la sécurité publique, à limiter les répercussions environnementales, économiques, sanitaires et sociales négatives des feux de végétation, et à contribuer à la résilience de la province ».

Voici les modifications proposées :

2. L'article 19 de la Loi serait modifié pour clarifier le pouvoir du ministre de conclure des ententes sur tous les aspects de la gestion des feux de végétation.
3. Un nouvel article 14 serait ajouté à la Loi pour exiger des municipalités et de certaines industries dans la région touchée par les incendies de se doter d'un plan de gestion des feux de végétation qui respecte les normes prescrites, conformément aux règlements. Il peut s'agir de mettre à jour un plan existant ou de préparer un nouveau plan.
4. L'article 23 de la Loi serait modifié afin de clarifier le pouvoir du ministre d'interdire des activités dans des zones d'urgence pour les feux de végétation et de conférer au ministre le pouvoir de délivrer un permis autorisant certaines activités dans des circonstances particulières.
5. Un nouvel article 35.1 serait ajouté à la Loi afin de conférer au ministre le pouvoir d'émettre une ordonnance de remédiation et de prévoir la possibilité de la réviser.
6. L'article 7 de la Loi serait modifié pour permettre au ministre d'établir des taux, des modalités et des conditions normalisés (ainsi que leur application et leur utilisation) lorsque de l'équipement et des exploitants privés sont utilisés pour intervenir en cas de feux de végétation et de situations d'urgence liées à des feux de végétation.
9. Un nouvel article 35.2 serait ajouté à la Loi afin de permettre l'application de sanctions administratives pécuniaires en cas de non-respect de la LPIF et de prévoir la possibilité d'une révision de la sanction.

10. L'article 21.1 de la Loi serait modifié afin de permettre au ministre d'exercer son pouvoir discrétionnaire pour déterminer si les coûts d'extinction d'un incendie d'origine humaine et les dommages connexes seront recouvrés.
11. Des modifications seraient apportées à la Loi dans les articles relatifs à l'inspection, aux enquêtes et à l'exécution, notamment : une modification de l'article 4 de la Loi afin de créer quatre catégories d'agents; le remplacement de l'article 5 de la Loi par les nouveaux articles 5 à 5.9 afin d'ajouter des pouvoirs d'inspection, d'enquête et d'exécution plus étendus; la fixation du délai de prescription pour les infractions, au paragraphe 35(9); la possibilité pour les tribunaux d'émettre un plus large éventail d'ordonnances afin d'assurer le respect de la loi en cas de condamnation, au paragraphe 35(1.1).
10. Des modifications seraient apportées aux éléments administratifs de la Loi afin d'apporter des modifications administratives, notamment le changement du nom de la Loi, l'ajout d'un article sur l'objectif ainsi que la révocation et la mise à jour de certaines définitions.

Pour consulter les propositions de modification à la LPIF, veuillez visiter le site Web de l'Assemblée législative de l'Ontario: [Projet de loi 228, Loi de 2024 sur la gestion des ressources et la sécurité](#).

Je profite de l'occasion pour remercier ceux d'entre vous qui ont participé aux récents efforts de consultation et d'engagement du ministère liés à la modernisation de la gestion des feux de végétation en Ontario. Les commentaires fournis en réponse à notre [document de discussion](#) et lors de diverses séances de consultation virtuelles et en personne ont contribué à l'élaboration de ces propositions. Nous sommes reconnaissants du temps et des efforts de toutes les personnes qui ont été en mesure de soumettre des commentaires ou de nous rencontrer.

Le dépôt de ce projet de loi est une réalisation importante dans nos efforts visant à moderniser la gestion des feux de végétation en Ontario. Si vous avez des questions, veuillez envoyer un courriel à l'équipe à l'adresse Wildlandfire@ontario.ca.

Nous sommes impatients de continuer à travailler avec vous pour améliorer la gestion des feux de végétation en Ontario afin de protéger les personnes et les collectivités contre les risques des feux de végétation.

