



THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA AND MARIA AGENDA

Thursday, March 21, 2024

2:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order and Moment of Silence

Let us take a moment of silent reflection to contemplate in our own way the responsibility we have to collectively use our skills and experience to ensure the mutual long-term benefit of our Municipality and those we represent.

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

As we gather this morning (afternoon), I would like to acknowledge on behalf of Council and our community that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Algonquin People. We would like to thank the Algonquin people and express our respect and support for their rich history, and we are extremely grateful for their many and continued displays of friendship. We also thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands for years.

3. Roll Call

4. Recital of the Municipal Mission and Vision Statements

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Natre Thereof

6. Deputations/Presentations

a. Cogeco Connexion

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Regular Meeting February 21, 2024

8. Petitions and Correspondence -Information Only (Please advise if you feel any item warrants further consideration)

a. Petitions

b. Information Items

i. Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

- Town of Lincoln

ii. Resolution – Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences

- Town of Goderich

iii. Resolution – Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

- Town of Bracebridge



- iv. Resolution – Amend Blue Box Regulation
 - Township of Perry
- v. Resolution – Climate Change Crisis
 - Township of Tay Valley
- vi. Resolution – Amendment to Legislation Act, 2006
 - Township of Tay Valley
- vii. Resolution – Enbridge Gas Inc.
 - Municipality of Tweed
- viii. Resolution – Strong Mayors
 - Town of Aurora
- ix. Resolution – To Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement
 - Town of Aurora
- x. Resolution – Amenity Sharing
 - Town of Aurora
- xi. Resolution – Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund
 - County of Lambton
- xii. Resolution – Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022
 - Municipality of St. Charles
- xiii. Resolution – Rising Insurance Costs
 - Municipality of St. Charles
- xiv. Resolution – Housing Funding
 - City of Quinte West
- xv. Resolution – Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act
 - Town of Coburg
- xvi. Resolution – Proposed Highway 413
 - Township of Amaranth
- xvii. Letter – EOI Housing Summit
- xviii. Letter – MECP; Comprehensive Environmental Assessment Projects
- xix. Letter – CEPG Regret Letter
- xx. Letter – World Autism Day
- xxi. Notice – Reduced Loads
- xxii. Notice – Inspection of 2024-2025 Annual Work Schedule for Ottawa Valley Forest
- xxiii. Report – Medical Officer of Health February 27, 2024

9. Mayor's Report

10. Staff Reports

11. Financial Reports

- a. Capital Projects Update – Culvert Replacement Project - Engineers Report RE: Cost to undertake work (to be available at the meeting)

12. Bylaws



13. Unfinished Business

- a. Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan
- b. Special Council Meeting Date – Zoning Bylaw Amendment Review
- c. Public Meeting Date – Zoning Bylaw Amendment

14. Addendum (New Business)

- a. Request for Hall Use – Natalie Jackett Conservation Coordinator Gap Project
- b. County of Renfrew General Inquiry Fee

15. Notice of Motion (to be used by members of Council to introduce new areas of business they wish to discuss in the future)

16. Closed Session

- a. Review Closed Session Minutes from January 8 and February 21, 2024
- b. Pursuant to section 239(2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, and (d) labour relations or employee negotiations to consider:
 - i. Update Municipal Administrators Leave of Absence.

17. Information Sharing (Formerly Questions and Answers)

18. Confirmation of Proceedings

- a. Confirmatory Bylaw 2024-06

19. Adjournment

Note* Alternate formats and communication supports are available on request. HCM

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HCM Vision: Providing a healthy, connected, and sustainable community teeming with possibilities for our citizens now and into the future.

THE CORPORATION of the UNITED TOWNSHIPS of HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

MINUTES



Minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on February 21, 2024.

1. Call to Order and Moment of Silence

Mayor Grills called the meeting to order at 2:07 P.M.

Let us take a moment of silent reflection to contemplate in our own way the responsibility we have to collectively use our skills and experience to ensure the mutual long-term benefit of our Municipality and those we represent.

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3. Roll Call – The following persons were present: Mayor Debbi Grills, Councillors: Chris Dowser, Fran Kelly-Chamberlain, Karen LeClerc and Rachel Richer.

Meeting Clerk: Peggy Young-Lovelace (Clerk Pro Tempore)

4. Recital of the Municipal Mission and Vision Statements – Councillor Richer

HCM Mission: At your service; working effectively to bring together people, partnerships and potential for a strong, connected community.

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5. Disclosure of Pecuniary interest & General Nature Thereof – None were disclosed.

6. Deputations/Presentations – County of Renfrew – Presentation: Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Council thanked Mr. Howard and his team for their presentation and requested that this matter be brought to the next meeting to set a date for a Special Council Meeting to review the Zoning Bylaw Amendment prior to the holding of a public meeting.

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution No.: 2024-019

Moved by Councillor LeClerc and seconded by Councillor Dowser

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the special emergency meeting of January 10, 2024 and the regular meeting of Thursday, February 8, 2024, be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

8. Petitions and Correspondence - Information Only – (Please advise if you feel any item warrants further consideration)

9. **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Grills provided a report to Council (Copy on File)

10. **Staff Reports** - None

11. **Financial Reports** - None

12. **By-Laws**

Bylaw 2024-03

Resolution No.:2024-020

Moved by Councillor Richer and seconded by Councillor LeClerc

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2024-03 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

Bylaw 2024-04

Resolution No.:2024-021

Moved by Councillor Richer and seconded by Councillor LeClerc

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2024-04 being a by-law appoint a Deputy Treasurer be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

13. **Unfinished Business**

14. Addendum (New Business)

a. Reconsideration of Resolution No. 23/11/16/006

Resolution No.:2024-022

Moved by Councillor Dowser and seconded by Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain

WHEREAS Council received Report #23/11/16/1201 concerning auto extrication which included a proposal from Rosehall Consulting that recommended completing a Vehicle Extrication Needs Analysis;

AND WHEREAS Council requires additional information regarding the potential for an internal auto extrication rescue team;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria does hereby direct the Clerk to have a Vehicle Extrication Needs Analysis completed to determine the needs and benefits versus the disadvantages of establishing a response team.

Recorded Vote			
Dowser, C	Yes	___	No <u>x</u>
Grills, D	Yes	<u>x</u>	No
Kelly-Chamberlain, F	Yes	<u>x</u>	No
LeClerc, K	Yes	___	No <u>x</u>
Richer, R	Yes	<u>x</u>	No ___

Carried

b. Passing of 2024 Budget

Resolution No.: 2024-023

Moved by Councillor Richer and seconded by Councillor LeClerc

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria does hereby adopt a balanced budget in the amount of \$1,307,390 and directs the Treasurer to prepare the 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw for consideration at the Regular Meeting of Council April 18, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

15. Notice of Motion – (To be used by members of Council to introduce new areas of business they wish to discuss in the future) - None

16. Closed Session

Move Into Closed Session

Resolution No.: 2024-024

Moved by Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain and seconded by Councillor Dowser

BE IT RESOLVED Council for the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria does now move into Closed Session at 3:59 p.m. pursuant to section 239(2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, and (d) labour relations or employee negotiations to consider:

- i. Employee compensation for additional work undertaken during the Municipal Administrator's Leave of Absence.

Carried Unanimously

Return to Open Session

Resolution No.: 2024-025

Moved by Councillor Richer and seconded by Councillor LeClerc

BE IT RESOLVED Council for the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria does now return to Open Session at 4:19 p.m. and reports that direction was given to compensate employees for the extra workload during the Municipal Administrator's leave of absence.

Carried Unanimously

17. Information Sharing (Formerly Questions and Answers)

18. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution No.: 2024-026

Moved By Councillor Dowser and Seconded By Councillor LeClerc

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2024-05 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of Council at their Regular Meeting of February 21, 2024 be read a first time short and passed.

