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MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Jessica Ruddell and Adam Eckhart

DATE: February 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Eclipse Overview and Planning – Memo 2

Staff have been collaborating with the Niagara Region and local Municipalities about the Eclipse for the past year, sharing information, planning, and communicating regularly. Municipalities vary in their approach for events, with several not publicly announcing any plans yet. The Municipalities in Niagara that have water access and venues to host large amounts of people will be the premier viewing sites. These communities are preparing for and anticipating a large visitor presence.

The Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) has been prioritizing staff and public safety while focusing on continued service delivery. Plans are underway for internal and external communications including safety instructions and staff training. Our primary concerns centre around safe viewing, the potential for a large number of people coming into Welland, and the continuity of essential services. Our goal is to ensure traffic flow remains open, and that those needing emergency care can be accessed. The City's existing service levels on April 8 will remain in place.

CLT has reviewed a number of options that promote the health and safety of City staff and balance this in a way that can ensure business continuity to the community.

Remote work will be encouraged for those who can, and staff will be encouraged to take time off to enjoy the eclipse and be with children who are away from school.

From an event perspective and in keeping with a primary focus on health and safety and traffic congestion concerns, the City will take a resident-focus approach and provide the following options for our community to participate:

- **Three Municipal operated viewing sites** in the City:
 - Rec Rentals @ the Docks
 - Welland International Flatwater Center
 - Welland Sports Complex (Jackfish's pond)
- People will be encouraged to view from their **neighbourhood park**, reducing vehicles on the roads, and enjoying the City's beautiful park assets.
- Many people will view the eclipse from the comfort of their own **home**
 - Encouragement to safely enjoy the eclipse will be provided by the City Communications Department.

In preparation for the day, staff will make the washrooms available for the event, and the automated lights will be turned off to ensure prime viewing. Corporate Communications will encourage active transportation to walk/bike and use public transit where available. 2,000 glasses have been ordered for distribution to residents, and once received, will be available for pickup at various locations. An information page will accompany the free glasses and include messaging on how to safely view the Eclipse, as well as the viewing locations. Welland is developing a communications plan for the eclipse, with information available on the City's website, including an events page and the scrolling news feed, and across various social media channels.

Public Health Ontario, and Niagara Region Public Health have begun promoting public safety recommendations, and have shared their communications plan with Welland, asking us to coordinate and amplify messaging as we get closer to the event. The risks to people occur when the eclipse is beginning and ending, not during total coverage. Proper eyewear is necessary during these phases to prevent eye injuries. All staff will be provided with appropriate Eclipse viewing glasses. Our approach is to air on the side of caution, while maintaining operations and educating the public and our people. More information from the Niagara Region is available here: [Solar Eclipse Safety - Niagara Region, Ontario.](#)

Welland's central location in the Region positions it to experience the overflow and congestion caused by the anticipated visitors that will descend on the Region. Planning and discussion on how to support local businesses are underway. Recommendations for businesses to top up on essentials, like fuel, and items critical to their operations will be captured in the City's messaging to the community.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Jessica Ruddell, Director, Community Services

DATE: February 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Public Art Inventory Project Update

This memo is a response to staff direction, Council Resolution 05-141 from March 27, 2023 and will provide an update on the Public Art Inventory Project. In March 2023, council requested that staff work with the Arts & Culture Committee and the Heritage Committee to develop a comprehensive public art inventory. In late November 2023, the list was completed and sent to the City including all supporting documentation.

The public art inventory, including mapping, can be found online at <https://www.welland.ca/DiscoverWelland/attractions-art.asp>

Now that an updated public art inventory exists, our next steps will be to:

1. Update the public art inventory on the City's website.
2. Validate the public art inventory with the public and stakeholders. This effort will be supported by Corporate Communications.
3. Complete a condition assessment of the public art inventory.
4. Work with the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) to review the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the committee and the Municipal Arts and Culture Policy. The TOR & policy will be shared with Council for approval.

5. Develop a Public Art Policy to establish clear guidelines defining what qualifies as public art, as well as the process for approval and prescribes how the City will maintain public art.

It is expected that the above work will be completed by the end of October 2024.

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council & CLT

FROM: Grant Munday, Director of Planning and Development Services

DATE: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Building Homes Faster Fund - 2023 Housing Targets and Performance

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Council that the City of Welland has met and exceeded the housing target assigned by Province of Ontario in the 2023 Program Year. On August 22, 2023, the Province set a target of 4,300 new homes by 2031 for the City Welland. City Council has approved a Housing Target of 12,000 new homes by 2031. With reference to the Figure 1 – Detailed Breakdown below, the Province set a housing target of 315 new homes in 2023 for Welland. The City achieved 868 new homes during this period, which is 276% of the 2023 target.

As a result of this achievement, the City of Welland is eligible to receive funding under the Building Faster Fund for 2023. In order to receive the funding for 2023 performance, the City of Welland must submit an Investment Plan to the ministry for approval and have a signed transfer payment agreement in place. Details on allocation amounts, Investment Plan requirements and transfer payment agreements will be shared with the City soon.

There will be an event happening on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 10:30am at Welland City Hall with the Mayor, Parliamentary Assistant Rae and MPP Oosterhoff announcing this achievement and

the associated funding. City Council is invited to this event and more details of the event will be sent to members of Council closer to that date will come from the Mayor’s office and the CAO’S office.

	2023 Program Year
Provincial Target	110,000
City of Welland Target	315
City of Welland Actual Performance, of which:	868 (276% of target)
<i>Housing Starts (CMHC)</i>	680
<i>Conversions (CMHC)</i>	60
<i>Long-Term Care Beds (Ontario MLTC)</i>	128

Figure 1 - Detailed Breakdown

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Tree and Forest Canopy Project

PDS 4-2024

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 22, 2024, passed the following recommendation of its Planning and Economic Development Committee:

That Report PDS 4-2024, dated February 7, 2024, respecting Tree and Forest Canopy Project, **BE RECEIVED** and **CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA).

A copy of PDS 4-2024 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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cc: K. Costantini, Senior Planner
M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth, Strategy and Economic Development
N. Oakes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Growth, Strategy and Economic Development

Subject: Tree and Forest Canopy Project

Report to: Planning and Economic Development Committee

Report date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Recommendations

1. That Report PDS 4-2024 **BE RECEIVED** for information; and
2. That a copy of Report PDS 4-2024 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA).

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the recently completed Niagara Tree and Forest Canopy Assessment project.
- Tree and forest canopy is an increasingly important topic across municipalities, this project provides baseline tree and forest canopy and land classification data for the Niagara Region.
- The tree and forest canopy assessment will inform future direction and implementation of environmental projects, including the Regional Greening Initiative and support decision making for a variety of environmental planning responsibilities.
- Final land classification results indicate that overall, Niagara Region has a 25.4% tree and forestry cover.
- The data and findings from the project will be shared with the local area municipalities to support local initiatives.

Financial Considerations

The costs associated with the Tree and Forest Canopy Assessment project were accommodated within the Council approved project budget for the Niagara Official Plan.

Analysis

This report provides an overview and results of the recently completed Niagara Region tree and forest canopy (TFC) project. The main outcome of the project is a quantified

assessment of the complete regional TFC cover (Figure 1 – Appendix 1). The project also produced a land use classification spatial dataset for the extent of the Niagara Region, which has been used to generate additional information and statistics on ecosystem services, theoretical planting opportunities, and additional study avenues. The results of the project provide baseline data for the Region's current TFC, will continue to be used to identify and carry out plantings on regional properties through the Greening Initiative, and will inform future direction and implementation of environmental projects and support decision making for a variety of environmental planning responsibilities at both the regional and local levels.

TFC coverage can impact the environmental, economic, and social aspects of our everyday lives. The TFC coverage of an area has a direct relationship to the water quality of surrounding watercourses, helps prevent erosion of soil, improves air quality, lessens UV exposure through shade provision, and enhances the health and prevalence of flora and fauna ecosystems in an area, among other benefits. Residents in a well-treed area benefit from an economic perspective, by requiring less energy resources to cool their homes in summer and heat them in winter when trees provide shade and wind blocks. Municipally, trees are the least costly approach to stormwater management by reducing the amount of run-off that enters storm systems and can also act as effective buffers to urban noise levels.

TFC coverage refers to the proportion of fixed area on the ground covered by tree crowns. Coverage is inclusive of larger forested areas, as well as small tree stand areas such as hedgerows, and individual trees, such as boulevard and yard trees. A few of Niagara's local municipalities have completed work to determine local urban canopy coverage or have conducted municipal tree inventories. This project provides a consistent approach across the entire Region, allowing results and analysis to be completed on a standardized dataset. This project represents data at a 'point-in-time' with consideration of several factors which will continue to influence and have direct effects on the composition and coverage of trees across the Region, including but not limited to climate change, invasive species and tree diseases, and land-use changes.

A consultant was retained to carry out this project and commenced work in Q1 2023. The scope of the project included creating a 1 metre raster-based dataset identifying landcover classifications across Niagara Region. Six land cover classes were identified: TFC, Grass and non-treed Vegetation, Soil and Bareland, Impervious Cover, Buildings, and Water. TFC was further analyzed and a subclass identifying orchard canopy was produced to quantify where orchard canopy is a contributor to overall canopy. The land cover classes represented the landscape from a top-down perspective, i.e., in areas

where two classes overlap, such as tree canopy overhanging a roadway, only the tree canopy was represented in the land cover classification. Figure 2 (Appendix 1) shows an example of a mapped area in St. Catharines.

Various data sources were used for the project including: Ontario Road Network (2023), Hamilton-Niagara LiDAR DSM (2021), Hamilton-Niagara LiDAR DTM (2021), Bing imagery (2021), Southwestern Ontario Orthophotography Project (2020), and Niagara Region Building Footprints (2018). Using GIS based software, classification techniques were employed to generate each land cover class including segmentation of a LiDAR based height model, random forest machine learning image classification of orthoimagery, and a manual digitization of features using orthoimagery. Additionally, a QA/QC process was carried out to validate the accuracy of the classifications using random ortho-imagery point interpretation. A total of 2,163 points were manually classified to create the ground truth dataset with accuracy results indicating a 90% confidence in the land cover classification.

The final land cover classification raster covers an area of 188,188 hectares and comprises 1.88 billion pixels at a 1-meter spatial resolution.

Results and Analysis

This report provides baseline data findings and examples of types of analysis that can be completed using the data.

Final land classification results indicate that overall, Niagara Region has a 25.4% TFC cover. The full breakdown of land classifications across the Region is as follows:

Table 1: Land Classification by Type across Niagara Region

Land Classification	Total Hectares	% of Total Land
Tree and Forest Canopy	46789	25.4
Grass and non-treed Vegetation	49205	26.7
Soil and Bareland	72550	39.3
Buildings	4591	2.5
Impervious Cover	11314	6.1
Total:	184449	100%

Land classification data was further disaggregated by the 12 municipality boundaries (Table 2).

Table 2: Land Classification by Type by Municipality

Municipality	Land Area (ha)	TFC	Grass and non-treed Vegetation	Soil and Bareland	Buildings	Impervious Cover
Fort Erie	16,535	34.8%	31.8%	24.8%	2.2%	6.5%
Pelham	12,580	31.4%	31.2%	31.5%	1.9%	4.0%
Niagara Falls	20,833	30.5%	35.0%	20.9%	3.7%	10.0%
Port Colborne	12,069	28.4%	29.1%	35.7%	1.8%	5.1%
Thorold	8,332	26.6%	32.1%	31.7%	2.3%	7.3%
Wainfleet	21,626	25.9%	19.3%	52.2%	0.6%	2.0%
Grimsby	6,854	23.9%	29.7%	34.5%	3.5%	8.4%
St. Catharines	9,598	22.4%	30.3%	15.7%	10.6%	21%
Welland	8,112	22.1%	43.3%	16.2%	5.5%	12.9%
Lincoln	16,217	21.9%	22.6%	48.1%	2.4%	5.0%
West Lincoln	38,628	20.7%	18.6%	58.1%	0.6%	1.9%
Niagara-on-the-Lake	13,108	18.0%	23.4%	49.5%	2.8%	6.2%
Regional Average:	184,492	25.4% (46789 ha)	26.7% (49205 ha)	39.3% (72550 ha)	2.5% (4591 ha)	6.1% (11314 ha)

To gain a better understanding of the overall TFC in urbanized areas, where most of Niagara’s population reside, the data was additionally assessed using the boundaries of the 27 urban areas (Table 3). Overall, the average TFC coverage across all urban areas was 23.8%.

Table 3: TFC by Urban Areas

Municipality	Urban Area	TFC
Pelham	Fenwick	36.2%
	Fonthill	29.7%
Fort Erie	Crystal Beach	31.8%
	Fort Erie	36.8%
	Douglstown	21.4%
	Stevensville	25.0%
Niagara-on-the-Lake	Queenston	46.2%
	Niagara-on-the-Lake	34.5%
	Virgil	19.3%
	St. David's	23.8%
	Glendale	13.6%
Niagara Falls	Niagara Falls	25.5%
St. Catharines	St. Catharines	23.1%
Lincoln	Vineland South	31.2%
	Jordan	26.9%
	Vineland	19.9%
	Jordan Station	24.6%
	Campden	17.8%
	Beamsville	15.6%
	Prudhomes	11.9%
Thorold	Thorold North	13.1%

Municipality	Urban Area	TFC
	Thorold South	12.8%
	Port Robinson	34.0%
Port Colborne	Port Colborne	20.6%
Welland	Welland	18.7%
Grimsby	Grimsby	17.4%
West Lincoln	Smithville	10.4%
	Urban Area Average:	23.8%

Additional high-level analysis was completed using the TFC data. Analysis included intersecting various Statistics Canada levels of geography and population data with the TFC data, as well as using the grass and non-treed vegetation classification layer to determine potential planting area (PPA). The total TFC and PPA of Region owned properties was also investigated. Full results are available in Appendix 2 of this report.

Agricultural TFC

The northern extent of the region, bordering the shoreline of Lake Ontario is predominantly specialty crop agriculture. Vineyards and orchards are numerous outside of settlement areas. Orchard trees aid in the reduction of carbon dioxide alongside other tree species found in Niagara and are an important contributor to the reduction of greenhouse gases. Total TFC as reported in this project is inclusive of orchard canopy, however, additional analysis was conducted to measure the contribution of orchard canopy in areas where tender fruit agriculture is prevalent. Results indicate, total TFC coverage in the Greenbelt Plan area is 23.6%, with orchards accounting for 9.9% of this coverage (i.e., 1,165 ha of the total 11,724 ha of TFC is generated from orchard canopy). Municipalities where orchard canopy is a major contributor to overall canopy, include Niagara-on-the-Lake (23% of total canopy coverage) and Lincoln (13% of total canopy coverage). Figure 3 (Appendix 1) shows a mapped representation of the location of orchard canopy in the Greenbelt Plan area.

Ecosystem Services

Ecosystem services are the ecological benefits that tree canopy provides to humans. Results of the land classification assessment were used to gauge the ecosystem services of the existing TFC at a high level. Ecosystem services of TFC in Niagara were

quantified using i-tree Eco v6 software, produced by the U.S.D.A. Forest Service. Ecosystem Services considered in this study include carbon storage and sequestration, air quality, hydrology, and oxygen production. Full results can be found in Appendix 3 of this report.

Health Impacts

Tree Canopy can have many widespread impacts, not only on the local environment, but also on the social determinants of health of individuals in the community. Environmental, economic and social factors that are impacted by tree canopy affect the health of populations. Environmental factors can include the urban heat island effect, air quality, access to greenspace and resilience to the effects of climate change. The health outcomes impacted by tree canopy end up influencing economics related to healthcare services as increased use of services can be influenced by environmental factors. A detailed literature review on health impacts related to TFC is provided in Appendix 4 of this report.

Challenges

The current replacement value of all the trees in Niagara Region, where the replacement value is the estimated local cost of replacing a tree with a similar tree, is estimated to be \$11 billion. Significant threats to Niagara's TFC include susceptibility to pests and disease, stresses associated with climate change, invasive plant species and land-use change.

Climate change poses a number of potential impacts to TFC, affecting structure, health, distribution, and ecological function. The overall impacts of climate change are highly dependent on geography, existing species compositions, and the added presence of pests and disease.

Urban forest mortality rates have been recorded in some areas across North America, with studies suggesting the annual mortality rate of mature canopy in a forest typically ranges from 1% to 3%. In urban settings, urban tree mortality is highly variable depending on planting locations and general tree maintenance and upkeep. An aim to increase the overall regional TFC would need to account for not only identifying areas where additional tree plantings could occur, but also accommodating replacing trees lost to varying threats, land use changes and other circumstances.

Opportunities

As identified, Niagara's current TFC is estimated to be 25.4%. This baseline provides a reference point to support strategies, targets, and directions aimed at improving the overall canopy across Niagara Region. Section 3.1.25.2 of the Niagara Official Plan supports opportunities for enhancement of woodland cover, including the implementation of the Regional Greening Initiative, private land stewardship, land acquisition or dedication of private land to the Region, Local Area Municipalities, Conservation Authority, or other public or private organizations for tree planting and reforestation efforts; identification of woodland enhancement areas through the completion of watershed plans, subwatershed studies, or similar plans; or required tree and woodland protection and planting through the planning application process.

In the short term, this data quantifies the spatial distribution of TFC throughout the Region and will assist in identifying opportunities for increasing sustainable tree cover on regional properties as part of the Greening Initiative, as well as provide detailed data necessary to support targeting of future initiatives. Additionally, the Region will share the results of this study and the associated data with the local municipalities, to assist with an increased understanding of the coverage across specific areas and enable use of the information to support local initiatives.

Alternatives Reviewed

This report is for information purposes only. No alternatives were reviewed.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

This report supports the following Council Strategic Priorities 2023-2026:

- Green and Resilient Region: Through identification and protection of the natural environment and facilitating the development of climate-resilient communities.

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Appendices

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Report Figures



Figure 1: An area mapped with land classification data and an aerial photograph of the same area



Figure 2: Example of the land classification data overlaid on aerial photography

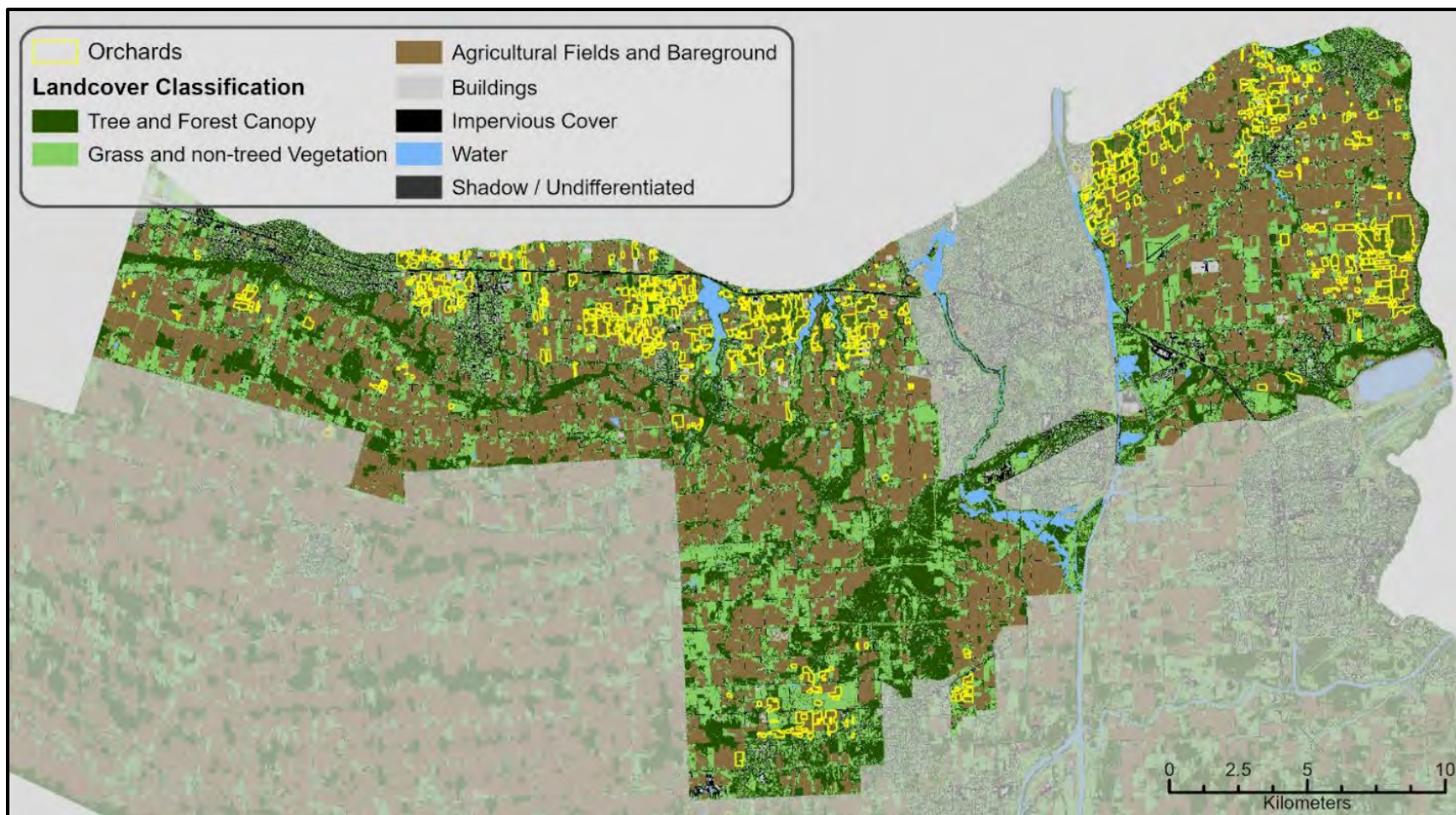


Figure 3: Orchard Canopy in the Greenbelt Plan Area

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Additional Analysis

Additional Analysis

Geographic Areas

TFC distribution within urban areas was analyzed using Census based dissemination areas (DA's) as the geographical unit for analysis. Results indicate several DA's where "newer" built out residential areas had been recently established, exhibited lower overall TFC rates. This was not an unexpected result as most street and backyard trees were established post construction and have not matured enough to provide a large canopy. Older established neighbourhoods, especially those characterized by larger lots were generally found to have the highest ratios of TFC coverages (e.g., Figure 1 – the first map is a newly built neighbourhood and the second location is north St. Catharines).



Figure 1: Newly developed neighbourhood area with limited canopy coverage contrasted with an older developed neighbourhood with mature canopy coverage

DAs with a mix of commercial and residential development typically had low TFC, as the impervious surface class was very high due to parking areas (Figure 2). Rates of TFC across DAs in urban areas varied greatly (i.e., between 3.5% and 69.2% TFC), however this level of geography is valuable for providing an analysis scale appropriate for specific TFC analysis, targeting and goal setting.

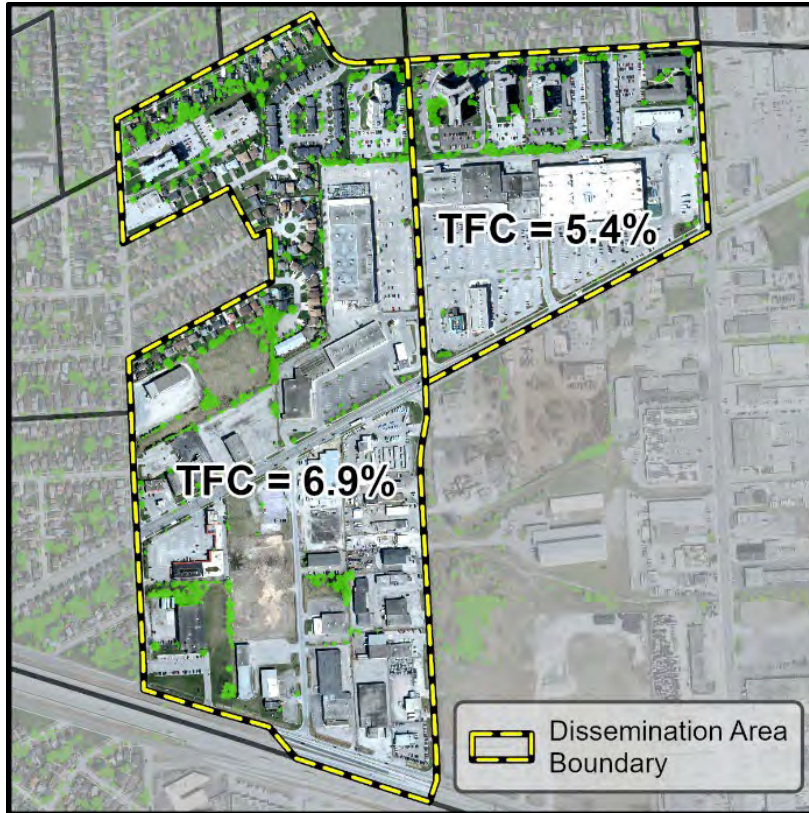


Figure 2: DAs characterized by high instances of commercial uses and impervious surfaces, resulting in low TFC rates

To characterize the relationship between population density and areas of high TFC within urban areas, the top 20 most densely populated DA's (persons/hectare – 2021 Census data) were selected. The DA's had an average 17.8% TFC cover, well below the overall regional canopy average. However, there were a few individual examples throughout the data, of areas with high population densities and strong canopy coverages, demonstrating that in some cases high canopy rates can co-exist in areas of high population densities (Figure 3).

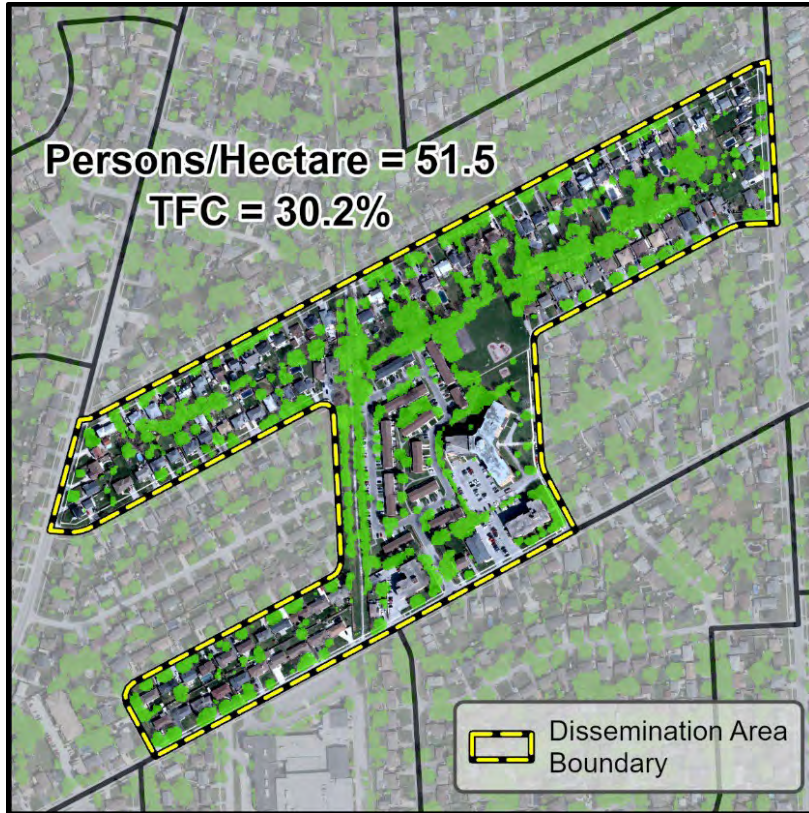


Figure 3: High population density and strong TFC coverage

Dissemination blocks (i.e., the smallest geographic area for which population and dwelling counts are shared by Statistics Canada) were also populated with TFC coverage statistics, and qualitatively mapped with a graduated colour scheme to show an increased level of information on TFC rates across urbanized areas (Figure 4). This type of information is valuable for very specific area targeting or analysis and provides greater detail on the level of cohesive coverage across an area.

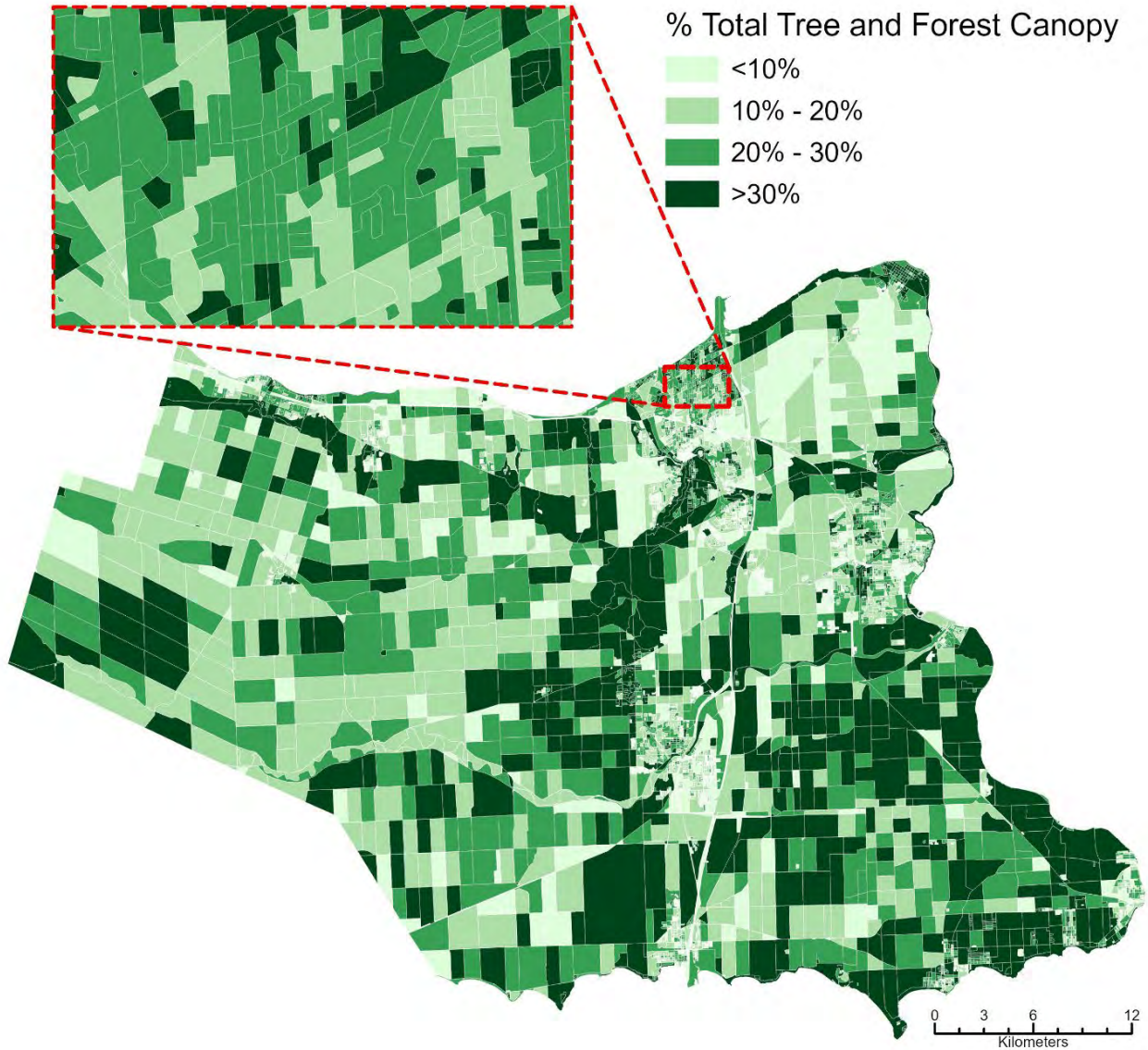


Figure 4: TFC by dissemination block

Potential Planting Area

A general approach to determining potential planting area (PPA) estimates is to examine the TFC of an area in relationship with the total grass and non-treed vegetation classification layer. Grass and non-treed vegetation areas represent land where theoretical tree planting opportunities may exist. The soil and bareland layer is typically comprised of agricultural fields, disturbed areas and gravel lots, thus it is not used in this analysis.

To accurately determine possible planting areas, grass and non-treed area data is selected and then certain lands excluded from the classification, including soccer fields, baseball diamonds and other recreational areas, railway and hydro right-of-ways, community gardens and golf courses, etc. The residual coverage is an estimated hectareage of land area that could possibly be converted to TFC. This data can be further assessed by land ownership (i.e., private land or public land) to determine where opportunities should be targeted. An example of this analysis was completed for the urban areas of Fenwick and Beamsville.

Potential planting area analysis for Fenwick and Beamsville

Urban Area	Fenwick	Beamsville
TFC	36.2%	15.6%
Total Area of UA	250.4ha	674.1 ha
PPA	95.1 ha	229.6 ha
% UA area that is PPA	38.0 %	34.1%
PPA on Private Lands	85.4 ha (89.9%)	167.1 ha (72.8%)
PPA on Public Lands (Including road ROWs)	9.7 ha (10.1%)	62.5 ha (27.2%)

Regional Property Analysis

Individual properties owned by the Niagara Region were assessed for overall TFC. This analysis is beneficial to inform the ongoing planting strategies in support of the Regional Greening initiative. The resulting overall average TFC across all Region-owned parcels was 30.5%. PPA was also determined for each property. Properties were grouped by general type with results shown below. Staff anticipate assessing this data in more detail to determine future areas of opportunity for targeted TFC increases.

Regionally Owned Properties – TFC and PPA

Niagara Region Property Type	TFC	Grass and non-Treed Vegetation (PPA)
Niagara Region Housing	26.7 %	30.1 %
Pumping stations/Water treatment plants	23.4%	41.5 %
Offices, Police Station, Ambulance Bays, Daycares	13.2 %	38.5 %

Niagara Region Property Type	TFC	Grass and non-Treed Vegetation (PPA)
Vacant lands	42.0 %	38.5 %
Other	19.2 %	43.4 %
Overall Average	30.5 %	39.2 %

Appendix 3
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Ecosystem Services

Ecosystem Services Analysis

Carbon Storage and Sequestration

Carbon sequestration is the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide. Trees act as natural carbon stores by capturing carbon dioxide and storing it in their biomass and in the soil as organic carbon compounds. The region's TFC carbon storage and gross sequestration rates are estimated as follows:

- Carbon Storage: 4,265.2 metric kilotons
- CO2 Equivalent: 15,639.2 metric kilotons
- Gross Carbon sequestration: 90.2 metric kilotons/yr
- CO2 Equivalent: 330.9 metric kilotons/yr

The overall valuation of the carbon storage and sequestration ecosystem services from TFC is estimated to be \$489.9 million + \$10.4 million/yr. These valuation estimates are based on carbon pricing of \$114.87/metric ton.

Air Quality

TFC absorbs carbon dioxide, volatile organic compounds, nitrogen dioxide, and particulate matter, therefore improving air quality. The region's TFC is estimated to remove 2,757.7 metric tons/yr of pollution:

- CO: 15.15 metric tons/yr Carbon Monoxide
- NO2: 257.91 metric tons/yr Nitrogen Dioxide
- O3: 1,933.98 metric tons/yr Ozone
- PM2.5: 107.36 metric tons/yr Particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in size
- SO2: 443.31 metric tons/yr Sulphur Dioxide

Hydrology

Surface runoff from storm events is often amplified in urban areas where impervious surfaces are prevalent. Runoff can gather surface pollutants which can end up deposited in surrounding aquatic ecosystems. TFC has the ability to intercept varying degrees of rainfall. Run off avoidance also contributes to substantial cost reductions to stormwater management controls. The total avoided surface runoff from Niagara Region's TFC is estimated to be 598,000 m³/yr.

Oxygen Production

The amount of oxygen produced is directly related to the amount of carbon sequestered by trees. The region's TFC is estimated to produce 240.6 metric kilotons/yr of oxygen.

Appendix 4
PDS 4-2024
Health Impacts Assessment

Logic Model

Environmental, economic and social factors that can be impacted by tree canopy and the associated health outcomes are outlined below in Figure 1. A brief summary of recent literature on tree canopy as it relates to the identified health impacts is included below.

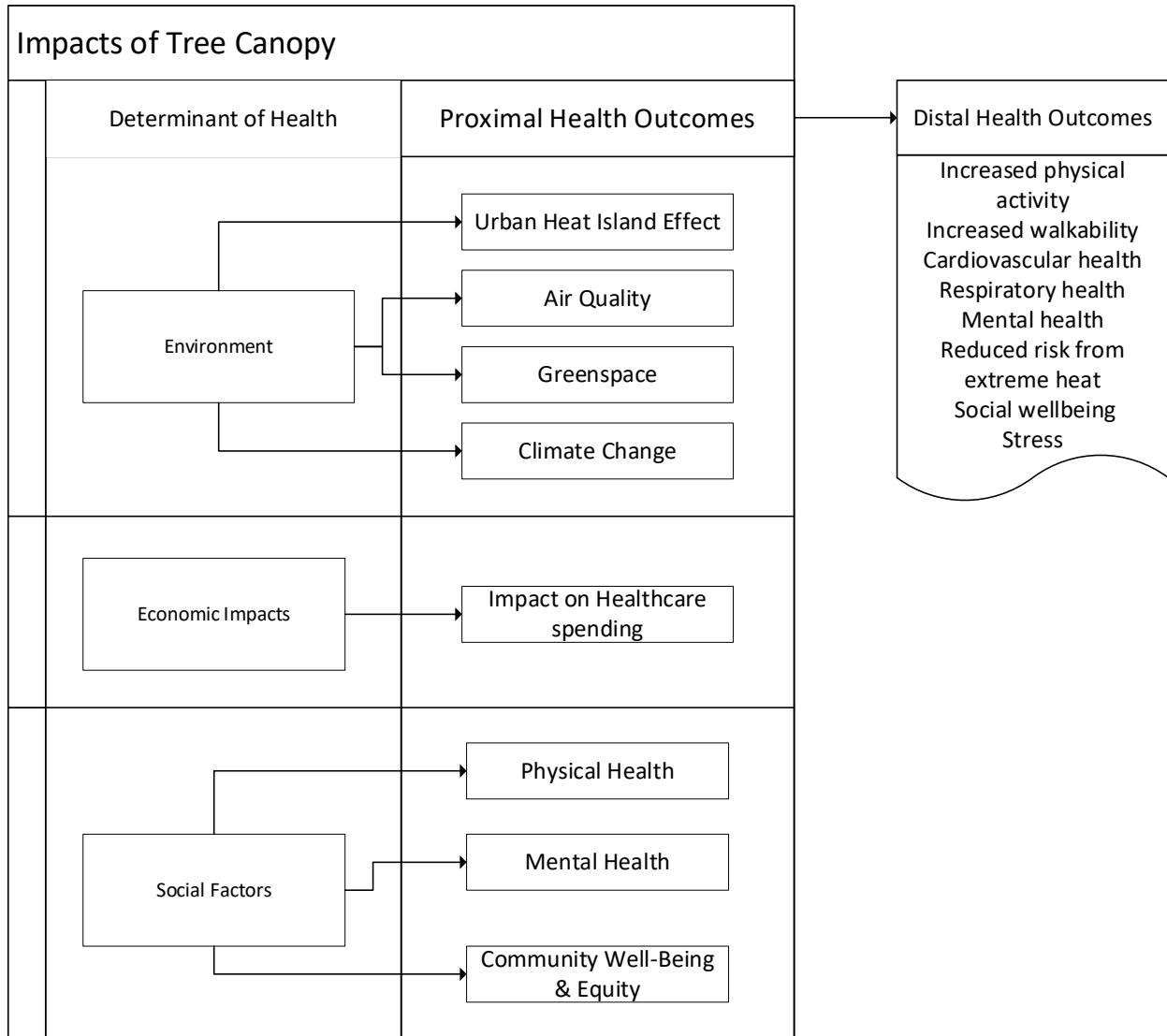


Figure 1: Logic Model

Assessment of Literature

Urban Heat Island Effect and Climate Change

The Urban Heat Island Effect is when areas in urban centres experience higher temperatures for longer periods of time, due to the lack of trees and vegetation to cool the areas, additionally these areas are often built with heat-absorbing materials.¹ This

results in cities becoming hotter than rural areas and can magnify the impacts of warmer temperatures, especially during extreme heat events.ⁱⁱ Temperature increases caused by the urban heat island effect can be counteracted by having a developed tree canopy present.ⁱⁱⁱ Increased canopy cover can reduce overall temperatures in the summer as well as reduce humidex values during a heat wave.^{iv}

Serious health hazards can result from an inability to cool down or as a result of continued exposure of extreme temperatures. Swelling, heat rash, fainting and heat stroke can be caused by a heat wave, additionally, pre-existing conditions such as heart disease, kidney disease, asthma, COPD and other lung conditions can be exacerbated by extreme temperatures.^v Higher mortality rates and increased use of healthcare services can be seen even during short-term rises in outdoor temperatures.^{vi} Through a heat wave in Quebec in 2018, 86 heat-related deaths occurred.^{vii} Studies have estimated that an increase in temperature of 2 – 3 degrees Celsius can translate into an increase in mortalities due to heat of 4 – 7 percent.^{viii} During periods of extreme heat, increased tree canopy cover can reduce heat stress within neighbourhoods at the street level, this can result in fewer heat-related emergency room visits and heat-related mortalities.^{ix,x}

Certain populations are more vulnerable to the impacts of heat waves and may be more likely to experience heat-related illness. Populations including young children, older populations, individuals with pre-existing health conditions, socially isolated populations, individuals with mobility issues, individuals working outdoors or homeless populations are disproportionately affected by heat-related illnesses.^{xi} As well, lower income populations may live in areas that lack green space, air conditioning and are without access to a pool, further impacting the health effects of extreme heat.^{xii} Individuals facing mobility challenges or who are socially isolated may have a harder time accessing help or moving somewhere cooler. A higher risk may also be experienced by individuals who may have limited access or understanding of information provided by public health such as a heat warning if it is only provided in English and no additional languages.^{xiii}

Urban heat islands can be reduced by expanding vegetation cover, increasing surface reflectivity of buildings and paving materials and retrofitting buildings to be more energy efficient^{xiv} Building temperature can be reduced by having large shade trees planted beside them, reducing the need for air conditioning as well as blocking cold winds and lowering the cost of heating.^{xv} A recent study on suburban neighbourhoods in Peel Region found that during a heat wave urban trees could make it feel up to eleven degrees Celsius cooler.^{xvi} Increasing vegetative or grassy surfaces and reducing the amount of pavement or other impervious surfaces can also support decreases in temperatures.^{xvii}

A study in Toronto found that neighbourhood canopy cover had a negative correlation with the number of heat-related ambulance calls.^{xviii} Five times as many heat-related calls were seen from neighbourhoods with less than five percent canopy cover

compared to neighbourhoods with greater than five percent canopy cover.^{xix} Fifteen times as many heat-related calls were seen compared to neighbourhoods with over seventy percent tree canopy cover.^{xx} Increased canopy cover could therefore result in reduced heat-related ambulance calls.

Canada will continue to see an increase in the number of heat waves that are experienced as temperatures continue to rise due to climate change. Canada will see substantial increases in daily extreme temperatures and an increase in ‘hot days’ where the maximum temperature is over thirty degrees Celsius.^{xxi} By 2051-2080, Canadian urban centres are estimated to experience longer extreme heat events with four times as many days over thirty degrees Celsius.^{xxii} Climate predictions have flagged Niagara Falls – St. Catharines as one of the top ten metropolitan areas that will be at the highest risk for average length of heat waves, highest maximum temperatures and number of very hot days.^{xxiii} Communities need to build climate change resilience into their environments and tree canopy can mitigate the urban heat island effect, providing cooling and protecting people from the heat.^{xxiv}

Impact on Healthcare Spending

The relationship of tree canopy and extreme heat events has also been shown to impact the usage of health care services or systems. Studies controlling for economic status and demographics have seen lower rates of utilizing mental health services and treatments in communities with higher levels of tree cover and green space.^{xxv} Extreme heat events also cause health system strain through increased number of ambulance calls, increased number of visits to emergency departments and increased usage of telephone helplines.^{xxvi}

Tree canopy can also support long term health impacts of populations through the positive effect it has on air quality, with urban tree cover acting as a buffer to airborne pollution.^{xxvii} Increased canopy cover can filter pollutants and improve air quality, positively impacting respiratory health.^{xxviii} This impact is significant as it is estimated that in Canada each year there are approximately 21,000 premature deaths related to air pollution.^{xxix}

A study done on the tree canopy in Brampton, Ontario quantified the health benefits of canopy cover by determining their healthcare savings associated with reduced heat, lower levels of air pollutants, increased physical activity and improved mental health, which are all impacted by tree canopy levels.^{xxx} It was estimated that a scenario with a 50 % increase in tree canopy cover (current baseline canopy cover at 18.4% increasing to 27.6% cover) could equal \$2,437,363 in healthcare savings and with an 80% increase in canopy cover, savings of \$3,175,826.^{xxxi}

Physical Health, Mental Health & Greenspace

Urban forests have demonstrated positive effects on individual’s health by improving mental health and encouraging the use of greenspace, increasing physical activity and

reducing stress which are associated with preventing chronic diseases.^{xxxii} Studies have demonstrated that a 30% canopy cover can provide health benefits including improved mental health, decreased incidence of heart disease, diabetes and hypertension and reduced feelings of loneliness.^{xxxiii} Mood and stress have been found to be positively impacted by exposure to natural areas including community gardens, forests or parks.^{xxxiv} Green space can impact individual's social well-being by providing space for individuals to join together and socialize as well as providing opportunities for building community networks through social activities. Higher levels of reported health and well-being, mental well-being and self-reported happiness is positively associated with spending time in a green space.^{xxxv}

Additionally, the impact tree canopy has on extreme heat events can also impact health through the mitigation of negative health effects experienced during extreme heat exposure. Increased mood and behavioural distress and exacerbated mental illnesses have been documented from experiencing extreme heat.^{xxxvi} Heat related mental health impacts are more likely to affect seniors, individuals with existing mental health conditions or individuals with chronic diseases.^{xxxvii}

Community Well-Being and Equity

Health impacts associated with tree canopy may hit certain populations disproportionately. Individuals living on lower incomes are often impacted more significantly during extreme heat events, this can be due to many reasons such as living somewhere without air conditioning, not having access to green space in their neighbourhood or not being able to access a pool.^{xxxviii} The urban heat island effect will also disproportionately magnify health impacts of heat for populations living in urban areas. Social isolation and low-income were identified risk factors for individuals who died during the heat wave in Montreal in 2018.^{xxxix} Public green spaces and tree canopy cover are less accessible to low-income and racialized communities in Toronto, meaning they experience less mitigation of the urban heat island effect.^{xl} These inequities in the availability of tree canopy and greenspace resulting because there is increased access found in affluent areas exacerbates the negative health outcomes experienced by marginalized communities without the protective factors tree canopy provides against heat and air pollution.^{xli} The ability to adapt and be resilient to the effects of climate change on health is also connected to how accessible and available emergency management and public health services are to various communities.^{xlii}

With this knowledge of how different communities could be impacted by tree canopy cover, equity can be used as a factor to identify neighbourhoods that may be especially vulnerable to extreme heat. By assessing factors such as income, age, existing canopy and access to supportive community resources such as a pool, identified communities can then be prioritized for future urban tree plantings, and/or protecting of existing canopy.^{xliii}

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RE: 6.5 City of Greater Sudbury Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on January 10th, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-004:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.5 listed for January 10, 2023 Council meeting be received for information; and



Whereas Puslinch Council supports the Resolution from the City of Greater Sudbury that staff be directed to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Association of Municipalities Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, Council of Ontario Construction Association, Ontario Chamber of Commerce

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,



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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February 26, 2024

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for
'Ineligible' Sources**

At their last regular meeting on Wednesday February 21, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following:

***"Resolution #2024-52
Moved by: Paul Sowrey
Seconded by: Jim Cushman***

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

And Whereas 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

And Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue

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Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And further that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

c.c. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.5.

Resolution Number 24-031

Title: Request for Support. Resolution requesting the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of tax credits for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue respondents

Date: Friday, February 23, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Lundy

Seconded by: Councillor MacLeod

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of The Archipelago hereby supports the Municipality of Wawa's November 7, 2023 resolution in support of Bill C-310 and amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act to increase the amount of tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3000 to \$10,000; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MPP of Parry Sound Muskoka Graydon Smith, MP of Parry Sound Muskoka Scott Aitchison, the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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;
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

- 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.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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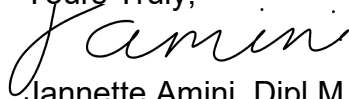
Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the County of Frontenac calls upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to the Income Tax Act to increase the amount of tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and,

Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Office of the Fire Marshall, Mark Gerretsen, MP, Kingston and the Islands, Scott Reid, MP, Lanark - Frontenac - Kingston, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

I trust you will find this in order; however should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-548-9400, ext. 302 or via email at jamini@frontenacounty.ca.

Yours Truly,



Jannette Amini, Dipl.M.M., M.A. CMO
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

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February 26, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

4800 South Service Road
Beamsville, On, L3J 1L3

Attention: Town of Lincoln

RE: Correspondence Endorsement – Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06(2) and 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 Grimsby at its meeting held on February 20, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 7, 2024, regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters) with the following motion:

Moved: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded: Councillor Charrois

Resolved that Council endorse the Town of Lincoln's resolution 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).

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

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



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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
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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;
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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February 26, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

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Attention: Town of Lincoln

**RE: Correspondence Endorsement – Growth Framework to Support Canadian
Municipalities**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 20, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 7, 2024, regarding the Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities with the following motion:

Moved: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded: Councillor Charrois

Resolved that Council endorse the Town of Lincoln's resolution regarding Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

Cc: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
Chris Bittle, MP St. Catharines
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West
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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
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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 27, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
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Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs
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VIA EMAIL:
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RE: 6.3 The Association of Municipalities of Ontario Policy Update regarding Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on February 7, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-037: Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.3 listed for February 7, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and

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

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; and



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

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

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; and

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

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; and

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

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

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 further

THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); the County Clerk, MPP Arnott, MPP Rae, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).

CARRIED

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



Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca), MPP Matthew Rae
Matthew.Rae@pc.ola.org, the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca)

Corporate Services

January 26, 2024

Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on January 22, 2024, approved the following resolution:

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

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; and

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Orangeville requests 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

FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, Sylvia Jones; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell
Town Clerk

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No.

94

Title: Enbridge Gas Inc.

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Moved by J. DeMarsh

Seconded by J. Flieler

WHEREAS access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Municipality of Tweed;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Municipality of Tweed supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of Tweed recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification;

AND FURTHER, that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of Tweed supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Ric Bresee, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com.

Carried

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.2.

Resolution Number 2024-036

Title: Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #5 and #24

Date: February 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP - Request for Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Long Term Care, Stan Cho; our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Todd Kasenberg
Mayor of Municipality of North Perth

RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Kasenberg,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Fife".

Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2022, the Till Death Do Us Part Act, passed second reading in the Ontario legislature after being [introduced for the third time in September 2022](#). The bill was then referred to the Ontario Legislature's Social Policy Committee. You can view highlights of the second reading debate here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYRlgQgDe2k>

I have been pushing for the Standing Committee on Social Policy to schedule a time to begin the work of reviewing Bill 21 since November 2022. **Today marks 286 days since the Act passed second reading at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.** Unfortunately, the Bill has yet to be called to committee.

Bill 21, which was formerly Bill 153 and 95, respectively, had passed second reading and was sent to the Justice Committee in December 2019, but was wiped off the order paper when Premier Ford prorogued the house in 2021. It was reintroduced early 2022 but did not have time to progress before the election.

Since I first introduced this Bill in 2019, the number of people who've reached out to my offices with heartbreaking stories of couples entering long-term care who are torn apart has skyrocketed. Simply put, Ontario seniors deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age. Of note, Nova Scotia passed similar legislation, titled the [Life Partners in Long-Term Care Act](#) in 2021.

Following many meetings with stakeholders, it's clear that "care campuses" which offer different levels of care (independent, assisted living and long-term care) are the progressive model for investing in quality care for Ontario's aging population. Care campuses are an essential element to keeping couples together as they often age at different rates. This level of choice has been brought to my attention as especially important to rural and northern municipal leaders across Ontario. The care campus model for seniors housing that builds different levels of care has unique financial savings that will be critical as we grapple with a rapidly aging province.

We need the Bill to be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy as soon as possible. We know that couples who are separated across Ontario cannot wait any longer for this legislative change to be made.

Here are the links to recent media coverage of the Till Death Do Us Part Act, which provide more specific insights into the lived experiences of older adults who are separated from their spouses:

- [CTV News Kitchener: Ontario seniors separated in long-term care pushing for the right to remain together](#)
- [CityNews Kitchener: Waterloo MPP appeals for seniors bill to be brought forward](#)
- [Waterloo Region Record: Cambridge senior calls for end to separating couples in long-term care](#)

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February 28, 2024

**City of Hamilton
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Local Area Municipalities**

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Report No. FA-07-24 RE: NPCA Annual General Meeting 2024

At the Board of Directors meeting held on February 16, 2024, the Board passed the following recommendation:

Resolution No. FA-09-24

THAT Report No. FA-07-24 RE: NPCA Annual General meeting BE RECEIVED;
AND THAT the NPCA Annual General Meeting BE SCHEDULED April 19, 2024
as an exemption to the NPCA Administrative By-Law;
AND FURTHER THAT the NPCA Meeting Schedule approved December 15,
2023 BE REVISED and circulated to participating local area municipalities for
information.

The revised NPCA Board of Directors' Meeting Calendar has been attached, along with a copy of Report No. FA-07-24 for your reference.

Sincerely,



Melanie Davis
Manager, Office of the CAO & Board
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

cc: Chandra Sharma, CAO / Secretary - Treasurer
Gina Shaule, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Administration

NPCA Board of Directors' Meeting Calendar 2024

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-  Full Authority Board Meeting
-  Public Advisory Committee
-  Statutory Holiday / Office Closure

-  Governance Committee, following Full Authority
-  Finance Committee

Full Authority Board Meetings

Friday February 16
Friday, March 22
Friday, April 19 – **Annual General Meeting**
Friday, May 17
Friday, June 21
Friday, July 19
Friday, September 20
Friday, October 18
Friday, November 15
Friday, December 13 *(if required)

Note: there will be a Source Protection Authority Board meeting scheduled for Friday April 19th to coincide with the Full Authority Board meeting.

Committees of the Board

Finance Committee Meetings

Wednesday, April 3
Wednesday, July 24
Wednesday, September 25

Governance Committee Meetings

Friday, February 16
Friday, May 17
Friday, October 18

Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Tuesday, February 27
Tuesday, May 28
Tuesday, September 17

Report To: Board of Directors

Subject: NPCA Annual General Meeting 2024

Report No: FA-07-24

Date: February 16, 2024

Recommendation:

THAT Report No. FA-07-24 RE: NPCA Annual General Meeting 2024 Meeting **BE RECEIVED**;

AND THAT the NPCA Annual General Meeting **BE SCHEDULED** April 19, 2024 as an exemption to NPCA Administrative By-Law;

AND FURTHER THAT NPCA Meeting Scheduled approved December 15, 2023 **BE REVISED** and circulated to participating and local area municipalities for information.

Purpose:

This report seeks approval from the Board of Directors to change the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) date to April 19, 2024, as an exemption to NPCA's Administrative By-Law.

Background:

As per Section 3.1 of the NPCA Administrative By-Law "The annual meeting of the NPCA Board will occur on the third Friday of February."

At the December 15, 2023 meeting of the Board, members verbally agreed to move the AGM to coincide with the grand opening of the Authority's head office relocation at 3350 Merrittville Hwy in March 2023.

Discussion:

The NPCA Head Office Transition Team has been working diligently on a seamless relocation for staff and regularly provides status updates internally. It was recently

indicated that work required to ensure technological requirements are in place and tested would not be completed to appropriately facilitate the AGM at the new location by March 22, 2024. Staff anticipate that all work required will be completed in early April and suggest that the Board consider revising the date of the AGM to April 19, 2024.

The proposed April 2024 date also coincides with the 65th anniversary of the establishment of NPCA in April 1959, presenting an excellent opportunity to include the celebration along with the head office relocation.

The recommendation does not alter the number or frequency of meetings for the Board. Full Authority Meeting would carry on as scheduled for both February 16, and March 22, 2024.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications pertaining to the proposed recommendations.

Links to Policy/Strategic Plan

Recommendations outlined in this report promote Organizational Excellence by promoting transparency and effectively communicating scheduling changes with participating and local area municipalities.

Related Reports and Appendices:

Report No. FA-51-23 RE: Board of Directors' 2024 Meeting Schedule

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Fred Simpson,

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Town of Mono

Re: Resolution - Declaration of Road Safety Emergency

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated January 17, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the February 12, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-008). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-008, being a resolution from the Town of Mono declaring a road safety emergency to address traffic safety measures, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

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cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Transportation
Minister of Finance
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities