# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

**March 25, 2022**

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Through the Engineering and Transportation Services Division, City staff liaise with the Region of Waterloo with regards to the Region’s planned capital projects within Cambridge. The Region of Waterloo is the primary source for information and timelines regarding their projects; however, the following provides a high-level overview of the major Regional projects planned for 2022. This overview is based on current available information which may change based on weather, COVID-19 response or agency approvals.

For the latest information on Region construction projects and related road closures, please visit the Region’s Construction and Road Closure website at:

Dundas Street – Hespeler Road to Franklin Boulevard

This is a multi-year Region project that began in 2020 with construction of Phase 1 between Elgin Street and Briercrest Avenue that was completed in 2021.

Phase 2 of the project, between Shade Street and Hespeler Road, is set to begin construction in Spring 2022 and will continue over two construction seasons and be completed in Fall 2023.

The Phase 2 works include reconstruction of the road, replacement of storm sewers, sanitary sewers and watermain, construction of new on-road cycling facilities from Shade Street to Roxboro Road and a multi-use trail on one side of the road from Roxboro Road to Hespeler Road. The project also includes rehabilitation of the bridge over the CPR tracks at Samuelson
Street, and the construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Dundas Street and Beverly Street.

During construction of the roundabout, which is currently planned from April to July 2022, Dundas Street will be fully closed at Beverly Street, with no through traffic on either Dundas or Beverly Streets. Local access, with one lane in each direction, will be maintained throughout the remainder of the construction.

The Region has planned two detour routes using Regional roads. The first is Water Street – Concession Street - Main Street. The second is Main Street - Franklin Boulevard - Can-Amera Parkway - Hespeler Road.

The final phase of this project includes work between Briercrest Avenue and Franklin Boulevard and is currently planned for 2024. The 2024 phase includes work on Main Street between Franklin Blvd and Chalmers Street, including the intersection area with Dundas Street.

**Avenue Road – Hespeler Road to Franklin Boulevard**

The Region has identified several projects as part of the Cambridge 1 Pressure Zone changes. One of the projects required to support adjustments to the water pressure zones and boundaries is the construction of a new watermain on Avenue Road between Hespeler Road and Franklin Boulevard.

This project was originally planned for 2021, but was delayed until this year. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2022, and will take approximately five (5) months to complete.

During construction, one lane of traffic will be maintained, with only westbound travel allowed.

**Water Street – Ainslie Street to Simcoe Street**

In cooperation with the Region and the City, the developer/owner of the Cambridge Mill is leading work on Water Street between Ainslie Street and Simcoe Street to support the proposed development on the Cambridge Mill site. The developer and Region works include the relocation of a storm sewer from private property into the road allowance and conversion of one-way traffic flow to two-way traffic between Simcoe and Ainslie Streets. As part of the developer led project, the City will also be replacing watermain on this section of Water Street, which is due to be replaced due to age and condition.

This work is currently being designed and construction is anticipated later in 2022.

A full road closure on Water Street between Ainslie and Simcoe Streets is expected during construction.
Attachments

N/A

Approvals:
☒ Manager/Supervisor    ☒ Deputy City Manager    ☒ City Manager
Resolution No.:

Title: New Gravel Extraction Licensing applications

Date: February 7, 2022

Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

WHEREAS Ontario currently has over 5000 licenced pits and quarries located throughout the province that are able to meet the expected near term needs of Ontario’s construction industry;

AND WHEREAS applications continue to be submitted without a definitive determination if there is a need for additional supply;

AND WHEREAS gravel pits and quarries are destructive of natural environments and habitats;

AND WHEREAS pits and quarries have negative social impacts on host communities in terms of noise, air pollution, and truck traffic;

AND WHEREAS the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to combat climate change has brought awareness to the very high carbon footprint associated with the production of concrete and asphalt which are major end-users of aggregates;

AND WHEREAS there is an obligation to consult with First Nations peoples regarding the impacts of quarries on treaty lands and a responsibility to address those impacts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario government be requested to impose an immediate temporary moratorium on all new gravel
mining applications pending a broad consultation process including with First Nations, affected communities, independent experts and scientists to chart a new path forward for gravel mining in Ontario which:

- Proposes criteria and processes for determining the need for new gravel licences;
- Recommends updated policies and restrictions for gravel mining below the water table to reflect current groundwater sciences;
- Develops new guidelines for reprocessing in order to ensure sustainable aggregate supplies;
- Recommends a fair levy for gravel mining that includes compensation for the full environmental and infrastructure maintenance costs to the local community of extraction and distribution of aggregate;
- Provides greater weight to the input by local municipalities to lessen the social impacts from mining operation and trucking through their communities;
- Proposes revisions to application procedures which fully honour First Nations’ treaty rights;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the leaders of all Provincial Parties, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Ted Arnott MPP, AMO, Small Urban GTHA Mayors, Town of Milton, Town of Oakville, City of Burlington and Region of Halton.

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Mayor Rick Bonnette
To: Mayor and Council
From: Reform Gravel Mining Coalition (RGMC)
Re: Correcting Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (OSSGA) Misinformation
Date: March 21, 2022

The Reform Gravel Mining Coalition recently became aware of a letter sent to Municipalities across Ontario regarding our organization and activities. We are disappointed that an organization such at the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association would stoop to name calling and fear mongering and we want to take this opportunity to set the record straight.

