# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

April 16, 2021

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April 15, 2021

Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
Ontario Region
600-55 York Street
Toronto ON M5J 1R7
IAAC.Waterloo.AEIC@canada.ca (sent via email)

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Comments on the potential impacts of the proposed Waterloo Airport Runway Project (Reference Number 81452)

On March 19, 2021, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) accepted the Initial Project Description for the Waterloo Airport Runway Project (the Project) submitted by the Region of Waterloo International Airport (the proponent). The City of Cambridge is providing this letter in response to the invitation to submit comments on the Initial Project Description and any potential impacts (both positive and negative) of the Project that may not have already been identified in the Initial Project Description.

Project Summary

The Region of Waterloo International Airport is proposing to extend Runway 14-32 from the current length of 1,250 metres (4,101 feet) to a final length of 2,134 metres (7,001 feet), construct new access roads and a parallel taxiway, modify the runway approach lighting, and expand or relocate the terminal building.

City of Cambridge Comments

Throughout the 2017 Airport Master Plan (Master Plan) process, City staff and Council were aware of the proposed 329 metre (1079 feet) extension of Runway 32 southeast
towards the City of Cambridge. A Noise Contour Plan was provided as part of the Master Plan process to show the impacts of the runway extensions (see map below).

At the time this information was made available, City staff reviewed the contours, which are predicted to extend further into the City of Cambridge (Orange and Green) with the extension of Runway 32. This area is currently farmland, with approximately four farm houses within the predicted Green area, which are anticipated to experience some annoyance. Future plans for this area are for employment/industrial uses, which City staff agreed was the most ideal land use to have impacted by the increased noise.

While building heights in the vicinity of the airport are already limited, City staff would like the proponent to address how the extension of Runway 32 may impact current and future industrial buildings with respect to exhaust towers, emissions, etc.

Through Regional land use planning, the proponent should already be aware that the area north of Middle Block Road and west of Fountain Street North in the City of Cambridge is intended to be developed as residential and commercial (mixed uses) (as labelled on the map above). These lands are not proposed to be impacted by noise as per the Noise Contour Plan; however, City staff would like the proponent to identify any
possible compatibility concerns, issues and potential mitigation that should be considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours truly,

Elaine Brunn Shaw
Chief Planner
March 31, 2021

Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto ON M5G 2E5

Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding Planning Act Timelines:

“WHEREAS the City of Kitchener, like many Ontario municipalities, is experiencing significant growth; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has conducted extensive work through its Development Services Review to remove red tape and improve public engagement; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario’s Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to make a decision within a prescribed timeline; and,

WHEREAS the passing of Bill 108 in 2019 reduced the timelines for processing development applications before they can be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for a non-decision from those outlined in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 as follows:

• from seven months (210 days) to four months (120 days) for Official Plan amendments;  
• from five months (150 days) to three months (90 days) for Zoning By-law amendments; and  
• from six months (180 days) to four months (120 days) for Plans of Subdivision; and
WHEREAS the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the local MP’s and MPP’s, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,

C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

c: Honourable Tim Louis, M.P.
Honourable Raj Saini, M.P.
Honourable Marwan Tabbara, M. P.
Honourable Bardish Chagger, M.P.
Honourable Bryan May, M.P.
Honourable Amy Fee, M.P.P.
Honourable Catherine Fife, M.P.P.
Honourable Belinda Karahalios, M.P.P.
Honourable Mike Harris, M.P.P.
Honourable Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P.
Bill Karsten, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rosa Bustamante, Director, Planning, City of Kitchener
Ontario Municipalities Planning
THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY
Council

DATE: 12 April 2021

YEA NAY

Councillor Bochek _____ _____ MOVED BY: Hazelton
Councillor Cooper _____ _____ SECONDED BY: Bochek
Councillor Douglas _____ _____
Councillor Hazelton _____ _____
Councillor Jarvis _____ _____
Councillor Wiancko _____ _____
Mayor Koetsier _____ _____

DEFERRED _____ CARRIED _____ X _____ DEFEATED _____ REFERRED _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the City of Kitchener Resolution dated March 22, 2021 regarding Planning Act Timelines.

Peter Koetsier
Mayor
April 8, 2021

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Clark;

Please be advised that at the Township of Zorra Council meeting held on Wednesday, April 8, 2021, Council for the Township of Zorra passed the following:

Resolution No. 27-04-2021
Moved by: Paul Mitchell
Seconded by: Steve MacDonald

“WHEREAS Joint and Several Liability has been identified by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, for more than a decade, as a concern to Ontario municipalities as a contributing factor to increasing insurance premiums paid by those municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, previous provincial governments have failed to address those concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Zorra supports the Municipality of Tweed in their call for reform and reconsideration of the Negligence Act, R.S.O. 1990, c N.1;

AND THAT this resolution and the letter from the Municipality of Tweed be forwarded to:
• Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
• Ernie Hardeman, MPP for the riding of Oxford,
• The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and
• All Ontario municipalities.”

Disposition: Carried
Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence from Municipality of Tweed for convenience and reference purposes.

Yours truly,

Alycia Wetlaufer
Legislative Coordinator/Deputy Clerk, Township of Zorra

Encl.

CC: Hon. Ernie Hardeman, MPP for the Riding of Oxford Hardeman@execulink.com
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Municipality of Tweed info@tweed.ca
All municipalities of Ontario
March 10, 2021

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

Re: Advocacy for Reform of Joint and Several Liability

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

During our budget deliberations and the review of the pricing for insurance for the 2021 year, Council is requesting that reform of the Joint and Several Liability system be undertaken. For the Municipality of Tweed, a small municipality within the County of Hastings, with population of 6,044 and total households of 3,023, as at the last census in 2016, we are experiencing significant increasing costs of insurance.

Over the last 5 years, we have experienced increase in our insurance premiums due to Joint and Several Liability. Our last 5 years of insurance premiums have been:

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Over the last 5 years, the annual premium has increased by $103,728.40. That is 64.25%. For the Municipality of Tweed, the 2021 increase of $51,703.88 results in a tax levy increase of 1.25%. Therefore, when Council wishes to keep the levy no higher than a 2% increase, especially under the financial times that residents have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than half of this increase is allocated to insurance premiums. For a population of only 6,044, the annual cost of insurance per household is $87.72 in 2021, compared to only $53.41 in 2017.

This phenomenon is not unique to the Municipality of Tweed, nor is this a new concern. In 2010, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) submitted The Case for Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario on April 1, 2010 (copy can be found at https://www.amo.on.ca/sites/default/files/assets/DOCUMENTS/Reports/2010/TheCaseforJointandSeveralLiabilityReforminOntario20100401.pdf).
Because many view municipalities as having "deep pockets", they are often funding a larger portion of awards from court than what the fault percentage is. However, these "deep pockets" are at the cost of every taxpayer within the Municipality.

The Municipality of Tweed is advocating for reform and reconsideration of the *Negligence Act, R.S.O. 1990, c N. 1* to provide for alternatives. Many alternatives were provided in the 2010 AMO report previously referenced, including, but not limited to, Joint and Severable Liability at a set percentage of fault or Joint and Severable Liability based on type of damage.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Anne Albert  
Mayor

cc. Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
All 444 Ontario Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
March 31, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Federal Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Hajdu,

RE: SUPPORT FOR 988, A 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS PREVENTION HOTLINE

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on March 30, 2021, Council adopted a resolution endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;

Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Caledon endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and

That a letter demonstrating Caledon’s support be sent to Kyle Seeback, MP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.
Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Allan Thompson
Mayor

Cc. Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin-Caledon, Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca
Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), iscott@telesat.com
All Ontario Municipalities
March 31, 2021

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

RE: ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE CLOSURE

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on March 30, 2021, Council adopted a resolution to support the request made by the Township Augusta for the Province of Ontario to reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Province be requested to consider recognizing the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (OAFC) as the principle stakeholder to guide, direct, develop and deliver the long-term ‘Modernization of Fire Services Training in Ontario’;

That staff be directed to explore the opportunity for the Town of Caledon to become a Regional Training Centre to be able to deliver fire services training that is accessible, affordable and attainable; and

That a copy of this motion be provided to The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and MPP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (OAFC), and municipalities in Ontario.

For more information regarding this request, please contact Darryl Bailey, Director, Fire and Emergency Services / Fire Chief by email to darryl.bailey@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4330.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Allan Thompson
Mayor

cc: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General / MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (OAFC), richard.boyes@oafc.on.ca
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal, ofm@ontario.ca
Darryl Bailey, Director, Fire and Emergency Services / Fire Chief, Town of Caledon,
darryl.bailey@caledon.ca
All Ontario Municipalities
April 7, 2021

City of Sarnia
Attention: Amy Burkhart, Acting City Clerk
255 Christina Street North
Sarnia, ON
N7T 7N2

Dear Ms. Burkhart:

RE: Correspondence – Colour Coded Capacity Limits

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on April 6, 2021, and the following was passed.

"Resolution #7(bl/04/06/21

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Amy Burkhart, Acting City Clerk from the City of Sarnia requesting Support for the Province of Ontario to Adjust Capacity Limits as Part of the Colour-Coded System, dated March 4, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the City of Sarnia's resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the City of Sarnia, the Premier of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried."

Sincerely,

Carrie Sykes, Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
CS/cw

Encl.
Copy to: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities
March 4, 2021

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

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits

At its meeting held on March 1, 2021, Sarnia City Council discussed the challenges local businesses are facing with respect to the colour coded system within the Province’s COVID-19 Response Framework. The following motion was adopted:

*That Sarnia City Council strongly advocate to the Province of Ontario that they adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system.*

The following rationale was provided with the introduction of the motion:

- The red zone currently only allows 10 people indoors at a dining or a sporting / recreational facility (regardless of the size), places of worship are capped at 30% or 50 people, and retail / small business is limited to a 50% capacity.
- These businesses and organizations have heavily invested in facility improvements and expensive upgrades to ensure safe social distancing and have all the appropriate safety and protection measures in place.
- Businesses in particular cannot properly plan under the current uncertainty and that means the loss of jobs and income for both workers and owners as well as mental health challenges.
• Indoor capacity limits for restaurants, dining, sporting / recreational facilities, event centers, retail / small business, and places of worship should not involve arbitrary numbers (regardless of size), but instead be changed to the amount of people per facility which ensures that strict and safe social distancing can be maintained.

Sarnia City Council has requested that all municipalities in Ontario join this advocacy effort.

On behalf of Sarnia City Council, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Amy Burkhart
Acting City Clerk

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities
    Ms. Marilyn Gladu, MP Sarnia-Lambton
    Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton