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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tara Stephens, City Clerk

DATE: February 16, 2024

SUBJECT: Pending Motion Referral/Deferral Summary – Formerly known as the “Outstanding Council Resolutions” list.

The Outstanding Council Resolutions list identifies motions that have been referred or deferred to staff for further action or information by Council.

Moving forward the Outstanding Council Resolutions list will be referred to as the **Pending Motion Referral/Deferral Summary**. An up-to-date summary is attached for your information.

As documented in the attached summary, there is a significant backlog for the identified items. Moving forward, the City Clerk will be conducting a weekly review of the summary with the Corporate Leadership Team. The review will include:

- 1. Review of pending items.**
- 2. Monitoring workflow.**
- 3. Measurement of turnaround time for completion** – measuring how long it takes for each request to be completed.
- 4. Analysis of staff workloads** – Staff to compare the volume of current job responsibilities and the capacity to complete the request from Council. A backlog may be evident if the workload consistently exceeds the capacity of staff.

Council are being asked to consider the staff capacity and workloads when tabling referral and deferral motions.

The **Pending Motion Referral/Deferral Summary** will be published on a monthly basis in a Council Information Package.

The attached summary includes the following details:

- **Clerks Reference Number** – This is an internal file number used by Clerks staff.
- **Division Responsible for Item** – The division who will be reviewing, determining turnaround time for completion and responding to the request from Council.
- **Date Approved by Council** – This is the date the motion was approved by Council.
- **Subject/Action** – Motion details and action/direction provided to staff by Council.
- **Status of the Item** – Current status of the item and expected timeline for completion. When the timeline for completion is unknown, the expected date of completion may not be identified.
- **Comments/Completion Information** – When the item has been completed or when information has been provided to council to complete the request, it is recognized in this section.

As outlined above, when a matter has been completed it will be noted in the “Comments/Completion Information” section and published in the next Council Information Package. Once published online the completed items will then be removed from the document.

Attachment – **Pending Motion Referral/Deferral Summary** – As of February 13, 2024

**PENDING MOTION REFERRAL/DEFERRAL SUMMARY
AS OF FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

| CLERKS REF. NO. | DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEM | DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL | SUBJECT/ACTION | STATUS OF THE ITEM | COMMENTS/ COMPLETION INFORMATION |
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| 02-85 16-26 | Infrastructure Services | July 19, 2016 | Draft Sidewalk Policy that focuses on the creation of new sidewalks and the improvement and maintenance of existing sidewalks. | Status: In progress To Complete: | |
| 99-99 | CAO | April 18, 2017 | Staff to undertake a process and develop timelines to dissolve the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation as outlined by legal counsel. | Status: Complete To Complete: | R&C-2021-13 June 1/21 |
| 99-99 | Community Services | May 3, 2016 | Report regarding potential alternatives to expand the use or waterway by the general public. Defers Report R&C-2017-08: Public Consultation Process - 'Go Quiet By-law' & Alternative Uses of the Waterway to the General Committee meeting on September 26, 2017. | Status: In progress To Complete: R&C-2017-06 - October 4, 2017 was received for information. | |
| 17-2 | Planning & Development Services Traffic & By-laws | September 19, 2017 | Refers back to staff for report regarding Section 8 Schedule 3 Food Vehicle, Section 7 Schedule 2 Food Premises and Exemption Section 10 Schedule 4 Hawker and Peddler from By-law 2011-173. Went to the May 15th Council Meeting to be deferred to staff for a report to a General Committee meeting. | Status: In progress To Complete: Report coming back April 2024. | |
| 04- 124/18-4 | Finance & Engineering | February 20, 2018 | Report regarding identifying alternative funding sources to adequately address water meter replacement in 2018. | Status: In progress To Complete: | |

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| 18-14 | Finance Division | February 20, 2018 | Staff to review the Councillors Travel and Corporate Business Expense Policy to include costs if Council or a Councillor should require the need to seek a professional legal opinion while performing his or her duties as a councillor. | Status: Complete To Complete: | Mayor & Councillors Expense Policy – Jan. 31/23 and Revised on Sept. 19/23 |
| 18-20 | Community Services | April 17, 2018 | Defers appointing 1 Council Member to the SEART Committee to the second General Committee meeting in May with the terms of reference. | Status: In progress To Complete: | |
| 18-73 | Infrastructure Services | May 8, 2018 | Develop a long term program together with the Region of Niagara over the next 5 years to reduce inflow infiltration within the Dain City Catchment Area. | Status: In progress To Complete: Working with Regional staff over the next 5 years. | |
| 09-152 18-2 | Planning & Development Services and Fire Department | June 5, 2018 | Report on an education strategy to the public, tenants and landlords regarding rental housing. | Status: In progress To Complete: Fire and Planning to provide an update report in 2024. | |
| 18-13 | Transit Division | December 4, 2018 | Staff to review and bring back to a General Committee meeting in March 2019 the necessary steps in implementing the Universal Support Person Pass. | Status: Matter closed. To Complete: | Currently implemented in Transit Services. Transit Operations uploaded to Niagara Region in January 2023. |

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| 09-159 | Engineering Division | January 15, 2019 | Signed petition regarding the replacement of the Dain City Bridge and refers the matter to staff. January 15, 2019 Council meeting: Council approves and recommends that Niagara Regional Council be requested to fund Phase 1 costs of \$4 million for demotion, pier testing and detailed design of the Forks Road Bridge, as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of January 14, 2019. | Status: In progress To Complete: March 19, 2019 - Council approved demolition of Forks Road Bridge. Next steps to be considered in the future. | |
| 18-23 | Planning & Development Services Traffic & By-Laws | January 15, 2019 | Review all By-laws and Property Standards as they relate to unoccupied homes. Staff to report back to Council within 120 days. | Status: Complete To Complete: | P&B-2020-06 Jan. 21/20 |
| 19-28 | Planning & Development Services | March 5, 2019 | Request for a Community Teaching Garden to staff for study and review. | Status: In progress To Complete: To be brought to the Green Advisory Committee for consideration in 2024. | |
| 19-5 | Finance Division | April 2, 2019 | Review and make recommendations to update the Grants & Special Assistance policy and presented to Council before September 2019. Went to the Special Council of October 22, 2019 to be referred to the next Council Meeting. | Status: Complete To Complete: | FIN-2020-17 July 21/20 |
| 19-22 | Planning & Development Services Traffic Services | April 2, 2019 | Staff to investigate installing Way Finding Signs in the Downtown and Health and Wellness Cluster areas with a report to Council by August 1, 2019. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CAO-2017-04 March 2/17 |
| 99-110 | Community Services | May 7, 2019 | Report regarding naming the trails along the waterway. | Status: In progress To Complete: | |

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| 19-75 | Clerks Division | May 21, 2019 | Report on suitable replacements for paper by becoming paper free by the end of the year 2019. Motion at BRC in Sept./Oct. for paper copies. | Status: In progress To Complete: | |
| 19-76 | Planning & Development Services | May 21, 2019 | Report on Climate action plan with the goal of mitigating the City's impact on climate change and preparing for its anticipated effect. | Status: Complete To Complete: | ENG-2020-09 Feb. 18/20 |
| 18-87 | Planning & Development Services | June 4, 2019 | Request a full review of the Zoning By-law requirements as they relate to the Medical Marijuana Purposes Regulations (MMPFs) and to ensure the City policies are in line with current Provincial and Federal Legislation and best practices. | Status: Complete To Complete: | By-law 2019-162 December 17/19 Completed |
| 19-4 | Finance Division | June 18, 2019 | Report on options to apply the 2018 tax supported budget for forecasted surplus. | Status: Complete To Complete: | FIN-2019-25 Dec. 17/19 |
| 05-50 | Planning & Development Services | July 9, 2019 | Appoint an individual from the Planning Division to act as a staff liaison on the City of Welland Heritage Advisory Committee. | Status: Complete To Complete: | P&B-2020-11 Feb. 18/20 |
| 10-123 13-117 | Planning & Development Services | July 9, 2019 | Report to create a Housing Affordability Task Force for Council. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CLK-2022-03 February 1/22 |
| 19-28 | CAO | July 9, 2019 | Report regarding a partnership between all 4 Service Clubs to a General Committee meeting. (Kiwanis, Lions, Optimist and Rotary Clubs). | Status: In progress To Complete: | |

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| 19-88 | CAO | July 9, 2019 | Create a "Downtown Vacancy Mitigation Action Plan" between the City, Business, Community and applicable stakeholders that addresses vacancy rates in our downtown areas. | Status: In progress To Complete: To be included in the upcoming Downtown Revitalization Strategy 2024 work. | |
| 99-99 | Community Services | September 3, 2019 | Staff to start a public consultation process on the design of a new park area and that a report to include public replacement of the current park infrastructure and enhancements due to the loss of parkland come to General Committee by the end of 2019. | Status: In progress To Complete: | |
| 17-19 | Community Services | September 17, 2019 | Staff to consult with public, agencies and other stakeholders regarding tree preservation. | Status: In progress To Complete: | |
| 19-103 | Planning & Development Services | September 17, 2019 | Report on possible enhancements to the public notification process for Committee of Adjustment hearings. Went to the October 1, 2019 Council meeting requesting that subsequent report be provided outlining costs for the two options provided. | Status: In progress To Complete: 3 rd Quarter in 2024. | |
| 99-99 | Community Services | October 1, 2019 | Staff to investigate the installation of an inflatable water park similar to others in Ontario and options to be set up for the 2020 summer season at Lincoln Street docks. | Status: Complete To Complete: | R&C-2020-02 May 5/20 |
| 19-108 | Community Services | October 1, 2019 | Report on costs and feasibility on installing a dock to aid in the launch of motor boats onto the Welland River from the River Road launch site. | Status: In progress To Complete: | |

