# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

**July 1, 2022**

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June 23, 2022

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

RE: Tiered Energy Efficiency Standards

At our recent meeting of Council, Johnson Township supported the resolution from the City of Cambridge in seeking to have the Province, in the next edition of their Building Code, include tiered energy efficiency standards and a time frame for when higher tiers would become the minimum energy efficiency requirement in the Code, consistent with the draft Tiered National Model Building Code.

Whereas the Province adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 30% by 2030; and
Whereas greenhouse gas emissions from buildings represents 45% of all emissions; and
Whereas the National Model Building Code proposes energy performance tiers for new buildings and a pathway to require net zero ready construction in new buildings; and
Whereas the current proposed changes to the Ontario Building Code does not propose these changes; and
Whereas these changes would provide home owners with lower energy bills; and
Finally, building it right the first time is cost efficient and works to address the greenhouse gas concerns.

The Township of Johnson supports these changes to the Ontario Building Code.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Glenn Martin, CAO
June 17, 2022

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Danielle Manton, City Clerk
Via email: mantond@cambridge.ca

Dear the City of Cambridge,

Re: Motion from Councillor Liggett – Ontario Must Build It Right the First Time

The correspondence received from the City of Cambridge, a copy of which is attached, was reviewed by the Council of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula on June 13, 2022, relating to the above noted item. The following Resolution #16-22-2022 was carried and adopted by Council:

“That Council supports the following resolution from the City of Cambridge regarding the Motion from Councillor Liggett - Ontario Must Build it Right the First Time.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 30% by 2030, and emissions from buildings represented 22% of the province’s 2017 emissions,
WHEREAS all Waterloo Region municipalities, including the City of Cambridge, adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 80% below 2012 levels by 2050 and endorsed in principle a 50% reduction by 2030 interim target with the support of bold and immediate provincial and federal actions,

WHEREAS greenhouse gas emissions from buildings represent 45% of all emissions in Waterloo Region, and an important strategy in the TransformWR community climate action strategy, adopted by all Councils in Waterloo Region, targets new buildings to be net-zero carbon or able to transition to net-zero carbon using region-wide building standards and building capacity and expertise of building operators, property managers, and in the design and construction sector,

WHEREAS the draft National Model Building Code proposes energy performance tiers for new buildings and a pathway to requiring net zero ready construction in new
buildings, allowing the building industry, skilled trades, and suppliers to adapt on a predictable and reasonable timeline while encouraging innovation;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing consulted on changes for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code (ERO #: 019-4974) that generally aligns with the draft National Model Building Code except it does not propose adopting energy performance tiers, it does not propose timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier, and, according to Efficiency Canada and The Atmospheric Fund, it proposes adopting minimum energy performance standards that do not materially improve on the requirements in the current Ontario Building Code;

WHEREAS energy efficient buildings provide owners and occupants with lower energy bills, improved building comfort, and resilience from power disruptions that are expected to be more common in a changing climate, tackling both inequality and energy poverty;

WHEREAS the City of Cambridge in partnership with area municipalities and utility companies in the Region of Waterloo are actively exploring developing Green Building Standards;

WHEREAS while expensive retrofits of the current building stock to achieve future net zero requirements could be aligned with end-of-life replacement cycles to be more cost-efficient, new buildings that are not constructed to be net zero ready will require substantial retrofits before end-of-life replacement cycles at significantly more cost, making it more cost-efficient to build it right the first time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to include in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code tiered energy efficiency standards and a timeframe for when higher tiers would become the minimum energy efficiency requirements in the Code, consistent with the draft Tiered National Model Building Code;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to adopt a more ambitious tier of the draft Tiered National Model Building Code as a minimum energy efficiency requirement than the tiers currently proposed for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario provide authority to municipalities to require increased performance in energy efficiency through the implementation of tiered Green Development Standards;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to facilitate capacity, education and training in the implementation of the Tiered National Model Building Code for municipal planning and building inspection staff, developers, and homebuilders to help build capacity; and
FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to area MPPs, and to all Ontario Municipalities."

The above is being provided for your information.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Cathy Addison
Clerk
Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Cc:
Hon. Doug Ford
Ontario Minister of Health, Christine Elliot
City of Cambridge Council
June 1, 2022

Re: Motion from Councillor Liggett – Ontario Must Build it Right the First Time

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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to area MPPs, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Ontario Minister of Health, Christine Elliot
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
City of Cambridge Council
Whereas the Ontario Amber Alert is a warning system that quickly alerts the public of a suspected abduction of children who are in imminent danger;

And Whereas the goal is to broadcast as much information about the child, the abductor and suspect vehicles as quickly as possible so that the public can respond with any relevant information that might lead to the child’s safe return;

And Whereas people are encouraged to share the Amber Alert with as many people as possible. If a child or vulnerable person is abducted, spreading the information quickly is critical to their safe return;

And Whereas an Amber Alert makes the Public aware to keep an eye out for the child, vulnerable person, suspect and the vehicle described, in the alert. If they spot them, try to gather as many details as they can, including the specific location where they saw them, the time, the direction they were travelling in and any other identifying details that will help to locate them;

And Whereas an Amber Alert gives citizens instructions to call 9-1-1 or the phone number included in the alert immediately if they have a trip or a sighting related to an Amber Alert;

An Amber Alert will only be activated if:

- The police have confirmed that an abduction has taken place; and
- There is reason to believe the victim is in danger of serious physical injury, and there is information available that, if broadcast to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the victim.

And Whereas it is essential to remember that an Amber Alert is not always appropriate in every circumstance and that their continued effectiveness depends on ensuring that they are only used in cases that meet the above criteria;

And Whereas the recent tragic death of 11 year old Draven Graham showed that the Amber Alert system is flawed when it comes to vulnerable children who can go missing but are not abducted;

And Whereas at the time this motion was written, there have been almost 75,000 citizens who had signed a petition on Change.Org requesting that a Draven Alert be created;
And Whereas it is clear that there needs to be an addition to the alert system to allow for law enforcement to send out an alert for vulnerable children who go missing under circumstances that do not involve an abduction but are at serious risk of injury or death;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Brighton and its Council endorse the following:

1. That the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier’s Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.
2. That this motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.

Carried [ ] OR Defeated [ ]

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Clerk’s Initials
June 20, 2022

Danielle Manton, City Clerk  
City of Cambridge  
50 Dickson Street  
Cambridge ON N1R 5W8

Via Email - mantond@cambridge.ca

Re: Free Public Transportation on Election Days

Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 14, 2022, gave consideration to correspondence from the City of Cambridge requesting support for Free Public Transportation on Election day.

At the Meeting, the following Resolution was passed:

147/22
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Meloche  
Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That correspondence dated May 17, 2022, from the City of Cambridge requesting support for Free Public Transportation on Election Day be supported.  
Carried.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of LaSalle’s support of the above matter.

Yours Truly,

Jennifer Astrologo  
Director of Council Services/Clerk  
Town of LaSalle  
jastrologo@lasalle.ca
June 21, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.
Premier of Ontario
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

To Premier Ford:

Re: Free Public Transportation on Election Days

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on June 20, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-224-22:

That the following resolution from the City of Cambridge, regarding Request to the Region of Waterloo to Consider Free Public Transportation on Election Days, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

Whereas there has been an overall and consistent decline in voter turnout for municipal, provincial, and federal elections in Canada and in Waterloo Region, despite the act of voting being essential to the proper functioning of the democratic process;

And whereas many residents struggle to access transportation to polling stations on election days, due to a lack of transportation available, physical mobility or accessibility issues, and/or socioeconomic status;

And whereas any initiative to boost attention and incentives to vote on election days warrants attention and exploration in order to assist the democratic process and increase voter turnout;

Now therefore be it resolved that correspondence be sent to the Region of Waterloo on behalf of Cambridge Council to request free public transportation on election day for the Municipal and School Board Election, as well as for the Provincial, and Federal Election days, so as to generate more attention about elections and polling station locations, and
to encourage and make it possible for more residents to vote, that would otherwise be unable to access their polling stations.

Yours truly,

John Paul Newman
Deputy Clerk

JPN/cm

c: The Honourable Todd McCarthy, M.P.P., Durham – Todd.McCarthy@pc.ola.org
The Honourable David Piccini, M.P.P., Northumberland-Peterborough South – david.piccini@pc.ola.org
Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham – clerks@durham.ca
Danielle Manton, City Clerk, City of Cambridge – mantond@cambridge.ca
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – amo@amo.on.ca
June 15, 2022

City of Cambridge
50 Dickson Street
Cambridge, ON
N1R 5W8

Re: Support Resolution

At its meeting held on June 14, 2022, the Township of Armour passed Resolution #16. A copy of Council’s Resolution dated is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Danika McCann
Administrative Assistant
(Enclosed)
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

RESOLUTION

Date: June 14, 2022

That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the City of Cambridge in requesting that the Province create a plan of action to address joint and several liability and implement the seven recommendations outlined by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to address this issue.

Moved by: Blakelock, Rod  Brandt, Jerry  MacPhail, Bob  Ward, Rod  Whitwell, Wendy
Seconded by: Blakelock, Rod  Brandt, Jerry  MacPhail, Bob  Ward, Rod  Whitwell, Wendy

Carried / Defeated

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALBERTON

Session Date: June 15, 2022

Resolution No.: 2022-156

Moved By: 

Seconded By: 

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Township of Alberton hereby supports the resolution passed by Council for the City of Cambridge on May 31, 2022, a copy of which is contained in the letter attached hereto, which seeks to have the Province of Ontario development and implement a plan of action to, at long last, address joint and several liability as same relates to municipal insurance and impacts of same on municipalities.