Carried Unanimously

19. Adjournment

Resolution No.: 2024-027

Moved by Councillor Dowser and seconded by Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 4:34 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday March 21, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

MAYOR

CLERK



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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

WHEREAS the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

WHEREAS libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

WHEREAS Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities

Friday, March 8, 2024

Rural Ontario Municipal Association
ATTN: Board of Directors

SENT VIA EMAIL: roma@roma.on.ca

Ontario Good Roads Association
ATTN: Board of Directors

SENT VIA EMAIL: info@goodroads.ca

RE: Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences

Dear ROMA & OGRA Board of Directors,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, February 26, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Kelly
Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Petrolia call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

The Town of Goderich
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townhall@goderich.ca
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FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Ben Lobb and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as amended.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
/ar

cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org
Mandi Pearson, Clerk/Operations Clerk mpearson@petrolia.ca
Ontario Municipalities

March 14, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – Resolution of Support Regarding Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

At its meeting of March 13, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-053, regarding Resolution of Support Regarding Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework, as follows:

“WHEREAS the current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario’s economic prosperity and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

AND WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

AND WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

AND WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can’t afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

AND WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge calls on the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking, with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

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Bracebridge, ON
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AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); the Muskoka and Area Indigenous Leadership Table (MAILT); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. McDonald', written in a cursive style.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



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February 26, 2024

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for
'Ineligible' Sources**

At their last regular meeting on Wednesday February 21, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following:

"Resolution #2024-52

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

And Whereas 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

And Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue

Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And further that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bm', is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

c.c. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
All Ontario Municipalities

From: [TVT Deputy Clerk](#)
To: [TVT Deputy Clerk](#)
Subject: Council Direction - Declaration of a Climate Change Crisis
Date: March 7, 2024 10:47:33 AM

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada:

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on February 27th, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-02-15

MOVED BY: Korrine Jordan

SECONDED BY: Greg Hallam

“WHEREAS, climate change annually contributes to hundreds of billions of dollars in property and infrastructure damage worldwide, stressing local to national and international economies;

WHEREAS, climate change jeopardizes the health and risks the extinction of millions of species worldwide, stressing and weakening the health and integrity of ecosystems everywhere;

WHEREAS, climate change harms the health and security of people through intense wildfires, flooding, storms, droughts, rising sea levels, the spread of invasive insects bearing diseases, negative impacts on agriculture, and food supply interruption, thus further stressing social, economic, and political systems;

WHEREAS, there is now a large body of evidence and climate change risk scenarios which point to the imperative for steep and permanent reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, immediately and in the coming decades, in order to avoid many climate change “tipping points” which, if crossed, will render further and devastating ecological, economic, and societal losses;

AND WHEREAS, a crisis can be defined as "a dangerous situation requiring immediate action";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Tay Valley Township officially declares a climate change crisis for the purposes of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment in our climate action plan to protecting our local ecosystems, local economy, and our community from climate change;

THAT, this resolution be revisited each term of Council and within the first year of the new council;

AND THAT, this resolution be provided to Prime Minister Trudeau and all federal ministers with portfolios related to climate change; to all federal Opposition party leaders; to MP Scott Reid; to Premier Ford and all Ontario ministers with portfolios related to climate change; to MPP John Jordan and all other Ontario MPPs; to all Ontario Municipalities and the local media.”

ADOPTED

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

Tay Valley Township

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From: [TVT Deputy Clerk](#)
To: Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
Cc: John.Jordan@pc.ola.org; amo@amo.on.ca; noliver@metroland.com; [TVT CAO](#)
Subject: Council Direction - Request to Amend the Legislation Act, 2006 to include Digital Publications.
Date: March 6, 2024 4:27:57 PM

Dear Minister Calandra :

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on February 27th, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-02-28

MOVED BY: Andrew Kendrick

SECONDED BY: Greg Hallam

“WHEREAS, Metroland Media Group has sought bankruptcy protection and will cease the print publication of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario, moving to an online-only model;

AND WHEREAS, Neil Oliver, Chief Executive Officer and President of Metroland Media Group, said the 71 Metroland community publications will be digital only going forward;

AND WHEREAS, the Legislation Act, 2006 provides a definition of “newspaper” which applies to every Ontario Act and Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that, (a) **is printed in sheet form**, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; (“journal”);

AND WHEREAS, Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations;

AND WHEREAS, communities such as Tay Valley Township cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Metroland Media Group news publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper”;

AND WHEREAS, some small, rural, Ontario Municipalities may not have the means to bring an application to the Court to ask for directions and approval of an alternate manner of providing notice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of Tay Valley Township does hereby request the Provincial government to make an amendment to the

Legislation Act, 2006 to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations;

AND FURTHER, requests the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT, this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Lanark Frontenac Kingston MPP, John Jordan; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all Ontario Municipalities.”

ADOPTED

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

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**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No.

94

Title:

Enbridge Gas Inc.

Date:

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Moved by

J. DeMarsh

Seconded by

J. Flieler

WHEREAS access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Municipality of Tweed;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Municipality of Tweed supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of Tweed recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification;

AND FURTHER, that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of Tweed supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Ric Bresee, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com.

Carried



Legislative Services
Michael de Rond
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clerks@aurora.ca

Town of Aurora
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March 6, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024
Member Motion 8.1.9 - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Council/Committee Meeting
Structure Under Strong Mayor Powers**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Province expanded Strong Mayor Powers to municipalities over 50,000 in population, who committed to a housing pledge in the fall of 2023 to help address the housing crisis, but was not mandatory to accept with a housing pledge; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora head of council has the discretion whether to use the strong mayor powers, except for those dealing with the budget; and

Whereas strong mayor powers permit the head of council the ability to create new committees of council made under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, where all members are council members, and assign their functions. The head of council is also able to appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of such committees of council;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council requests that the Mayor reconsider using strong mayor powers to alter the current structure of Council and/or committee meetings, but rather remains the same as officials were originally elected to do; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora, and all Ontario municipalities.**

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024
Council/Committee Meeting Structure Under Strong Mayor Powers
March 6, 2024

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The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael de Rond', written in a cursive style.

Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

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All Ontario municipalities



8. Standing Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the Standing Committee Reports, items 8.1 and 8.2, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.1.7, 8.1.8, 8.2.1, 8.2.4, 8.2.6, and 8.2.8, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

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Absent (1): Councillor Kim

Carried (6 to 0)

8.1 General Committee Meeting Report of February 6, 2024

8.1.9 Member Motion - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Council/Committee Meeting Structure Under Strong Mayor Powers

Whereas the Province expanded Strong Mayor Powers to municipalities over 50,000 in population, who committed to a housing pledge in the fall of 2023 to help address the housing crisis, but was not mandatory to accept with a housing pledge; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora head of council has the discretion whether to use the strong mayor powers, except for those dealing with the budget; and

Whereas strong mayor powers permit the head of council the ability to create new committees of council made under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, where all members are council members, and assign their functions. The head of council is also able to appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of such committees of council;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council requests that the Mayor reconsider using strong mayor powers to alter the current structure of Council and/or committee meetings, but

rather remains the same as officials were originally elected to do; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried



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March 6, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024
Member Motion 8.2.8 - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Legislative Amendments to
Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;
and**

**Whereas municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most
directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and**

**Whereas several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and
workplace harassment have occurred amongst municipal members of
councils across Ontario; and**

**Whereas these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved
and lower public perceptions of local governments; and**

**Whereas municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of
council member behaviour; and**

**Whereas municipal governments have limited abilities in their toolkit to
adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and**

**Whereas the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal
member of council is the suspension of pay for 90 days, even when
egregious acts are committed and substantiated; and**

**Whereas AMO has called on the government to table and pass legislation
that reflects the following recommendations:**

- **Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment**
 - **Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario**
 - **Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province**
 - **Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner**
 - **Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;**
1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora supports the call of action the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has submitted to the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them, in consultation with municipal governments; and**
 2. **Be It Further Resolved That the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's letter of recommendations which includes options for enforcing compliance by council members with municipal Codes of Conduct such as**
 - **Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment**
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- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, and Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora, the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all 444 Ontario municipalities.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

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Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario municipalities



8. Standing Committee Reports

8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2024

8.2.8 Member Motion - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

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Carried (6 to 0)



March 6, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Delivered by email
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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024
Member Motion 8.2.7 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend
Gymnasium Use**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aurora recognizes the importance of fostering community engagement and providing recreational opportunities; and

Whereas schools are funded by local taxpayers; and

Whereas school gymnasiums serve as valuable amenities that can enhance recreational activities for residents; and

