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March 13, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
The Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Yurek and Minister Yakabuski:

RE: Support for Conservation Authorities

You will find attached hereto a resolution passed by the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie City Council on March 9, 2020 regarding support for conservation authorities in Ontario.

We trust that this matter will receive the appropriate time and attention from your respective offices.

Yours truly,

Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M

CC City Council
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Conservation Ontario
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Agenda Number: 8.1
Title: Conservation Authorities
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni
Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie has been well served by the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie values the efforts of the Conservation Authority to monitor floods, to manage source water protection and to ensure the integrity of the watersheds within our municipality and conserve our natural environment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario is currently reviewing the mandate and operations of Conservation Authorities; and

Whereas Conservation Authorities provide essential services to municipalities in their watersheds;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie encourages the Province to continue to support the principle of planning on a watershed basis in the ongoing review and prioritize the allocation of adequate funding to support the core mandate of conservation authorities while preventing any downloading of costs to municipalities;

Further that the Province of Ontario be requested to maintain and not diminish the core mandate of Conservation Authorities; and

That this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Conservation Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Tied, Defeated Defeated Officially Read and Not Dealt With / Postponed
March 11, 2020

Hon. Ernie Hardman  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
77 Genville Street, 11th Floor  
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

BY EMAIL ONLY TO minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Hardeman,

Upon receipt of the attached correspondence from the Township of Wellington North, our neighbours to the west with whom we share commonalities as a rural, agricultural community, the Council for the Town of Grand Valley passed the following resolution:

2020-03-12  
Moved by P Rentsch, Seconded by S Miles  
Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Grand Valley supports Bill 156,  
And further that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities, MPPs and OMAFRA.
CARRIED

Thank you from the Town of Grand Valley, as well, for this important new legislation.

Sincerely,
The Town of Grand Valley

Jane M. Wilson  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
February 10, 2020

Hon. Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs
77 Grenville Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5S 1B3

Via Email: minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Hardeman,

Ontario farms have come under increasing threat from trespassers and activists who illegally enter property, barns and buildings, causing significant disruptions to the entire agri-food sector. These activists are trespassing under false pretenses to gain entry on to farm properties. They have seized private property and threatened the health and safety of Ontario farms, employees, livestock and crops. These individuals and organizations are causing health and safety concerns and undue stress to Ontario farmers, their families, and their businesses. Once peaceful protests have escalated to trespassing, invading, barn break-ins and harassment. These incidents distress farmers, their families and employees, and threaten the health of livestock and crops when activists breach biosecurity protocols, ultimately putting the entire food system at risk.

We strongly support the new proposed legislation, Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act. This new legislation is an important way to keep our farm and food supply safe for all Ontarians. Bill 156 provides a balanced approach to protecting farms while recognizing a citizen’s right to protest. This new legislation will ensure farm businesses have a legal standing to protect their farm, family and employees, livestock, crops and ultimately the entire food system. Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act is good news for Ontario’s agri-food industry.

Thank you for this important new legislation. Protection of our Ontario Agriculture should be the highest priority.

Sincerely,

Dan Yake
Acting Mayor

cc: Wellington Federation of Agriculture (via email)
March 16, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
By email only: pm@pm.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Grey County Council Resolution Supporting 100% Canadian Wines Excise Exemption

At the March 12, 2020 session of Grey County Committee of the Whole, resolution CW60-20 was passed by Grey County Council as follows:

Whereas, Canada’s federal excise tax currently exempts 100% Canadian wines; and

Whereas, Australia has asked the World Trade Organization (WTO) to rule that this exemption is discriminatory; and

Whereas, if the WTO were to rule with Australia, Canadian wineries making 100% Canadian wine would no longer be exempt; and

Whereas, the present value of the excise exemption is $39 million annually across Canada; and

Whereas, in the 13 years since this exemption was created, the production of 100% Canadian wine has increased by almost 30 million litres, representing an additional annual contribution of $2.7 billion to the Canadian economy; and

Whereas, Grey County, specifically the municipalities of Meaford and Town of Blue Mountains, is home to a number of successful, award winning, boutique wineries;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved That, the County of Grey supports the excise exemption for 100% Canadian wines; and

That, the County of Grey appeals to the Federal government to ensure the exemption remains in place by reaching an agreement.
with Australia prior to the WTO ruling; and

That, this motion be forwarded to: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition; Yves-François Blanchet, Leader of the Bloc Québécois; Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada; Jo-Ann Roberts, Interim Leader of the Green Party of Canada; The Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion, and International Trade; Alex Ruff, Member of Parliament for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound; AMO Member Municipalities; FCM Member Municipalities; Vintner's Quality Alliance; Ontario Craft Wineries; Ontario Craft Cider Association; and

That this resolution be forwarded prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6 of Procedural By-law 5003-18.

Yours truly,

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Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada: jagmeet.singh@parl.gc.ca
Jo-Ann Roberts, Interim Leader of the Green Party of Canada: leader@greenparty.ca
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Ontario Craft Cider Association: info@ontariocraftcider.com
To: Mayor and Members of Council

Circulated to: Hardy Bromberg

Department: Community Development

Division: Engineering & Transportation

From: James Etienne, City Engineer

Subject: 2020 Coronation Boulevard Watermain and Booster Pumping Station Construction

Comments

The Region of Waterloo intends to commence construction work in 2020 on two water distribution projects designed to improve overall water pressures in Galt and Preston and to provide a secure redundant water service to Cambridge Memorial Hospital. Work on the Coronation Boulevard Watermain is expected to start in July with construction of a new Booster Pumping Station expected to start in the fall of 2020.

The Region of Waterloo will be hand delivering Notices of Construction in March to residents and properties adjacent to the proposed projects. A copy of the notice has been attached for Council’s information. Engineering and Transportation staff will bring an information report on the proposed water distribution projects to the July 7, 2020 General Committee meeting.

Attachments

Notice of Upcoming Construction; Contract No. 2020-125 CAM 1W Trunk Watermain, City of Cambridge

Approvals:

☒ Manager/Supervisor ☒ Deputy City Manager ☒ City Manager
Dear Resident/Property Owner:

The Region of Waterloo (Region) will be installing a new watermain on Coronation Boulevard, in Cambridge, from Hespeler Road to the site of a new Booster Pumping Station (BPS) between Groff Mill Creek and 765 Coronation Boulevard (Please see map below). The new watermain being installed will strengthen the distribution system and provide water to the future BPS to increase water pressure in the Preston area of Cambridge.

Construction is planned to start in July 2020 and be completed in November 2020.

The watermain will be constructed in the northbound lanes of Coronation Boulevard. No new service connections will be provided from the new watermain; however, the new watermain will be connected to the existing watermain at several locations in order to provide redundancy and to facilitate future maintenance of the watermains.

An additional local watermain will be installed between Paisley Heights and Spiers Crescent within an existing easement. This component of the project will also include a chamber located at the east end of the Paisley Heights cul-de-sac, within the Hespeler Road right-of-way (Please see map below).

Pedestrian and vehicular access will be maintained to all properties at all times during construction. If there are any long duration access impacts, the contractor or consultant representatives will do their best to inform you as far in advance as possible.

Residents and businesses can expect regular truck traffic and may also have minor disruptions to their water service. Any planned disruptions to water service will be communicated a minimum of 48 hours in advance separately to each affected resident or business.

Prior to construction, the Region will undertake a pre-condition survey of the existing homes in the adjacent areas to determine the condition of the existing buildings that may be impacted by construction. The Region has retained OZA Inspections (OZA) to complete these surveys. There is no cost to the residents/owners for this survey.
You will be contacted directly by OZA to arrange a schedule to conduct an inspection of the interior and exterior of your building. This inspection is being done to protect the property owner; however, as the property Owner, you are free to permit or to refuse access to your property for this inspection.

Every reasonable effort will be made during construction to minimize disruption and complete the work efficiently and cost effectively. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns about this project please feel free to contact the Consultant Project Manager, Stuart Winchester (CIMA+) at 519-772-2299 or by email stuart.winchester@cima.ca, or contact the Region of Waterloo Project Manager, Chad Schwartzentruber at 519-575-4757 ext. 3536 or by email cschwartzentruber@regionofwaterloo.ca.

Sincerely,

Chad Schwartzentruber, P.Eng.
Project Manager