Cordialement,



Tracey Mill

Sous-ministre adjointe

Division des services provinciaux, Ministère des Richesses naturelles

HCM Clerk-Treasurer

From: Warden <warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca>
Sent: December 4, 2024 9:11 AM
To: Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.or
Cc: County Council; Ronald Gervais; John.yakabuski@pc.ola.org; Craig Kelley; Lee Perkins; Laurentian Valley; Town of Arnprior; Town of Deep River; Town of Laurentian Hills; Town of Petawawa; Town of Renfrew; Township of Admaston Bromley; Township of Bonnechere Valley; Township of Brudenell Lyndoch Raglan; Township of Greater Madawaska; HCM Clerk-Treasurer; Township of Horton; Township of Killaloe Hagarty Richards; Township of Laurentian Valley; Township of Madawaska Valley; Township of McNab Braeside; Township of North Algona Wilberforce; Township of Whitewater Region
Subject: Highway 17, Renfrew County
Attachments: Nov 2024 LTR to Minister Sarkaria re 17.pdf

Dear Minister Sarkaria,

I am following up on our spring meeting regarding traffic management on Highway 17 in Renfrew County. As outlined in the attached letter, we are concerned about the lack of progress and funding for the twinning of Highway 17.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss potential solutions, including highway improvements and cyclist safety measures. Please see the attached letter for more details and proposed meeting dates.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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December 04, 2024

Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
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Dear Minister Sarkaria:

I am following up on our meeting this past spring at which we presented some proposals for traffic management on Highway 17 in Renfrew County. I will note the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew, the City of Pembroke and our community are deeply concerned about the ongoing funding issues that seemingly exist and negatively impact on the timely upgrading of Highway 17 in the County of Renfrew.

Our community was shocked and disappointed to see no mention of Highway 17 twinning in the 2024 Economic Statement - The *2024 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Building Ontario for You* document as tabled in the legislature by the Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy on October 30th. We are appreciative of the overpass constructed in McNab Braeside at the Calabogie Road intersection. It has been noted by many that the in-ground infrastructure installed at the time could greatly facilitate future twinning of this provincial highway beyond the footprint of the overpass.

The Ontario Highways Program features 635 expansion and rehabilitation projects that are either underway or planned over the next four years and Highway 17 twinning in our community is not one of them. In 2024–25 alone, the Province of Ontario has reported investing almost \$3.9 billion towards projects that will expand and repair provincial highways and bridges, and again no further investment in twinning Highway 17 in our community.

The County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke are committed to improving the health and safety of their residents and would like to meet with you in Toronto at your convenience. We would like to review some ideas about Highway 17 and extending 417. Our residents are quite correctly asking why money is being set aside for such projects as the Bradford By Pass, Highway 413, the estimated \$1.2B upgrading of the Don Valley Parkway and the Gardner. I travel in the Toronto region a lot and can offer comment to address the need, but I fail to provide compelling rationale when the conversation turns to equity and which community has been waiting (patiently) the longest.

We would also like to discuss with you the continued partnership with your Ministry of keeping cyclists safe on Highway 17 by removing them to an alternate route. This has been a very successful partnership, which we would like to continue with you and your Ministry. Our community would also like to continue discussing our traffic solutions for the Meath Hill to Deep River section of Highway 17. The suggested proactive series of roundabouts and 2+1 builds can contribute to smoother traffic flow by eliminating traffic signal lights as well as provide a better and safer travelling experience.

County officials would also like to discuss the progress of what we feel is the next logical expansion of the 17 corridor, Scheel Drive through to Millar Road. It is relatively flat, has no wetlands, moves traffic quicker to the Calabogie exit, and seemingly would demonstrate little difficulty in constructing and at the same time reassure many with some progress.

We can offer the following dates and times to meet with you and your staff. We thank you for your interest and embrace the opportunity to present information about our community and our innovative solutions.

Our availability is:

Wednesday, December 11, 2024	9 am – 5 pm
Monday, December 16, 2024	9 am - 5 pm
Tuesday, December 17, 2024	9am – 2 pm
Friday, December 20, 2024	9 am – 4 pm
Monday, January 6, 2025	9 am - 4 pm

I hope and trust one of our times will fit into your schedule. Thank you for your interest in continuing to develop our most crucial infrastructure. I can be reached at warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca or 613 401 7186 at any time or through Gwen Dombroski at gdombroski@countyofrenfrew.on.ca.

Sincerely,



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c: MPP John Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
c: Mayor Ron Gervais, City of Pembroke
c: All municipalities in County of Renfrew

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**FOR
IMMEDIATE
RELEASE**

RELEASE DATE:

November 20, 2024

Statement from County of Renfrew on MPP Yakabuski retirement announcement

Following the announcement from Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski that he will not seek re-election when Ontarians next go to the polls, the County of Renfrew is expressing its gratitude for MPP Yakabuski's support during his two decades serving at the Provincial Legislature.