Whereas existing school board policies/procedures do not prioritize municipal residency within their allocation of the use of space; and

Whereas the school board charges a premium rate to use the schools on weekends causing a barrier for the Town or local organizations to afford;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That this Council requests the Province and the Minister of Education to assist in making school board facilities available to local municipalities on a priority, at a cost recovery rate; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That Council requests the School Boards within the jurisdiction of the Town of Aurora to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town for the shared use of school gymnasiums on evenings and weekends; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this request be sent to the relevant School Boards, expressing the Town's interest in establishing a collaborative agreement for evening and weekend gymnasium access; and**

- 4. Be It Further Resolved That the Town staff is directed to collaborate with the School Boards in drafting the terms and conditions of the MOU, ensuring clarity and fairness in the shared use of these facilities; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That upon reaching an agreement, the MOU shall be presented to Council for review and approval; and**
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- 7. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration of support.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

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8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2024

8.2.7 Member Motion - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use

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Carried



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February 23, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Lambton County Council Motion

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of February 07, 2024, Lambton County Council Passed the following resolution:

#25: Ferguson/Bradley:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has agreed to assume responsibility for the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto, which will be uploaded to the Province of Ontario;

WHEREAS like the City of Toronto, The Corporation of the County of Lambton and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario are experiencing significant financial and budgetary pressures including those related to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, and are seeking reasonable solutions to address the same while balancing their financial books;

WHEREAS the uploading of municipal highway infrastructure to the Province of Ontario or, alternatively, appropriately increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to Ontario municipalities will assist municipalities in addressing such financial challenges;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:


- a) That the Province of Ontario: (i) upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or (ii) alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.

- b) That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Sarnia-Lambton MPP, Bob Bailey; the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria; and the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Ford.

Carried.

Kind Regards,

DocuSigned by:

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Olivia Leger
Clerk/County Solicitor

Encl #CC 04-10-24

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities
Bob Bailey, M.P.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.2.

Resolution Number 2024-036

Title: Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #5 and #24

Date: February 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP - Request for Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Long Term Care, Stan Cho; our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Todd Kasenberg
Mayor of Municipality of North Perth

RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Kasenberg,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2022, the Till Death Do Us Part Act, passed second reading in the Ontario legislature after being [introduced for the third time in September 2022](#). The bill was then referred to the Ontario Legislature's Social Policy Committee. You can view highlights of the second reading debate here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYRIgQgDe2k>

I have been pushing for the Standing Committee on Social Policy to schedule a time to begin the work of reviewing Bill 21 since November 2022. **Today marks 286 days since the Act passed second reading at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.** Unfortunately, the Bill has yet to be called to committee.

Bill 21, which was formerly Bill 153 and 95, respectively, had passed second reading and was sent to the Justice Committee in December 2019, but was wiped off the order paper when Premier Ford prorogued the house in 2021. It was reintroduced early 2022 but did not have time to progress before the election.

Since I first introduced this Bill in 2019, the number of people who've reached out to my offices with heartbreaking stories of couples entering long-term care who are torn apart has skyrocketed. Simply put, Ontario seniors deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age. Of note, Nova Scotia passed similar legislation, titled the [Life Partners in Long-Term Care Act](#) in 2021.

Following many meetings with stakeholders, it's clear that "care campuses" which offer different levels of care (independent, assisted living and long-term care) are the progressive model for investing in quality care for Ontario's aging population. Care campuses are an essential element to keeping couples together as they often age at different rates. This level of choice has been brought to my attention as especially important to rural and northern municipal leaders across Ontario. The care campus model for seniors housing that builds different levels of care has unique financial savings that will be critical as we grapple with a rapidly aging province.

We need the Bill to be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy as soon as possible. We know that couples who are separated across Ontario cannot wait any longer for this legislative change to be made.

Here are the links to recent media coverage of the Till Death Do Us Part Act, which provide more specific insights into the lived experiences of older adults who are separated from their spouses:

- [CTV News Kitchener: Ontario seniors separated in long-term care pushing for the right to remain together](#)
- [CityNews Kitchener: Waterloo MPP appeals for seniors bill to be brought forward](#)
- [Waterloo Region Record: Cambridge senior calls for end to separating couples in long-term care](#)

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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.8.

Resolution Number 2024-042

Title: Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8

Date: February 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Township of Asphodel-Norwood on December 12, 2023, regarding Rising Municipal Insurance Costs;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

December 22, 2023

Sent via E-mail
david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

David Piccini, MPP
Northumberland-Peterborough South
117 Peter St
Port Hope, ON L1A 1C5

Re: Rising Municipal Insurance Costs

Dear MPP Piccini,

At its regular meeting held December 12, 2023, the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood considered the above-noted matter and passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are experiencing higher insurance rates at each renewal with limited access to insurance providers willing to quote on municipal insurance needs;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Asphodel-Norwood's annual insurance premiums have increased from \$150,280 to \$299,729 from 2020 to 2024, representing an accumulated increase of 99.5% over this period;

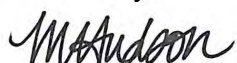
AND WHEREAS these annual increases are unsustainable and divert funds from critical municipal services as one of the most significant constraints in limiting yearly tax levy increases;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood directs staff to send a letter to the MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South calling for action to reduce insurance costs;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Trusting you will find the foregoing satisfactory, but please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Melanie Hudson, Acting Clerk
Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Cc: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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March 7, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Via Email - justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

RE: Notice of Motion – Councillor Stedall – Housing Funding

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on March 6, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-167 – Notice of Motion – Housing Funding

Moved by Councillor Stedall

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

Whereas the City of Quinte West is in need of \$28M in funding to complete the West End Trunk Sewer Main replacement in 2024, which is critical in the ongoing development of new homes in Quinte West;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West requires \$58.6M in funding to upgrade the Trenton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade building to accommodate new homes to be built;

And Whereas the City cannot afford to increase Water, Sewer or Tax rates to fund all of this infrastructure;

And Whereas increased Debt to build the projects will just increase costs to Water, Sewer and Tax rates, or increased costs to developers;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West is currently experiencing a housing crisis from all citizens but specifically with regards to over 250 requiring housing, from Military members of CFB Trenton;

And Whereas City Council approved a Housing Action Plan with a projected 831 new residential units to be completed based on anticipated Housing Accelerator Fund funding over 3 years;

And Whereas the Federal government denied the City of Quinte West the Housing Accelerator Fund;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West is not currently eligible for funding under the Provincial Building Faster Fund as its population is below the threshold;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West may make application to the provincial Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund which has only \$200M available in funding of which the province would only fund up to 73% to a maximum of \$35M for one project;

And Whereas additional funding has not been allocated from the Federal Government to enhance the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Funding;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to re-evaluate their lack of funding for municipalities with a population less than 50,000 in rural Ontario and to make available funding for infrastructure programs to help build infrastructure to help build much-needed new homes;

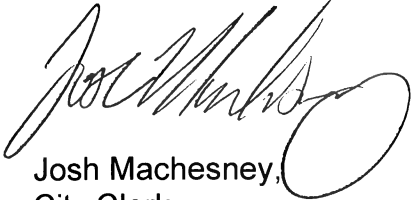
And Further That the Province of Ontario be asked to invest more than the currently allocated \$200M into their Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund;

And Further That this motion be circulated to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Federal Minister for Housing, Ryan Williams MP, Premier Doug Ford, the Provincial Ministers of MOI, MMAH, and Todd Smith MPP, and all municipalities, for their support. **Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST



Josh Machesney,
City Clerk

cc: Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Todd Smith, MPP, Bay of Quinte
All Municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

All Ontario Municipalities

Sent via email

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Town of Cobourg

March 8, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the Architectural Conservancy Ontario regarding Proposed Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act with respect to the removal of listed (non-designated) properties from municipal heritage registers

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on February 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the municipal heritage committee in the Town of Cobourg have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; contact owners of such properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving 213 listed properties in the Town of Cobourg is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the limited municipal resources available.



