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Government Relations and Consultation Activity in 2021

The Government Relations Consultation review process was adopted in 2019, in order to provide a clear and centralized way to coordinate and track the increasing volume of opportunities for the municipality to provide input into Federal and Provincial legislative, regulatory and programming considerations. This process is governed by the Government Relations Consultation Tracking Policy (Policy Number A09 ADM 008).

The process is intended to streamline the assessment of consultation opportunities by providing clear direction to staff and keeping track of consultation responses to ensure that the municipality is consistent in its messaging. The core membership of the Response Team include staff from Corporate Strategy, Finance, Legal and the Mayor’s Office. As of Q3 2021, the tracking also captures all advocacy-related resolutions of Council that are forwarded to other levels of government.

From January 1 to September 30, 2021, a total of 19 government relations activities took place (Appendix A). This is a slightly higher than in 2020, when 17 reviews were completed during the course of the year. Of the activities completed:

- Two (2) were consultation responses submitted to the appropriate legislative body
- Seven (7) were advocacy-related, and
- Nine (9) were reviewed with no response provided

The final review was Bill 88, the Planning Amendment Act, 2019, which was reviewed due to its potential municipal impact despite there being no opportunity to comment.

Staff will continue to monitor opportunities and will provide information on future advocacy efforts as appropriate.
External Grant Application Tracking and Results

Going forward, this report will also include a summary of external opportunities for funding.

From December 2020 to the end of September 2021, there have been 13 completed grant applications (Appendix B). Of those completed:

- Six (6) were successful, for a combined total of over $253,000 in funds received
- Five (5) are awaiting the announcement of results, and
- Two (2) were unsuccessful

There are many factors that affect external funding decisions, including the number of applications received relative to the amount of funding available. Cambridge has been very successful at obtaining grant funding in the past and it is hoped that introducing the new external grant application tracking framework will help the City to build on its legacy of financial sustainability by continuing to leverage funds from other sources to support municipal projects and programs.

Attachments


Appendix B: Grant Application Tracking Summary – Dec. 2020 to Sept. 2021

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## Appendix A: Government Consultation Tracking Summary – Jan. to Sept. 2021

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<th>Status</th>
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<td>Submitted</td>
<td>2021 Provincial Budget Submission</td>
<td>Finance</td>
<td>2/16/2021</td>
<td>Advocacy</td>
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<td>2021 Federal Pre-Budget Submission</td>
<td>Finance</td>
<td>2/19/2021</td>
<td>Advocacy</td>
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<td>Submitted</td>
<td>Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) - Waterloo Airport Runway Project</td>
<td>Impact Assessment Agency of Canada</td>
<td>4/15/2021</td>
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<td>Submitted</td>
<td>ERO 019-3136 Consultation on growing the size of the Greenbelt</td>
<td>Municipal Affairs and Housing</td>
<td>4/19/2021</td>
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<td>Submitted</td>
<td>Affordable Housing Funding in Ontario</td>
<td>Minister of Families Children and Social Development</td>
<td>6/2/2021</td>
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<td>Submitted</td>
<td>Ontario Association of Optometrists - OHIP Negotiations</td>
<td>Premier's Office Ministry of Health</td>
<td>8/4/2021</td>
<td>Advocacy</td>
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<td>Submitted</td>
<td>Tax Increase-based Equivalent Grant Program (TIEG)</td>
<td>Region of Waterloo</td>
<td>8/9/2021</td>
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<td>Submitted</td>
<td>Traffic Volumes Along Dundas St. S. (Hwy 8)</td>
<td>Region of Waterloo and Ministry of Transportation</td>
<td>8/20/2021</td>
<td>Advocacy</td>
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<td>Submitted</td>
<td>Request for establishment of safety zones at hospitals in response to recent protests</td>
<td>Premier's Office Ministry of Health AMO Region of Waterloo</td>
<td>9/27/2021</td>
<td>Advocacy</td>
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<td>Submitted</td>
<td>Request that the Provincial government mandate Naloxone kits in all public institutions across Ontario</td>
<td>Premier's Office Ministry of Health AMO Region of Waterloo</td>
<td>9/30/2021</td>
<td>Advocacy</td>
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<td>Reviewed</td>
<td>ERO 019-2811 Minister's Zoning Orders</td>
<td>Municipal Affairs and Housing</td>
<td>1/30/2021</td>
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<td>ERO 019-3233 Proposal to amend Minister’s zoning orders and the Planning Act</td>
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<td>4/4/2021</td>
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<td>ERO 019-3495 Planning Act Land Division</td>
<td>Municipal Affairs and Housing</td>
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<td>Consultation on strengthening Municipal Codes of Conduct for elected officials</td>
<td>Municipal Affairs and Housing</td>
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<td>Online survey</td>
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<td>Reviewed</td>
<td>ERO 019-2785 Land Use Compatibility Guideline</td>
<td>Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks</td>
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<td>CP Rail Interim Extreme Weather Fire Risk Mitigation Plan review</td>
<td>CP Rail (per Transport Canada requirements)</td>
<td>8/25/2021</td>
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<td>ERO 019-3839 Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan - Discussion Paper</td>
<td>Ministry of Transportation</td>
<td>8/28/2021</td>
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<td>Reviewed</td>
<td>Ontario Truck Parking</td>
<td>SDR Consulting</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Request for Advocacy</td>
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## Appendix B: Grant Application Tracking Summary – Dec. 2020 to Sept. 2021

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<td>Successful</td>
<td>Fire Safety Grant Program (Ontario Fire Marshall’s Office)</td>
<td>Grant to all municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic</td>
<td>$36,600</td>
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<td>Successful</td>
<td>TD Canada Trust Sponsorship Grant</td>
<td>Cambridge Celebration of the Arts sponsorship grant request</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
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<td>Successful</td>
<td>Jumpstart (Canadian Tire Charity)</td>
<td>Youth park space ambassadors to support education and engagement of park users during summer 2021</td>
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<td>Successful</td>
<td>Audit and Accountability Fund (Province of Ontario)</td>
<td>Efficiencies, effectiveness and cost reduction Technology Services Budget and Process Review.</td>
<td>$90,000</td>
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<td>Successful</td>
<td>2020 Reconnect Festival and Event Program (Province of Ontario)</td>
<td>Enhanced and expanded multimedia content for the Old Post Office Projection project - All Projects to be completed by March 31, 2021</td>
<td>$43,425</td>
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<td>Successful</td>
<td>2021 Reconnect Festival and Event Program (Province of Ontario)</td>
<td>Winter Illumination event, Celebrate Cambridge winter festival</td>
<td>$70,562</td>
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<td>Application Submitted</td>
<td>ICIP COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure - Local Government Intake (Infrastructure Canada)</td>
<td>Funds for new CMH entrance ($225,000) and for Hespeler Arena ($390,000)</td>
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<td>Application Submitted</td>
<td>Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (Infrastructure Canada)</td>
<td>Recreation Complex</td>
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<td>Canada Healthy Communities Initiative - Round 2</td>
<td>Dunbar Rd. Phase 2 Multi-use trail (updated application)</td>
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<td>Canada Community Revitalization Fund (FedDev Ontario)</td>
<td>Grand River Access Improvement Project (Water St. S.)</td>
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<td>Community Building Fund – Capital Stream (Ontario Trillium Foundation)</td>
<td>Ed Newland Pool Repairs</td>
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<td>Inclusive Community Grant Program</td>
<td>Accessibility of city-owned Fashion History Museum building</td>
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October 26, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P
Premier of Ontario
Office of the Premier
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

RE: Support Resolution from the City of Waterloo passed October 18th, 2021 re: Renovictions

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo at its Council meeting held on Monday, October 18th, 2021 resolved as follows:

That Council hereby endorses the resolution from the Municipality of Sarnia regarding “Renovictions”, dated September 13th, 2021, requesting that the Government of Ontario take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever increasing problem of “Renovictions” in The Province of Ontario. Citizens and communities are hurt by these unscrupulous practices which can and does directly impact the affordable housing crisis, as well as inflict damage (both financially and mentally) particularly on our most vulnerable citizens.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only.

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

Sincerely,

Julie Scott
City Clerk, City of Waterloo
CC (by email):

Hon. Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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)

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 Mittelholtz, Clerk, Township of Wilmot
Val Hummel, Clerk, Township of Woolwich
September 17, 2021

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

Dear Premier,

RE: Renovictions

At its meeting held on September 13, 2021, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution with respect to “Renovictions“:

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That this correspondence also be sent to other Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and possible endorsement.

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

Cc: The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
    Bob Bailey, MPP
    All Ontario Municipalities
The Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac

By-law #59-21

Being a By-law of the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac to authorize the use of Alternative Voting methods for the 2022 Municipal Election

Whereas Section 42(1) (b) of the Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, c. 32, as amended provides that a municipal council may pass a by-law authorizing electors to use an alternative voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote;

And Whereas Section 42(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, c. 32, as amended requires a By-law under Section 42(1) be passed by May 1, 2022 to be effective for the municipal election to be held in 2022;

Now Therefore the Council for the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac enacts as follows:

• Internet/Telephone Voting is authorized to be used as an alternative voting method for the municipal election to be held in 2022.

Read a first and second time this 22nd day of October, 2021

Read a third time and passed this 22nd day of October, 2021

Mayor

Clerk
October 19, 2021

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

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Support City of Sarnia - Renovictions

Please be advised that, at its meeting of October 12, 2021, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence from the City of Sarnia regarding Renovictions, be supported.

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

Sincerely,

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

ec: Doug Downey, Attorney General
    Jeff Burch, MPP
    Sam Oosterhoff, MPP
    Jennifer Stevens, MPP
    Wayne Gates, MPP
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