This past June, MPP Yakabuski was honoured by Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon and County Council for his more than 20 years of dedicated service representing the riding. He was joined by members of his family, current and former staff members, and former wardens who recognized his numerous achievements and contributions over the years.

During his remarks, Warden Emon highlighted some of the larger projects MPP Yakabuski has advocated for, including permanent funding for the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC), funding for the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care program pilot, updates to our Official Plan, the Renfrew County 2023 Ontario Winter Games and the expansion of Highway 17 through Renfrew County.

MPP Yakabuski was also instrumental in two successful Renfrew County Days at Queen's Park; the first of which allowed the County to highlight local businesses and industries and the second which allowed senior staff to advocate for funding for County programs and initiatives, including Mesa, increased housing, mental health and addictions supports and infrastructure improvements. He attended both days advocating alongside elected officials and staff.

"We have been fortunate he understood and could speak to those who made decisions to address our issues; issues some due to political and geographic isolation from Toronto, some because of our sparse and spread-out population, some due to our lack of or outdated infrastructure both physical and human," said Warden Emon. "In all instances he spoke long, eloquently and with authority for all of us on a great many topics."

In his statement announcing his decision not to run in the next Provincial election, MPP Yakabuski called his time in public life rewarding and gratifying but indicated it is time to move onto the next phase of life.

Warden Emon, members of County Council and staff wish MPP Yakabuski well as he continues to carry out his duties during the current term before he embarks on his retirement.

“John was very representative of our community in the Legislature and out of it. From his first day he demonstrated his ability to talk across the Legislature to those in the other parties and that is such a valuable skill. People liked him and wanted to stay in touch and work with him even if they came from opposite sides of the issues of the day,” Warden Emon added.

“We wish Vicki and John a smooth transition into this next chapter,” the Warden concluded.

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November 25, 2024

Subject: *Decision on Discussion Paper: Regulating Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage Projects in Ontario, and Proposal on Enabling the Development of Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage in Ontario: The Geologic Carbon Storage Act*

Hello,

Over the past two years, the Ministry of Natural Resources has been taking a measured and phased approach to enabling and regulating geologic carbon storage in Ontario. Carbon storage is new to the province, and developing a comprehensive framework to regulate this activity would help ensure that it is done responsibly, with measures in place to safeguard people and the environment.

Geologic carbon storage (further referred to as carbon storage) involves injecting captured carbon dioxide (CO₂) into deep geological formations for permanent storage. This technology could provide industries in Ontario with a critical tool for managing their emissions and contributing to the achievement of Ontario's emissions reduction targets.

Today, we are writing to notify you that 1) a decision has been made to proceed with the development of a framework for enabling commercial-scale geologic carbon storage (Environmental Registry of Ontario posting # 019-8767), and 2) that a new *Geologic Carbon Storage Act* is being proposed (Environmental Registry of Ontario posting # 019-9299).

These developments represent significant steps towards Phase 3 of Ontario's [approach to enabling and regulating geologic carbon storage](#). Ontario aims to have a framework in place by summer 2025. Initially, the ministry anticipates that commercial-scale projects would be proposed in Southwestern Ontario, where the geology is expected to be the most suitable.

- 1) In the summer of this year, we shared information about the development of a legislative and regulatory framework for commercial-scale geologic carbon storage. This information included a discussion paper that provided an overview of how various components of the framework could function. Based on feedback received, a decision was made to move forward with the development of the framework.

More details on the decision, the feedback received, and the original discussion paper can be viewed in the decision notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8767>.

- 2) Based on comments received in response to the discussion paper, as well as feedback received in previous phases of framework development, a *Geologic Carbon Storage Act* (the “Act”) is being proposed. The proposed Act would enable the regulation of research and evaluation activities, and carbon storage activities associated with the permanent storage of carbon dioxide in underground geologic formations in Ontario.

We encourage you to review, and submit feedback on, the legislative proposal on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario posting # 019-9299](#).

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: Resources.Development@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Keyes". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Jennifer Keyes
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

From: MECP Land Policy (MECP) <MECP.LandPolicy@ontario.ca>
Sent: November 20, 2024 2:57 PM
To: MECP Land Policy (MECP)
Subject: Brownfields - Proposed amendments to reduce records of site condition that are not supporting brownfields redevelopment

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Greetings,

Ontario is committed to reducing regulatory burdens across industry sectors to accelerate the development of housing, highways and other critical infrastructure while continuing to protect the environment.

I am reaching out to share that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is proposing to amend O. Reg. 153/04: Records of Site Condition ("RSC Regulation") and the Environmental Protection Act (EPA). This is to support building more homes faster by reducing the need for a record of site condition where it is not supporting brownfields redevelopment. These proposed amendments would apply to low-risk sites and would continue to ensure that human health and the environment are protected.

We are now proposing the following amendments and seeking comment through an Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) and Regulatory Registry posting:

- Regulatory amendments to the RSC Regulation that would prohibit a record of site condition from being submitted for filing in the Record of Site Condition Registry, if it is not otherwise required by the EPA or RSC Regulation and the RSC was prepared solely on the basis of a phase one environmental site assessment. In this circumstance, no potentially contaminating activities or areas of potential environmental concern have been identified for that property. These RSCs are not necessary to demonstrate that contaminants have been addressed to support brownfields redevelopment. An exception to this prohibition is proposed that would allow a property owner to submit an RSC for filing based on a phase one ESA if it is not as a result of a requirement of another person.
- To further support housing, regulatory amendments are also proposed to expand an existing exemption from the requirement to file an RSC when converting existing commercial or community use buildings (e.g., office buildings) to mixed use containing residential or institutional uses. A restriction on building height of six storeys for this exemption to apply would be removed, while other criteria remain in place.

The posting also describes legislative amendments to the EPA that would, if passed, provide regulation-making authority to prohibit RSCs from being submitted for filing in specified circumstances.

To review the proposed amendments in more detail and to provide your feedback, please visit ERO [#019-9310](#) which is available for public comment until **January 10, 2025**.

Please pass this information along to colleagues, members of your organization, other organizations and anyone else that may be interested.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this proposal, please contact Sanjay Coelho and Reema Kureishy at Land Use Policy Unit, at MECP.LandPolicy@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Robyn Kurtes
Director, Environmental Policy Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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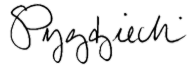
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November 18, 2024

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: New Business Item 23.1
Respecting Local Democracy and Cities (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, considered [Item CC23.1](#) and a copy is attached for your information or appropriate action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Przedziecki".

for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/wg

Attachment

c. City Manager

From: County of Renfrew Economic Development <ovedinfo-countyofrenfrew.on.ca@shared1.ccsend.com>
Sent: November 28, 2024 11:56 AM
To: HCM Clerk-Treasurer
Subject: Renfrew County Economic Development 2024 Q4 Newsletter

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Government Announcements

Government tables legislation to put more money in your pocket

The government has introduced Bill C-78, the Tax Break for All Canadians Act in Parliament, which proposes to provide a two-month Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST) break for holiday essentials, like groceries, restaurant meals, drinks, snacks, children's clothing, and gifts.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Ontario Supporting Women and families in the Trades

Proposals would create new parental leave to include adoption and surrogacy, create job-protected leave for serious illnesses and require properly fitting PPE for women in all trades sectors

[Click here for the full press release.](#)

Eastern Ontario Regional Network puts up three new cell towers in Renfrew County

EORN Cell Gap Project, valued at more than \$300 million, the Cell Gap Project will involve the construction of approximately 300 new telecommunications sites and the upgrade of more than 300 existing sites. With the goal of improving cellular coverage and capacity in rural Eastern Ontario, the EORN Cell Gap Project has recently completed three new towers in Renfrew County.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Ontario Raising Minimum Wage to Support Workers

The Ontario government has increased the minimum wage from \$16.55 per hour to \$17.20, effective October 1, 2024. This 3.9 percent annualized wage increase is based

on the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) and brings Ontario's minimum wage to the second highest in Canada.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Funding Opportunities

Available funding opportunities from the Ontario government



Find out what funding is currently available from the Government of Ontario, if you're eligible, and how to apply.

For more information, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government>

Available Agricultural funding opportunities from the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP)



Learn about Canada-Ontario funding opportunities for the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector, if you're eligible, and how to apply.

For more information, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership>

Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative

Funding is provided to organizations to support underrepresented groups starting or growing their own business in the agri-food sector.

Deadline: December 3rd, 2024

For more information, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership>

Canada Summer Jobs Wage Subsidy

The program provides wage subsidies to support employers from not-for-profit organizations and the public sector, as well as private sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees, to create quality summer work experiences for youth aged 15 to 30 years.

Deadline: December 19, 2024

For more information, visit: [Canada Summer Jobs Wage Subsidy](#)

Experience Ontario

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) supports destination and product development and investment in Ontario's tourism industry. Experience Ontario 2025 provides support for festivals and events with a tourism economic impact to motivate

visitors to discover Ontario, connect people with local experiences, and increase tourism spending.

Deadline: December 19th, 2024

For more information, visit: [Experience Ontario 2025](#)

FedDev Ontario Business Grants

FedDev Ontario is investing in people, potential, and possibilities. We offer No-interest, repayable contributions from \$125,000 up to \$10 million per project for incorporated businesses that:

- develop, commercialize or produce innovative products, processes and services
- improve productivity, capacity and competitiveness
- scale-up and expand to develop new business opportunities, enter new markets, or reach new customers

Deadline: December 20, 2024

For more information, visit: [Fed Dev Ontario Business Funding](#)

Seniors Community Grant Program

The Seniors Community Grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000. These grants support community organizations and not-for-profit community groups to promote greater social inclusion, volunteerism, and community engagement for older adults aged 55+

Deadline: January 16, 2025

For more information, visit: [Seniors Community Grant Program](#)

Regional Development Program

Ontario's Regional Development Program offers funding up to 15% of eligible project costs to support projects that drive economic growth, job creation, and investment across the province.

Deadline: January 28, 2025

For more information, visit: [Eastern Ontario Development Fund](#)

Francophone Wage Subsidy Fund

The Francophone Wage Subsidy program enables RCCFDC to offer a 50% wage subsidy to Renfrew

County employers as an incentive for employers to hire francophone individuals for full-time positions. By promoting the recruitment and training of bilingual staff, this project will ultimately strengthen the capacity of organizations to provide products and services to Francophones in the County of Renfrew.

For more information, visit: <https://rccfdc.org/financing-funding/>



Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant Deadlines 2025

OTF has announced the deadlines for the upcoming year including grants for the Seed, Capital, and Grow streams and the current application period for the Youth Opportunities Fund.

Organizations and groups looking to build stronger and more vibrant communities in Ontario should find out if an OTF grant is the right fit for their project.

For more information, visit: [OTF Grant Deadlines](#)

Businesses in the News

T.L. Stewart Cabinetmakers and Woodworking

[Link to article](#)

Roseburg MDF plant

[Link to article](#)

Jocko's Motel to Somewhere Inn

[Link to article](#)

Convergence Design Services

[Link to article](#)

Glasshouse Botanics

[Link to article](#)

Ottawa Valley Farm-to-Fork

[Link to article](#)

Sandee's County Kitchen, Catering and Cafe opens in Arnprior

[Link to article](#)

Arnprior the place to be for bakeries, bistros, bowling and boutiques

[Link to article](#)

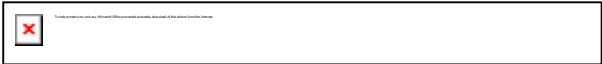
Stuff Made and Built in Easter Ontario

[Link to article](#)

By the Numbers

Labour Market 2023- 2024 Local Labour Market Report

Check out the full 2023-2024 labour market report from the Labour Market Group of Renfrew & Lanark. You can read the full report [HERE](#)



- Share the ideas generated in the last three sessions
- Provide preliminary results of this years Employer Pulse Survey
- Discuss hot topics like housing and immigration
- Receive updates from community partners that offer free services to employers



Your Input Matters:

- By taking a few minutes to complete this survey, you will be playing a crucial role in shaping labour market solutions. Here is why your participation is invaluable:
- It helps us build innovative workforce solutions that are beneficial to the communities in our region.
- It provides real-time insight into how our local labour market is evolving.
- It informs our community of opportunities and threats to our local labour market.

Renfrew County Real Estate Board

Renfrew County Real Estate Board MLS® home sales by the numbers for October. You can see the [full report here](#)



Webinars, Workshops & Events



Renfrew County's ontrac Employment Resources Centres offers workshops and events to support and



assist with employment training and career goals.
Check out their [calendar](#) for upcoming opportunities.

Promote Your Tourism Events & Festivals:



Promote your events for FREE on their website's
OVTA [Festivals and Events calendar](#). They are
driving traffic to the website via social media so, let
them help spread the word!

Stay in Touch

Stay connected with the County of Renfrew's Economic Development Team!

Are you an existing business looking for retention, expansion or succession support? A new start-up wondering where to begin? An investor looking for the right opportunity? Get in touch with a member of our team to learn more about how we can help.

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Scott Hamilton
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We acknowledge the land on which we live and do our work is located on the traditional unceded and unsurrendered territory of the Algonquin and Anishinabek. We are grateful that Indigenous Peoples have been stewards of this land and beyond from time immemorial and share it with us today.

County of Renfrew | 9 International Drive | Pembroke, ON K8A6W5 CA

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City Council

New Business - Meeting 23

CC23.1	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Respecting Local Democracy and Cities

City Council Decision

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its opposition to the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212, and any related proposed regulations, both of which contradict the stated purpose of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow the City to determine what is in the public interest of the city.
2. City Council request the Province to work collaboratively with cities to address congestion and road safety, and accordingly withdraw the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212.
3. City Council direct the City Solicitor to review Bill 212 and any accompanying regulations, once in force, and to report to City Council with a summary of the legislation and regulations and the potential for commencing litigation to challenge Bill 212 or the regulations.
4. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, or designates, to appear before the Ontario Legislature's Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure, and Cultural Policy as part of public hearings regarding Bill 212 to give testimony in accordance with the position outlined in this item.
5. City Council request the City Manager to submit written comments to Ontario's Regulatory Registry and Environment Registry of Ontario that reflect the City's positions outlined in this item, including the City's opposition to any requirement of the City to provide support in the removal of City Infrastructure approved by its democratically elected City Council.
6. City Council adopt the position that no costs associated with the amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act should be incurred or paid by the City of Toronto, including staff time, planning, design, construction, and traffic management as a result of the congestion created by the removal.
7. City Council forward this item to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Official Opposition, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayors, and all Ontario municipalities and include City Council's commitment to the right of municipalities to govern their own affairs and represent the interests of their residents and electors.

8. City Council request the Ministry of Transportation to permit the publication of the results of the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 as soon as possible to facilitate the use of the study in informing collaborative consultations with cities regarding options for addressing congestion and road safety.

9. City Council direct the City Manager to report back on the feasibility of placing signs on City roads where there are traffic delays resulting from the Provincial mandate to remove bike lanes from Toronto roads and that these signs would read "This road congestion and traffic delay is the result of Premier Ford's Bill 212".

10. City Council direct that Confidential Attachment 1 to the supplementary report (November 13, 2024) from the City Manager remain confidential in its entirety, as it contains information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City of Toronto as a partner municipality in the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022, conducted by a consultant retained by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario as part of a cooperative effort by local and provincial government agencies to collect information about urban travel in southern Ontario, until such time as the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 is authorized to be published by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

Confidential Attachment 1 to the supplementary report (November 13, 2024) from the City Manager remains confidential in its entirety in accordance with the provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, as it contains information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City of Toronto as a partner municipality in the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022, conducted by a consultant retained by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario as part of a cooperative effort by local and provincial government agencies to collect information about urban travel in southern Ontario, until such time as the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 is authorized to be published by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

Summary

The recent provincial Bill 212 seeks to overturn the decisions and work of our locally elected Toronto City Council. If passed, the Bill means one government would, at tremendous cost to the taxpayer and without collaboration, undo another government's work.

As Mayor, it is my responsibility to stand up for the decision-making authority of City Council and the expertise of our professional public service which supports that decision-making. As such, I am working with City Staff to review the City's options and will provide recommendations on this item prior to the City Council meeting on November 13, 2024.

Background Information (City Council)

(November 5, 2024) Report from the Mayor on Respecting Local Democracy and Cities (CC23.1)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-250054.pdf>

(November 13, 2024) Supplementary report and Attachments 2 to 5 from the City Manager on Respecting Local Democracy and Cities - Supplemental Report: Impact of Bill 212 Bike Lanes Framework (CC23.1a)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-250545.pdf>

Confidential Attachment 1

Communications (City Council)

(November 7, 2024) E-mail from Matthew Freedlander (CC.Supp)

(November 8, 2024) E-mail from Adam Rodgers (CC.Supp)

(November 7, 2024) E-mail from Derek van Vliet (CC.Supp)

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Co-op students offer employers major ROI for seasonal staffing

What is co-op?

Co-operative education (co-op) is a work-integrated learning option offered in many Durham College programs. Co-op offers students full-time paid work experiences, with each work term lasting approximately 14 weeks or 4 months. The Experiential Learning Hub team supports employers from the beginning of recruitment process to the completion of each work term.

What are the benefits of hiring a co-op student?

- New energy and a deep motivation to work.
- Mentor students and play a crucial role in shaping their futures.
- Use the work term to evaluate and support potential full-time hiring decisions.
- Fill temporary staffing needs or short-term projects.
- Elevate your organization's profile on campus.
- Eligible employers can receive funding supports and apply for tax credits.
 - Please visit <https://durhamcollege.ca/student-life/student-services/career-development/employers/employer-funding> for information on funding

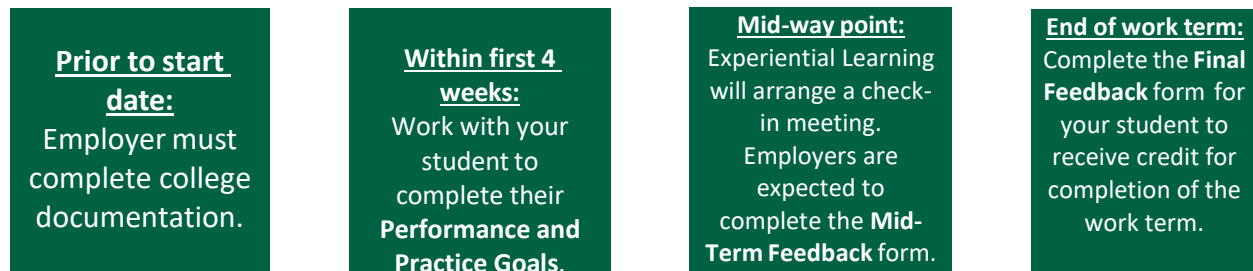
As an employer, take advantage of our suite of free services:

- Hosting information sessions with students
- Support for drafting co-op job descriptions
- Access to our job posting site – hired.durhamcollege.ca
- Résumé collection services and interview scheduling supports

Recruitment process:



Documentation related to your co-op student and the work term:



Contact us at co-op@durhamcollege.ca to get involved today.

Co-op / Work Term Availability

Current Programs	Next Available Work Term(s)	
	Work Term 1	Work Term 2+
Accounting	Summer 2025	
Artificial Intelligence Analysis, Design and Implementation **	Each summer and fall	
Automotive Technician – Service and Management	Summer 2025	
Carpentry - Building Construction Technician	Summer 2025	
Carpentry and Renovation Technician	Summer 2025	
Civil Engineering Technician	Summer 2025	
Civil Engineering Technology	Summer 2025 (1st-year students)	Summer 2025 (2nd-year students)
Cloud Computing **	Each winter and summer	
Computer Programming and Analysis (co-op or internship available)	Summer 2025 (co-op)	May 2025 to August 2026 (16-month internship)
Computer Systems Technology	Summer 2025	
Cybersecurity **	Each summer and fall	
Data Analytics for Business Decision Making **	Fall 2025	
Electromechanical Engineering Technology	Summer 2025	
Environmental Technology	Summer 2025 (1st-year students)	Summer 2025 (2nd-year students)
Event Planning	Summer 2025	
Finance	Summer 2025	
Fire Prevention and Technology	Summer 2025	
Hospitality – Hotel and Restaurant Operations Management	Each summer and fall	
Human Resources / Human Resources Management **	Summer 2025	
International Business Management **	Every winter, summer and fall	
Law Clerk	Summer 2025 (1st-year students)	Summer 2025 (2nd-year students)
Marketing	Summer 2025	
Mechanical Engineering Technology	Summer 2025 (1st-year students)	Summer 2025 (2nd-year students)
Mechanical Technician - Elevating Devices	Fall 2025	
Mechanical Technician - Millwright	Summer 2025	
Professional Selling and Business Development **	Summer 2025	
Project Management **	Every winter, summer and fall	
Public Relations **	Summer 2025	
Supply Chain and Operations Management (co-op or internship available)	Summer 2025 (co-op)	May 2025 to August 2026 (16-month internship)
Supply Chain Management – Global **	Each summer and fall	
Tourism - Destination Marketing	Summer 2025	
Welding Engineering Technician	Summer 2025	

Legend: Summer = May to August, Fall = September to December, Winter = January to April

Go to www.durhamcollege.ca/programs/co-op for details

Durham College issues Ontario Co-operative Education Tax Credit certification letters for eligible co-op programs. Programs with ** do not qualify.

From: noreply.grants@benevity.com
Sent: December 2, 2024 11:35 AM
To: HCM Clerk-Treasurer
Subject: Your OPG Regional Empowerment Grant has been approved! (Ref#2024110032)

This email is for notification purposes only. Please do not respond to this email.

Hi Stephany,

We are happy to inform you that OPG has approved your grant request and will be sending CA\$5,000.00 to Head, Clara and Maria, Township of. This grant is a testament to your organization's dedication and the impactful work you are doing.

This is to help support the purchase of accessible picnic tables. Once you have purchased the tables, OPG would love to visit them.

We're happy to provide you with a [Grantee Toolkit](#) to assist with communications during our partnership. Included in this toolkit are details regarding our logos and usage, social media samples, boilerplate language and other useful information.

Making giving easy and seamless

It's important to us that the administration of this grant is as easy and seamless as possible so you can focus on what you do best - making a difference. Please take a moment to ensure that your organization is set up to receive Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs) on Benevity. This will facilitate the smooth and timely disbursement of funds. To do this, or to update your profile information in Benevity, visit [Causes Portal \(benevity.com\)](#). If you cannot accept EFTs, your payment will be made by cheque.

All payments should be made within 6 to 8 weeks from this approval notification or as outlined in your gift agreement.

Tracking impact and insights

We are committed to learning more about the impact of your program or event. Once your program or event is complete, you will receive an email with a link to an impact survey. This survey looks to gather valuable insights into the outcomes and successes achieved through your efforts.

To be considered for future funding, this survey must be completed within 60 days from receipt. We encourage you to please make note of this final step in the funding process so it does not get overlooked.

Congratulations once again, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact your organization will undoubtedly have in our communities.

Sincerely,

OPG's Community Investment Team



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October 7, 2024

Honourable Anita Anand
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Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow
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Re: The Future for Billy Bishop Airport Requires Urgent Action and a Modern Governing Agreement

Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

I am writing to you to express my support for the sustained operation and development of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. As the President of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, I am extremely concerned to learn that the Tripartite Agreement that governs operations at the Airport expires in 2033 – less than 9 years from now.

Billy Bishop Airport provides a critical service and point of connection for the North. Many of my community members rely on Billy Bishop airport to visit family, connect through to other destinations for work, travel and tourism or to access critical medical services, the convenience and ease of Billy Bishop Airport cannot be matched. It has been reported widely that Northern Ontario communities have experienced drastic reductions in air service coming out of the COVID pandemic. Reliable air connectivity available through Billy Bishop Airport is an important economic and social lifeline for my community.

We were pleased to see the Federal Government's investment in a US Customs and Border Patrol preclearance facility, which is expected to open in 2025. This is welcomed news for communities in Northwestern Ontario as it will enable more and better connections through Billy Bishop Airport and amplify the airport's already strong economic contribution. We viewed this investment in the airport's long term future as recognition of the very important role the airport has come to play for the communities it connects including Northwestern Ontario – very much at odds with an agreement that expires in a matter of years.

To that end, we would implore you, as signatories to the Tripartite Agreement, to commence a process to modernize the Tripartite Agreement and secure the long-term future of Canada's 9th-busiest airport and 3rd-busiest in Ontario. My community members rely on this service, and we

want to see even more connections and expanded services to the North. As elected leaders, we have a responsibility to think past our own front doors, reflect the needs of all of our constituents and those beyond our communities who are impacted by our decisions. Certainty about the airport's long-term future should not be something we as leaders should need to think long about. **The time is now for the parties of the agreement to move forward with urgency to ensure this vital piece of transportation infrastructure and the important connections it facilitates are sustained.**

Sincerely,



Wendy Landry
President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

Cc:

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 Pupatello, Chair, 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)
All member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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November 19, 2024

Honorable Anita Anand,
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transportation
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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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Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry – Francois-Philippe Champagne francois-philippe.champagne@parl.gc.ca

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November 19, 2024

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Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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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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Minister of Environment,
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Hon. Doug Ford
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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