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August 20, 2021

Re: Motion from Councillor Hamilton - Traffic Volumes Along Dundas St. S (Highway 8)

At the Special Council Meeting of August 10, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS traffic volumes along Dundas St. S (Highway 8) are intensifying due to the growth of the City, and intensification efforts along major corridors such as Myers Rd and Branchton Rd;

WHEREAS new developments such as Southpoint and Morrison Creek Estates will add several new residents, and their automobiles, to these roads; WHEREAS a major gateway into the new Southpoint Subdivision, as well as into the new Cambridge Recreation Complex, will sit at the intersection of Hwy. 8 and Branchton Rd., encompassing multiple lanes of traffic in each direction;

WHEREAS, if active transportation is to be encouraged, then creating safe pedestrian passageways across Hwy. 8, allowing residents west of Hwy. 8 to safely move to-and-from the Recreation Complex, is necessary;

WHEREAS Branchton Rd., and Myers rd., are under the jurisdiction of the Region of Waterloo and Dundas St. (Hwy. 8) is under the jurisdiction of the Region of Waterloo and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk be directed to send correspondence on behalf of Council requesting the Region of Waterloo and the Ministry of Transportation to reconsider the structure of the intersection of Hwy. 8 and Branchton Rd., and consider adding traffic lights, pedestrian crosswalks, and/or a 11 roundabout to accommodate the intensifying traffic of present, and future, residents of this area, as they increasingly use the roads, and
access the Recreation Complex, using means of automobiles and modes of active Transportation.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,

Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Region of Waterloo
Ministry of Transportation
City of Cambridge Council
June 24, 2021

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL COUNCILS:

Subject: General Government and Licensing Committee Item 23.3
Report on Bill 177 Stronger Fairer Ontario Act Changes to Provincial Offences Act (Ward All)

City Council on June 8 and 9, 2021, adopted the following resolution and has circulated it to all Municipal City Councils and Regional Councils in Ontario for support:

1. City Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to halt the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms included in Bill 177, Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act.

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for City Clerk

M. Toft/wg

Attachment

c. City Manager
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4. City Council direct that this resolution be circulated to the all Municipal City Councils and Regional Councils in Ontario for support.

Committee Recommendations
The General Government and Licensing Committee recommend that:

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ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

Subject: Member Motion Item 32.12
Building the Early Learning and Child Care System Toronto Needs (Ward All)

City Council on May 5 and 6, 2021, adopted the following:

1. City Council reaffirm the City of Toronto's support for building a system of early learning and child care services that are high-quality, public and not-for profit, affordable, inclusive and accessible for all families.

2. City Council express its support for the Government of Canada's April 19, 2021 budget announcement to invest in building a Canada wide system of Early Learning and Child Care and Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care, that builds on City of Toronto policies and service plans, and has adequate and ongoing operating and capital funding.

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M. Toft/wg

Attachment

Sent to: Prime Minister of Canada
        Premier, Province of Ontario
        Executive Director, Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
        Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
        Municipalities in Ontario

City Manager
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Summary
The lack of affordable, high-quality early learning and child care is one of the most significant challenges for families in our City. The pandemic has exacerbated the situation, and
accentuated the importance of child care for Toronto parents.

We have seen the gendered-impact of the pandemic on women. We have experienced the toll on parents, particularly mothers, because of the lack of access to child care. We know women will continue to face huge barriers to equitable participation in our economy if child care is not at the centre of COVID-19 recovery strategies. We also know that underserved communities, low-income and BIPOC families, people with disabilities, and those who are precariously-employed will not share in the benefits of economic renewal without access to affordable child care.

A broad consensus has emerged across all sectors, including business, academic, social service and feminist organizations, that a robust system of accessible, high-quality child care services is essential for Canada’s economic renewal. The time is now to make long-awaited progress on child care for Toronto families.

The Government of Canada has recognized that investment in child care is urgently needed, and of national importance, for families and the economy. As part of the Budget 2021, it has committed to build a Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system that is affordable, high-quality and accessible for all families. The plan calls for $30 Billion over 5 years, with an ongoing annual expenditure of $8.3 Billion. The goal is to reduce fees by 50 percent by 2022, and achieve an average cost of $10.00 per day by 2026.

The announcement is welcome news for women, their families, and cities across the Country. Toronto manages the second largest system of child care services in the Country, and it is important for our City to show its support for building a strong system of Early Learning and Child Care in Toronto and across Ontario – and that we are ready to work with the Federal and Provincial governments to achieve it.

City Council must reinforce the urgency, and express our willingness to be partners with all levels of government, and to act now, with urgency, to ensure this promise becomes a reality for Toronto children and families.

**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM32.12

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON  
K1A 0A2  
Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

RE: Capital Gains Tax Exemptions on Primary Residence

Dear Prime Minister,

During the August 9, 2021 regular meeting of council, correspondence received from the City of Sarnia in relation to the Town of Ft. Erie resolution of May 31, 2021 Capital Gains Tax Exemptions on Primary Residence was discussed, and the following resolution passed:

Moved: Wade Deighton  
Seconded: Grant Purdy

THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia support and endorse the resolution circulated by the Town of Fort Erie requesting that the Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences.

Carried

On behalf of the Town of Petrolia Council, should our offices be of further assistance please do not hesitate to be in contact.

Kind regards,

Original Signed
Mandi Pearson  
Clerk/Operations Clerk

cc: file  
Town of Ft. Erie, Carol Schofield Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk cschofield@forterie.ca  
MP Marilyn Gladu Marilyn.Gladu@parl.gc.ca  
MPP Bob Bailey bob.bailey@pc.ola.org  
Municipalities of Ontario
Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: July 6, 2021
Agenda Item: 9b
Resolution Number: 2021-07-06-46S
Moved by: R. Craig
Seconded by: W. Cane
Council Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

"That the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered Report 2021-115, 'Municipal Court Managers’ Association / POA Advocacy' recommend that County Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to halt the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms included in Bill 177 Stronger Fairer Ontario Act and take immediate action to streamline and modernize this section of the legislation by making it easier and more convenient for the public and prosecutors to engage in resolution discussions, and by making it more effective and efficient to administer early resolution proceedings for Part I and Part II offences in the Provincial Offences Court; and

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Further That the Committee recommend that County Council request the Ministry of Transportation in consultation with Municipalities consider suspending (temporarily) the imposition of demerit points for persons who pay their ticket in cases where they have no previous relevant convictions; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Ministry of the Attorney General, MPP David Piccini (Northumberland – Peterborough South), and all Ontario municipalities."

Carried
Committee Chair’s Signature

Defeated
Committee Chair’s Signature

Deferred
Committee Chair’s Signature
Moved By  
Seconded By  

Council Date: July 21, 2021

"That County Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committees' Minutes (July 5, 6, 7, 2021 meetings), with the exception of any items identified by Members, which Council has/will consider separately, including Item 9f of this agenda, the 'Thompson Bridge Closure'."

Recorded Vote Requested by  
Councillor's Name  

Carried  
Warden's Signature  

Deferred  
Warden's Signature  

Defeated  
Warden's Signature
Report 2021-115

Report Title: Municipal Court Managers’ Association / POA Advocacy
Committee Name: Finance and Audit Committee
Committee Meeting Date: July 3, 2021
Prepared by: Randy Horne, Court Services Manager
Reviewed by: Glenn Dees, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Approved by: Jennifer Moore, CAO
Council Meeting Date: July 21, 2021
Strategic Plan Priorities: Leadership in Change

Recommendation

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Purpose

Immediate regulatory and legislative changes are critical to delivering services to the public by putting in place the most modern, efficient, and effective justice system attainable.

The proposed Early Resolution reforms in Bill 177 Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act do not fully support the objectives of the Ministry of the Attorney General pertaining to creating a modernized and efficient justice system. These changes create procedural barriers that prevent reasonable and effective access to court procedures by replacing a simplified process currently in place with a complex lengthy process.

Background

Northumberland County is not currently opted into the formal Early Resolution process as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act (POA). Early Resolution discussions occur informally, scheduled with the Prosecution Team for all defendants (or their agents) who indicate option 3 (Trial) in response to a Part I (or Part II) charge.

The existing Early Resolution legislation (formal process) provides persons charged with minor offences under Part I (or Part II) of the POA with an option to meet with the prosecutor to resolve matters without the necessity of a trial proceeding. The informal early resolution regime has largely been successful in Northumberland County; providing timely access to justice and being the first POA proceedings to resume during the COVID-19 emergency. The number of Part I matters processed through the early resolution option is approximately 25% of all new charges filed annually and the resolution rate (pre-Trial) is approximately 90%. Approximately 20% of charges Fail to Respond and are convicted in absentia, while 55% of charge fines are paid without a Resolution Meeting or Trial.

The level of public participation in exercising an Early Resolution option in Northumberland County is a clear indication that whether opted into the formal Early Resolution process, or not, the rules under the existing Early Resolution section of the POA are easy for the public to understand and provides access to the justice system for minor offences.

Consultations

The Municipal Court Managers Association (MCMA) has conducted a detailed review of the impact the proposed changes will have on administrative processes and resources. The Bill
177 changes to the formal Early Resolution section of the POA will increase processing steps from the existing 15 administrative processes to over 70 processes. This represents an increase in processes of over 400%. Although Northumberland County has digitized and modernized administrative processes to permit the defendant to file their request digitally, the POA court remains dependent upon the Province's antiquated adjudicative case management system (ICON). Given the lack of a modern adjudicative case management system, the impact of the additional and complex legislative processes under the proposed changes to the Early Resolution section of the POA would likely require additional full time Court Clerks to administer the proposed lengthy and complex early resolution process, should Northumberland County choose to opt into the formal Early Resolution process to take advantage of proposed efficiencies in the legislation.

Simplifying the POA to provide for a more efficient, effective justice system with more convenience and proportionate options to the public for minor offences under Part I of the POA, should not require an increase in processes. Permitting any (formal or informal) early resolution meeting to be held in writing and permitting the filing of written agreements between the prosecutor and defendant to be registered administratively as a court outcome by the Court Clerk immediately provides an accessible streamlined efficient and modern court system to the public.

**Legislative Authority/Risk Considerations**

The current legislative framework for formal (opted-in) Early Resolution consists of one (1) section with 27 subsections or paragraphs supported by approximately 15 administrative processes. This legislative framework permits a defendant to request a meeting with the prosecutor, request a change to the appointment date once, attend a meeting with the prosecutor and have the outcome of the early resolution meeting recorded by the court on the same day as the meeting.

The proposed changes to the Early Resolution section of the POA under Bill 177 creates a more complex legislative framework for formal Early Resolution process, with five (5) sections and 43 subsections, paragraphs or subparagraphs. This represents an approximate 60% increase to the number of rules.

**Discussion/Options**

**Operational pressures that existed prior to the pandemic have become more pronounced and need to be met with legislative reforms to enable timely recovery of Provincial Offences Courts**

POA Courts has long advocated for legislative reforms streamlining and modernizing Provincial Offences Courts in support of equitable and timely access to justice. Immediate regulatory and legislative changes are critical to delivering services to the public by putting in place the most modern, efficient, and effective justice system attainable. The attached MCMA request seeks to align and validate the POA courts position on the following legislative barriers:

1. Halting the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms included in Bill 177 and requesting to take immediate action to streamline and modernize this section of the
legislation. Under the proposed amendment, complex time periods and rules will be introduced including a redundant abandonment period, and delay in recoding of court outcomes which will result in multiple defendant appearances.

2. Enact changes to the Provincial Offences Act and any related regulations to permit the prosecutor and defendant or legal representative to agree, at any stage of a proceeding, to a resolution in writing. By so conserving court time and judicial resources.

3. Ministry of Transportation in consultation with municipalities consider suspending (temporarily) the imposition of demerit points for persons who pay their ticket in cases where they have no previous relevant convictions.