The March 18, 2022 memo misrepresents the statements of the RGMC. See comparison below between OSSGA claims and RGMC statements (Table 1). The OSSGA also makes claims about aggregate supply and demand that are questionable as they are not based on publicly available authoritative information. The OSSGA also omits information which would provide the reader a more comprehensive understanding of the issue – for example the contribution of the cement industry to the climate crisis. These are also itemized below (Table 2).

A primary purpose of proposing a moratorium, a temporary pause, on new gravel mining approvals is to conduct an independent third-party study of aggregate reserves. This independent study is an urgent priority as there is a finite amount of gravel reserves in Ontario, and gravel is a vital resource which needs to be carefully managed.

OSSGA member James Dick Construction Ltd. is proud of their “300-year resource management plan” indicating that they “consider long-term planning essential for long-term growth — except that in its case the planning horizon stretches three centuries into the future.”1 It is difficult to reconcile the recurring claims that Ontario is running out of gravel when members of the industry make such statements.

Concerns around gravel mining have been raised for decades. Citizens demand to be protected. Municipalities’ ability to manage this environmentally and socially intrusive industry are increasingly hampered and reduced. We understand that the industry is concerned. Change can be frightening. But we invite municipalities to support the resolution for a moratorium, a temporary pause, on all new gravel mining approvals in Ontario. Let’s stop making the situation worse by continuing to issue new approvals. It is time to chart a new path forward.

Please contact the Reform Gravel Mining Coalition at campaign@reformgravelmining.ca for more information

Table 1: Corrections to OSSGA Misinformation

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<td>The industry <em>digs out</em> 13 times more gravel every year than it uses</td>
<td>The provincial government has <em>authorized the gravel mining industry to extract</em> thirteen times more gravel each year than is required to meet average annual consumption.²</td>
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<td>The aggregate industry <em>takes up</em> to 4.6 billion litres of precious water every day.</td>
<td>The provincial government has <em>approved</em> up to 4.6 billion litres of water for daily consumption by the gravel mining industry.³</td>
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<td>The aggregate industry <em>destroys</em> 5,000 acres of land a year.</td>
<td>Gravel mining <em>consumes</em> an average of 5,000 acres of land in Ontario each year. An average of 5,000 acres of land is licensed each year for gravel mining in Ontario.⁴</td>
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Table 2: Gravel Mining in Ontario/ OSSGA Claims vs. Facts

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<td>It is estimated that the industry has roughly a 10-year supply of aggregate licensed to extract.</td>
<td>This statement is not supported by publicly available data. RGMC’s review of NDMNRF (Ministry) data, and The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC) annual reports does not provide evidence to support the assertion that there are only 10 years of close to market reserves. The OSSGA fact is based on “industry estimates”. RGMC cites TOARC data⁵.</td>
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<td>The Golder/MHBC Supply Demand Study estimated the “amount of 'high' quality reserves is approximately 1.47 billion tonnes”</td>
<td>The OSSGA fails to cite the Golder/MHBC Supply Demand Study reference to the “high degree of uncertainty with this estimate” and the study authors’ warning that “the results should not be taken as a very realistic indication of what resource may actually be proven and made available from these licenced sites”.⁶ The reality is that no one knows the true state of aggregate reserves in Ontario.</td>
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² Total of maximum extraction limits from the Ministry of NDMNRF Aggregate License and Permit System (ALPS)
³ MOECP Permits To Take Water Database total of active permits issued for Pits and Quarries Dewatering and Aggregate Washing
⁴ https://toarc.com/production-statistics/
⁵ https://toarc.com/production-statistics/
⁶ Golder MHBC Supply and Demand Study Executive Summary 2016
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| Ontario will require nearly 4 billion tonnes of aggregate over the next 20 years to meet the needs of citizens and the additional 5.3 million people that will call Ontario home. That is estimated to be 192 million tonnes of aggregate per year. | In the last 20 years average gravel consumption has deceased while the population of Ontario grew by 3 million people in that same period.  
  • The average annual consumption of gravel from 2001 – 2010 was 168 MT per year.  
  • From 2011 – 2020 it was 157 MT / year.  
  • Ontario’s population increased from 12M to 15M an increase of (25%) in the last 20 years. |
| It currently takes an average of 10 years to apply for and receive a new license. | There is no publicly available data to support this claim. The application process for new gravel mining approvals has a two-year time limit on it. Additional delays are often a result of decisions and choices made by the applicants. |
| The aggregate industry is not a significant contributor of GHG emissions     | The cement industry produces 8% of global carbon emissions, as a country it would be the third largest global emitter of CO2. Aggregate is the feedstock to cement production. |
| With respect to the amount of new land that is excavated every year – the average for the past 10 years as reported in The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation annual production report is approximately 2600 acres per year.  
  An average of 2000 acres per year is rehabilitated for a total net new disturbed area of 600 acres. | The publicly available data on excavation over the long term does not support this claim. TOARC data indicates that the acres under licence for gravel extraction have increased from 221,000 acres in 1998 to 333,000 acres in 2020, an increase of 112,000 acres or almost 5,000 acres per year.  
  TOARC data indicates the total disturbed area has increased from 50,000 acres in 1998 to 83,000 in 2020, an increase of 33,000 acres or 67%. The acres scarred by gravel mining in Ontario is increasing each year, rehabilitation is not keeping up. |

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7 https://toarc.com/production-statistics/  
8 https://toarc.com/production-statistics/  
9 https://toarc.com/production-statistics/
A MORATORIUM ON ALL NEW GRAVEL MINING APPROVALS TODAY
— a step towards a sustainable tomorrow

ISSUES

1. Gravel mining permanently changes the existing natural environment and causes numerous negative impacts to surrounding communities. It is not a benign activity.

2. The gravel mining industry provides the raw materials for cement production, highway construction and urban sprawl. These activities are significant contributors to greenhouse gas emissions in Ontario.

3. Ontario’s current application process for gravel mining:
   - Allows uncontrolled proliferation of gravel sites across Ontario
   - Favours corporations and places an unfair burden on municipalities and local communities forced to advocate for the protection of the natural environment and built communities
   - Does not fulfill the requirements for free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous Nations as guaranteed in the Canadian constitution

POLICY PROPOSAL

1. Impose an immediate moratorium on all new gravel mining approvals (including interim orders and site plan amendments for mining below the water table or that increase licensed tonnages).

2. Create an independent panel to conduct broad consultations involving Indigenous Nations, municipalities, affected communities, industry, and independent experts and scientists.

3. Chart a new path forward for gravel mining which:
   - Prevents greater climate chaos
   - Protects groundwater and farmland
   - Increases the weight of local perspectives in land use planning
   - Ensures long term supplies of a finite resource
   - Honours treaties and obligations with Indigenous Nations as prescribed in the Canadian Constitution

IMPACT OF A MORATORIUM

A moratorium on new approvals of gravel mining sites in Ontario will:

1. Provide an opportunity to update gravel mining industry policies and regulations to reflect current societal expectations and meet the national and international requirements of addressing climate change.

2. Respond to the urgent requests from thousands of Ontario residents (predominantly rural) struggling with the threats to their families, homes and communities from gravel mining.

3. NOT impact the current supply of gravel required to meet Ontario’s needs.

4. NOT impact the rights existing gravel mining operators have to continue their existing operations as they do today.

5. NOT impact current employment in the gravel mining industry.
FOUR FACTS ON GRAVEL MINING IN ONTARIO

**FACT 1**
The provincial government has authorized the gravel mining industry to extract thirteen times more gravel each year than is required to meet average annual consumption.

- On average 157.4 million tonnes of gravel was extracted annually over the past 10 years in Ontario.  
- 2.05 billion tonnes of gravel extraction are allowed each year from the 5000-plus licensed gravel mining sites in Ontario. (Note: 800-plus sites, (approximately 15%) are permitted to extract unlimited tonnages each year. These amounts are in addition to the 2.05 billion tonnes mentioned above.)

**Gravel mining consumes an average of 5,000 acres of land in Ontario each year.**

- Licenses for gravel extraction have increased from 183,000 acres in 1992 to 333,000 acres in 2020, an increase of almost 150,000 acres or 5,000 acres per year over the past three decades. That's a land area equivalent to two proposed Melancthon mega-quarries each year.

**FACT 3**
The gravel mining industry doesn't pay its fair share, for example municipal property taxes.

- Municipalities challenge preferential property tax treatment given to gravel mining sites.
- Disputes continue between Ontario Municipalities and the gravel industry over property taxes.
- Examples:
  - Wellington Country asserts that "other sectors, mainly residential and small business, are subsidizing the aggregate industry's artificially low valuations".
  - In Puslinch Township "single family homes in Puslinch pay more taxes than 100-acre active (gravel) sites".

**FACT 4**
The gravel mining industry supplies sand, stone and gravel for cement production, highway construction and urban sprawl, which make significant contributions to greenhouse gas emissions in Ontario.

- The cement industry produces 8% of global carbon emissions, as a country it would be the third largest global emitter of CO2.
- Transportation has become the biggest source of GHG emissions in Ontario.

RECOMMENDED AREAS OF CONSULTATION AND INQUIRY

- Determine the total amount of licensed supply in Ontario's 5000-plus pits and quarries.
- Propose criteria and processes for determining and demonstrating the need for new gravel mining sites.
- Define limits on 'virgin' aggregate extraction, and set targets for aggregate reprocessing in order to ensure sustainable management of the finite gravel resources in Ontario.
- Propose revisions to application procedures which fully honour Indigenous Nations' treaty rights.
- Recommend updated policies and restrictions for gravel mining below the water table to reflect current groundwater sciences.
- Propose methods which increase the weight given to municipal and community perspectives in gravel mining decisions.
- Recommend approaches to ensure that gravel mining sites are not allowed to transform themselves in significant ways after initial approval. This would include changes to progressive or final rehabilitation plans.
- Recommend a fair levy for gravel mining that includes compensation for the full social and environmental costs of its extraction.
- Recommend approaches to gravel mining oversight to ensure full compliance with all regulations and license conditions.

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1. Aggregate Resources Statistics in Ontario, Production Statistics annual reports, The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC)
2. Aggregate Resources Statistics in Ontario, Production Statistics annual reports, The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC)
3. Presentation, Ken DeHart, Wellington County Treasurer May 30th 2021 Gravel Watch Ontario
6. Why Are Ontario’s GHG emissions going up instead of Down? Environmental Defence, April 21, 2020
"That the Finance and Audit Committee receive the correspondence from the City of Brantford and the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, regarding 'Revolving Door of Justice' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council support the correspondence and that staff forward this to the Provincial officials.

Passed and the Municipalities in Ontario.
Council Resolution

Moved By W. Cane
Seconded By J Henderson

Agenda Item 10
Resolution Number 2022-03-16-157

Council Date: March 16, 2022

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committees' Minutes (meetings held on February 28, March 1, and March 2, 2022) with the exception of any items noted which require separate discussion, and/or any items identified by Members which require separate discussion."

Recorded Vote Requested by

Councilor's Name

Carried

Deferred

Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature
Good day fellow heads of council:

I expect your office, like mine, receives many inquiries from residents desperate that something be done to combat the increase in property drug and gun related crime.

Like me, you probably experience a feeling of helplessness, not sure what immediate steps you or your council can take to help residents whose homes and cars have been broken into.

Like me, you have probably made inquiries of members of your police service and found that they too are frustrated. Frustrated that after spending a lot of time and hard work apprehending those who repeatedly commit these crimes, some of which can be very serious, to find that the person they arrested has not been held in jail but released on bail, sometimes even before their shift has ended! When you ask for further information you may be shocked, as I was, to discover that some of the most prolific of wrongdoers have a long list of outstanding charges, many being repeat infractions of prior bail orders. You then see first-hand what the revolving door of justice looks like and believe me it is discouraging. A system that seems to cater to criminals and gives short shift to protecting the law abiding citizens of your community.

Your next reaction is likely to then blame “the judges”.

However if you dig deeper, by speaking to senior police officers and crown attorneys, you will likely discover the problem is not usually “the judges” but the rules they are required to follow.

If you dig even deeper, you will discover the rule maker for bail provisions is the federal government, which several years ago passed legislation reforming the bail laws. The impact of those rules makes it much more likely that a repeat offender will not be held in custody pending a final disposition of their charges. Many of those offenders will then continue their crime sprees regardless that they are subject to fairly severe release orders.

I have been there.

I then went one step further and asked our police chief, Rob Davis, and our federal MP Larry Brock (a former 30 year crown attorney), how the federal government should change the bail rules to better protect our law abiding citizens. The end result are the attached resolutions that reflect their
combined wisdom. The only “political input” was in regards to the preamble and the title. I had to do something to make this stand out from the many resolutions you receive!

I am proud to report that our council have passed these resolutions *unanimously* (see attached). We’re asking your council to do the same and join what we hope will be a growing movement with broad support from across the province telling our federal government that we do not want the bail laws weakened we want them strengthened so that our residents feel safer and have greater confidence in our judicial system. I encourage you to do the same in your municipality.

Kind regards,

Mayor Kevin Davis  
City of Brantford  
58 Dalhousie St Brantford, ON N3T 2J0  
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kdavis@brantford.ca

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January 28, 2022

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Sent via email: policy@amo.on.ca

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford adopted the following resolution at its City Council meeting held on January 25, 2022:

**12.5.2 Addressing the Revolving Door of Justice – Accountability for Sureties and Swift Justice – Resolution**

WHEREAS the City of Brantford has experienced a substantial increase in criminal activity leaving residents fearful for their personal safety and losing confidence in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford strives to create vibrant, safe, livable neighbourhoods in its community; and

WHEREAS concerns continue to be raised by businesses, the post-secondary institutions in the downtown area and their student bodies, neighbourhood associations, citizens and others; and

WHEREAS bringing matters related to criminal charges more expeditiously through the court system will create a greater deterrence to such behaviour, and therefore improve the safety and security of citizens in this community; and

WHEREAS each year a significant sum of surety money is forfeited further to breaches of the conditions of judicial interim release orders ("bail") however, the necessary steps are not taken to collect this forfeited money, thus leaving a substantial financial resource unavailable;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

A. THAT Kevin Davis, Mayor of the City of Brantford, on behalf of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford, correspond with the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board and the Honourable Doug Downie, Attorney General of Ontario, insisting that steps be taken immediately by the government to:
i. provide additional judicial resources dedicated to Brantford to allow for matters to move as expeditiously through the court system as possible; and

ii. provide such additional space and/or technological resources for the local court to ensure there is adequate space and technological resources to most efficiently address the significant local caseload and consequently decrease the time a matter takes to be fully resolved; and

iii. dedicate the required resources to collect the forfeited surety monies and reinvest that money back into the provincial judicial system; and

B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) and the list of other Ontario Municipalities with a request that those municipalities pass similar resolutions; and

C. THAT the City Solicitor BE DIRECTED to send the letter referenced in Clause A to Brant County, the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to determine if they are willing to be signatories to the letter.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,

Tanya Daniels
City Clerk
tdaniels@brantford.ca

cc All Ontario municipalities
Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
February 15, 2022

The Corporation of the City of Brantford
Tanya Daniels, City Clerk
PO Box 818
Brantford, ON
N3T 2J2

RE: SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION – CLOSING THE REVOLVING DOOR OF JUSTICE

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, at the regular meeting of February 7, 2022, supported your resolution and the following was passed.

MOVED by Councillor Brodie
SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Hendrikx

THAT Council support the resolution from the City of Brantford regarding “Closing the Revolving Door of Justice”. CARRIED.

WHEREAS the City of Brantford has experienced a substantial increase in criminal activity leaving residents fearful for their personal safety and losing confidence in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS the increase in criminal activity is due in part to the failure of the justice system to hold in pre-trial custody many of the likely-to-reoffend individuals, including those who are in serious breach of prior bail conditions, a situation commonly referred to as the “revolving door of justice”; and

WHEREAS those involved in the justice system, from Justices of the Peace to those who have been arrested, acknowledge the “catch and release” bail system contributes to the increase in crime. One individual in particular, who plead guilty to several break and enter charges, together with breaches of probation and release order charges, advised the court during sentencing that he had been arrested 8 times in the previous year and felt that the system bore responsibility for failing to keep him in custody; and that being released repeatedly without the appropriate supports made it all but impossible for him to discontinue the criminal activity he engaged in; and

WHEREAS concerns continue to be raised by businesses, post-secondary institutions in the downtown area and their student bodies, neighbourhood associations, and citizens regarding the increased criminal activity; and
WHEREAS there is a pressing need for common sense bail reform that gives priority to the dignity and safety of victims over the wellbeing of criminals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

A. THAT Kevin Davis, Mayor of the City of Brantford, on behalf of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford, correspond with the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, insisting that steps be taken immediately by his government to strengthen the bail system, including:
   
   i. imposing more demanding and stringent surety and supervision requirements; and
   
   ii. imposing more substantive and effective consequences for continued breaches of a judicial interim release order (as known as “bail”) resulting in pre-trial incarceration, which changes are required to safeguard law abiding citizens and to restore the citizens faith in the criminal justice system; and

B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to Brant/Brantford MP Larry Brock and MPP Will Bouma; and

C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Brantford Police Services Board, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM); and

D. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the heads of all Ontario Municipalities with a request that those municipalities consider adopting a similar resolution; and

E. THAT the City Solicitor BE DIRECTED to send the letter to be sent to the Honourable David Lametti to Brant County, the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to determine if they are willing to be signatories to the letter.

CARRIED.

Kind regards,

Mike Barnier
Legislative Services Manager/Clerk
March 11, 2022

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Right Honourable Justin Trudeau:

On March 8, 2022, Council for the Town of Mono passed the following resolution calling on the federal government to provide greater support to Ukraine in their fight against the invasion of their sovereign territory by Russia.

Resolution #9-5-2022
Moved by Ralph Manktelow, Seconded by Fred Nix

WHEREAS Russia made an unprovoked attack on the people of Ukraine on the 24th day of February and continues to wage war;

WHEREAS the Town of Mono is aghast at this aggression, and the carnage that is happening to the Ukrainian people and their land;

WHEREAS we are alarmed at the implications to world security;

WHEREAS we know that our efforts as a small municipality are slight, but that collectively the many voices of the world have great power and can exert meaningful pressure on President Putin to stop this war;

AND THAT the Town of Mono strongly condemns Russia’s attack on Ukraine;

AND THAT by this motion and by flying the Ukrainian Flag at the Town Hall, the Town of Mono extends a strong gesture of support to the Ukrainian people,

AND THAT we call on the Canadian Government without delay to provide greater material support, to exert maximum sanctions and pressure on Russia and to use all diplomatic means possible to end this war.

"Carried"
Respectfully,

Fred Simpson
Clerk

cc: Hon. Anita Anand, Minister of National Defence
    Hon. Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin-Caledon
    Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
    Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General & MPP Dufferin-Caledon
    All Ontario Municipalities
March 11, 2022

Mr. John Daly
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
County of Simcoe
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr. Daly:

Re: County of Simcoe Regional Government Review Service Delivery Task Force - Fire Services

Please be advised that the Town of Wasaga Beach Coordinated Committee, during its March 10, 2022 meeting, adopted the following resolution:

"That the Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee receive the Chief Administrative Officer's report on the County of Simcoe Regional Government Review Service Delivery Task Force Fire Services Review for information;

Further that the Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to inform the County of Simcoe that the Town of Wasaga Beach supports recommendations nine and ten of the Fire Service Review report;

And Further, that the Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee authorizes the CAO to request that County Council, through the Regional Government Review, formally request the Province to further review the interest arbitration system, as the changes introduced in 2018 have not impacted wage increases awarded to the fire services sector, often exceeding negotiated settlements for other municipal employee groups, continuing to place a financial strain on municipalities, and creating wage compression with Fire Department leadership;

And Further, that as part of the review, the Province confirm that it is the employer's responsibility to define the hours of work that best fits their circumstance rather than an arbitrator awarding a change;

And that this motion be circulated to all municipalities in the Province."
Attached is a copy of the report dated March 10, 2022. Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at cao@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 Ext. 2222.

Sincerely,

George Vadeboncoeur
Chief Administrative Officer

/pk

c. Wasaga Beach Town Council Members
   Association of Municipalities of Ontario
   All Municipalities in Ontario
STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee
FROM: George Vadeboncoeur, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: County of Simcoe Regional Government Review
Service Delivery Task Force - Fire Services Report
DATE: March 10, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee receive the Chief Administrative Officer’s report on the County of Simcoe Regional Government Review Service Delivery Task Force Fire Services Review for information;

FURTHER that the Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to inform the County of Simcoe that the Town of Wasaga Beach supports recommendations nine and ten of the Fire Service Review report.

BACKGROUND

The County of Simcoe established a Service Delivery Task Force Committee of County Council members to undertake reviews of the following services to determine if efficiencies could be found leading to improved services to tax payers. The services being reviewed are:

- Conservation Authority Services
- Fire Services
- Land Use Planning Services
- Library Services
- Transit Services
- Water and Waste Water Services
- Storm Water Management Services – completed, no further action required
- Legal Services – completed, no further action required

The subject of this report is the review of Fire Services.
The County engaged a third-party consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of Fire Services in the County of Simcoe, identifying possible efficiencies and preferred Service Delivery models including regional and sub-regional service models.

Through an RFP process, Pomax Consulting Inc. (Pomax) was selected by the County to complete the review. The Pomax team commenced the project and municipal engagement in May 2021.

On December 6, 2021 the County of Simcoe Regional Government Review Service Delivery Task Force received the final report and passed a resolution requesting that the report be sent to individual municipal Councils for review and comment.

The ten recommendations tabled with the Task Force are as follows:

1. “Share fire chiefs wherever possible. Examples of this include Innisfil and Bradford-West Gwillimbury, and Penetanguishene and Midland. There is an expectation that the number of responses will decline in the next few years as the province implements Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS). An advantage of sharing fire chiefs may be that the joint chief will find realistic ways to rationalize training, prevention, public education, and stations. Essa Township has an opportunity to share a fire chief with a neighbouring community or even amalgamating.

2. Share recruitment, intake, selection, training, and equipment in the same manner as takes place in North Simcoe. Duplication of these processes can be expensive. Sharing also supports consistency so that when the time comes that firefighters from different departments have to work together at mutual aid or other major incidents, they are familiar with common practices.

3. Share public education and prevention resources. This may not save money but may accomplish consistency in neighbouring communities and may enhance some communities that have inadequate resources.

4. Where possible consolidate fire services. This is not a minor step but it is one that has been accomplished before when municipalities amalgamate or a decision is made that shared services is best for a community [https://lincoln.ca/news/2021/06/media-releasetowns-lincoln-and-grimsby-embark-shared-fire-service-pilot-project].

5. Several fire departments, during interviews, discussed establishing training centres – some with the perspective of providing services for a fee to other fire departments. Prior to taking those steps, partnerships should be discussed to defray costs and to determine the best location for training centres. Training centres that are established with the objective of defraying costs by renting to other fire departments do not have a history of success.
6. Prior to considering building a new fire station, undertake a needs analysis including response modelling and incident type. Fires may be an impetus for establishing a new or additional fire station but sometimes medical incidents are held out as part of the justification. Fires are on a downward trend. It is possible medical responses will also trend downwards. 

7. Where possible, consider contracting services with a neighbouring municipality. Ramara Station 2’s response area is a possible opportunity as are responses to areas that border other full time fire departments.

8. Employ the precept of closest or quickest vehicle responds. Although some form of cost per call may have to be worked out using the closest fire resource delivers service sooner.

9. Obtaining and understanding fire department data and information, particularly outcome information to answer the question “Why are we doing what we are doing?” should be the primary objective of all municipalities. It does not exist now notwithstanding the efforts of some departments who are attempting to secure information. This is a major undertaking that is not realistic for individual departments but could be provided by the county on a cost recovery basis. We recommend that municipalities work with the county to obtain that service, or the county should establish the service and offer it to those municipalities who see it as an advantage. During our interviews several CAOs envisioned the county as being the data and information centre.

10. We recommend that representatives of Simcoe County and the municipalities form a committee to further explore these recommendations, particularly the provision of a data service by the county as noted in recommendation 9.”

On February 1, 2022 staff received a letter from the County of Simcoe Clerk’s Department on behalf of the Service Delivery Task Force asking for feedback on the report.

At the February 10, 2022 Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee the Fire Chief provided a report requesting that if Council members had comments concerning the proposed efficiencies, service delivery models and recommendations outlined in the review, that they provide such comments to the Chief Administrative Officer.

DISCUSSION

Based on the feedback from individual Council members, it is felt two of the ten recommendations found within the Pomax report warrant additional exploration.

Recommendation number nine supports the County providing data collection and analysis services due to challenges for smaller municipalities undertaking the same
exercise. While conducting interviews with municipalities, Pomax received comments from several Chief Administrative Officers indicating that the County could assist as a data and information centre. This would ensure that the data required to make decisions is collected and what is collected is standardized across the County. One area identified is outcome information, similar to the data collected by other emergency services. With automation, training and building on data already collected for other purposes, this should be fairly easy to implement.

Recommendation number ten supports the creation of a committee comprised of municipalities and representatives of the County to further explore all of the recommendations, in particular the provision of a data service by the County as noted in recommendation nine. Some areas of interest include, sharing in the recruiting of volunteer Fire Fighters, Fire Prevention and Training. It was noted that a "...significant level of cooperation and sharing in Simcoe was identified..." as already occurring.

Although it was not considered as part of the review or a recommendation, some Council members feel the disproportionate escalation of firefighter wages and benefits, supported by the Arbitration system, is an issue that deserves attention and resources. It is acknowledged that this is beyond a local issue and should be addressed by the province as a priority as it impacts all fire services.

In discussing the recommendations with the Fire Chief, he is committed to reviewing all aspects of his administration and operations to identify areas to improve efficiencies and service delivery in the spirit outlined in the Promax Report.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Vadeboncoeur
Chief Administrative Officer
March 15, 2022

Via Email to: amo@amo.on.ca

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Re: Firefighter Certification

Council of the Municipality of South Huron received your correspondence dated February 25, 2022, concerning the draft regulations regarding firefighter certification at their March 7, 2022 Council Meeting. The following resolution was passed:

Motion: 086-2022
Moved: B. Willard
Seconded: A. Neeb

That South Huron Council support AMO’s February 25, 2022 correspondence, and the support letter be distributed to AMO, the Province of Ontario, Premier, Ontario Municipalities, Solicitor General, and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs.

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson
Administrative Assistant
Corporate Services/Clerk’s Department
Municipality of South Huron
519-235-0310 X 225

Encl.
cc Premier Doug Ford
Ontario Municipalities
Solicitor General
Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
February 25, 2022

The Honourable Sylvia Jones  
Solicitor General of Ontario  
George Drew Building, 18th Floor  
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Toronto, Ontario  M7A 1Y6

RE: Firefighter Certification

Dear Solicitor General Jones,

I write to you concerning the draft regulations regarding firefighter certification in response to the posting made on January 28, 2022.

To start, the brevity of the consultation process means that the AMO Board of Directors (and we suspect, the vast majority of municipal councils), have not had a chance to consider or review the proposed regulations in question. The Fire Marshal of Ontario office’s distribution of a written presentation to municipal officials, with only three business days to the close of the consultation period, did not facilitate thoughtful municipal review. We would also observe the two technical briefings for municipal officials seemed to be hastily convened. The consultation notice asked for invitations not to be shared. We are concerned that a lack of sharing, and not knowing who was invited, likely contributed to the low municipal participation rates of these sessions.

It is our view that this consultation process is not an example of the type of broad-based municipal engagement necessary for regulations of this scale and scope. As municipal governments are the employers and funders of fire services, we had expected a more comprehensive and transparent consultation with our members.

We believe a more thorough engagement with the municipal sector is necessary for the Ministry to fully appreciate the effects such regulations will have on municipal governments and their fire services. We, therefore, would ask for a two-month extension to afford an appropriate amount of time for the Ministry officials to brief municipal leaders and for councils to be able to thoughtfully reply back on the draft regulations to your Ministry. We understand that the smallest municipalities will be affected the most by these proposed regulations. Ministry outreach must be targeted especially to these communities.
Despite these consultation shortcomings, and without the benefit of broad-based member input, we can offer some preliminary commentary for your consideration. In principle, certification is a step in the right direction. Municipal governments are supportive of efforts to modernize and enhance the professionalism of the fire services that serve Ontario communities. That said, we would ask that the above statement should not be construed or represented as an AMO endorsement of the draft regulations.

AMO understands that the Ontario Seal would provide flexibility based on basic National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) professional qualification standards without requiring NFPA certification. To that end, the Ontario Seal proposed in the current draft is an improved certification approach compared to earlier regulations revoked in 2019.

Legacy provisions are very important to ensure that municipalities are not burdened with unnecessary costs for retraining firefighters who have been adequately trained to the level of service set by Council. We are pleased to see they are included. But such provisions must also include measures which attract and retain volunteer firefighters to serve within their communities. Additional training measures and certification must not serve as an added impediment for those who wish to volunteer as firefighters. Full-time firefighters simply are not an option for most small, rural, and northern municipalities. The Ministry must propose measures which assist and support volunteer recruitment and composite fire services.

To date, AMO members and fire chiefs have advised that the Ontario certification process will create additional training and new cost pressures on fire services. To that end, it is our request that the Ministry provide some form of financial support during the 4 – 6-year implementation period. The level of support necessary should be based on evidence from fire chiefs and should include the submission of detailed training needs and expected impacts. We urge that fire chiefs be provided with a sufficient period of time to submit detailed fiscal and training impacts to the Ministry and their municipal councils. These training proposals can be used by the Ministry to design a means of providing financial support for small, rural, northern, volunteer, and composite fire services (or any service disproportionately burdened by certification) over the 4 – 6-year implementation period.

We should also point out that there is a distinction between providing local fire services with the support necessary to complete training and the Ministry's support of the Fire Marshal's office to carry out and complete certifications across Ontario. Both need adequate resources to successfully complete certification.

Similarly, the regulatory in-force date (currently July 1, 2022), must be moved well into 2023 or 2024 to fully prevent any in-year municipal budget hits and allow for good municipal financial planning. Of course, the level of multi-year provincial financial support offered to support certification will have a bearing on the in-force date and the adequacy of the lead up period.
As well, the certification process needs to be better aligned with the existing Community Risk Assessments that fire services have been asked to complete by 2025. It seems that the cart is being put in front of the horse. We would ask that these two initiatives be better aligned.

We would also note that the provision of fire services to the unincorporated areas of the province be addressed in an equitable manner to what is expected by municipal governments. Provincial reliance on municipalities to deliver this service, without paying for it, is not right or fair for municipal property taxpayers. This must also be addressed.

I trust these comments will assist the Ministry with its next steps.

Sincerely,

Jamie McGarvey
AMO President and Mayor of Parry Sound

cc:  The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
     Debbie Conrad, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, Research and Innovation Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General
     Jon Pegg, Fire Marshal of Ontario, Ministry of the Solicitor General
     Rob Grimwood, President of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (OAFC), and Deputy Chief, Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services
March 22, 2022

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

RE: Resolutions – “Renovictions” Support Request

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on March 21, 2022 Council passed the following resolution:

**Motion No. 22-079 – Notice of Motion - Councillor Cassidy - Support Resolutions regarding "Renovictions" and "Dissolve The Ontario Land Tribunal"**

Moved by Kuntze
Seconded by O’Neil

That the City of Quinte West request the Ontario Government will both take immediate additional steps to address the ever-increasing problem of “Renovictions” and other bad faith evictions and extend rent control to all tenancies including those first occupied after November 2018 which are currently exempt from rent control restrictions; and

Further that the City of Quinte West request the Ontario Government to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

Further that a copy of these separate Motions be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Parties, and to all members of AMO. **Carried**

Please find attached a copy of the said resolution from the County of Prince Edward.

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

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

Jim Harrison
Mayor

cc:  Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
    Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader, Official Opposition
    Mr. Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
    Mr. Mike Schreiner, Leader, Ontario Green Party
    Mr. Jamie McGarvey, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
    All Municipalities in Ontario
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.

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, CLERK

CARRIED AS AMENDED
The Corporation of the 
Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Council Meeting

Resolution Number 080-22 
Title: Information List #05-22 Town of Bracebridge Resolution re: Joint and Several Liability Reform
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Moved by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

WHEREAS municipal governments provide essential services to the residents and businesses in their communities; and

WHEREAS the ability to provide those services is negatively impacted by exponentially rising insurance costs; and

WHEREAS one driver of rising insurance costs is the legal principle of "joint and several liability", which assigns disproportionate liability to municipalities for an incident relative to their responsibility for it; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has the authority and responsibility for the legal framework of "joint and several liability"; and

WHEREAS the Premier of Ontario committed to review the issue in 2018 with a view to helping municipal governments manage their risks and costs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Review was conducted in 2019 with AMO and municipalities fully participating; and

WHEREAS the results of the Provincial Review have not been released and municipalities are still awaiting news of how the Attorney General will address this important matter; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of municipal governments has provided recommendations in their document "Towards a Reasonable Balance – Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs" to align municipal liability with the proportionate responsibility for incidents and capping awards; and

WHEREAS The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has written to the Attorney General in support of the abovementioned recommendations provided by AMO;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Municipality of Mississippi Mills calls on the Attorney General of Ontario to work with municipal governments to put forward a plan of action to address “joint and several liability” before the end of the government’s current term.

2. That the Municipality of Mississippi Mills supports the seven (7) recommendations contained in the AMO submission “Towards a Reasonable Balance – Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs” to re-establish the priority for provincial action on this issue.

3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Attorney General, the Honourable Doug Downey; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark; AMO President, Jamie McGarvey, AMCTO President, Sandra MacDonald; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

I, Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution enacted by Council.

Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk
The Honourable Doug Ford, MPP
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: REQUEST TO THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO FOR A PLAN OF ACTION TO ADDRESS JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY

On behalf of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie, I wish to advise that on March 7, 2022, City Council adopted the following resolution regarding a Plan of Action to Address Joint and Several Liability:

22-G-064 REQUEST TO THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO FOR A PLAN OF ACTION TO ADDRESS JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY

WHEREAS the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase with especially large increases going into 2022; and

WHEREAS Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property taxpayers to carry the lion’s share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault; and

WHEREAS these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:

1. That the Provincial Government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.

2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1-year limitation period may be beneficial.

3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.

4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to $2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to $2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals.

6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.

7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council for the Corporation of the City of Barrie call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations despite COVID-19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario and MPP for Barrie-Springwater, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, MPP for Barrie-Innisfil, and all Ontario municipalities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, wendy.cooke@barrie.ca or (705) 739.4220, Ext. 4560.

Yours truly,

Wendy Cooke
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services

WC/bt

Cc:
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
- The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General and MPP for Barrie-Springwater
- The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, MPP for Barrie-Innisfil
- All Ontario municipalities
February 15, 2022

The Corporation of the City of Gravenhurst
Kayla Thibeault
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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RE: SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION – DISSOLUTION OF THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, at the regular meeting of March 7, 2022, supported your resolution and the following was passed.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Hendrikx
SECONDED by Councillor MacKinnon

THAT Council support the resolution by the Town of Gravenhurst regarding the Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal. CARRIED.

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 Towns 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 the “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:

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.

CARRIED.

Kind regards,

Mike Barnier
Legislative Services Manager/Clerk

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

The Honourable Doug Ford
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RE: Resolutions – “Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal” Support Request

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on March 21, 2022 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No. 22-079 – Notice of Motion - Councillor Cassidy - Support Resolutions regarding "Renovictions" and "Dissolve The Ontario Land Tribunal"
Moved by Kuntze
Seconded by O’Neil

That the City of Quinte West request the Ontario Government will both take immediate additional steps to address the ever-increasing problem of “Renovictions” and other bad faith evictions and extend rent control to all tenancies including those first occupied after November 2018 which are currently exempt from rent control restrictions; and

Further that the City of Quinte West request the Ontario Government to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

Further that a copy of these separate Motions be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Parties, and to all members of AMO. Carried

Please find attached a copy of the said resolution from the Town of Kingsville.

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

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

Jim Harrison
Mayor

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader, Official Opposition
Mr. Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Mr. Mike Schreiner, Leader, Ontario Green Party
Mr. Jamie McGarvey, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities in Ontario
VIA EMAIL (premier@ontario.ca)

February 22, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier’s Office
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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

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
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 Corporation of the Town of Kingsville'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 Corporation of the Town of Kingsville; 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.

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,

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