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobourg authorize the Mayor to promptly send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to all 443 municipalities in Ontario seeking support of the ACO correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services



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February 23, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation

Sent by email to: Premier@ontario.ca; Minister.mto@ontario.ca

Re: Resolution on Highway 413

At its regular meeting of Council held on February 21, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution #: 3

Moved by: G Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

Whereas the Township of Amaranth recognizes the importance for efficient and effective transportation networks in the Province and;

Whereas, the Province has committed to getting 1.5 millions home built within the next 10 years or less.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth request that the Province of Ontario pause advancement on proposed highway 413 and redirect the approximate \$8 billion cost for highway 413 to support municipal infrastructure costs and housing construction initiatives and;

Further be it resolved that at least 50% of those funds be allocated for small urban and rural Ontario with populations less than 50,000. **CARRIED**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

Copy: Hon. Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Hon. Kinga Surma, MPP Etobicoke Centre kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org
Dufferin County Municipalities

Office of the
County Warden



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March 7, 2024

RE: Expression of Interest for Vacant Municipally-Owned Lands / Affordable Housing Summit

On behalf of the County of Renfrew, I would like to inform and invite your municipality to participate in our upcoming initiative aimed at fostering affordable and attainable housing within our community.

The County of Renfrew is keen on addressing the growing need for affordable housing in our region and is taking proactive steps to collaborate with local municipalities to identify potential development opportunities. To this end, we have initiated an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to engage developers interested in working with the County to create affordable and attainable housing on lands owned by the County.

We believe that this collaborative effort will not only help address the housing crisis but also contribute to the overall well-being and sustainable growth of our community. We are reaching out to your municipality to inquire if there are any municipally-owned lands that you would like to include in this expression of interest.

Moreover, we are excited to announce the **County of Renfrew Affordable Housing Summit**, scheduled for April 4, 2024, at the new myFM Centre, Ma Te Way Park Drive, Renfrew, ON. This summit will serve as a platform for stakeholders, including developers, local municipalities, community organizations, and citizens, to come together, share insights, and explore collaborative solutions to address affordable housing challenges.

We believe that your municipality plays a crucial role in this initiative, and your participation would greatly contribute to the success of our collective efforts. We kindly request that you consider promoting any municipally-owned lands for inclusion in the Expression of Interest and encourage your community to attend the Affordable Housing Summit.

For further details or to express interest, please contact Jason Davis at jdavis@countyofrenfrew.on.ca or 613-735-7288 x463.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your positive response and collaboration in creating a more affordable and attainable housing landscape for our residents.

Sincerely,

Warden Emon
County of Renfrew
warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

February 22, 2024

Greetings,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks about recent decisions to move Ontario's environmental assessment (EA) program to a project list approach as part of the government's ongoing work to modernize environmental assessment processes.

Comprehensive Environmental Assessment Projects regulation and other regulations:

Over the past several years, we have consulted extensively on the government's proposal to move to a project list approach. Beginning in April 2019, the ministry consulted on a [discussion paper](#), which outlined a modern vision for the EA program.

Then in July 2020, through the [COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020](#), the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) was amended to provide the authority to make regulations to support EA modernization, including identifying projects that would be subject to EA requirements in a regulation. The move to a project list approach is a shift from the current framework, where projects are mainly subject to the EAA based on who is undertaking the project, rather than the projects potential impacts.

In fall 2020, the ministry consulted on a plain language [project list proposal](#), which identified the projects the ministry was proposing be subject to the EAA. In fall 2021 and spring 2023, the ministry then consulted on draft regulations, including a draft of the proposed [Comprehensive Environmental Assessment \(EA\) Projects Regulation](#) (Part II.3 Projects – Designations and Exemptions regulation) (2021) and a plain language update to that proposal (2023). The proposals also identified that the ministry would be updating relevant guidance and making certain related amendments to the Class EAs.

After considering the input received on the regulatory proposals and the discussion paper, a number of regulations have now been made and related actions taken to move Ontario to a project list approach. These changes came into effect on February 22, 2024 i.e., on the day that the revised provisions of the EAA providing the authority to make these regulations came into force.

The project types that are now subject to EA requirements in Ontario are those projects that are designated in the Comprehensive EA Projects regulation (i.e., significant waste projects, significant electricity generation facilities and large waterfront projects) and those project types to which a class environmental assessment (Class EA) applies. The

Comprehensive EA Projects regulation also designates projects that are exempt from the comprehensive EA requirements conditional on following a streamlined EA process (i.e. waste, electricity and transit and rail projects). There is no impact to projects that followed an individual EA and were approved. All projects which have started an individual EA application (i.e., a proposed Terms of Reference has been submitted to the Ministry) will continue in the comprehensive EA process.

We also wanted to note that these changes do not affect the continued authority under the Act to designate other projects or classes of projects as ones subject to a comprehensive EA or to enter into agreements with proponents to have the Act apply to projects that are not designated in the Comprehensive EA Projects regulation or otherwise.

Details of the decisions and changes made to move Ontario's EA program to a project list approach (the regulations, other instruments and related material) are on the Environmental Registry of Ontario at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4219>.

Complementary amendments to class environmental assessments:

To align Class EAs with the amendments to the EAA and the new and amending regulations made under the Act, including the Comprehensive EA Projects regulation, complementary amendments have been made to seven class EAs. Information on the amendments can be found on the Environmental Registry at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8081>.

Updates to guidance:

Similarly, we have updated the Guides to the EA requirements for waste and electricity projects and the guidance for transit and rail projects to align these with the Comprehensive EA Projects regulation and revised provisions of the EAA. These updated documents can be found on the Environmental Registry at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4219>.

Extension of expiry dates for certain approvals:

In November 2021, the ministry began consultation on a proposal to extend the statutory expiry date for *EAA* approvals by 10 years for certain projects.

A decision has now been made to extend the expiry date by 10 years for eight of those projects. The extensions will allow the projects to proceed instead of requiring a new environmental assessment to be completed. To ensure the protection of the environment, cultural heritage resources and source water, and to be responsive to comments received, including from Indigenous communities, the Minister made the extensions of the expiry date subject to conditions for seven of the eight projects. More information on the decision can be found on the Environmental Registry at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4428>.

The ministry carefully considered the nature and context of each of the projects. This included input from the proponents, the outcome of consultation undertaken in relation

to the proposal to extend, including consultation with Indigenous communities, and the purpose of the Act.

We are committed to keeping you updated and working with you to build a strong EA program for Ontario. We value your perspectives on the EA program and look forward to your further participation.

Please do not hesitate to contact my team at: EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca, or me directly at: Annamaria.Cross@ontario.ca, if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Cross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Annamaria Cross
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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Emergency Management Ontario

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Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor
de la gestion des situations d'urgence Ontario

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Dear Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) Applicant:

Thank you for applying for the CEPG program.

After an evaluation by multiple reviewers, we regret to inform you that your organization was not selected to receive funding through the CEPG program.

Not all applicants received funding from the CEPG program, which was a competitive, merit-based process. Please note, grant applications are no longer being accepted and Emergency Management Ontario is not considering any changes to applications or conducting any further reviews of applications. There is no appeals or reconsideration process as part of the CEPG program.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership to ensure Ontarians are safe, practiced and prepared before, during and after emergencies.

Emergency Management Ontario | Treasury Board Secretariat
To learn more about how emergencies are managed in Ontario, visit Emergency Management Ontario's [webpage](#).



From: [Tahseen Ali](#)
To: [HCM Clerk-Treasurer](#)
Subject: "Fly the Flag" on April 2nd, 2024, World Autism Awareness Day
Date: March 3, 2024 4:21:04 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

To the United Townships of Head, Clara, and Maria,

World Autism Day is fast approaching! Help us *Celebrate the Spectrum* on World Autism Day this April 2, 2024, and throughout the month of April! This is an excellent opportunity for your united townships to show support for autistic individuals across Ontario, and in your communities.


Join Autism Ontario and Celebrate the Spectrum this World Autism Day, by purchasing a flag in our "Fly the Flag" campaign, and formally proclaim **April 2, 2024, as World Autism Awareness Day** to show your autism support.

Your flag can be purchased through our website at
<https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=53>.

