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Staff Report 20-096(CD) Transit Oriented Development Community Improvement Plan was approved by Council at the June 16, 2020 Council Meeting which also included passing of By-Law No. 20-056 to define the project area for a Transit Oriented Development Community Improvement Plan (TOD CIP). A CIP is a tool that allows municipalities to provide focus and direction for the long-term improvements of a defined project area.

The purpose of this memo is to advise Council that staff will be launching the public consultation component for the TOD CIP in the coming weeks.

With the goal to create vibrant, walkable communities and help investments along the Central Transit Corridor (CTC), the City is developing a Transit Oriented Development Grant Program (TODG program). Funded by the Region’s Transit Supportive Strategy for Cambridge, this program will allow developers and existing property owners along the CTC to apply for funding to put towards transit-friendly infrastructure and amenities for their development.

Examples of what a developer/property owner could apply for include:

- Additional sidewalk
- Secure bicycle parking enclosure
- Enhanced transit shelters
- Digital monitors displaying transit schedules
- Car share and TravelWise memberships
- Transit passes
The public consultation component will help determine some of the program parameters, such as the maximum grant funding cap per development, the funding split between what the program pays and what the applicant pays, as well as the general interest of the eligible enhancements. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the TOD CIP and provide feedback on the vision and goals of this document.

The public consultation will be on the engage Cambridge website for three (3) weeks and will include a survey and an ‘ideas’ area where the public can share their thoughts. The public will also have the option of contacting staff directly under the “Who’s Listening” tab.

The attached report from June 2020 gives an overview of the CIP process. Please note that the timeline within the original report has been delayed. Staff plan to take the final TODCIP for Council approval in Spring 2021 followed by the program launch in Summer 2021.

Attachments

Report 20-096(CD) Transit Oriented Development Community Improvement Plan Process

Approvals:
☒ Manager/Supervisor  ☒ Deputy City Manager  ☒ City Manager
Recommendations

THAT Council Report 20-096(CD) regarding the process for implementing a Community Improvement Plan for Transit Oriented Development be received;

AND THAT Council pass the attached By-law designating the identified area as a community improvement project area;

AND THAT City staff prepare a draft community improvement plan for public consultation and input;

AND FURTHER THAT City staff prepare a future report to Council about the recommended community improvement plan and public input received.

Executive Summary

Purpose

- The purpose of this report is to recommend the passing of the attached by-law designating the identified area as a community project area as a first step necessary to creating a Transit-Oriented Development Community Improvement Plan (CIP).

- This report also sets out the next steps required for the preparation of a community improvement plan for a future decision by Council.
Key Findings

- An allocation of $250,000; $100,000 in 2018 and $150,000 in 2019, was approved by Region of Waterloo Council to fund a transit-oriented development incentive program through the Transit Supportive Strategy for Cambridge. As a result of not being able to enact this program without a Community Improvement Plan (CIP), the initiative was put on hold and the approved funding has been rolled over until the program is active.

- A CIP is needed to implement a transit-oriented development financial incentive program.

Financial Implications

- Funding in the amount of $250,000; has been allocated for the transit-oriented development financial incentive program through the Region’s Transit Supportive Strategy for Cambridge.

Background

As part of the approval for ION Stage 2 implementation in 2011, Regional Council approved an annual allocation of $1,000,000 for a period of ten years to implement a Regional Transit Supportive Strategy (TSS) for Cambridge. The ultimate goal of the TSS is to accelerate the implementation of Stage 2 ION LRT through initiatives that improve transit ridership and/or encourage transit supportive development, specifically within the Central Transit Corridor (CTC) in Cambridge.

Every year the TSS Working Group, which consists of City of Cambridge and Regional staff representatives, identifies the initiatives that best meet the program requirements and develops an implementation plan for Regional Council’s consideration. Recognizing the need for developments to be more transit-supportive and the associated challenges, the TSS Working Group developed the idea of establishing a grant program. On March 20, 2018 Region of Waterloo Council approved the 2018 Implementation Plan for the Regional Transit Supportive Strategy for Cambridge which proposed a new initiative: To provide financial support to transit-oriented development (TOD) and redevelopment projects within identified locations within Cambridge’s LRT Route/Central Transit Corridor.

The Working Group consulted with a number of City staff (Planning, Legal, Finance) to gain a better understanding of what the program could look like. The recommendation from this background research was that the most comprehensive approach to the TOD grant would be the provision of a package of financial incentives under the umbrella of a Community Improvement Plan for the City of Cambridge.
An allocation of $250,000; $100,000 in 2018 and $150,000 in 2019, was approved through the TSS to fund a TOD incentive program. As a result of not being able to enact this program without a CIP, the initiative was put on hold and the approved funding has been rolled over until the program is active. If the program is successful, the TSS Working Group will request continued financial support from the TSS fund (Regional Council) to continue the program.

Analysis

Strategic Alignment

PROSPERITY: To support and encourage the growth of a highly competitive local economy where there is opportunity for everyone to contribute and succeed.

Goal #7 - Transportation and Infrastructure

Objective 7.1 Find new ways to help people move within and beyond the city without using a car (walking, cycling and transit).

The development of a Community Improvement Plan and Transit-Oriented Development grant supports the objective of finding new ways to help people move within and beyond the city.

Comments

Transit-oriented development incorporates a mix of urban design, land use, built form, public realm, and active transportation considerations all designed to encourage transit use. This can be seen as the creation of compact, walkable, pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use communities centered around high quality transit systems. Encouraging developments to have transit-supportive infrastructure can help encourage residents to choose walking, cycling and transit without complete dependence on the car.

With this in mind, through the Region’s Transit Supportive Strategy for Cambridge, staff recommends the development of a grant program through a CIP that can be used to achieve the vision of transit-oriented development within the Project Area. The grant program will be designed to support developers and property owners incorporate transit supportive infrastructure and amenities into their developments, above and beyond the current requirements. As such, it is recommended the attached by-law (Appendix B) be passed which identifies the Community Improvement Project Area.

The process of undertaking a CIP has been reviewed. Typically, the process includes the following stages: identifying community needs; conducting research which supports the need for a community improvement plan; preparing the plan; and implementing the plan.
Once Council authorization for the community improvement project area has been approved, Staff will begin the process of writing a Community Improvement Plan and gather feedback from the community.

**Next Steps**

Staff anticipates holding public consultation in summer 2020 to receive feedback and input from the public and stakeholders on the draft CIP. After public consultation, a report will be presented to Council addressing how the public feedback is being incorporated into the CIP. A project team will be formed with City and Regional staff. The Transportation division will be the lead on this project and it has already been included as a workplan item for Transportation staff. It is expected that the CIP will be finalized in fall 2020 and be implemented a month after its approval. A summary of next steps can be found in Appendix A.

These timelines are dependent on the municipal business climate associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Existing Policy/By-Law**

Section 28 of the Planning Act and sections 106 and 365.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001 provide the legislative framework for community improvement planning. Under Subsections 106(1) and (2) of the Municipal Act, municipalities are prohibited from directly or indirectly assisting any business or enterprise through the granting of bonuses.

However, pursuant to Section 106(3) of the Municipal Act, a municipality is exempt from the bonusing rule if it is exercising its authority under the provisions of Section 28(6) or (7) of the Planning Act or Section 365.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Section 28 of the Planning Act allows municipalities, with provisions in their official plans relating to community improvement, to designate by by-law a “community improvement project area” and prepare and adopt a community improvement plan for the community improvement project area.

Once the CIP is approved by Council, the municipality may exercise authority under Section 28(6) or (7) of the Planning Act or Section 365.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, in order for the exception provided for in Section 106(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to apply.

Section 10.15 of the City’s 2012 Official Plan sets out, in part, that:

- The entire municipality is designated as a community improvement area.
• Council may, by by-law, designate part or all of the community improvement area as a Community Improvement Project Area and prepare a Community Improvement Plan.

• Community improvements will be phased in order to minimize financial hardship on the residents, business community and the municipality and to establish a logical sequence for implementation of improvements based upon planning and engineering studies reflecting the priorities and funding capabilities of the City and other agencies.

• The designation of community improvement project areas will be influenced by the availability of government assistance programs as well as the need for improvements in specific areas.

**Financial Impact**

Through the Region’s Transit Support Strategy for Cambridge funding in the amount of $250,000; $100,000 in 2018 and $150,000 in 2019, has been allocated to a transit-oriented development incentive program of the CIP. Based on the success of the program, additional funding beyond the allocated amount will be discussed in future TSS meetings.

**Public Input**

The Planning Act requires a public meeting be held before a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) can be considered by Council for adoption. The purpose of these public meetings is to ensure that the community and key stakeholders are aware of the program, its parameters and have the opportunity to provide input. The public meetings will also be used to provide and receive information about community needs to ensure that the grant program addresses the needs and challenges of those wanting to develop along the Central Transit Corridor (CTC).

City staff has identified the following as key groups/agencies to be invited to public meetings: Property owners within the CTC; developers, Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee; Sustainable Waterloo Region; Grand River Transit; Galt and Preston Business Improvement Areas; Chamber of Commerce; Waterloo Regional Homebuilders’ Association; and the Region of Waterloo.

The community will be informed of this undertaking through newspaper advertisements in the Cambridge Times, in addition to the project being advertised on the City’s website and shared through social media. A mailing list will also be established to ensure all interested stakeholders and agencies are kept informed. It is anticipated the public meeting will occur in the late Spring/early Summer of 2020.
Internal/External Consultation

Transportation staff has had discussions with Regional staff through the TSS Working Group and discussions with the City’s Planning Services division. Staff has also had discussions with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for counsel regarding the CIP implementation process. Discussions about the Transit-Oriented Demand grant program with staff from Legal Services and the Chief Financial Officer were initiated in 2018. However, given the time lapse of these discussions these divisions will be consulted again for their expertise and experience as the project progresses.

A project team will be formed with City and Regional staff. The Transportation division will be the lead on this project and it has already been included as a workplan item for Transportation staff.

Conclusion

At this time, staff is seeking Council authorization to prepare a community improvement plan to provide incentives to developers and property owners along the central transit corridor to include transit-supportive infrastructure and amenities above and beyond the current requirements. In order to develop the CIP, a by-law needs to be enacted which identifies the boundaries for a CIP project area. Staff has identified the proposed boundary of the CIP project area in the by-law and map attached to this report (Appendix B).

Signature

Division Approval

Reviewed by the CFO

Reviewed by Legal Services

Name: Elaine Brunn Shaw
Title: Chief Planner

Departmental Approval

Name: Hardy Bromberg
Title: Deputy City Manager, Community Development
City Manager Approval

Name: David Calder  
Title: City Manager

Attachments

- Appendix A: Information of CIP Process and Next Steps
- Appendix B: By-law and Map to identify the Community Improvement Project Area
Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Process and Next Steps

Background
The following three stage process is intended to guide municipalities through the development of a community improvement plan. The steps within each stage should be adjusted to suit municipal goals and needs. In some instances steps can be combined or repeated.

A municipality is responsible for determining the steps within each stage of the 3 part process depending on the municipal goals and needs. Typically, the process is as follows:

Stage 1 – Building Your Plan’s Foundation (Community Vision)
   a) Identify community need based on the Planning Act definition of “community improvement” and “community improvement project area.”
   b) Building community support through stakeholder input and feedback.
   c) Report to council for authorization and direction to prepare a community improvement plan.*

Stage 2 – Preparing Your Plan (Building the Foundation)
   a) Analyze and gather data on the physical, economic, social and environmental characteristics of the study area in order to identify key opportunities and challenges.
   b) Conduct background analysis of planning, land use and other policies and strategies applicable to the study area.
   c) Report back to council with recommendation for designating a community improvement project area based on findings.*
   d) Draft municipal actions, programs and implementation policies that address identified problems and goals.
   e) Develop detailed implementation policies for each incentive-based program.
   f) Develop marketing policies to promote the intent of the program.
   g) Develop criteria to measure and monitor the effectiveness of the financial incentive program.
   h) Consider further stakeholder input at this time.
   i) Develop an Action Plan for the allocation of resources and development of administrative practices and procedures necessary to implement your programs.
   j) Finalize the draft community improvement plan and circulate to the appropriate staff at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review and comment.
   k) Schedule and hold a formal public meeting no earlier than 20 days after the requirements for giving public notice have been completed.
   l) Finalize the community improvement plan and forward it to council for adoption by by-law following the necessary revisions based on public input.
   m) Finalize the Plan.
*Staff provides updates on Transit Supportive Strategy initiatives annually through Council reports, and since work has already commenced on developing the Community Improvement Plan (CIP), Step 1c and 2c were combined.

Stage 3 – Implementing the Plan (Getting Started)

a) Put the Plan into action by: establishing marketing programs; conducting ongoing screening and administering agreement and issuing financial assistance payments.

b) Periodically monitor each program and determine whether established targets are being met; desired outcome are being achieved; and full benefits and costs are in-line with CIP objectives. There may be other performance criteria established during the preparation of the plan.

c) Periodically monitor service delivery of each program to ensure service delivery is satisfactory; delivery methods may need to be modified; staff training may be required; and best practices from other municipalities may need to be adopted.

d) Make adjustments to policies, programs, administration or funding as deemed appropriate.

Next Steps

At this time, staff is seeking Council authorization to prepare a Community Improvement Plan based on the identified need to provide transit-supportive infrastructure and amenities within future developments and redevelopments along the Stage 2 LRT route/Central Transit Corridor.

The process is at Stage 2 c) as above. In order to continue with the CIP process, a by-law needs to be enacted which identifies the boundaries for a community improvement project area. Staff has identified the proposed boundary of the community improvement project area in the by-law as attached (See Schedule A).

The boundaries represent an 800m buffer around the Stage 2 LRT route/Central Transit Corridor, following property lines. Additional parameters within the grant program will also determine which developments are eligible.

Should Council pass the attached by-law, staff will continue through the stages of the CIP process. It is recommended that staff will then develop the policies and procedures necessary to develop the transit-oriented development grant program.
STAGE 1

- Identified need to prepare a CIP which focuses on incentivizing transit-oriented development [complete]
- Build community support through stakeholder input and feedback [ongoing]
- Advise Council of the process to implement a CIP and recommend a Community Improvement Project Area be designated [we are here]

STAGE 2

- Develop detailed implementation policies for the incentive-based program [April 2020]
- Develop criteria to measure and monitor the effectiveness of the financial incentive program [April 2020]
- Develop a draft CIP and gather stakeholder feedback [complete]
- Schedule a formal public meeting [late Spring/early summer 2020]
- Finalize the CIP and take to Council for adoption [July 2020]
- Implement the CIP [Fall 2020]

STAGE 3

- Implementation of the CIP including marketing and administration [Fall 2020]
- Monitor the successes of the plan to determine if targets are being met and outcomes achieved [throughout duration of program]

These timelines are dependent on the municipal business climate associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
BY-LAW NO. XXX-XX

of the

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Being a by-law of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge to designate a Community Improvement Project Area in the City of Cambridge for a Transit-Oriented Development Community Improvement Plan.

WHEREAS Sections 17 and 28 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended, provide for the designation of a Community Improvement Project Areas, and the preparation of Community Improvement Plans;

AND WHEREAS section 10.15 of the City of Cambridge Official Plan allows the City to designate Community Improvement Project Areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Cambridge enacts as follows:

1. THAT a Community Improvement Project Area be designated, consisting of all lands described as within 800 meters of the LRT Route/Central Transit Corridor within the City of Cambridge, as depicted in Schedule A.

3. THAT this by-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

Read a First, Second and Third time

Passed and Enacted this day of April 2020.

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MAYOR

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CLERK
Schedule A - Community Improvement Project Area
January 13, 2021
C09-20

Area Municipalities
Sent via clerks email

Dear Area Municipalities Clerk’s Office:

Re: Region of Waterloo request the Province of Ontario to take further measures to reduce the spread of COVID 19

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their Special Council meeting held on January 12, 2021, approved the following motion:

Whereas the spread of COVID 19 in the Region of Waterloo and across the province continues to escalate; and

Whereas the majority of community spread of COVID 19 is disproportionately occurring in workplaces including but not limited to manufacturing, warehousing and food processing; and

Whereas it is in the best interest and the responsibility of all levels of government and all employers to protect the health and safety of all workers during the regular course of business and even more so during a pandemic; and

Therefore be it resolved that the Region of Waterloo request the Province of Ontario to take further measures to reduce the spread of COVID 19 in work places by:

• providing access to rapid testing in all workplaces,

• increase provincial enforcement and spot checks on COVID 19 compliance in workplaces, and
• provide more resources to the Region of Waterloo to ensure compliance of COVID 19 prevention protocols in workplaces.

Further, given the urgent requirement of implementing preventive measures to stop the spread of COVID 19, that these resources be made available to all Public Health agencies in Ontario as soon as possible.

Further that a copy of the recommendation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health, Minister of Labour, area municipalities and local MPs and MPPs.

Please forward any written responses to this letter to Kris Fletcher, Director Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk.

Regards,

Kris Fletcher
Director Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk

KF/hk
January 26, 2021

Honourable Patty Hajdu
Federal Minister of Health
705 Red River Road, Suite 3
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 1J3

Dear Honourable Minister:

Re: Resolution – Unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations

Please be advised that, at its meeting of January 11, 2021, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That Council support the correspondence item attached as Appendix B from the Township of Blandford-Blenheim regarding Cannabis Production.

A copy of the above noted correspondence is enclosed for your reference. Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

Encl.

ec: Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
Vance Badawey, MP Niagara Centre
Jeff Burch, MPP Niagara Centre
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities
October 13, 2020

Emailed to the Federal Minister of Health, Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Oxford MP, Oxford MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

Re: Unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on October 7th, 2020, the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim passed the following resolution:

Resolution Number: 2020-14
Moved by: Councillor Nancy Demarest
Seconded by: Councill Bruce Banbury

“That Whereas unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations have increasingly become a problem in communities in Ontario as well as across the Country; and,

Whereas these operations are allowed to establish with little or no consultation with the local community and municipalities are often only made aware of their existence after conflicts arise with neighboring land owners; and,

Whereas loopholes in existing Federal legislation allow these large scale grow op’s to establish and operate without any of the regulations or protocols that licensed and monitored operations need to adhere to,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim urges the Federal Government to amend the legislation under which these facilities operate to ensure the safety and rights of the local communities in which they are situated are respected; and,

That this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Health, Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Oxford MP, Oxford MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.”

Regards,

Sarah Matheson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim
January 18, 2021

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
TORONTO, ON
M7A 2J3

Attention: The Honourable Steve Clark

Re: Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections

Dear Minister Clark,

On October 20, 2020 the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills passed a resolution in support of Wollaston Township to request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters’ list and to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud and that the rules described in the Municipal Elections Act are actually enforceable even if there is not a current case law.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Russell
Deputy Clerk
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3131 Old Perth Rd, PO Box 400
Almonte, ON    K0A 1A0

cc. Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities

Attachment: Resolution No. 421-20
COUNCIL RESOLUTION
October 20, 2020

Resolution No 421-20
Moved by Deputy Mayor Minnille
Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

CW148-20 Info List Item #6 - Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to ensure that loopholes are closed on any pay to play schemes in rural communities where non-resident electors are permitted to participate in elections so that $100.00 leases do not turn into ballots for garden sheds;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that the rules described in the Municipal Elections Act are actually enforceable even if there is not current case law;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that support for this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, M.P.P. for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

I, Jennifer Russell, 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.

Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk
January 19, 2021

Hon. Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
College Park, 17th Floor  
777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON MZA 2J3

RE: Resolution of the Council of the City of Waterloo re. Affordable Housing and Inclusionary Zoning

Dear Minister Clark,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo at its Council meeting held on Monday, January 18th, 2020 approved the following motion:

WHEREAS housing is a fundamental human right enshrined in international law and is essential to safeguard the dignity, health, safety and inclusion of all members of society; and,

WHEREAS access to affordable housing in the City of Waterloo is increasingly challenging for low and moderate income households, as demonstrated through the City of Waterloo's 2020 housing needs analysis; and,

WHEREAS the proportion of those challenged to find affordable housing in Waterloo is expected to grow as housing prices increase at a faster rate than incomes; and,

WHEREAS improved housing outcomes require co-operation and participation from all actors in the housing sector, including all levels of government, private developers, and non-profit organizations; and,

WHEREAS increasing the amount of affordable housing is a strategic objective of the City of Waterloo 2019-2022 Strategic Plan; and,

WHEREAS the City of Waterloo is undertaking the development of an Affordable Housing Strategy as a means to achieve this strategic objective of increasing the amount of affordable housing; and,
WHEREAS within the framework of the Affordable Housing Strategy, the City of Waterloo is considering a full range of tools within its authority, including an inclusionary zoning by-law and an affordable housing grant program; and,

WHEREAS inclusionary zoning is an important tool that can leverage public and private investment to deliver more affordable units to help address growing affordable housing needs; and, WHEREAS Bill 108 restricted the use of inclusionary zoning to protected major transit station areas and provincially-mandated community planning permit system areas; and,

WHEREAS opportunities for inclusionary zoning to create new affordable housing units within the City’s protected major transit station areas are limited due to the relatively small land area within station areas and the designation of some of those areas for employment which prohibits residential development; and,

WHEREAS there are city-wide opportunities to achieve affordable housing through inclusionary zoning in a manner that is financially sustainable for both municipalities and developers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Waterloo Council request the Province to reinstate the Planning Act provisions enabling a municipality to apply inclusionary zoning provisions within its entire jurisdiction; and,

That the City of Waterloo reaffirms its commitment to increase the amount of affordable housing in the City as outlined in the Strategic Plan 2019-2022; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MP’s and MPP’s, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and to the Region of Waterloo and local area municipalities.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.
Sincerely,

Julie Scott  
Acting City Clerk, City of Waterloo  

CC (by email):

Raj Saini, M.P. (Kitchener Centre)  
Bryan May, M.P. (Cambridge)  
Marwan Tabbara, M.P. (Kitchener-South Hespeler)  
Tim Louis, M.P. (Kitchener-Conestoga)  
Catherine Fife, M.P.P (Waterloo)  
Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P (Kitchener Centre)  
Belinda C. Karahalios, M.P.P (Cambridge)  
Amy Fee, M.P.P (Kitchener-South Hespeler)  
Mike Harris, M.P.P (Kitchener-Conestoga)  

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The Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Danielle Manton, Clerk, City of Cambridge  
Christine Tarling, Clerk, City of Kitchener  
Kris Fletcher, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Waterloo  
Ashley Sage, Clerk, Township of North Dumfries  
Grace Kosch, Clerk, Township of Wellesley  
Dawn Mittleholtz, Clerk, Township of Wilmot  
Val Hummel, Clerk, Township of Woolwich
January 28, 2021

Her Worship Kathryn McGarry
Mayor
City of Cambridge

Email c/o: LangloisJ@cambridge.ca

Dear Mayor McGarry:

Thank you for your correspondence requesting an extension of the temporary measures allowing restaurants and bars to extend their licensed premises. I apologize for the delay in responding to you. I appreciate your feedback and am pleased to hear that the temporary measures introduced have supported businesses in the City of Cambridge.

The Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is an arm’s length agency of the government that is responsible for ensuring that liquor is sold, served and consumed in a responsible manner. The AGCO administers the Liquor Licence Act (LLA) and specific sections of the Liquor Control Act. Together, these provisions establish the licensing regime for most aspects of the sale, service, and consumption of alcohol.

I am pleased to advise that on December 9, 2020, the government announced amendments to Regulation 719 under the LLA to provide the AGCO with the permanent ability to set the length of temporary premises extensions. This will provide flexibility for liquor sales licensees (i.e., restaurants and bars) to continue to temporarily extend or add a temporary physical extension to their premises, provided they have approval from their municipality and meet all other applicable requirements. You can find more information on the AGCO’s policy for temporary premises extensions and the other amendments introduced in an info bulletin published by the AGCO.

Please be assured that we appreciate the significant impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the hospitality industry and will continue to work closely with the AGCO to find ways of supporting Ontarians and the sectors it regulates during these challenging times.

I trust the above information will be of assistance. Once again, thank you for taking the time to share your concerns.

Sincerely,

Doug Downey
Attorney General
c:  The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
    The Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
    The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
    The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction
    Ms. Lindsey Park, Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General
    Mr. Mike Harris, MPP for Kitchener–Conestoga
    Ms. Amy Fee, MPP for Kitchener South–Hespeler
    Mr. David Corbett, Deputy Attorney General
    Mr. Lalit Aggarwal, Chair, Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
January 22, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto ON M7A 1A1
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The Honourable Jeff Yurek
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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The Honourable Steve Clark
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON
MSG 2E5
steve.clark@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford and Honourable Ministers,

Re: Endorsement St. Catharines Resolution Bill 197
At their meeting of January 19, 2021 Norfolk County Council approved Resolution No. 6 of the Council-In-Committee meeting of January 12, 2021 endorsing the resolution of St. Catharines respecting Bill 197 which reads as follows:

Res. 6
WHEREAS Schedule 6 of Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 considers amendments to the Environmental Assessment Act relating to municipal autonomy and the principle that municipalities can veto a development outside their municipal boundary in an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 empowers multiple municipalities to ‘veto’ development of a landfilling site within a 3.5 km zone inside the boundary of an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 establishes a dangerous precedent that could be expanded to other types of development; and
WHEREAS Bill 197 compromises municipal autonomy and the authority of municipal
councils to make informed decisions in the best interest of their communities and
municipal taxpayers; and

WHEREAS amendments in Schedule 6 could cause conflict in the effective management
of landfill sites, put significant pressure on existing landfill capacity, and threaten the
economic activity associated with these sites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Norfolk County calls upon the Government of
Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill
197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval
requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the ‘host’ municipality be
empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier
Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks,
Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPP's, the
Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) and the Western Wardens Caucus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all
Ontario municipalities.

Your attention to this issue is appreciated.

Yours Truly,

Mayor Kristal Chopp
Norfolk County

CC.  Toby Barrett- MPP Haldimand-Norfolk
     Diane Finley – MP Haldimand-Norfolk
     Association of Ontario Municipalities
     All Ontario Municipalities
     Western Ontario Wardens Caucus
MOVED BY:  JOANNE BOSCHER  DATE:  February 1, 2021
SECONDED BY:  DAVID FRANKEN  MOTION NO.: 21- 013

WHEREAS the province wants to mandate training levels for Fire Fighters and now wishes to close the Ontario Fire College located in Gravenhurst, Ontario which has been used for many Government agencies such as Ministry of Transportation, Ontario Provincial Police, Fire Fighters, both full time and volunteer; and

WHEREAS only a small percentage of our department has any formal training and are responsible to train junior fire fighters with the minimal training we receive; and

WHEREAS as volunteers, we are on call 24/7/365 with day jobs and families that expect us to come home safely each and every time; and

WHEREAS the Fire College makes top tier training accessible to all Fire Departments in Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipalities are mandated to have fire departments, yet there is no provincial or federal funding for volunteer fire departments for much needed equipment and training; and

WHEREAS without a plan in place it is irresponsible to close down a vital training centre that serves Ontario and it would put Municipalities at risk which is shortsighted and not acceptable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Corporation of the Township of Baldwin requests the Province of Ontario to reconsider closing this all-important facility for dollars over lives.

Carried  Defeated  Mayor
Re: Letter of Support, Grant Extension for Ontario Municipalities

This letter is being sent in support of the Township of Matachewan’s resolution regarding grant application deadlines.

Please be advised that at their meeting on February 1, 2021, Council of the Municipality of Meaford passed the following resolution of support pertaining to the Township of Matachewan’s request regarding grant opportunity timelines for Ontario municipalities:

Moved by:  Councillor Vickers
Seconded by:  Councillor Greenfield

*That Council of the Municipality of Meaford directs Staff to prepare and send a letter of support on the Township of Matachewan resolution regarding the extension of grant deadlines to all Ontario Municipalities and AMO.*

Carried - Resolution #2020-02-08

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.
Yours sincerely,

Margaret Wilton-Siegel
Deputy Clerk / Manager of Community Services
Municipality of Meaford
21 Trowbridge Street West, Meaford
519-538-1060, ext. 1100 | mwiltonsiegel@meaford.ca

cc: Association of Municipalities Ontario
    All Ontario Municipalities
RE: Significant Negative Impacts of Current Value Assessments in Perth County

Dear Premier Ford,

During the January 28th, 2021 Perth County Council meeting a resolution was passed directing staff to write a letter to the Province highlighting the concerns of assessment delays. The motion reads:

WHEREAS the property tax system is based on current value assessment;

AND WHEREAS the current delay in assessment does not utilize the Province’s model of CVA,

THEREFORE, County Council direct staff to correspond with the Premier, the Finance Minister, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Agriculture, Perth’s MPP to move forward with implementing reassessment based on CVA, and that copies of the correspondence be sent to all Ontario municipalities.

Primary Concerns:

- The 2016 assessment valuation does not use the property tax model of Current Value Assessment (CVA). The assessment valuations in use are 5 years old.
- Assessment delays do not benefit all tax classes equally by shifting the assessment disproportionately between residential and farmland.
- Assessment delays create skepticism in the overarching framework of CVA and this skepticism causes citizens to question the Provincial model and process of CVAs.
- Current legislation restricts the ability for local government flexibility, as the ratio for residential tax class cannot be changed from a ratio of 1.00.

A further delay in reassessment continues to create challenges in how local government, along with tax policy, is ensuring the appropriate assessment values pay for their appropriate allotment of taxation levies. Local tax levies are developed within the constraints of the boundaries that provide the services to their communities. With property assessment valuations being 5 years past due, it causes citizens to question the validity of the system of property taxes that the Province of Ontario adheres to.
This is particularly exacerbated in a community such as Perth County that is a mix of urban and rural. The 2016 assessment valuation significantly shifted property taxes to the farmland class, which was phased in over the past 4 years. The shift was significant enough that the residential class has seen decreases in their portion of the overall municipal burden while the burden on farmland is disproportionately increasing.

Natural assessment valuation shifts do impact the tax policies of local governments with an urban-rural mix and more directly follow the overall property tax model of CVA. Equipping municipalities with the knowledge of the set dates related to reassessment and new valuation dates, provides the ability for key financial municipal departments to better plan for these assessment shifts that cannot be alleviated through tax ratio changes.

Below is some further information that outlines the significant impact on Perth County in particular:

- The overall tax burden on Perth County farmland increased from 21% in 2016 to 29% in 2020 of the overall levy. These percentages do include growth from 2017 to 2020. The amount of farmland would be higher in relation to phase in assessment amounts only. Based on 2020 without growth the percentage burden would have been higher than the 29%.
- The geography of Perth County is unique as it includes two urban center single tiers: The City of Stratford and The Town of St. Marys. This pushes the amount of farmland within the two-tiered structure of Perth County to greater than 90% of the total area covered by farmland.
- As they are single tier municipalities, The City of Stratford and The Town of St. Marys do not assist in subsidizing farmland as they would if they were part of a true two tiered structure. All of the Perth County’s OMPF allocations are categorized as transitional, which is soon to be phased out completely. As of 2021, $1,020,400 still remains to be phased out of the County’s budget.

In summary, Perth County is asking the province to update the CVA calculations to bring them in line with current property valuations and further to consider the impacts of the urban-rural mix of the region and the resultant impact causing residents to disproportionately carry the tax burden over citizens in neighbouring regions without the inclusion of single tier municipalities in their borders.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Corey Bridges, Manager of Finance / Treasurer
On behalf of Perth County Council

Cc:
Minister of Finance – Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Steve Clark
Minister of Agriculture – Ernie Hardeman
Perth Wellington MPP – Randy Pettapiece
All Ontario Municipalities
February 3, 2021

Municipality of Mississippi Mills
Attention: Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk
3131 Old Perth Road
PO Box 400
Almonte, ON K0A 1A0

Dear Ms. Russell:

RE: Correspondence – Request for Revisions to the Municipal Elections Act

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 February 2, 2021, and the following resolution was passed.

“Resolution #8(a)/02/02/21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of Mississippi Mills regarding support to amend the Municipal Elections Act to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters’ list and to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud, dated January 18, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, Premier Doug Ford, Norm Miller, M.P.P. for Parry Sound-Muskoka, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried.”

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

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

Copy to: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Norm Miller, M.P.P. for Parry Sound-Muskoka
All Ontario Municipalities

Via email: irussell@mississippimills.ca

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
January 18, 2021

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
TORONTO, ON
M7A 2J3

Attention: The Honourable Steve Clark

Re: Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections

Dear Minister Clark,

On October 20, 2020 the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills passed a resolution in support of Wollaston Township to request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters’ list and to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud and that the rules described in the Municipal Elections Act are actually enforceable even if there is not a current case law.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Russell
Deputy Clerk
jrussell@mississippimills.ca
613-256-2064 x 225
3131 Old Perth Rd, PO Box 400
Almonte, ON   K0A 1A0

cc. Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities

Attachment: Resolution No. 421-20
COUNCIL RESOLUTION
October 20, 2020

Resolution No 421-20
Moved by Deputy Mayor Minnille
Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

CW148-20 Info List Item #6 - Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to ensure that loopholes are closed on any pay to play schemes in rural communities where non-resident electors are permitted to participate in elections so that $100.00 leases do not turn into ballots for garden sheds;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that the rules described in the Municipal Elections Act are actually enforceable even if there is not current case law;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that support for this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, M.P.P. for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

I, Jennifer Russell, 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.

Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk
February 3, 2021

Town of Bracebridge
Attention: Mayor Graydon Smith
1000 Taylor Court
Bracebridge, ON
P1L 1R6

Dear Mayor Smith:

RE: Correspondence – Request for Municipal Infrastructure Funding Opportunities

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 February 2, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #8(d)/02/02/21
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Town of Bracebridge requesting the Federal and Provincial Governments provide immediate broad and substantial municipal Infrastructure Funding opportunities for well-planned, shovel-ready projects already prioritized under municipal asset management plans to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and the federal economies in order to rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, dated January 22, 2021.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Bracebridge, the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Local Member of Parliament, the Local Member of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”
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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

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

Copy to: Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada
Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Scott Aitchison, M.P. Parry Sound-Muskoka
Hon. Norm Miller, M.P.P. Parry Sound-Muskoka
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities
January 22, 2021

RE: Item for Discussion – Infrastructure Funding

At its meeting of January 20, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion 21-GC-024, regarding Infrastructure Funding, as follows:

“WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has reported that municipal governments own more of Ontario’s infrastructure than any other order of government, and most of it is essential to economic prosperity and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS municipalities deliver many of the services that are critical to residents in every community, and these services rely on well-planned, well-built and well-maintained infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Government has stated that universal asset management will be the foundation of its municipal infrastructure strategy because effective asset management planning helps ensure that investments are made at the right time to minimize future repair and rehabilitation costs and maintain assets;

AND WHEREAS Federal and Provincial infrastructure funding models now contain requirements for recipients to demonstrate that comprehensive asset management planning principles are applied when making decisions regarding infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS infrastructure funding limits need to be large enough to support significant projects that have a lasting community impact over multiple generations;

AND WHEREAS targeted funding for critical infrastructure is inconsistent with the principle foundation of an asset management strategy which prioritizes needs over wants and has resulted in underfunding of the wide range of infrastructure that municipalities are responsible for maintaining, such as arenas and libraries;

AND WHEREAS the Community, Culture and Recreation Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program received demand of almost $10 billion for a $1 billion funding envelope;

AND WHEREAS broad eligibility for funding is more appropriate as municipalities best understand their infrastructure needs together with the needs of their community;

AND WHEREAS no and/or insufficient funding programs currently exist to fund the demonstrated need for the building, restoration and enhancement of community, culture and recreation assets;
AND WHEREAS funding the replacement of these needed capital assets is beyond the financial capacity of most communities;

AND WHEREAS the age of the Town of Bracebridge arena is greater than 70 years old, and the Library greater than 110 years old, requiring immediate replacement;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Bracebridge was recently denied any funding under the Community, Culture and Recreation stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, despite clearly meeting the tests of proper asset management and identifying needs over wants;

AND WHEREAS the economy of Ontario has been negatively impacted by the ongoing measures implemented to reduce the spread of COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge resolves as follows:

1. THAT the Federal and Provincial Governments provide immediate broad and substantial municipal funding opportunities for well-planned, shovel-ready projects already prioritized under municipal asset management plans to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and the federal economies in order to rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of the Finance; the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Local Member of Parliament (MP); the Local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Municipalities in Ontario.

In accordance with Council’s direction I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

Graydon Smith
Mayor
February 3, 2021

Via email: asimonian@augusta.ca

Township of Augusta
Attention: Annette Simonian, Clerk
3560 County Road 26
Prescott, ON
K0E 1T0

Dear Ms. Simonian:

RE: Correspondence – Ontario Fire College

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 February 2, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #8(f)/02/02/21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Township of Augusta regarding their request for support for the Province of Ontario to reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College, dated January 25, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Augusta, the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.
Sincerely,

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

CS/cw

Encl.

Copy to: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal
All Ontario Municipalities
WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been in existence since 1949; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is the most cost-effective method to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Augusta requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.
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February 3, 2021

Municipality of West Grey
Attention: Lindsey Glazier, Legislative Coordinator
402813 Grey Road 4
RR 2
Durham, ON
N0G 1R0

Dear Ms. Glazier:

RE: Correspondence – Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act

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 February 2, 2021, and the following was passed.

"Resolution #8(b)/02/02/21
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of West Grey requesting support to repeal Schedule 8 of Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act, 2020 (Endangered Species Act), dated January 13, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of West Grey, Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, M.P.P of Parry Sound-Muskoka, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried."

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

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

Copy to: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Hon. Norm Miller, M.P.P. for Parry Sound-Muskoka
January 13, 2021

Re: Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act

WHEREAS the Ontario Government proposes amendments to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act in Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020;

WHEREAS the Crown Forest Sustainability Act applies to almost two thirds of Ontario’s land base which amounts to over 70 million hectares of land that is habitat for many species at risk;

WHEREAS Bill 229 schedule 8 amends the Crown Forest Sustainability Act in order to exempt all forestry operations from mandatory consideration of species at risk protection and recovery as mandated by the Endangered Species Act;

WHEREAS Bill 229 schedule 8 removes the ability to issue orders in circumstances when there is imminent danger to a species at risk;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT West Grey council requests the Province of Ontario repeal schedule 8 of Bill 229 and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

Premier Ford
Minister Philips, Minister of Finance
Minister Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Minister Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
MPP Bill Walker, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
MPP Ian Arthur, NDP Environment Critic
Grey County Council
Ontario municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Conservation Ontario
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
Respectfully,

Genevieve Scharback,
Director of Administration / Clerk
Municipality of West Grey