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CARRIED: 

DEFEATED:
June 1, 2022

Re: Motion from Councillor Liggett – Request to the Province of Ontario for a Plan of Action to Address Joint and Several Liability

At the Special Council Meeting of May 31, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Attorney General, the Council of the Region of Waterloo, all Ontario municipalities.

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

Yours Truly,

[Signature]

Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Ontario Minister of Health, Christine Elliot
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
City of Cambridge Council
June 20, 2022

City of Cambridge
50 Dickson Street, P.O. Box 669
Cambridge, ON N1R 5W8

Dear Danielle Manton:

At the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, June 13, 2022, Council passed Motion No. 112/22 which supports your resolution pertaining to a request to the Province of Ontario for a Plan of Action to Address Joint and Several Liability.

Accordingly, I have enclosed a copy of the motion as well as your original request.

I trust you will find this satisfactory, but should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office at your convenience.

Sincerely,

TOWN OF MARATHON

Louise Lees
Deputy Clerk

Enclosure(s)

Cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
    Hon. Christine Elliott, Ontario Minister of Health
    Monika Turner, AMO

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARATHON
MARATHON, Ontario

Motion No.: 11/22

Moved by: Vaillance

Seconded by: Lake

THAT Council hereby supports the attached resolution received from the City of Cambridge pertaining to a request to the Province of Ontario for a Plan of Action to Address Joint and Several Liability;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to the individuals listed on the original resolution.

RECORDED VOTE:

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No. at Meeting: 3

Mayor
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Attorney General, the Council of the Region of Waterloo, all Ontario municipalities.

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

Yours Truly,

Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Ontario Minister of Health, Christine Elliot
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
City of Cambridge Council
June 22, 2022

By Email Only: mantond@cambridge.ca

City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
Clerk’s Office
50 Dickson Street, Box 669
Cambridge, ON
N1R 5W8

Attn: Danielle Manton, City Clerk

Re: Request to the Province of Ontario for a Plan of Action to Address Joint and Several Liability

Please be advised at Township of Chatsworth Council held on June 15, 2022 the following resolution was carried:

THAT Township of Chatsworth Council hereby support the resolution from the City of Cambridge regarding the Request to the Province of Ontario for a Plan of Action to Address Joint and Several Liability.

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Cambridge be notified of our support

Should you require additional information please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Tyler Zamostny
Clerk’s and Planning Assistant
June 22, 2022

Re: Motion of support for the Province to develop a plan of Action to address Joint and Several Liability.

At the Council Meeting of June 15th 2022, the Council of Johnson Township supported the resolution from the City of Cambridge, regarding the urgent need for the Province to address the critical issue facing Municipalities Joint and Several Liability.

The continuous increase in Insurance costs is a burden to Municipalities and their residents. Joint and Several Liability continues to require property owners to carry the largest portion of damage awards, even when Municipalities have been found to be at minimum fault.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario have outlined seven recommendations:
1. The adoption of a proportionate model to replace Joint and Severed Liability
2. Enhance the limitations period by continuing the existing 10-day rule on slips and falls and whether a 1-year limitation period may be beneficial
3. Implement a cap on economic loss awards
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to $2 million and increase the third-party coverage to $2 million in government regulated automobile insurance
5. Assess and implement additional measures to support lower premiums
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit charges which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability
7. The establishment of a municipal and government working group to consider the necessary changes.

Respectfully,

Glenn Martin, Clerk

Cc: Hon Premier Ford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
City of Cambridge
MPP Michael Mantha
June 23, 2022

Danielle Manton
City Clerk
City of Cambridge
50 Dickson Street, P.O. Box 669
Cambridge ON N1R 5W8

Dear Ms. Manton,

Please be advised that the Council of the County of Lennox and Addington endorsed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting held June 22, 2022:

That the June 1, 2022 - resolution re: Plan of Action to Address Joint and Several Liability (City of Cambridge) be endorsed.

CARRIED

(signed) Past Warden Marg Isbester

I trust that County Council’s support may be beneficial in your pursuit of this matter.

Sincerely,

Tracey McKenzie
Clerk
June 24, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca)  
Premier of Ontario

Dear Premier

Re: Letter of Support

At their meeting held Tuesday June 7, 2022, the Council of the Township of Norwich received and supported a resolution from the City of Cambridge. This resolution requests that Province of Ontario review the recommendations of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario with respect to Joint and Several Liability.

A copy of the City of Cambridge correspondence is included for your information.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this matter.

Yours Truly

Kimberley Armstrong  
Deputy Clerk

cc. City of Cambridge

Attachment
June 1, 2022

Re: Motion from Councillor Liggett – Request to the Province of Ontario for a Plan of Action to Address Joint and Several Liability

At the Special Council Meeting of May 31, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

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

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

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

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

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

2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1-year limitation period may be beneficial.

3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Attorney General, the Council of the Region of Waterloo, all Ontario municipalities.

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

Yours Truly,

Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Ontario Minister of Health, Christine Elliot
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
City of Cambridge Council