Throughout 2020, three separate orders were issued by the Ontario Court of Justice and the Province adjourning all court matters, suspending all Provincial Offences Act timelines and later extending these timelines into 2021.

The Chief Justice of Ontario and the Province of Ontario issued separate emergency orders in response to the pandemic throughout 2020 directly impacting Court Services operations.

A set of orders issued by the Chief Justice of Ontario and the Province built on each other and affected the legislative timelines under the Provincial Offences Act, meaning that the typical timeframe to respond to a ticket or other court matters governed by the Provincial Offences Act no longer applied. The orders extended timelines from March 16, 2020 through to and including February 26, 2021.

Simultaneously, the Chief Justice of Ontario also issued a set of orders that adjourned all court matters from March 16, 2020 until January 25, 2021. This resulted in postponing of over 2,000 trial matters until 2021, at the earliest. As part of court recovery, the Chief Justice advised Provincial Offence Courts that non-trial matters could go ahead by audio hearings by September 28, 2020 and that the resumption of remote trials could go forward as early as January 25, 2021, dependent on local judicial approval and court readiness. In-person trials would continue to be adjourned until the court schedule is approved by the Regional Senior Justice of the Peace, and all health and safety measures have been implemented.

The recovery of Provincial Offence courts was impeded by lack of timely direction from the Province concerning the resumption of services. While the provincial objective was to provide a consistent approach to the resumption of Provincial Offences Courts, priority was given to resuming Criminal Court operations. This often resulted in changing timelines and direction. Coupled with the existing issue of limited judicial resources which was intensified throughout the pandemic, Court Services could not effectively respond to the growing volume of pending cases which directly impacted the public’s access to justice.

Bill 177 aims to modernize and streamline the Provincial Offences Courts

Legislative amendments to the Provincial Offences Act were passed by the Ontario Legislature in December 2017 under Schedule 35 of Bill 177 Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act. These amendments include reforming of the Early Resolution process, improving the collection of default fines, and expanding the powers of the clerk of the court. However, the proposed Early
Resolution reforms came short as they do not fully support the objectives of the Ministry of the Attorney General pertaining to creating a modernized and efficient justice system.

In December 2019, the Ministry of the Attorney General advised that it intends to implement Bill 177 amendments through a phased approach. To date the Attorney General has only proclaimed and implemented section 48.1 allowing for use of certified evidence for all Part I proceedings. The rest of Bill 177 amendments are scheduled to be proclaimed later in 2021.

**Bill 177 reforms to the legislated Early Resolution process will prevent reasonable and effective access to court procedures by creating a complex and lengthy process**

Early Resolution is an optional program Provincial Offences Courts can offer allowing defendants who opt to dispute their charges to request a meeting with a prosecutor to resolve the charges prior to a trial.

Under the proposed amendment, when a defendant attends a meeting with the prosecutor, the outcome is not recorded by the court immediately and there is a myriad of rules to navigate that result in a court outcome. For example, depending on the agreement, a defendant may have to appear before a Justice of the Peace to register the agreement and there are potential additional appearances required by the defendant and the prosecutor before an outcome is registered by the court. In addition, there are multiple complex time periods and myriad of rules including a redundant abandonment period before an outcome is registered. The inclusion of a proposed abandonment period is redundant as fairness and administrative of justice principles already exist in other sections of the *Provincial Offences Act* including the right to appeal a conviction or a sentence. The complexity of the numerous additional rules will not be easily understood by the public and will hinder access to justice.

Early Resolution process could aid in municipal Provincial Offences Court recovery if the section amendments were edited to make it easy and more convenient for the public and prosecutors to engage in resolution discussions. Northumberland County Court Services would reconsider offering a formal Early Resolution option if the Ministry of the Attorney General were to make it more effective and efficient to administer Early Resolution proceedings.

**Closure of courts due to the pandemic resulted in a decrease in fine payments and increased pending caseload**

The extension of *Provincial Offences Act* timelines, along with the continued closure of court hearings impacted many of Court Services operational drivers. While court front counters were reopened in 2020 to provide essential administrative services, the ability to process charges and to address pending caseload was greatly impeded.

In turn, court revenue was impacted by operational instabilities such as, extension of the requirement to pay and defaulting of a fine. It is important to note that this is considered a deferred revenue as all outstanding fines are debt to the Crown owed in perpetuity and never forgiven. The ability to collect on debt diminishes the older a fine becomes.

There is an understanding that defendants request trials to seek resolutions that reduce demerit points. If demerit points were suspended for a period for those acknowledging their guilt and
paying the ticket, it may encourage defendants to pay their traffic ticket, thus reducing trial requests and pressures faced by trial courts. Details such as the time period for offences to which this would apply, what to do if a person receives multiple tickets, as well as determining whether a person without any convictions within 3 or 5 years of payment is to be treated as a first offender could be determined by the ministry.

Financial Impact

The recommendations contained in this report have no financial impact.

Member Municipality Impacts

Legislative change allowing any (formal or informal) early Resolution Meeting to be held in writing and permitting the filing of written agreements between the prosecutor and defendant to be registered administratively as a court outcome by the Court Clerk would benefit Member Municipalities in their Part II/Bi-Law proceedings in alignment with County Part I and II Early Resolution Proceedings.

Conclusion/Outcomes

In response to a the MCMA request for Joint Advocacy on behalf of all Ontario Municipal POA Courts, staff request that the Committee recommends that County Council pass a resolution in support for the listed MCMA recommendations.

Attachments

1. Letter: MCMA Request for Joint Advocacy
May 6, 2021

Dear Members,

Re: POA Streamlining and Modernization

In response to the increased pressures resulting from COVID 19, MCMA is seeking the support of POA Courts to actively lobby the Province for immediate regulatory and legislative changes. As you know, our ability to respond to Increasing caseload and declining fine revenue is limited. These proposed changes will enable flexibility for municipalities to respond to local pressures.

It is important that we leverage this opportunity to create a modern, efficient, and sustainable justice system that meets the needs of court users. The proposed changes include:

1. Halting the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms included in Bill 177 Stronger Fairer Ontario Act and take immediate action to streamline and modernize this section of the legislation.
2. Enacting changes to the Provincial Offences Act and any related regulations to permit the prosecutor and defendant or legal representative to agree, at any stage of a proceeding, to a resolution in writing for proceedings.
3. Requesting the Ministry of Transportation in consultation with Municipalities, consider suspending the imposition of demerit points for persons who pay their ticket in cases where they have no previous relevant convictions.
4. Make regulatory changes to allow for camera-based offences to be administered through the administrative monetary penalties.

The MCMA board has prepared some templated documents to assist in your efforts. Attached you will find: Draft Council Resolution, draft council report for ER Courts and some key messages to support discussion. We understand that support for one or all may vary depending on individual priorities and appreciate your consideration.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss further please feel free to reach out to any member of the MCMA board.

Lisa Brooks
MCMA President

“Excellence in Court Administration”
August 12th 2021

Attention: Prime Minister Trudeau

Re: Rising Costs of Building Materials

Please be advised that on August 11th 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Council of the City of Kitchener’s motion (attached) requesting that the Federal and Provincial Governments to review actions that could be taken to help mitigate or offset the impacts related to the rising cost of building materials.

‘Motion 19
Moved by Gary Atkinson, Seconded by Muriel Wright that Council support item ‘h’ of correspondence from the City of Kitchener regarding the Rising Costs of Building Materials.

Motion Carried.’

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarchiak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarchiak
Clerk
ekwarchiak@plympton-wyoming.ca

Cc: (via e-mail)
Hon. Premiere Doug Ford
Hon. Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy
Hon. Minister Victor Fedeli
Hon. Minister Steve Clark
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities
July 12, 2021

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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on Monday June 28, 2021, passed the following resolution with respect to the rising cost of building materials:

“WHEREAS the prices for construction materials have seen dramatic increases during the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS reports by Statistics Canada noted that the price of lumber increased by 68 percent between March 2020 and March 2021, while fabricated metal products and construction material rose by 9 percent; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has seen an accelerated overall increase in demands for construction; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has deemed residential construction as essential activity during province-wide emergency declarations and stay-at-home orders; and,

WHEREAS Kitchener City Council considers it a matter of public interest as the increase in rates and demand could result in unsustainable costs on the local construction industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Kitchener advocate to the Federal and Provincial Governments to review actions that could be taken to help mitigate or offset the impacts related to the rising cost of building materials; and;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau; Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier Ontario; Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Honourable Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Job Creation and Trade; local MP’s and MPP’s, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario.”

Yours truly,

C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

c: Hon. Premiere Doug Ford
Hon. Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy
Hon. Minister Victor Fedeli
Hon. Minister Steve Clark
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The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Federal Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON  K1A 0A6
Via email: patty.hajdu@pol.gc.ca

August 3, 2021

Re: Support for 9-8-8 – a 3 Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline

Please be advised that on July 15, 2021 the Township of McMurrich/Monteith Council passed the following motion to support the Town of Caledon letter endorsing the 9-8-8 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

Resolution 2021-243  Belike/O’Halloran

Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 9-8-8, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;
And Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;
And Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;
And Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 9-8-8 crisis hotline;
And Whereas in Township of McMurrich/Monteith recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in crisis and seeking help;
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Township of McMurrich/Monteith endorses this 9-8-8 crisis line initiative; and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to our local Member of Parliament, Member(s) of the Legislative Assembly, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

Yours truly,

Mardi Boshold
Acting Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Township of McMurrich/Monteith

cc: The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Ontario – christine.elliott@ontario.ca
Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka – norm.miller@pc.ole.org
Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka – scott.aitchison@parl.gc.ca
Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer – CRTC – iscott@telesat.com
All Ontario Municipalities

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August 11, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Federal Cabinet
Via email to each Minister

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
Francois-Philippe.Champagne@parl.gc.ca

Re: Council Resolution Supporting Affordable Internet

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on August 9, 2021 passed the attached resolution.

Internet is a necessity, not a luxury for the vast majority of Canadians – a fact that has been highlighted throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. However, despite being an essential utility, too many people are struggling to afford reliable internet services, while some don’t have access to broadband internet at all. Ontario residents, and Canadians from coast to coast to coast, should never have to choose between paying their internet bill and other essentials such as food, medication, or housing expenses.

On May 27th, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) arbitrarily reversed its 2019 Rates Order concerning wholesale internet rates charged by Canada’s largest carriers to smaller companies. This decision was devastating for consumers as it effectively guarantees internet prices will continue to rise despite the fact that Canadians already pay some of the highest internet prices in the world. Additionally, this decision directly impacts many smaller internet service providers (ISPs) and threatens hundreds of well-paying jobs and tens of millions in investments that would benefit communities in Ontario.
Issued in August of 2019, the CRTC’s 2019 Rates Order confirmed the large carriers systematically broke rate-setting rules to grossly inflate their costs of providing network access. The CRTC set new rates and ordered the large carriers to repay amounts they overcharged competitors during its proceeding. The 2019 Rates Order was based on a rigorous, evidence-based, 4-year long regulatory process. It was upheld on appeals by the Federal Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Canada, and the Federal Cabinet and was widely expected to be implemented this year. Instead, the CRTC arbitrarily and completely reversed the 2019 Rates Order, a decision that harms competition, reduces customer choice, and ignores the real and urgent need for affordable internet in Canada.

Not only do rural and remote communities continue to struggle to gain access to affordable broadband internet, the digital divide and lack of affordability remain an issue across all communities in Ontario, and Canada. For example, a recent report by the Brookfield Institute at Ryerson University found that more than a third of households in Toronto are worried about paying their home internet bills over the next few months. More than half of the city’s low-income households also have download speeds below the national target of 50 megabits per second. Many rural and remote communities don’t have access to broadband, or any internet services, at all. This would be problematic in the best of times, but is even more so now as the pandemic has made high-speed, affordable internet a necessity for education, work, and health care.

A 2020 price study prepared by Wall Communications Inc. for ISED found that internet prices increased across all service baskets over 2019, making Canada an international outlier among its peer countries. Without intervention from the federal government, who in 2019 promised to reduce internet prices for all Canadians, there is no doubt that this trend will continue.

The Federal Cabinet must overturn the decision now to ensure that affordable internet becomes a reality, not just an ideal. We are sharing this letter and Council resolution with representatives of, and leaders in, communities across Canada. We urge you and them to make this important issue your own, as it directly affects the people in their regions, and across Canada. As you all know, internet is now a necessary utility to all Canadians similar to gas, hydro, water and electricity. The CRTC decision has impacted over 1,200 small ISP’s across Canada, thousands of jobs in your communities and negatively impacts millions of Canadians ability to receive affordable internet.
We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this critical issue with you at your earliest convenience, and to work together in making our concerns heard in support of affordable internet for all.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Attachment: Council Resolution Supporting Affordable Internet

C: (via email)
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Dave Epp, MP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington
Lianne Rood, MP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
Rick Nicholls, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington
Monte McNaughton, MPP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
All Ontario Municipalities
Whereas internet connectivity is a basic necessity and essential utility for the vast majority of Canadians;

Whereas too many Canadians struggle to afford reliable, high-speed internet services, or do not have access to broadband internet at all;

Whereas the need for high-speed and affordable internet is always critical, but is even more so now as the COVID-19 pandemic has shown it is required for education, work, and health care;

Whereas independent studies have consistently shown that Canadians pay some of the highest prices for internet in the world and that internet prices have increased year over year;

Whereas the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission’s (CRTC) 2019 Rates Order set wholesale internet prices that would facilitate greater competition and promote innovative broadband services and more affordable prices for consumers;

Whereas the 2019 Rates Order was based on a rigorous, evidence-based, 4-year long regulatory process, and was upheld on appeal by unanimous decision of the Federal Court of Appeal, while the Supreme Court of Canada and the Federal Cabinet declined to review it;

Whereas on May 27, 2021, the CRTC decided to reverse its 2019 Rates Order, effectively guaranteeing that internet prices will continue to rise for consumers;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Chatham-Kent call on the Federal Cabinet, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and ISED Minister Francois-Phillippe Champagne to overrule the CRTC’s reversal and immediately implement the evidence-based 2019 Rates Order.

Be it further resolved that the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Minister of Industry, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all 444 Ontario municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be sent correspondence of Council’s resolution along with the attached letter.
July 6, 2021

Via Email: peter.julian@parl.gc.ca

Honourable Peter Julian MP
House of Commons
Suite 203, Wellington Building
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Re: Support Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and Private Member’s Bill C-313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on June 28, 2021 passed the following motion:

Moved by CI Crew Second by CI Latimer

“That the Municipality of Chatham-Kent Council support MP Peter Julian’s private member’s motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member’s bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act”.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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Local MP & MPP
Ontario Municipalities
July 12, 2021

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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on Monday June 28, 2021, passed the following resolution with respect to Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and private member’s bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act:

“WHEREAS racism and hate crimes in Kitchener have been on the rise since the start of the global pandemic; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener continues to seek opportunities to dismantle systemic racism; and,

WHEREAS the City’s Strategic Plan has identified Caring Community as a priority, and the proposed motion M-84 Anti-hate crimes and incidents and private member’s bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act supports several of the bodies of work currently being moved forward under this strategic goal; and,

WHEREAS MP Peter Julian’s motion M-84 Anti-hate crimes and incidents and private member’s bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act is an opportunity to make all Canadians feel safer in the communities that they live;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener endorses MP Peter Julian’s private member’s motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member’s bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve Clark, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Parm Gill, 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:  Hon. Minister Steve Clark
    Hon. Minister Parm Gill
    Mike Harris (Kitchener Conestoga), MPP
    Amy Fee (Kitchener South-Hespeler), MPP
    Laura Mae Lindo (Kitchener Centre), MPP
    Catherine Fife (Waterloo), MPP
    Raj Saini (Kitchener Centre), MP
    Tim Louis (Kitchener Conestoga), MP
    Bardish Chagger (Waterloo), MP
    Marwan Tabbara (Kitchener South-Hespeler), MP
    Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
    Ontario Municipalities
The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON L1A 0A6
justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Dear Honourable Justin Trudeau,

Re: Copy of Resolution #567

Motion No.: 482
Moved by: Don Murray    Seconded by: Lillian Abbott

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports Chatham Kent and the City of Kitchener in endorsing MP Peter Julian’s private member’s motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member’s bill, Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act AND directs Staff to circulate as appropriate.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities
Via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

June 24th, 2021

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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Re: Motion to Include the PSA Test for Men into the Medical Care

This will serve to advise you that Council, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021, passed the following resolution:

“Resolution No. 182-2021
Moved By: Robert Hutchinson Seconded By: Daniel Belisle

WHEREAS the male population has been made to pay for prostrate blood test and whereas 11 Canadian men will die of prostate cancer every day and

WHEREAS 1.5 million Canadian men are not seeking the early detection PSA testing and

WHEREAS prostrate cancer is the most common cancer in men and

WHEREAS when detected early the survival rate is close to 100% and detected late 3 of 4 men will be lost and

WHEREAS men who wish to have this test done have to pay $33.00 for the test
THEREFORE I Robert Hutchinson move that both the Federal and Provincial Governments move to have this test included in the national health care system and that it be made available for all Canadian men at no charge and further that the Government make every effort to have this become a reality sooner than later as stated above every day that goes by another 11 men will die of this avoidable disease and

FURTHERMORE that this motion be distributed to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada, Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health (Canada) Honourable Patty Hajdu, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (Ontario) Honourable Christine Elliott, all municipalities, and all First Nation Communities.

Carried"

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours Truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

Alice Mercier
Clerk

/am

c.c: Hon. Doug Ford Premier of Ontario,
Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health (Canada)
Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (Ontario)
All Municipalities
All First Nation Communities
June 21st 2021

Re: Motion to Include the PSA Test for Men into the Medical Care

Please be advised that on July 14th 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Town of Cochrane’s motion (attached) requesting that the Federal and Provincial Governments move to have the PSA Test for men included in the national health care system and that it be made available for all Canadian men at no charge.

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Moved by Mike Vasey, Seconded by Gary Atkinson that Council support item ‘m’ of correspondence from The Town of Cochrane regarding a motion to Include the PSA Test for Men into the Medical Care.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarcia@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarcia
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: (via e-mail)
   Hon. Doug Ford Premier of Ontario,
   Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health (Canada)
   Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (Ontario)
   All Municipalities
   All First Nation Communities
“Via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

June 24th, 2021

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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Re: Motion to Include the PSA Test for Men into the Medical Care

This will serve to advise you that Council, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021, passed the following resolution:

“Resolution No. 182-2021
Moved By: Robert Hutchinson       Seconded By: Daniel Belisle

WHEREAS the male population has been made to pay for prostate blood test and whereas 11 Canadian men will die of prostate cancer every day and

WHEREAS 1.5 million Canadian men are not seeking the early detection PSA testing and

WHEREAS prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men and

WHEREAS when detected early the survival rate is close to 100% and detected late 3 of 4 men will be lost and

WHEREAS men who wish to have this test done have to pay $33.00 for the test
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FURTHERMORE that this motion be distributed to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada, Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health (Canada) Honourable Patty Hajdu, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (Ontario) Honourable Christine Elliott, all municipalities, and all First Nation Communities.

Carried"

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours Truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

Alice Mercier
Clerk

/am

c.c.: Hon. Doug Ford Premier of Ontario,
Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health (Canada)
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Re: Copy of Resolution #572

Motion No.: 572  
Moved by: Ed McGugan  
Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole supports the Town of Cochrane and the town of Plympton-Wyoming in their request for the Federal and Provincial Governments to have the prostate blood test (PSA test) be included in the national health care system AND directs Staff to circulate as appropriate.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush  
Deputy Clerk

c.c Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario , The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities