# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

**February 25, 2022**

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The City-operated Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station program for general public use was initiated in 2016 with the installation of a ChargePoint EV charging station in the Water Street South Parking Lot. Additional FLO curbside EV charging stations were installed in 2018 on Dickson Street and Tannery Street.

In 2020, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) launched a Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program which provided an opportunity for grant funding to expand the network of EV charging stations. The Region of Waterloo partnered with local area municipalities for the installation of EV charging stations and the project is now in the final stages that will see six (6) new ChargePoint EV charging stations in the City of Cambridge become activated on March 1, 2022 for general public use. These new locations include:

- Civic Square Parking Lot (two (2) EV charging stations)
- Hespeler Arena Parking Lot
- King Street Parking Lot
- Queen Square Parking Lot
- Westminster Drive Parking Lot

In accordance with the Municipal Fees and Charges By-law a fee of $1.64 per hour is charged for the use of EV charging stations, however it appears that the 2016 ChargePoint EV charging station in the Water Street South Parking Lot has not been charging users the applicable fee. As part of the March 1, 2022 activation of new EV charging stations the $1.64 hourly fee will also begin to be charged at this EV charging station for program consistency throughout the City.
A digital notice of the new fee will be posted on the display screen of the 2016 ChargePoint EV charging station to advise of this change. Existing users of the Water Street South Parking Lot EV charging station will also be advised through the ChargePoint web portal and a notice will be mailed to all surrounding businesses and property owners advising of the hourly fee.

Attachments

N/A

Approvals:
☒ Manager/Supervisor  ☒ Deputy City Manager  ☒ City Manager
January 25, 2022

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

RE: Joint & Several Liability

Dear Premier Ford:

At its Regular Meeting held on January 24, 2022, Central Elgin Council passed the following resolution respecting the above noted matter:

THAT the Municipality of Central Elgin reaffirms its concern about joint and several liability and again requests a review of the law to ensure a fair and reasonable way to compensate those who have suffered losses while preventing further reductions in public services due to the high insurance costs associated with joint and several liability.

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to AMO and all other municipalities in Ontario.

The Municipality of Central Elgin, along with other municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), has advocated for a fair, reasonable, and responsible manner to ensure that those who have suffered losses are compensated without putting the burden solely on municipalities.

We understand that this matter is under review at Queen’s Park but continue to have concerns about the inequity of the current system. We look forward to any updates you can provide on this issue.

Sincerely,

Sally Martyn
Mayor

c.c. AMO
Ontario Municipalities
THAT Council hereby supports the resolution from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) regarding supporting the expansion of Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario; and

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliot, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade Victor Fedeli, local MP’s and MPP’s, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), all Ontario Municipalities.
RE: Funding Support for Infrastructure Projects – Bridge/Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities

Dear Premier,

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on February 9, 2022 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2022-039:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

That the Consent Agenda item 6.10 listed for FEBRUARY 9, 2022 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas, the Council of the Township of Puslinch supports the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio- Funding Support Request for the Federal and Provincial Government to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements;

Therefore, Council directs staff to forward a support resolution to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Peter Bethenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance, Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Federal Minister of Finance, AMO, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.
Sincerely,
Courtenay Hoytfox
Municipal Clerk

cc:
Hon. Peter Bethenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance minister.fin@ontario.ca
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Federal Minister of Finance chrystia.freeland@fin.gc.ca
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) amo@amo.on.ca
All Ontario Municipalities
January 25, 2022

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

sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Funding Support for Infrastructure Projects – Bridge/Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities

Dear Premier:

At the last regular Council meeting held January 12th, 2022, the following resolution was passed:

“RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio supports the requests from the Township of Adelaide-Metcalfe, the Township of Lake of Bays, the Township of Amaranth and Northumberland County for the Federal and Provincial Government to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance, Federal Finance Minister, AMO, and all Ontario municipalities.”

Sincerely,

Dianne Gould-Brown

Dianne Gould-Brown, CMO
Municipal Clerk

cc:
Hon. Peter Bethenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance  minister.fin@ontario.ca
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Federal Minister of Finance  chrystia.freeland@fin.gc.ca
AMO  amo@amo.on.ca
All Ontario Municipalities

www.adjtos.ca
February 23, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of February 22, 2022 the following motion regarding request for action related to "Renovictions" and other bad faith evictions was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. CW-41-2022

DATE: February 10, 2022

MOVED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch

WHEREAS tenants in Prince Edward County and throughout Ontario need stable homes and predictable rents;

WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound destabilizing effect on both the job market and the rental housing market;

AND WHEREAS Citizens and communities are hurt by unscrupulous practices such as bad faith “Renovictions” and false “personal use” evictions which can, and do directly impact the affordable housing crisis, as well as inflict damage (both financial and mental) particularly on our most vulnerable citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward requests that the Government of Ontario:

1. take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever-increasing problem of “Renovictions” and other bad-faith evictions;

2. extend rent control to all tenancies including those first occupied after November 2018 which are currently exempt from rent control restrictions; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MPP Todd Smith, and the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, all Ontario Municipalities, and AMO.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, CLERK
Hon. Lisa McLeod
Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
438 University Avenue, 6th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2K8

RE: Support for arts and culture industries in Waterloo Region

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Dear Minister McLeod,

We are writing to amplify calls to provide support for arts and culture industries in the Region of Waterloo as this sector works to recover from COVID-19. A thriving arts and culture scene contributes invaluably to residents’ sense of community and well-being in the Region of Waterloo and urgent action is required to ensure the future sustainability of local arts and culture industries.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, arts and cultures industries have struggled as performances, installations, concerts, galleries, and gatherings have been postponed and cancelled due to ongoing closures and restrictions to ensure the safety of everyone involved. The resulting instability and loss of income and employment has been devastating for the local arts community and there is growing concern that local artists will need to relocate as they are not able to afford to live and operate in Waterloo Region. While we will continue to advocate for supports for arts and culture industries at the provincial level, the sustainability of this vital sector is dependent on action from all levels of government.

Even before COVID-19, arts and culture industries were under-funded and operating in precarious conditions. This is especially true for marginalized creatives who identify as Indigenous, Black, racialized, artists with disabilities and those who form part of the vibrant 2SLGBTQ+ communities. Nearly two years into this pandemic, we need to recognize and address the extent to which artists, community organizations, and institutions are struggling. Decisive action is needed to ensure a vibrant and active cultural scene in Waterloo Region and we are calling on you to work with local leaders in the arts and culture sector to protect and enhance arts and culture in our communities.

Kind Regards,

Catherine Fife, MPP
Waterloo

Laura Mae Lindo, MPP
Kitchener Centre
Catherine Fife  
MPP Waterloo

Laura Mae Lindo  
MPP Kitchener Centre

C: Chair Redman, Region of Waterloo  
Mayor Jaworsky, City of Waterloo  
Mayor McGarry, City of Cambridge  
Mayor Vrurbanovic, City of Kitchener  
Denis Longchamps, Executive Director, Clay and Glass Gallery
February 24, 2022

Re: Item for Discussion – Hospital Capital Funding

At its meeting of February 23, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motions 22-PD-014, regarding the Item for Discussion – Hospital Capital Funding, as follows:

"WHEREAS healthcare funding is a provincial and federal responsibility;

AND WHEREAS from 2009 to 2020 a total of $415.4 million has been transferred from municipal operations to fund and build provincial hospitals:

AND WHEREAS remaining long-term commitments to hospitals stand at $117.5 million (as of 2020), which will also be financed from municipal operations;

AND WHEREAS a hospital is one of many public services that contributes to healthy communities;

AND WHEREAS municipal contributions to provincial hospitals takes away from the resources available for other municipal services that contribute to the health and well-being of residents;

AND WHEREAS a community’s total contribution to local hospitals also includes the donations made by benevolent individuals, groups, and businesses along with municipal contributions;

AND WHEREAS a community’s required local share is to pay 10% of capital construction costs and 100% of the cost of equipment, furniture, and fixtures, which includes medical equipment with big ticket prices: MRI machines, CT scanners, and x-ray machines;

AND WHEREAS this translates to a 70% provincial share and 30% local share (individuals, groups, businesses, and municipalities) of the overall cost of provincial hospital operations and capital projects;

AND WHEREAS the adoption of the “design-build-finance” hospital construction model (also known as alternative financing and procurement or P3 projects), has increased local share amounts because they now include the costs of long-term financing;