What is Celebrate the Spectrum? Celebrate the Spectrum is our theme for World Autism Day celebrations. It is an opportunity for positive action to provide spaces of support and advocacy for our diverse communities, while learning about autism and how we can all make our communities better for autistic individuals. Similarly to previous Autism Ontario World Autism Day campaigns, Celebrate the Spectrum unites families, schools, communities, businesses, government, and professionals in recognizing World Autism Day by celebrating people on the autism spectrum and bringing to light the systemic barriers that must be removed to create a more supportive and inclusive Ontario.

We are always available to help with resources and ideas on how you can get involved. If you have any questions, please contact me directly, and I will gladly assist you.

Cheers,
Tahseen Ali

	<p>Tahseen Ali (she/her) Fund and Volunteer Coordinator – East Region Autism Ontario autismontario.com 82 Sydenham St. Kingston, ON K7L 3H4 T: 1-800-472-7789 ext. 251 E : tahseen.ali@autismontario.com</p> <p>Celebrate 50 years of autism advocacy with us!</p>
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- NOTICE -

SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to Section 122 of the Highway Traffic Act and applicable Municipal By-Laws, reduced load limits on roads throughout the County of Renfrew will be in effect commencing Monday, March 4, 2024 at 12:01 a.m. until Friday, May 31, 2024 at 12:01 a.m., unless otherwise notified.

Vehicle loads will be restricted to 5 tonnes per axle on the roads where signs have been erected.

A list of the County Roads subject to reduced load limits can be viewed on the County Website at:

<https://www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca/en/living-here/construction-updates-and-detours-511.aspx>

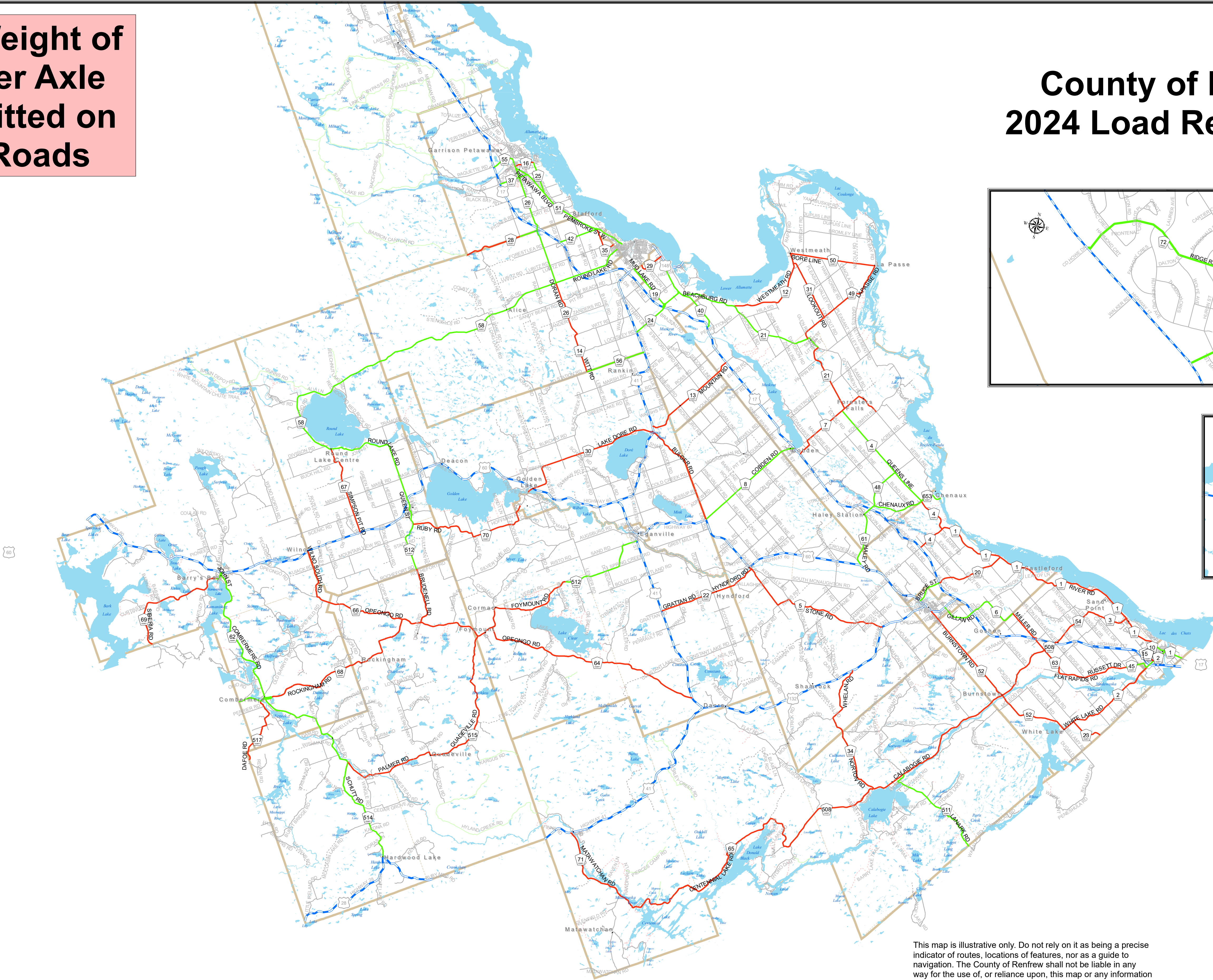
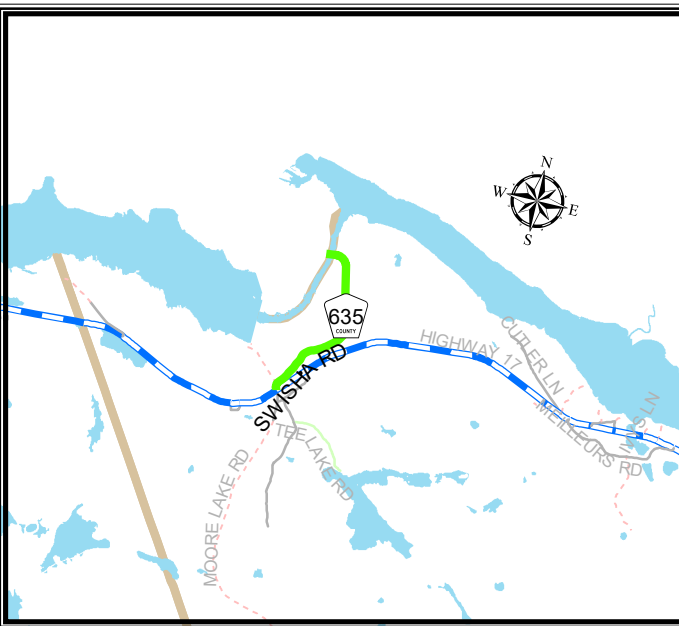
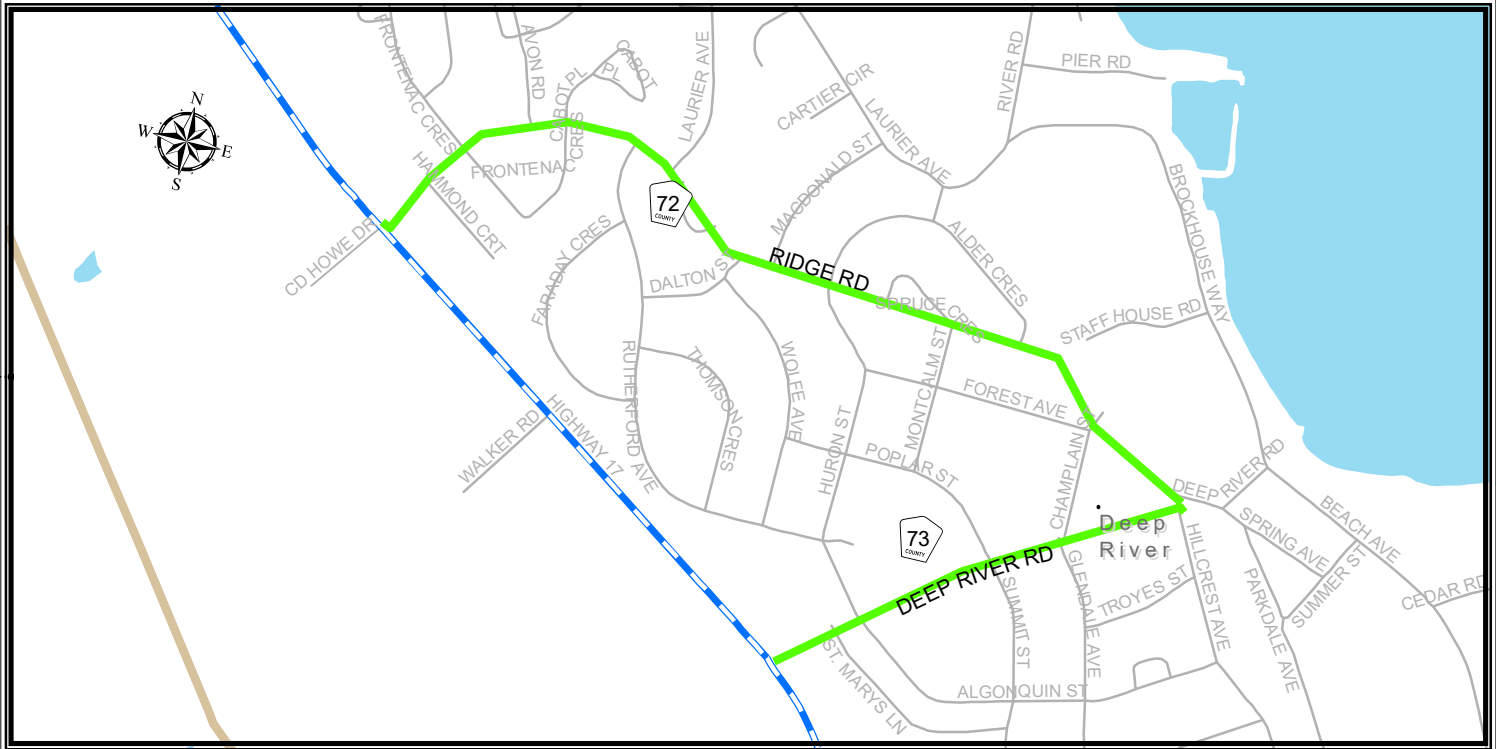
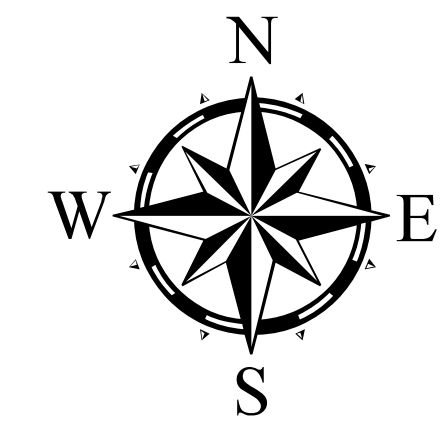
Haulers should contact the appropriate road authority to determine the spring load restrictions on local municipal roads.

For further information, please contact:

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Manager of Operations
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rbolduc@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

A Maximum Weight of 5.0 Tonnes Per Axle shall be permitted on Restricted Roads

County of Renfrew 2024 Load Restrictions



Legend

County Road

Provincail Highway

Load Restrictions

Full Loading Permitted

Restricted Loading Only

Road Classification

Provincial

Municipal - Rural

Municipal - Urban

Municipal - Seasonal

Private

Crown

Water

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February 2024

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County of Renfrew
Public Works &
Engineering Dept.

2024 LOAD RESTRICTED ROADS

- County Road 1 (River Road) from Division Street to County Road 4 (Storyland Road)
- County Road 2 (White Lake Road) from County Road 45 (Vanjumar Road) to County Road 52 (Burnstown Road)
- County Road 3 (Usborne Street/Usborne Road)
- County Road 4 (Storyland Road)
- County Road 5 (Stone Road)
- County Road 7 (Foresters Falls Road)
- County Road 9 (Bulger Road)
- County Road 10 (Division Street/Baskin Drive)
- County Road 12 (Westmeath Road)
- County Road 13 (Mountain Road)
- County Road 14 (Witt Road)
- County Road 16 (Victoria Street)
- County Road 20 (Castleford Road) from Highway 17 to County Road 1 (River Road)
- County Road 21 (Beachburg Road) from Robertson Drive to County Road 7 (Foresters Falls Road)
- County Road 22 (Grattan/Hyndford Road)
- County Road 23 (Highland Road)
- County Road 26 (Doran Road) from County Road 58 (Round Lake Road) to County Road 14 (Witt Road)
- County Road 28 (Barron Canyon Road) from Priebe Road to MacKay Township Boundary
- County Road 29 (Drive-In Road)
- County Road 30 (Lake Dore Road)
- County Road 31 (Lookout Road)
- County Road 34 (Whelan/Norton Road)
- County Road 35 (Jean Avenue) from Boundary Road East to Jean Avenue
- County Road 36 (TV Tower Road)

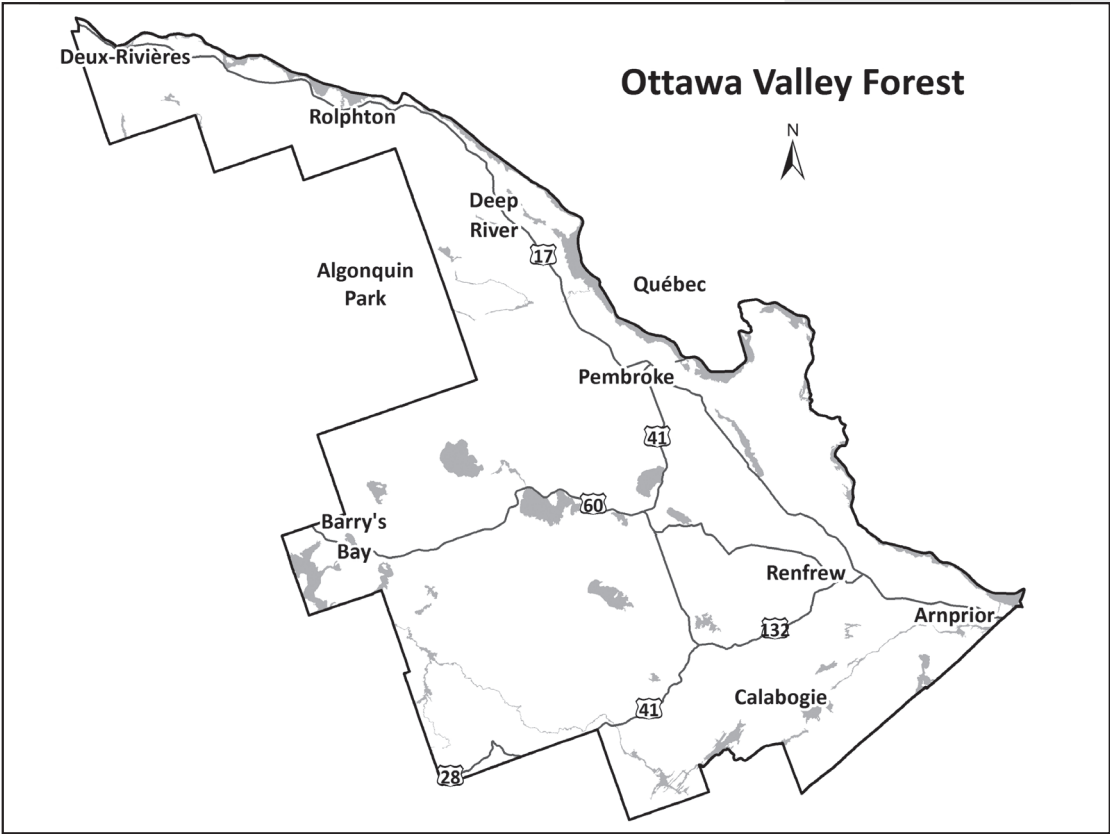
- County Road 45 (Vanjumar Drive) from Nieman Drive to County Road 63 (Flat Rapids Road)
- County Road 49 (Lapasse Road)
- County Road 50 (Gore Line)
- County Road 52 (Burnstown Road) from Highway 60 to County Road 2 (White Lake Road)
- County Road 54 (McLean Drive)
- County Road 63 (Flat Rapids/Stewartville/Anderson/Miller Road)
- County Road 64 (Opeongo Road South)
- County Road 65 (Centennial Lake Road)
- County Road 66 (Wilno South Road)
- County Road 66 (Opeongo Road North) from Wilno South Road to County Road 512 (Brudenell Road)
- County Road 67 (Simpson Pit Road) from County Road 58 (Round Lake Road) to Highway 60
- County Road 68 (Rockingham/Letterkenny Road) from Fran Stell Drive to County Road 66 (Opeongo Road North)
- County Road 69 (Dunn Street/Siberia Road) from St. Francis Memorial Drive to Bangor Line
- County Road 70 (Kokomis Inamo/Ruby Road) from Golden Lake to County Road 512 (Brudenell Road)
- County Road 71 (Matawatchan Road)
- County Road 508 (Calabogie Road) from Highway 17 to County Road 65 (Centennial Lake Road)
- County Road 512 (Brudenell/Foymount Road) from Rochefort Road to Miller Road
- County Road 515 (Quadeville/Palmer Road) from County Road 512 (Foymount Road) to County Road 514 (Schutt Road)
- County Road 517 (Dafoe Road) from County Road 62 (Combermere Road) to Carlow/Mayo Township Boundary

**Where no “from” or “to” have been specified, the entire road is Load Restricted.

INSPECTION

Inspection of 2024-2025 Annual Work Schedule for Ottawa Valley Forest

The April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Ottawa Valley Forest** is available for public viewing by contacting the **Ottawa Valley Forest Inc.**, during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> beginning **March 15, 2024** and for the one-year duration of the AWS.



Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

Ottawa Valley Forest Inc. is responsible for tree planting on the Ottawa Valley Forest. Please contact the Forest Company listed below for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the rules for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please visit: [Ontario.ca/CrownLandWood](https://ontario.ca/CrownLandWood). For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the Forest Company listed below.

More Information

For more information on the AWS, to arrange a remote meeting with MNR staff to discuss the AWS or to request AWS summary information, please contact the MNR staff listed below:

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Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit:

ontario.ca/forestmanagement

Renseignements en français : Elizabeth Holmes au tel: 613 258-8210 ou courriel: elizabeth.holmes@ontario.ca.

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SUBJECT: Pembroke District, Ottawa Valley Forest MNRF Digital Mail List

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is transitioning to digital distribution of District mail-outs for all Forest Management Planning (FMP) notifications (e.g. Annual Work Schedule notifications) as per provincial direction outlined in the Forest Management Planning Manual (FMPM) 2020.

To receive future Pembroke District FMP notifications regarding the Ottawa Valley Forest (like the one on the opposite page) via email, please send an email request to Kaitlyn.Koopman@ontario.ca using the subject line OVF Mail List. All future notifications will be sent to you digitally at the e-mail address provided. We strongly encourage switching to email notices for efficiency and cost savings. Paper mailings may discontinue in the future. However, if you do not have email you can disregard this notice and continue receiving hard-copy mailings through Canada Post.

If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding the transition to digital notifications, please contact Kaitlyn Koopman, Resources Clerk, via e-mail at Kaitlyn.Koopman@ontario.ca.



Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Health Promotion

Public Health Nurse-Delivered Group Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy (CBT) for Postpartum Depression

Description of Program:

Public Health Nurse (PHN)-delivered group Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy (CBT) is an evidence-based intervention for postpartum depression. Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) will be implementing PHN-led CBT Workshops for clients within Renfrew County and District (RCD) who are pregnant or less than 18-months postpartum. These workshops provide an effective, brief option for birthing parents, reducing postpartum depression and anxiety, as well as improving social support, the mother-infant relationship, and positive affectivity/surgency in offspring.

Components of the workshop include both cognitive and behavioural techniques, which will provide psychoeducation and support to clients. As a result of the workshop, there is also an opportunity for participant referral to the Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) Program at RCDHU. Follow-up with participants is included to provide additional support and guidance. There is the option for both virtual and in-person workshop delivery, depending on the needs of the RCD community. Due to the versatility of the workshop, there is a future opportunity for community partnership to ensure reach to vulnerable populations within RCD that meet workshop eligibility.

Description of Team:

PHNs assigned to program areas within Health Promotion at RCDHU are being trained to facilitate the program. In addition, a team lead will provide ongoing support and assistance with developing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating the workshop.

Preventing and Reducing Substance Use Related Harms

Our substance use and harm reduction team continues planning to support the development of a community-wide drug strategy. We will be hosting the first Opioid Overdose Response Plan team meeting of the year in early March. These are regularly scheduled meetings between community partners to monitor and respond to the

changing drug-related harms situation across RCD. In addition to the usual updates, we will be asking members to provide initial input on a community drug strategy. Furthermore, we will continue this discussion at the substance use collective action summit being planned later in March. A comprehensive strategy will address prevention (including as this relates to housing and mental health), harm reduction, treatment, and enforcement and require extensive intersectoral community participation.

The establishment of the MESA initiative involving the County of Renfrew paramedic services, community services, and development and property is an exciting advance with the potential to enhance our collaborative community efforts. In addition to upstream approaches, the initiative includes a mobile services component for the most vulnerable in our community that will provide wrap-around medical, harm reduction, and social services support. We look forward to continuing to support these initiatives through Public Health's preventive and harm reduction lens.

Health Protection

Healthy Environments

Rabies:

The rabies virus infects mammals' nervous system and can be spread to humans through the bites or scratches of infected animals. After the bite or scratch of a potentially infected animal, rabies can be prevented through timely treatment. Once rabies symptoms appear, the disease is almost universally fatal, regardless of the treatment offered. Therefore, preventive work is essential.

Our healthy environments team plays an integral role in preventing rabies through follow-up after all animal exposure incidents, which require reporting to Public Health. Depending on the incident, follow-up includes doing a risk assessment for rabies exposure, surveillance of involved domestic animals, animal rabies testing, and arranging treatment. A potential rabies exposure is defined as a bite from a mammal, non-bite (scratch or contact with saliva) from a mammal, or direct contact with a bat. Prompt cleaning of any wound is always essential. Depending on the risk-level of the incident, vaccination and administration of antibodies (i.e., immunoglobulin) may be required. These treatments are called post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and should be started as soon as possible after the exposure. PEP treatments typically take 14 days to complete.

Public Health Inspectors investigate and respond to all animal exposure incidents. In 2023, 238 exposure incidents were investigated, with 25 incidents requiring PEP. Some of the animals involved were bats, dogs, cats, groundhogs, and raccoons.

RCDHU staff plan to run the Yellow-Ribbon Campaign for rabies prevention later this Spring. The campaign asks that dog owners place a yellow ribbon or collar on their pets to remind people to ask before petting, to prevent avoidable animal biting incidents. The campaign also educates the general public on the significance of the yellow ribbon or yellow dog collar. The first year of the campaign in 2023 was a social media success with many pet stores and veterinary clinics taking part.

Upcoming Seasonal Activities:

With the approach of spring weather, special attention is being paid to monitoring the freshet (spring ice melt) in March.

Warmer weather also brings renewed outdoor interactions with ticks. Tick dragging will occur once again this year, with RCDHU staff targeting locations bordering risk areas and near waterways to get a better sense of the spread of ticks in RCD.

Immunization

COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccine:

As the winter season has progressed, demand for both COVID-19 and flu vaccines has decreased. Both vaccines remain accessible through participating pharmacies, some primary care providers, and RCDHU booked appointments for children under 12 and those at higher risk. As of February 3rd, RCDHU has administered 7840 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, and 3742 doses of influenza vaccine via mass community-based clinics, in-home vaccination services, and mobile vaccination services to retirement homes and congregate care settings. As of February 3rd, pharmacies in RCD have administered 11,884 doses of COVID-19 vaccines and as of February 7th, 14,179 doses of influenza vaccine.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccine:

RCDHU continues to work with eligible partners to promote and administer of the RSV vaccine. As of February 12th, RCDHU has supported 3 mobile immunization clinics to eligible facilities and hosted 2 community clinics, resulting in a total of 160 doses of RSV vaccine being administered. RCDHU also supports the distribution of the RSV vaccine to eligible health care partners. As of February 12th, approximately 500 doses of vaccine have been distributed.

Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA):

ISPA work continues to occur throughout the winter months in RCD. As of February 17th, 2911 students were overdue for at least one ISPA vaccine (forecasted until June) or missing immunization information. Over the prior two weeks (Jan 28-Feb 17), approximately 500 students were brought up-to-date on their immunizations. RCDHU

anticipates seeing a further decrease in the number of overdue students in the coming weeks as the RCDHU immunization team will be hosting school-based clinics in all 11 high schools across RCD, and community-based clinics for students to attend. Both school and community-based clinics are planned to occur until the end of March 2024. Students can also be vaccinated through their health care provider, and report their immunizations back to RCDHU, preferably through the online [Immunization Connect Ontario tool \(ICON\)](#) or via fax, mail, or email.

Invasive Group A Streptococcal (iGAS) Infections

RCDHU, Canada as whole, and multiple other countries have noted significant increases in iGAS infections over the past year. Typical, non-invasive group A streptococcus infections are relatively common (e.g., strep throat) and are not reported to the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU). In rare cases, the group A streptococcus bacterium becomes more serious and invasive, infecting the blood, tissues, or muscle. These iGAS infections are reported to RCDHU to enable monitoring and actions to protect others from infection. In 2023, 20 iGAS cases were reported, compared to an average of 6 cases reported each year from 2019-2022.

The increase in iGAS infections is likely related to multiple different factors and is not completely understood. Changes in respiratory virus infection patterns may be partly responsible, as these illnesses increase the risk of group A streptococcus infection. Another contributing factor may be reduced exposure to group A streptococcus over recent years due to measures used to control COVID-19, which also reduced the spread of many other infectious diseases. This may have resulted in a temporary decline in immunity against group A streptococcus, and therefore more susceptibility last year. Finally, an increasing trend of invasive group A streptococcus across Ontario was apparent in the years before the pandemic. While measures used to control COVID-19 were associated with a reduction in invasive group A streptococcus, we may now be seeing a continuation of this previous trend.

People most at risk include those with chronic medical conditions, people with weakened immune systems, older adults, and young children. Severe, invasive infections from group A streptococcus remain uncommon, however, it is important to be alert and take precautions. Important precautions to reduce the risk of a group A streptococcus infection include:

- Frequent hand washing, especially before preparing or eating meals and after coughing or sneezing,
- Keeping wounds clean and monitoring for signs of infection, such as marked pain, redness, swelling, and drainage,
- Being vaccinated against viral illnesses that increase the risk of a group A streptococcus infection, including chickenpox, COVID-19 and the flu.

Anyone who is concerned about a group A streptococcal infection should act quickly and seek advice from their healthcare provider, Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC), or Health811.

- Prolonged fever and sore throat or fever and sore throat without associated cold symptoms (like cough and runny nose) are typical group A streptococcus symptoms.
- Rapidly worsening symptoms or severe symptoms such as trouble breathing, difficulty swallowing, or confusion should prompt emergency medical attention.

Respiratory Infections

Outbreaks:

Respiratory-related outbreak activity so far in 2024 has remained relatively consistent, with an average of 2 new respiratory outbreaks declared each week. There are currently 3 active respiratory outbreaks in RCD (as of February 13th).

Respiratory Disease Outcomes:

Some people are at higher risk of more severe disease or outcomes from respiratory illness infection than others. In the past 6 weeks, hospitalizations for COVID-19 have decreased to approximately 4 new admissions per week, down from 7-8 new admissions in November-December 2023. Hospitalizations for influenza continue to be reported by local hospitals.

RCDHU continues to review fatalities related to COVID-19 as information becomes available. Since November 2023, RCDHU has confirmed 14 COVID-19-related deaths.

Test Percent Positivity and Cases:

As of February 13th, a total of 31 influenza cases have been reported to RCDHU. Provincially, percent positivity for influenza A appears to have peaked in late December 2023 and currently sits around 10%. Percent positivity for influenza B remains low but has increased in recent weeks.

With respect to COVID-19, over the past few weeks, testing percent positivity for both Ontario and Eastern Region health units has been trending downward (9-10%). Our local positivity has also been decreasing, currently around 15% and is projected to decrease below 10% in the next week or so.

Wastewater:

Preliminary data for Ontario overall and for Eastern Region health units shows that COVID-19 wastewater signals are decreasing after peaking mid-end December 2023. Local signals from both Pembroke and Petawawa sites show a similar trend.

In addition to monitoring COVID-19 signals in wastewater, RCDHU is monitoring influenza signals this 2023-2024 season. Increases in influenza A signals were observed at both Pembroke and Petawawa sampling mid-December 2023, a few weeks prior to the first influenza A outbreak declared in January 2024. Supported by other influenza-related indicators, recent wastewater signals suggest that influenza continues to circulate in our communities.

Sexual Health - GetaKit

GetaKit is a University of Ottawa initiative aiming to assess the effectiveness and outcomes of a mailout HIV self-testing program. Launched in July 2020, the online platform provides Ontario residents with the accessibility of ordering an HIV test kit online to be completed in the privacy of their homes.

Since its launch, the GetaKit program has evolved to offer additional services beyond HIV testing. The program facilitates lab requisitions ordered by local Medical Officers of Health for chlamydia and gonorrhea testing, which can be conducted in local laboratories.

To ensure appropriate testing recommendations, individuals are required to complete a questionnaire prior to any testing. Based on this information, the program determines the types of testing suitable for the individual's needs.

Given the potential to enhance accessibility of testing and reduce spread of sexually transmitted infections (STI), last September RCDHU was the third public health unit across Ontario to join the Getakit program, making it available to RCD residents. In support of the program, our STI treatment medical directives were updated and our staff were provided with training. RCDHU will provide any RCD resident with a positive test result with assistance on education and obtaining treatment.

As of February 10th, GetaKit has successfully served 29 RCD residents. Since promotion of the program only began recently, we anticipate increased uptake in the months to come.

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From: [Natalie Jackett](#)
To: [HCM Clerk-Treasurer](#)
Cc: [John McDonnell](#); [Dianne Lemire](#)
Subject: Community Hall Rental for Community Engagement Session
Date: March 6, 2024 12:52:58 PM
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To whom it may concern,

My Name is Natalie Jackett and I am the Conservation Coordinator for the "Gap" project area at Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Ottawa Valley (CPAWS-OV). CPAWS-OV is the only charity dedicated solely to the protection of public lands and wildlife in Canada and has recently launched its "Gap" campaign to protect between 350 and 450 square kilometers of public lands between the towns of Deep River and Mattawa.

The purpose of this project is to protect a vital ecological corridor which is home to diverse and threatened species and ecosystems. By protecting this ecological corridor CPAWS-OV hopes to support the transition to the green economy in the region, promote more sustainable management practices, and protect recreation for community benefit.

In order to achieve this, we plan on engaging with diverse stakeholders such local residents, community organizations, recreational users and local industry to develop a plan that adheres to the needs of stakeholders while maintaining the corridor and the vital ecological services this area provides.

This spring, summer and fall CPAWS-OV plans on conducting a number of engagements, community activities, and studies in order to support our case for conservation. We plan on conducting our first community engagement sessions this spring on April 24th in the town of Mackey and in Deep River.

We hope that you could support us by providing an event space suitable for the purposes of this engagement session.

Sincerely,
Natalie Jackett





THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-06

BEING a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its regular meeting held on Thursday, March 21, 2024.

WHEREAS Subsection 5(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its council;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 5(3) of the said *Municipal Act* provides that all municipal power including the municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the action of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria in respect of each recommendation or resolution contained in the minutes of the special council meetings of Thursday, March 21, 2024, and any reports of committees and of local boards and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at this meeting is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.
2. **THAT** the Mayor and the appropriate officials of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria referred to in the proceeding section.
3. **THAT** the Mayor, or in the absence of the Mayor, the alternate head of council and the Municipal Clerk, or in the absence of the Municipal Clerk, the Deputy Clerk, or in the absence of the Municipal Clerk and the Deputy Clerk, the Acting Clerk, are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the corporate seal of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria.

READ a 1st time short and passed this 21st day of March 2024.

MAYOR

CLERK