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| 19-22 | Planning & Development Services Traffic & By-laws | October 22, 2019 | Not allow people to attend large functions with their dogs back to staff for a report. Went to Council on June 21, 2022 and refers back to staff Report TRAF-2022-32: Prohibiting Dogs at Large Events. | Status: Complete To Complete: | TRAF-2023-46 September 19, 2023 |
| 19-27 | Clerks Division | October 22, 2019 | Staff to provide a report regarding the Terms of Reference of the Welland Rose Festival Inc. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CLK-2020-04 Feb. 18/20 |
| 19-22 | Planning & Development Services | December 17, 2019 | Staff to provide a By-law that deals with short term rentals and all associated licensing and administration. Report went to the Feb. 9/21 Special Council meeting to be received for information only. | Status: Complete To Complete: | TRAF-2023-33 July 18, 2023 |
| 19-105 | Planning & Development Services | January 21, 2020 | Refers back to staff Report P&B-2020-03: Application for Official Plan Amendment (OPA 22), Zoning by-law Amendment (File No. 2019-02) and Draft Plan of Vacant Land Condominium (File No. 26CD-14-19003), 633 South Pelham Road to report back as soon as possible. | Status: Complete To Complete: | P&B-2020-08 Feb. 18/20 |
| 08-48 | Planning & Development Services | February 18, 2020 | Refers back to staff a report regarding an Occupancy Standards By-law. | Status: In progress To Complete: 2 nd Quarter 2024. | |
| 19-85 | Human Resources Division | February 18, 2020 | Refers back to staff Report HR-2020-03: Anti-Nepotism Policy. Went to Council on Feb. 2/21 to be referred back to staff. | Status: Complete To Complete: | HR-2023-04 October 24, 2023 |
| 19-94 | Planning & Development Services | February 18, 2020 | Refers back to staff matter regarding the petition from residents from 155 Gadsby Avenue, there be no change to the zoning, which is currently zoned as open space, in order to protect wild life. | Status: In progress To Complete: Ontario Land Tribunal matter at this time. | |

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| 20-22 | Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division | March 3, 2020 | Directs staff investigate and report to Council the dedication of 10 city parking spots behind City Hall paid parking to the Peters Group owner of 3 Cross Street at a yearly charge. | Status: Complete To Complete: | TRAF-2020-05 October 13, 2020 |
| 20-13 | Transit Division | May 19, 2020 | Report detailing the staffing and cost savings realized by the temporary transit service reductions; and further THAT this report be included in the Council Meeting scheduled for June 2, 2020. | Status: Complete To Complete: | TRANS-2020-08 June 2, 2020 |
| 20-64 | CAO | June 2, 2020 | Report on how to temporarily allow outdoor service space and patios for restaurants to maintain social distancing between tables during the reopening phases post pandemic. | Status: Complete To Complete: | TRAF-2020-03 June 2, 2020 |
| 20-77 | Infrastructure Services | June 16, 2020 | WHEREAS due to the recent pandemic the City of Welland is not able to provide services that they normally would perform do to the safety of its employees; and further WHEREAS if residents did in fact require a service that is normally provided by the City, in this case being a sewer related service and had to act immediately and contact an outside contractor and in resolving the issue a fee was paid. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to create a report to reimburse part or all of the fee paid by the owner (with guidelines similar to the rodent control program to be adhered to) and the amount be capped and for a certain period to time. | Status: In progress To Complete: | |
| 20-78 | Clerks Division | June 16, 2020 | Report for the 2022 municipal election that the number of City Councillors be reduced from the current twelve to eight and the number of city wards be increased from the current six to eight and one Councillor be elected to each ward. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CLK-2021-16 May 18, 2021 |

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| 02-160 | Human Resources Division | July 17, 2020 | Staff to update the code of Conduct Policy to include a Code of Conduct for staff to Council and update the Council and staff relationship policy to include reference to the revised code of conduct in the roles and responsibilities of Staff. Went to General Committee on Jan. 26/21 to be referred back to staff. | Status: Completed To Complete: | HR-2021-05 April 20,2021 |
| 11-108 | Planning & Development Services | July 7, 2020 | Staff to separate Report P&B-2020-25: Delegation to Staff of Various Approvals Under the Planning Act into 4 separate reports. | Status: Complete To Complete: | P&B-2020-51, 52, 53, 54 October 13, 2020 |
| 20-27 | Finance Division | July 7, 2020 | Staff to establish a line item in our City's budget to fund our City's Welland Rose Festival; and further THAT this budget allocation be established at the amount of \$90,000 per year and will increase annually at the rate of inflation to the Budget Review Committee. | Status: Complete To Complete: | FIN-2020-17 July 7, 2020 |
| 99-90 99-99 | CAO | July 7, 2020 | Defer Report CAO-2020-03: Welland Summer Concert Series to the August 4, 2020 Council Meeting to have staff present at the meeting. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CAO-2020-03 October 20, 2020 |
| 20-104 | Planning & Development Services | September 22, 2020 | Refer Report P&B-2020-44: Northwest Welland Official Plan Amendment (OPA No. 29) and Urban Design Guidelines - Northwest Welland Secondary Plan to a Council Meeting. | Status: Complete To Complete: | P&B-2020-63 October 27, 2020 |
| 20-106 | Planning & Development Services | October 6, 2020 | Signed petition from the residents of Caithness Drive regarding turning an established residential area from a single family homes to duplexes and refers this petition to Planning staff for review. | Status: In progress To Complete: Will be considered as part of update to City's Official Plan in 2024. | |

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| 20-19 | Planning & Development Services | October 20, 2020 | Refers to staff for report the notice of motion regarding 113 Michael Drive, redesignates this area as Open Space and proceed with an RFP to have a park with playground equipment be installed at this location. | Status: In progress To Complete: Approval for Park Development and will be amended to Open Space in the updated to the City's Official Plan. | |
| 20-96 | Planning & Development Services | November 3, 2020 | Refers Report P&B-2020-58: Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision (File No. 26T-14-20004) submitted by Upper Canada Consultants for lands on the east side of the Kingsway, south of Talbot Avenue, west of the Welland Shipping Canal, specifically described as lots 30-38 (inclusive), plan 54, former Township of Humberstone, now plan 813, City of Welland, municipally known as 180 Kingsway back to staff. | Status: Complete To Complete: | P&B-2020-58 Dec.1, 2020 |
| 02-85 | Clerks Division | December 1, 2020 | Amendment of section 5.5. of the Terms of Reference of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to read "Members shall be appointed for a four (4) year term or until a successor has been appointed. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CLK-2021-02 January 12, 2021 |
| 16-104 | Infrastructure Services | December 1, 2020 | Refers Report ENG-2020-37: Amendments to the Sewer and Drainage Works By-law 2017-18 back to staff. | Status: Complete To Complete: | ENG-2021-24 – Oct. 12/21 |
| 20-115 | Planning & Development Services | December 1, 2020 | Refers Report ENG-2020-69: Official Plan Amendment (OPA 31) and Zoning By-law amendment (2020-10) for 781 Clare Avenue back to staff. | Status: Complete To Complete: | P&B-2020-73 Dec.15, 2020 |
| 21-13 | Transit Division | February 9, 2021 | Refers the presentation by Matt Robinson, Niagara Region regarding Recommendations for Consideration from the Linking Niagara Transit Committee held on October 21, 2021. | Status: Complete To Complete: | Transit uploaded to Niagara Region – January 1/23 |

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| 02-160 | Clerks Division | March 2, 2021 | Refers back to staff Notice of Motion regarding council agendas being posted publicly to residents. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CLK-2021-09 March 23, 2021 |
| 20-82 | Planning & Development Services | March 2, 2021 | Report regarding a Municipal Comprehensive Review, under section 4.3.3.1 of the Official Plan, for the property outlined in Report P&B-2021-08 for an Employment Land conversion from Gateway Economic Centre to Agriculture. | Status: In progress To Complete: To be considered as part of the update to the Official Plan in 2024. | |
| 21-58 | CAO & Planning & Development Services | March 2, 2021 | Report regarding Brownfield Employment Lands that are non-employment producing within the city limits. | Status: In progress To Complete: Will be included in 2024 update to the Brownfield CIP. | |
| 21-59 | CAO & Economic Development | March 2, 2021 | Report on a strategy to aggressively pursue the acquisition of seaway lands from the Federal government, to discuss with them an accelerated process to declare such lands surplus and enter into discussions for the acquisition of identified properties and review options for "lease to own" such lands until such time as they become available. Staff identify Seaway lands of interest and develop servicing plans and other strategies as may be required and further staff identify other lands within and/or adjacent to employment lands identified in Welland's official plan that would be strategic acquisitions for the purpose of industrial/employment use and see if owners are interested in selling those lands to the municipality. If they are not interested the city would not pursue expropriation. In relation to all of the above staff would prepare strategies and associated costs to service lands so that they would be "shovel ready". | Status: In progress To Complete: Update report to come in 2024 through Economic Development. | |

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| 06-156 | Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division | April 20, 2021 | Report regarding issue of feeding of wildlife. | Status: Complete To Complete: To be considered in the update to the Official Plan in 2024. | TRAF-2021-55 October 5/21 |
| 06-156 | Planning & Development Services | April 20, 2021 | Report as part of the Official Plan Review detailing what Urban Farming initiatives Council should consider accommodating. | Status: In progress To Complete: | |
| 21-28 | Clerks Division | May 18, 2021 | Report regarding founding of an Advisory Committee for the LGBTQ2S+Community. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CLK-2022-02 February 1/22 |
| 21-92 | Planning & Development Services | July 6, 2021 | Report regarding petition by residents of Seaway Pointe Condominium at 330 Prince Charles Drive regarding parking space for the Evertrust Development at 350 Prince Charles Drives. | Status: In progress To Complete: Applications were approved and building is currently under construction. | |
| 21-22 | Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division | September 7, 2021 | Provide a technical report as to installing a 4 way stop at Gaiser Road and South Pelham Road and Gaiser Road and Clare Avenue. That a report is to be presented for Council consideration no later than October 15, 2021. | Status: Complete To Complete: | TRAF-2021-56 October 5 & 9/21 |
| 21-86 | Planning & Development Services | September 14, 2021 | Refers Report P&B-2021-50: 89 West Creek Court. | Status: Complete To Complete: | P&B-2021-50 September 7/21 |
| 98-82 | Community Services | September 21, 2021 | Refers Report R&C-2021-17 back to staff to present an updated design to an upcoming General Committee Meeting based on the comments from members of Council. | Status: In progress To Complete: | |

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| 02-160 | Clerks Division | October 5, 2021 | Notice of motion regarding staff include reports, copies of proposed agreements and other backup material to the Committee-of-the-Whole Agendas. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CLK-2023-07 March 7, 2023 |
| 05-51 | Finance Division | November 23, 2021 | Refer back to staff Report FIN-2021-36: Amendments to the City of Welland Purchasing Policy. | Status: Complete To Complete: | FIN-2022-13 June 7, 2022 LOST |
| 07-50 | Planning & Development Services | December 21, 2021 | Report and update parkland dedication By-law that supports increased parkland creation, maximizes funding and usage of parkland space for Council consideration. | Status: Complete To Complete: | P&B-2023-46 August 18, 2022 |
| 21-22 | Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division | December 21, 2021 | Refers back to staff in January the Notice of Motion regarding stop signs on St. Lawrence Avenue and Gretel Place | Status: Complete To Complete: | Notice of Motion was Lost on March 1, 2022 |
| 21-22 | Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division | December 21, 2021 | Refers to staff signed petition from residents of Park Street regarding no parking on the north side of Park Street between Kent Street and King Street. | Status: Complete To Complete: | TRAF-2021-32 July 6, 2021 |
| 21-22 | Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division | December 21, 2021 | Refers to staff signed petition regarding installation of speed bumps and a speed reduction in front of the Park entrance area on Page Drives. | Status: To Complete: | |
| 22-57 | Infrastructure Services | February 22, 2022 | Refers back to staff Report ENG-2022-08: Environmental Compliance Approval No. A120412 Amendment Application – 65 Canal Bank Street. | Status: To Complete: | |
| 22-86 | Planning & Development Services | April 12, 2022 | Refers back to Council the Notice of Motion regarding banning the practice of distributing newsprint or flyers. Went back to Council on August 18, 2022 to be referred back to Council for a legal opinion. | Status: Complete To Complete: | TRAF-2023-47 October 24, 2023 |

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| 22-28/ 22-112 | Clerks Division | May 3, 2022 | Report regarding Welland Green Committee Proposal. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CLK-2022-11 June 21, 2022 |
| 07-144 | Economic Development | January 31, 2023 | Dissolution of the Welland Development Commission (WDC) referred back to staff for further information. | Status: To Complete: | |
| 05-50 | Planning & Development Services | March 7 & 28, 2023 | Refers back to staff regarding changes to the Municipal Heritage Register from the Town of Grimsby and Report P&B-2023-06. | Status: In process To Complete: 2 nd Quarter 2024. | |
| 02-160 12-96 | Clerks Division | March 27, 2023 | Report to Council that outlines the total cost of the Integrity Commissioner and associated costs from November 2018 through to November 2022. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CLK-2023-12 April 25, 2023 |
| 02-160 | Planning & Development Services | March 27, 2023 | Staff report re: having Council representation or staff on the Committee of Adjustment, Grants and Programs and Property Standards Committee. | Status: In process To Complete: 2 nd Quarter 2024. | |
| 23-22 | Economic Development | March 28, 2023 | Refers back to staff Report EDO-2023-04: Sale of city-owned land policy and the stopping up and closing of highways. | Status: To Complete: | |
| 22-105 | Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division | March 27, 2023 | Conduct a study in the area of First Avenue, Linrose Avenue and Thorold Road with a report back to Council on the results of the study in relation to a 4 way stop sign being placed at either First Avenue and Laughlin Avenue or at First Avenue and Parkway. | Status: Complete To Complete: | TRAF-2023-31 July 18, 2023 |
| 05-141 | Community Services | March 27, 2023 | A comprehensive inventory of public art be assembled to include art located on both private and public lands in conjunction with the Arts & Culture Committee and the Heritage Committee. | Status: To Complete: | |
| 22-152 | Planning & Development Services | March 27, 2023 | Develop content for residents, simplifying and explain the process to provide a better understanding for interested parties, and to freely | Status: In Progress To Complete: 3 rd Quarter 2024. | |

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| | | | provide these resources to members of the public by posing online on the City website. | | |
| 23-32 | Community Services | March 27, 2023 | Begin a pilot program in 2023 providing free menstrual products in select women's, men's and universal washrooms and changerooms in city operated facilities. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CS-2023-32 November 21/23 |
| 22-105 | Economic Development | March 28, 2023 | Refers back to staff Report EDO-2023-04: Sale of city-owned land policy and the stopping up and closing of highways. Went to the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting to be referred again. | Status: Complete To Complete: | EDO-2023-04 September 5/23 |
| 23-62 | Human Resources Division | April 25, 2023 | Refers back to staff Report HR-2023-01: Non-Union Performance Evaluation Policy. | Status: To Complete: | |
| 02-160 | Human Resources Division/ Clerks Division | May 16, 2023 | Refers back to staff a notice of motion to arrange a customized training session, Human Rights and Equity: The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders offered by the Association of Municipalities not later than Q2 in 2024. | Status: To Complete: | |
| 23-22 | Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division | May 16, 2023 | Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-15: Cash In Lieu of parking Policy. Went to the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting to consult with the development community and public with regards to the proposed Cash-In-Lieu Parking By-law with a final By-law for consideration. | Status: In progress To Complete: | |
| 21-79 | Planning & Development Services | June 6, 2023 | Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-22 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 368 Aqueduct Street and 155 Gadsby Avenue. | Status: In progress To Complete: At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council. | |
| 22-137 | Planning & Development Services | June 6, 2023 | Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-20 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 50 Bruce Street. | Status: In progress To Complete: At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council. | |

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| 23-22 | Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division | June 20, 2023 | Refers back to staff Report TRAF-2023-24: Speed humps on Quaker Road. | Status: Complete To Complete: | TRAF-2024-01 January 9, 2024 |
| 02-160 | Clerks Division | June 27, 2023 | Refers back to staff Report CLK-2023-16: Council Seating Policy. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CLK-2023-17 September 5, 2023 |
| 23-4 | Finance Division | August 24, 2023 | Refers back to staff Report FIN-2023-16: Update Budget Review Committee Terms of Reference. | Status: Matter Closed To Complete: | BRC dissolved. No longer required. |
| 02-160 | CAO | September 5, 2023 | Refers back to staff notice of motion re: shall be notified in camera if any entity including but not limited to committees, commissions, agencies or boards that the city funds, or approves members or places members of council on, if this entity experiences any litigation involving its members. | Status: To Complete: | |
| 02-160 | Clerks Division | September 19, 2023 | Refers back to staff Report CLK-2023-19: Amendment to Hybrid Model – Meeting of Council. | Status: To Complete: | |
| 23-122 | Clerks Division | September 19, 2023 | Refers back to staff Notice of Motion regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report recommendation #57. | Status: City Clerk is exploring training opportunities. To Complete: | |
| 23-29 | Clerks Division | October 24, 2023 | Refers back to staff - 2024 Council Meeting Calendar. | Status: Complete To Complete: | CLK-2023-21 December 12, 2023 |
| 06-84 | Community Services | December 12, 2023 | Correspondence from Town of Fort Erie re: encouraging contribution supporting Hospice | Status: To Complete: | |

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| | | | Niagara and refers the motion back to staff for a report. | | |
| 23-28 | Community Services | December 19, 2023 | Presentation re: Crimestoppers Program and refers matter to staff for report. | Status: | |
| | | | | To Complete: | |
| 24-22 | Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division | January 9, 2024 | Placing a 5 Ton Maximum weight restrictions signs on Quaker Road east from Niagara Street to Towpath Drive. | Status: In progress To Complete: March 5, 2024 Council Meeting. | |
| 24-22 | Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division | January 9, 2024 | Erecting stop signs on Daimler Pkwy at Magnolia Lane both directions for the safety of all. | Status: In progress To Complete: Report will be submitted in March 2024. | |



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

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RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

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| Resolution # RC24016 | Meeting Order: 5 |
| Moved by: <i>M. Hatfield</i> | Seconded by: <i>John W. Opato</i> |

WHEREAS By-Law 1070-96, being a By-Law to continue and regulate a Fire Department for the Corporation of the Municipality of Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 1070-96, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

AND WHEREAS fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS on January 24, 2024, Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa received the 2024 Wawa Fire Service Review by The Loomex Group that identifies and evaluates Wawa's current and anticipated fire protection needs, Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements;

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AND FURTHERMORE, THAT the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt;

AND FINALLY RESOLVE THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

| RESOLUTION RESULT | | RECORDED VOTE | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | CARRIED | MAYOR AND COUNCIL | YES | NO |
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence

Clerk _____

| DEPUTY MAYOR - JIM HOFFMANN | CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL |
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

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| Resolution # RC24017 | Meeting Order: 6 |
| Moved by: <i>L. G. Galt</i> | Seconded by: <i>M. Hatfield</i> |

WHEREAS the Wawa Cemetery Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 where the Committee received correspondence from Tay Township requesting support regarding Provincial Cemetery Management,

AND WHEREAS, under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

AND WHEREAS over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

AND WHEREAS municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

AND WHEREAS the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
• Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
• Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
• Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Jill Dunlop and all Ontario municipalities.

Table with 4 columns: RESOLUTION RESULT, RECORDED VOTE, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, YES, NO. Rows include CARRIED, DEFEATED, TABLED, RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT), PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED, and WITHDRAWN.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

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February 7, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: ksullivan@stcatharines.ca

Kristen Sullivan
City Clerk
City of St. Catharines
50 Church St., P.O. Box 3012
St. Catharines, ON L2R 7C2

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 5, 2024, received and supported correspondence from the City of St. Catharines dated September 27, 2023, regarding Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities with the following motion:

Resolution No: RC-2024-07
Moved by Councillor JD Pachereva; Seconded by Councillor Greg Reimer

THAT Council support and endorse the resolution within the correspondence received re: Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Honourable Chrystia Freeland
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
Chris Bittle, MP - St. Catharines
Dean Allison, MP - Niagara West
Tony Baldinelli, MP – Niagara Falls
Vance Badawey, MP – Niagara Centre
Jennifer Stevens, MPP - St. Catharines
Jeff Burch, MPP - Niagara Centre
Wayne Gates, MPP - Niagara Falls
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP - Niagara West-Glanbrook
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance
Honourable Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All local municipalities

September 27, 2023

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

Sent via email: Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

**Re: Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities
Our File 10.12.1**

Dear Honourable Justin Trudeau,

At its meeting held on September 25, 2023, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Canada, now reaching 40 million in population, continues to experience record-breaking growth, and as St. Catharines has been told by the Provincial government that we must build 11,000 new residential units by 2030; and

WHEREAS our country's successful growth is intrinsically linked to our cities, towns and communities; and

WHEREAS St. Catharines residents are facing acute challenges, including housing shortages, homelessness, a lack of mental health support, extreme weather events, concern for public safety and a reliance on aging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS we want our kids to play in well-kept parks and enjoy lively community centres, our businesses to transport goods on maintained municipal roads and bridges, our senior citizens to be able to live affordably, our students to have a reliable transit system, our newcomers to find suitable housing, our families to be raised in a safe and healthy environment, and our most vulnerable to have access to much-needed support; and

WHEREAS as a city we have been forced to take on roles that are outside of our traditional jurisdictions, including public health, housing and emergency services which clearly exposed the vulnerability of our local services; and

WHEREAS emerging from the pandemic, we have seen federal and provincial sales and income taxes increase rapidly while overall municipal property tax revenue has remained flat— when accounting for inflation and population growth; and

WHEREAS municipalities are operating within a 19th century revenue system based mostly on property tax collection, to respond to 21st century responsibilities and evolving needs of Canadians; and

WHEREAS municipalities manage more than 60 percent of Canada's public infrastructure yet only receive between 8 and 10 cents for each tax dollar collected; and

WHEREAS municipalities, like St. Catharines are rising to meet these challenges with leadership and innovation but are constrained by an outdated framework that was not designed for the realities of 2023; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), representing over 2,000 municipalities big and small across the country, is the national voice for Canada's local governments; and

WHEREAS in May 2023, at FCM's Annual Conference, and with full support from the Big City Mayor's Caucus, FCM members passed a resolution outlining the need for the development of a new growth framework to support Canadian municipalities and the people who call our communities home; and

WHEREAS FCM's resolution gives FCM a mandate to:

- Declare that Canada needs a modernized growth framework for municipalities;
- Lead the development of a Municipal Growth Framework that links municipal financial capacity to challenges such as population growth and economic growth; and
- Call on the federal government to engage with FCM in the development of this framework; and

WHEREAS FCM's call for a modernized growth framework is consistent with St. Catharines' needs for increased support to deliver important local services and infrastructure to keep up with exponential growth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council officially endorse FCM and the Big City Mayor's Caucus' work calling on the Federal Government to develop a modernized growth framework; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council include FCM's call for a modernized municipal growth framework in future advocacy efforts and material to the federal and provincial governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to the Region of Niagara; local municipalities; the Prime Minister; the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; MP Bittle; MP Badaway; the Premier; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MPP

Stevens; MPP Burch; MPP Oosterhoff; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
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February 7, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca

Ella Flynn
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming
546 Niagara Street, P.O. Box 250
Wyoming, ON N0N 1T0

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters)

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 5, 2024, received and supported correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming dated December 1, 2023, regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters) with the following motion:

Resolution No: RC-2024-06

Moved by Councillor JD Pachereva; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

THAT Council support and endorse the resolution within the correspondence received re: Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

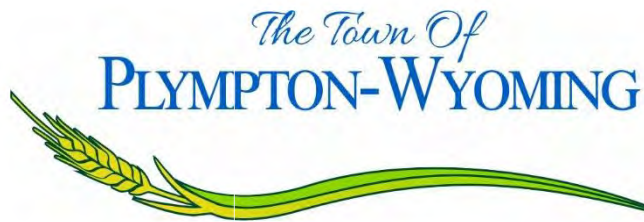
Regards,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



Lianne Rood
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

December 1st 2023

Sent via e-mail: Lianne.Rood@parl.gc.ca

Re: Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the *Income Tax Act* (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters)

Dear Ms. Rood,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on November 29th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the attached resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the *Income Tax Act* (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters).

Motion 13

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded by Councillor Bob Woolvett

That Council support item 'R' of correspondence from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Tax Credit for Volunteer Fire Fighters.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Sent via e-mail
Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario – info@oafc.on.ca
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) – resolutions@amo.on.ca
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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| Resolution # RC23265 | Meeting Order: 10 |
| Moved by: <i>Cathy Fannon</i> | Seconded by: <i>J. Mal</i> |

WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and;

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and;

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;

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- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

| RESOLUTION RESULT | | RECORDED VOTE | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | WITHDRAWN | Joseph Opato | |

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

| MAYOR - MELANIE PILON | CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL |
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February 9, 2024

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attn: Minister Paul Calandra
777 Bay Street, 17th floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

RE: Township of Ramara Resolution 2024.24
Request for Province of Ontario and AMO Social and Economic Prosperity
Review to Promote the Stability and Sustainability of Municipal Finances

Dear Minister Paul Calandra,

At their regular meeting on January 29, 2024, the Council of the Township of Ramara passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

AND THAT staff circulate it to MPP Jill Dunlop, applicable Ministries, and Ontario Municipalities.

I trust the above is self-explanatory; however, if you require further information or clarification, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Connor CMO, AOMC

Director of Legislative Services & Community Services / Clerk

Cc. MPP Jill Dunlop

Via email: Jill.Dunlop@pc.ola.org

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

Sent via Email

February 9, 2024

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'

At its Regular meeting on February 7, 2024, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C56-2024

That Council for the Township of Springwater endorse the resolution from the City of Greater Sudbury, and recognize resolutions from other Ontario municipalities such as the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, petitioning the province to amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project ; and,

That the resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario and MPP for Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

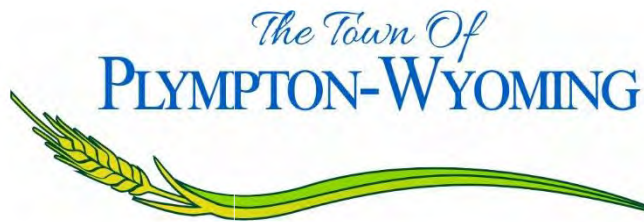
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at clerks@springwater.ca or by phone at 705-728-4784.

Regards,

C. Sarah A. Elliott, B.A., Dipl. M.A.,
Committee Coordinator/Administrative Assistant

cc:

Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development;
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario and MPP for Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte;
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario; The Council of Ontario Construction Associations; The Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.



The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca
DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

January 15th 2024

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 10th 2024, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the City of Greater Sudbury re. Amendment to the Occupational Health & Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'.

Motion 14

Moved by Councillor Bob Woolvett

Seconded by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the City of Greater Sudbury re. Amendment to the Occupational Health & Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Bob Bailey, MPP – Sarnia-Lambton
Association of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario's Big City Mayors
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario
Council of Ontario Construction Associations
Ontario Chamber of Commerce
All Ontario Municipalities

December 12, 2023

Sent Via Email

Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"

The following resolution was passed by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023:

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CC2023-303: WHEREAS in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (the "City") entered into a contract with a contractor experienced in road construction projects to complete a project on Elgin Street in the City's downtown core;

AND WHEREAS the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the "Act");

AND WHEREAS an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

AND WHEREAS the City was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

AND WHEREAS after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found the City to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in dismissal of the City's appeal;

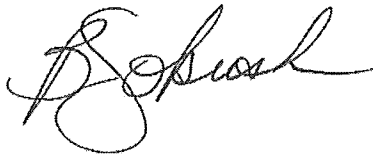
AND WHEREAS the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume plenary oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor; AND WHEREAS the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, France Gelin, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brigitte Sobush', written in a cursive style.

Brigitte Sobush
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

- c. Members of City Council
Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk

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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

RE: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 31, 2024, The County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives; and

WHEREAS in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of

the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

WHEREAS in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

WHEREAS in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

WHEREAS in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Renfrew:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Emon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Emon, Warden

County of Renfrew

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cc: Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario)
Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada)
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
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AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.



February 14th, 2024

Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

ATTENTION: Premier of Ontario

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Resolution – Conservation Officer Reclassification

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held January 23rd, 2024:

Moved by Councillor Roberts

Seconded by Councillor Summers

THAT, Council supports the resolution from Coleman Township regarding Conservation Officer Reclassification;

AND THAT, this resolution of support be circulated to the Premiere of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, local Members of Parliament and all Ontario Municipalities.

Resolved

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël,
Clerk/Acting CAO

Encls.

c.c. Minister of Natural Resources, Graydon Smith
Local MP's and MPP's
Association of Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities

Resolution
Regular Council Meeting



Agenda Number: 9.4.
Resolution Number: 23-371
Title: 23-R-49 Letter of Support - Conservation Officer Reclassification
Date: Monday, November 20, 2023

Seconded by: M. Lubbock

Moved by: S. Cote

WHEREAS Ontario has 196 field Conservation Officers including 6 canine handlers who provide protection to Municipalities Natural Resources and uphold public safety by enforcing hunting and firearm laws and investigate gruesome injuries and even deaths that result from hunting-related accidents; in addition, Conservation Officers are often First Responders and ensure public safety by facilitating evacuations and enforcing Emergency Area orders during forest fires during record breaking wildfires such as we witnessed this past summer; and

WHEREAS Conservation Officers perform comparable work to Police Officers and other Enforcement Officers within the province and are professional, armed Peace Officers trained to police standards and undergo the same training; and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required that their constituents are informed, and their interests are safeguarded and ensure they have access to outreach and natural resources compliance services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Coleman does here by support the Ontario Conservation Officer's Association (OCCA) in their efforts to have Conservation Officers in the Province of Ontario reclassified as Enforcement Officers and be compensated fairly; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution with a letter of support be forwarded to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, the Local Provincial Member of Parliament (MPP) John Vanthof, Temiskaming Municipal Association and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

S. Cote
M. Lubbock
P. Rieux
L. Perry

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Christopher W. Dslund
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer



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CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Email

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February 14, 2024

Subject: Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

Dear Premier Ford, Ministers Smith and Bethlenfalvy, and President Best,

City Council, at its meeting held on February 14, 2024, passed the following resolution in support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy:

WHEREAS, residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief;

WHEREAS, natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in the cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills over the long term compared to gas heating;

WHEREAS, natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

WHEREAS, the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve

affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government;

WHEREAS, the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans;

WHEREAS, the construction of *new* methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the City's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council declared a climate emergency in 2019;

WHEREAS, transforming our buildings by supporting actions that improve the energy efficiency and GHG profile of new buildings within the City is one of 5 low-carbon transformations from ReCharge Hamilton, the City's Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is actively working to support the decarbonization of heating and cooling systems in existing and future building stock within the community, as demonstrated by the Better Homes Hamilton Home Energy Retrofit Pilot Program, which will provide 0% interest loans to up to 50 Hamilton homeowners to enable them to transition away from fossil-fuel powered heating and cooling equipment to low carbon air or ground source heat pump systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the City of Hamilton expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and requests that the Ontario Government allow the decision to stand; and

(b) That this resolution be circulated to the President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Colin Best; Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy and all Ontario Municipalities requesting support for the proposed changes.

Sincerely,



Andrea Horwath
Mayor

CC: All Ontario Municipalities (by email)