AND WHEREAS equipment replacement needs are increasingly frequent and increasingly expensive with average equipment lifespan of just ten years;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has highlighted the “local share” of hospital capital contributions as a major issue in its 2022 Pre-Budget Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge calls for a provincial re-examination of the “local share” hospital capital calculation methodology, to better reflect the limited fiscal capacity of municipalities, and the contributions to health care services they already provide to a community;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, 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,

[Signature]

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
February 18, 2022

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO:

Joanne Vanderheyden
President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
info@fcm.ca

Dear President Vanderheyden,

Re: Year of the Garden Proclamation

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of Norfolk County, please be advised that upon the recommendation of the Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Board, Council passed the following resolution at the February 15, 2021 Council meeting:

Resolution No. 13

Moved By: Councillor Martin
Seconded By: Councillor Huffman

WHERAS Norfolk County is known as Ontario's Garden and has a rich agricultural and horticulture industry;

AND WHEREAS Communities in Bloom and “Fleurons du Québec” in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invite all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada’s horticulture sector;

AND WHEREAS gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality, our climate action goals and create safe and healthy places where people can come together in the spirit of inclusivity and reconciliation:

AND WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and experience of our municipality;
AND WHEREAS gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT Norfolk County hereby proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges;

AND THAT the Saturday before Father’s Day, National Garden Day, June 18 in 2022, be recognize as Garden Day in Norfolk County as a legacy of Canada’s Year of the Garden 2022;

AND THAT Norfolk County is committed to be a Garden Friendly County supporting the development of its garden culture and is proud to have history, heritage and diversity of gardens;

AND FURTHER THAT all municipalities across Canada be invited proclaim 2022 to be the Year of the Garden in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and for that purpose.

Further information regarding the Year of the Garden Proclamation can be found on the Year of the Garden Website. If any municipality would like to partner with Norfolk County in proclaiming 2022 as the Year of the Garden a draft resolution is attached below.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact Kevin Klingenberg, Deputy Clerk at 519-426-5870 x. 1261, or email: Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca

Sincerely,

Kevin Klingenberg
Deputy Clerk
Norfolk County

CC:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalites
- All Ontario municipalities
- Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Board
Year of the Garden 2022 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada’s horticulture sector;

WHEREAS gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together;

WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and the experience garden of our municipality;

WHEREAS gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic;

WHEREAS Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT __________________________ HEREBY PROCLAIMS 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and

THAT the Saturday before Father’s Day, June 18 in 2022, be recognize as Garden Day in __________________________ as a legacy of Canada’s Year of the Garden 2022; and

THAT __________________________ is committed to be a Garden Friendly City supporting the development of its garden culture and is proud to have:

(name at least two city initiatives that support the garden culture of your city and the spirit of the Year of the Garden); and

THAT all municipalities across Canada BE INVITED to proclaim 2022 to be the Year of the Garden in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to the FCM, and for that purpose.

DATED AT CITY HALL, (the xx day of (add month), 2021 or 2022

__________________________________ (insert Mayor’s name), Mayor
Proclamation

Event: Year of the Garden 2022
Date: June 18, 2022

"Whereas the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada’s horticulture sector; and

Whereas gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together; and

Whereas the Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and the experience garden of our municipality; and

Whereas gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic; and

Whereas Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Mayor Gail Latchford, on behalf of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand do hereby proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and

That the Saturday before Father’s Day, June 18, 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand as a legacy of Canada’s Year of the Garden 2022; and

That the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand is committed to be a Garden Friendly Township supporting the development of its garden culture; and
That all municipalities across Canada be invited to proclaim 2022 to be the Year of the Garden in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to all municipalities of Ontario, and for that purpose.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2022

Mayor, Gail Latchford
February 14, 2022 via email premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A7

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised, at their regular meeting on the evening of February 7, 2022, the Council of the Township of Front of Yonge passed the following motion:

“Moved by Gail Williams and seconded by Carson Massey:

WHEREAS Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Township of Front of Yonge’s Official Plan; and

WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Township of Front of Yonge’s Official Plan; and
WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the Township of Front of Yonge; and

WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans; and

WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

WHEREAS towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

1. NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED That the Township of Front of Yonge requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

3. 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.

Carried- Roger Haley, Mayor"
Sincerely,

\textit{Jennifer Ault}

\textit{Clerk}

\texttt{cc via email:}
- Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – steve.clark@pc.ola.org
- Honourable Andrea Horwath, Opposition Leader – ahorwath-gp@ndp.on.ca
- Honourable Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party – info.leader@ontarioliberal.ca
- Honourable Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party – mschreiner-co@ola.org
- All Ontario MPPs
- Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario
- Small Urban GTHA Mayors of Ontario
- Regional Chairs of Ontario
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – amo@amo.on.ca
- All Ontario municipalities
February 15, 2022

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

Dear Premier,

**RE: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal**

At its meeting held on February 7, 2022, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution with respect to the Ontario Land Tribunal:

*Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and*

*Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and*

*Whereas our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and*

*Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and*

*Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes*
that better the community or fit within the vision of the City of Sarnia’s Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the City of Sarnia’s Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the City of Sarnia; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans and Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The City of Sarnia requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of
Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

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.

Your favorable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

Cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
   Leader of the Opposition
   Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party
   MPPs in the Province of Ontario
   Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario
   Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario
   AMO
   All Ontario Municipalities
February 17, 2022

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

Dear Premier,

**RE: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal**

At its meeting held on February 15, 2022, Thorold City Council adopted the following resolution with respect to the Ontario Land Tribunal:

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and

Whereas our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the Province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Aurora; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with
municipal and provincially approved official plans or consistent with provincial plans and policy; and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are similarly only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the Province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

1. Now Therefore Be It Resolved That The Council Of The City Of Thorold requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

2. That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

3. That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Your favorable consideration of this request is appreciated.

Yours truly,

Katie Viccica
Legislative Assistant

Cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Leader of the Opposition
Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party
MPPs in the Province of Ontario
Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario
Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario
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All Ontario Municipalities
February 18, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier’s Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen’s Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Sent via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Re: Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal, Town of Gravenhurst

Dear Premier Ford

At the Town of Gravenhurst Council meeting of Tuesday February 15, 2022, Council passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy;

AND WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”;

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage developments to meet the need for attainable housing in our community;

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage developments to meet certain environmental standards which are voided by the Provincial Policy Statement;

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the District of Muskoka, as delegated from the Province, in accordance with the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to adopt Official Plan amendments or approve Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan;
AND WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the Town of Gravenhurst;

AND WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in conformity with municipal Official Plans and consistent with Provincial Planning Policy;

AND WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Councils are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans;

AND WHEREAS municipalities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province or their designate in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings;

AND WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

AND WHEREAS the existence of the OLT acts as a barrier that restricts municipalities from protecting the environment from development that is uncharacteristic of its community;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Gravenhurst requests the Government of Ontario dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing, and restricting a municipality’s ability to enforce self-determined environmentally-friendly development policies in Ontario;

2. A copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and,

3. A copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

4. A suitable alternative appeal process be investigated by the Province utilizing an elected board of appeal

Sincerely,

Kayla Thibeault
Director of Legislative Services / Clerk
Town of Gravenhurst
KT/ds

cc.
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing steve.clark@pc.ola.org
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February 22, 2022

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

Dear Premier:

Re:  Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 22, 2022  
Re:  Item 10.1 – Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request to Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 22, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and

Whereas our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and
Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Aurora; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans; and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and acts as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Town of Aurora Council requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

3. 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.

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

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

MdR/is  

Copy:  Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Opposition, New Democratic Party  
Steven Del Luca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party  
Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario  
All MPPs in the Province of Ontario  
Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario (Ontario’s Big City Mayors)  
Small Urban GTHA Mayors  
Regional Chairs of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities
VIA EMAIL (premier@ontario.ca)

February 22, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier’s Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen’s Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL

At its Regular Meeting held Monday, February 14, 2022 the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed the following motion in support of the Town of Aurora, Request for Support for Government of Ontario to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal. (copy enclosed).

"138-02142022
Moved By Deputy Mayor Gord Queen
Seconded By Councillor Kim DeYong

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Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or
fit within the vision of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville's Official Plan; and

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Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing.

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and
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.

CARRIED*

Please contact the undersigned if you should require any further information.

Yours very truly,

Paula Parker
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