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April 5, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 18, 2024, passed the following resolution regarding the Ontario Heritage Act:

"WHEREAS The More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23) received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. As part of this omnibus Bill, several changes were implemented to various pieces of legislation, including but not limited to, The Planning Act, The Development Charges Act, The Conservation Authorities Act, and The Ontario Heritage Act; and,

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal heritage register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, municipal heritage planning staff and members of the municipal heritage committee (Heritage Kitchener) in this municipality have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; contact owners of such properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and,

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving approximately 228 properties listed properties in this municipality is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals; and,

WHEREAS given the volume of work required, on February 7, 2023 the Kitchener Heritage Committee Work Plan 2022-2014 was endorsed with an objective of reviewing and designating only 80 properties by January 1, 2025 given the time constraint imposed; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener call on the Province to amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030, and that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust. That is also be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Provincial MPPs, Municipal councils across the province, the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO), as well as the Waterloo Region branch of the ACO.”

Yours truly,



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Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust
Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities Ontario
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Development Applications Monitoring Report- 2023 Year End

PDS 6-2024

Regional Council, at its meeting held on March 21, 2024, passed the following recommendation of its Planning and Economic Development Committee:

That Report PDS 6-2024, dated March 6, 2024, respecting Development Applications Monitoring Report- 2023 Year End, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to Local Area Municipalities, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Home Builders Association, Niagara Industrial Association, Local Chambers of Commerce, and School Boards.

A copy of PDS 6-2024 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,



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Regional Clerk

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

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Subject: Development Applications Monitoring Report – 2023 Year End

Report to: Planning and Economic Development Committee

Report date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Recommendations

1. That Report PDS 6-2024 **BE RECEIVED** for information; and
2. That a copy of Report PDS 6-2024 **BE CIRCULATED** to Local Area Municipalities, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Home Builders Association, Niagara Industrial Association, local Chambers of Commerce, and School Boards.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to inform Regional Council of the 2023 volume of development application activity reviewed by Niagara Region.
- Growth Strategy and Economic Development staff reviewed 794 development applications in 2023 (a slight decrease from 2022 application volumes of 829).
- Growth Strategy and Economic Development staff provided comments for 654 pre-consultation meetings in 2023 (a decrease from 863 pre-consultation meetings in 2022).

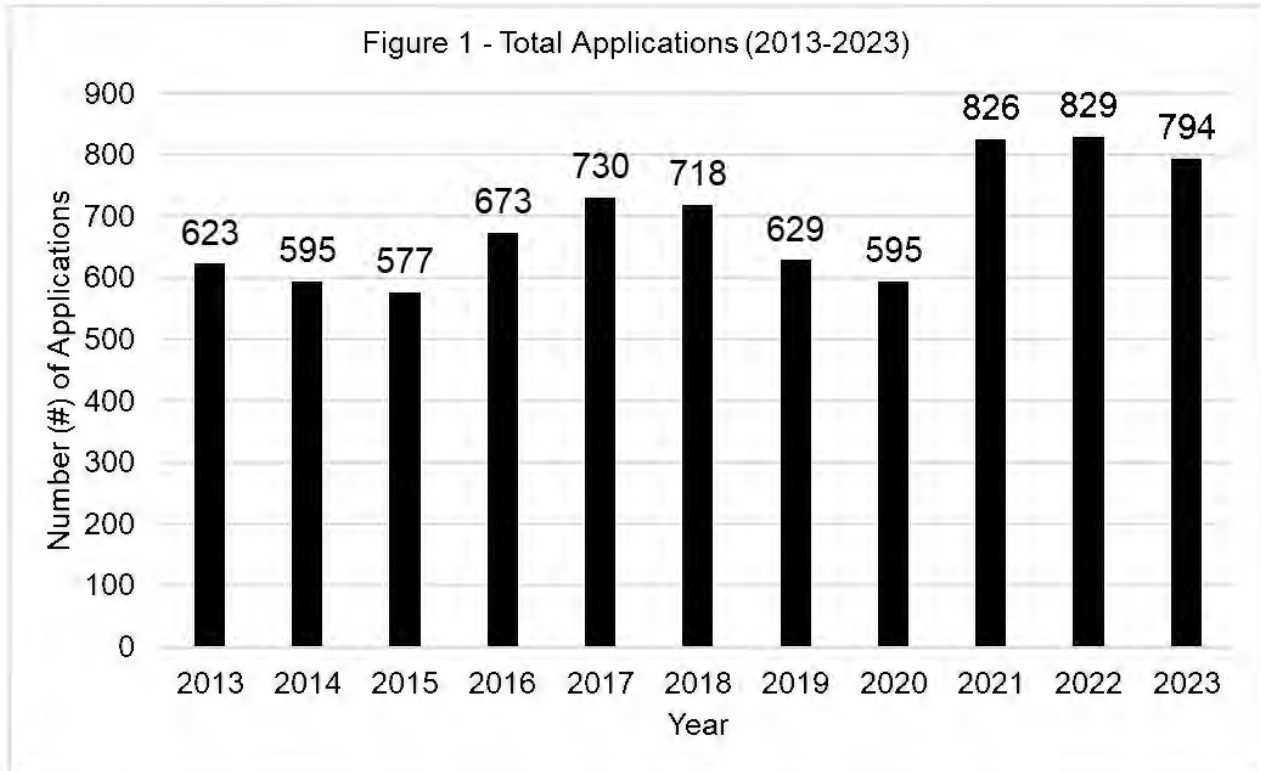
Financial Considerations

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Analysis

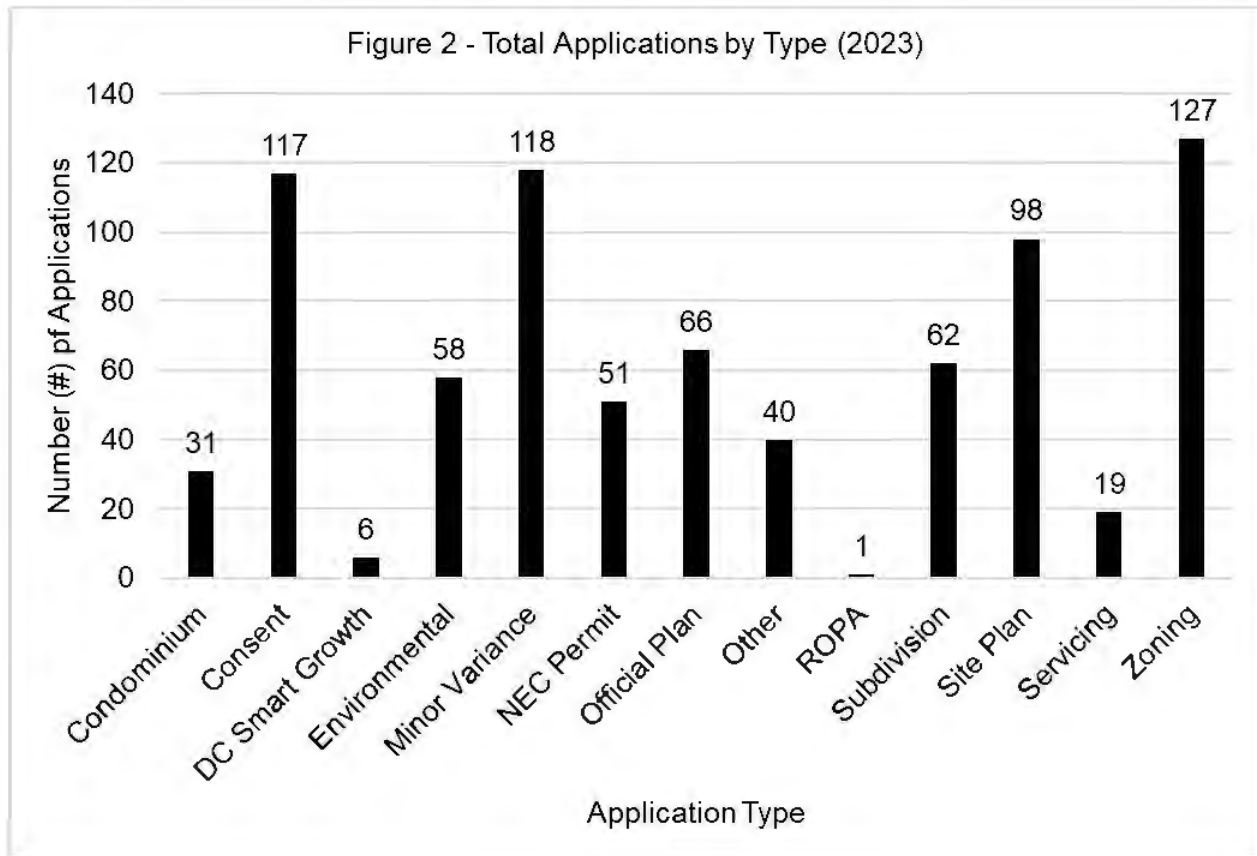
Development Applications

Growth Strategy and Economic Development (GSED) staff reviewed 794 development applications in 2023, which is approximately a 4% decrease to volumes in 2022 (829). Figure 1 illustrates the number of applications considered by GSED staff from 2013 to 2023. The two highest application volumes were experienced in 2021 and 2022.



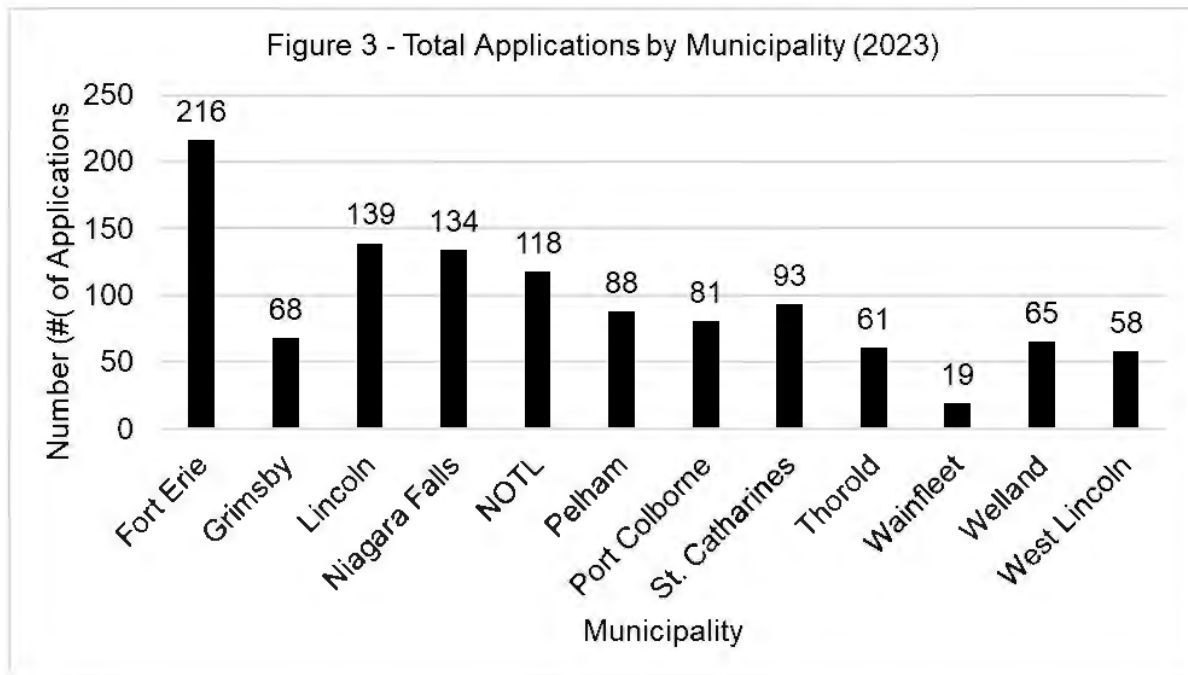
Development applications were circulated to the Region based on Provincial legislation requirements, including the Niagara Escarpment Commission legislation, and the existing 2019 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Region and the Local Area Municipalities for planning in Niagara. GSED staff can waive its review of certain types of minor development applications when it has been determined that the application has no Provincial or Regional interest. This represents an effort to increase efficiency in the planning review function in Niagara under the MOU.

Figure 2 provides a breakdown of development applications, by type, reviewed by GSED staff in 2023. Some complex development proposals often require multiple planning approvals. As an example, subdivision and condominium applications may also require amendments to the local Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law to facilitate the development. The categories with the most applications reviewed by GSED staff in 2023 were Zoning By-law Amendments (127), Minor Variances (118), followed closely by Consents (117), and Site Plans (98).



The distribution of applications circulated to the Region, by municipality, during 2023 is shown in Figure 3. Municipalities with the highest volume of applications were Fort Erie (216), Lincoln (139), Niagara Falls (134), and Niagara-on-the-Lake (118). Most municipalities, except for Fort Erie, Welland, and West Lincoln, experienced a decrease in applications considered between 2022 and 2023. The decline in application volumes is attributed to the effect of increased interest rates, which impacts the overall cost of development and has limited the ability of some landowners to proceed with an application.

Regional staff was also involved in reviewing several complex development applications in 2023, as highlighted in Appendix 1 of this report. This includes quarry applications in Port Colborne, Niagara Falls, and Wainfleet; the South Niagara Falls Hospital; and, several large subdivision files. This often requires a more extensive review process and can be influenced by a broad range of issues (i.e., environmental impacts, traffic impacts, urban design considerations, etc.). For several of these applications, Regional staff also assisted with urban design review, at the request of local municipal staff, as well as preparing design alternatives and contributing to discussions with developers.



Pre-consultation Meetings

GSED staff attend regular pre-consultation meetings bi-weekly with each local municipality and applicants on potential development proposals. These meetings are to determine complete application submission requirements and assist in the processing of applications. The virtual meeting format began in April 2020 as a result of the pandemic and has continued for most municipalities throughout 2023. Three local municipalities have implemented a hybrid model where attendees can choose to attend the meeting in-person or virtually. The use of hybrid and virtual pre-consultation meetings has been well received by development proponents and their consultants as it provides efficiency and time savings, such as the ability to attend “back-to-back” pre-consultation meetings in different municipalities without the need to travel.

Figure 4 illustrates the number of pre-consultation meetings attended by GSED staff from 2013 to 2023. In 2023, Regional staff attended 654 pre-consultation meetings, which is a 24% decrease from the 2022 total (863). The number of pre-consultation meetings is generally an indicator of anticipated future development application volumes; however, decisions by developers to proceed with a submission of an application is dependant on several variables, including interest rates.

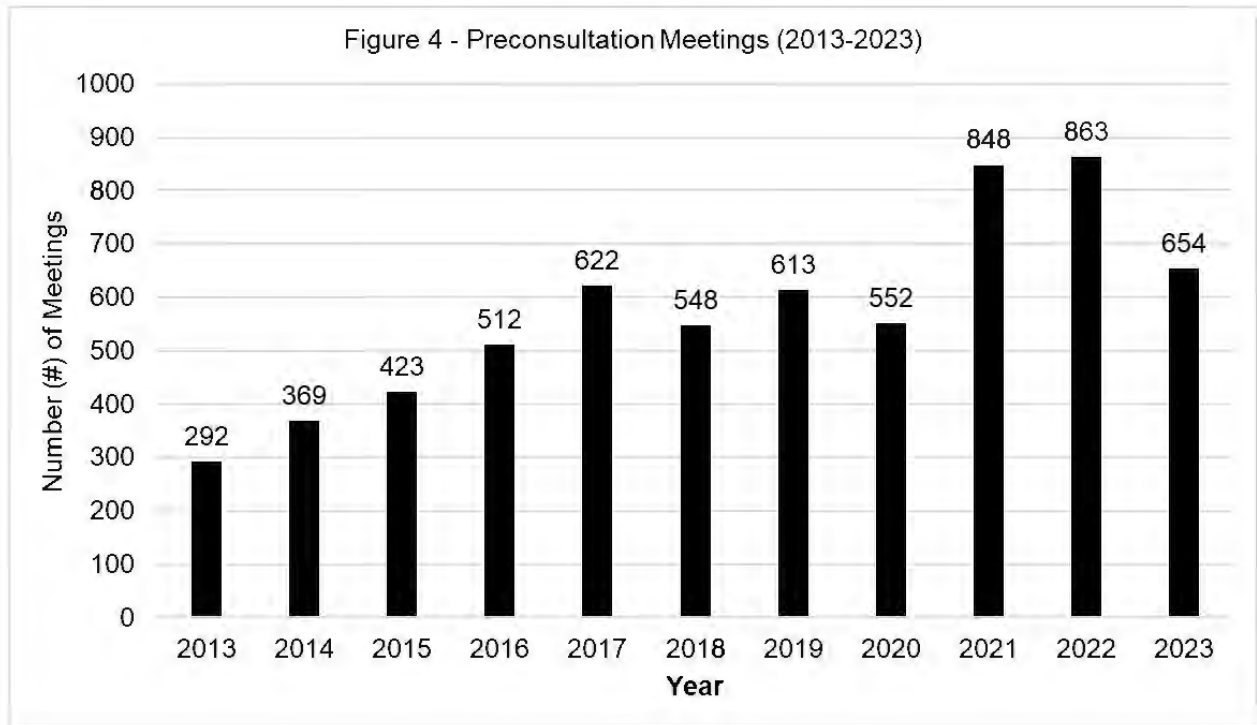
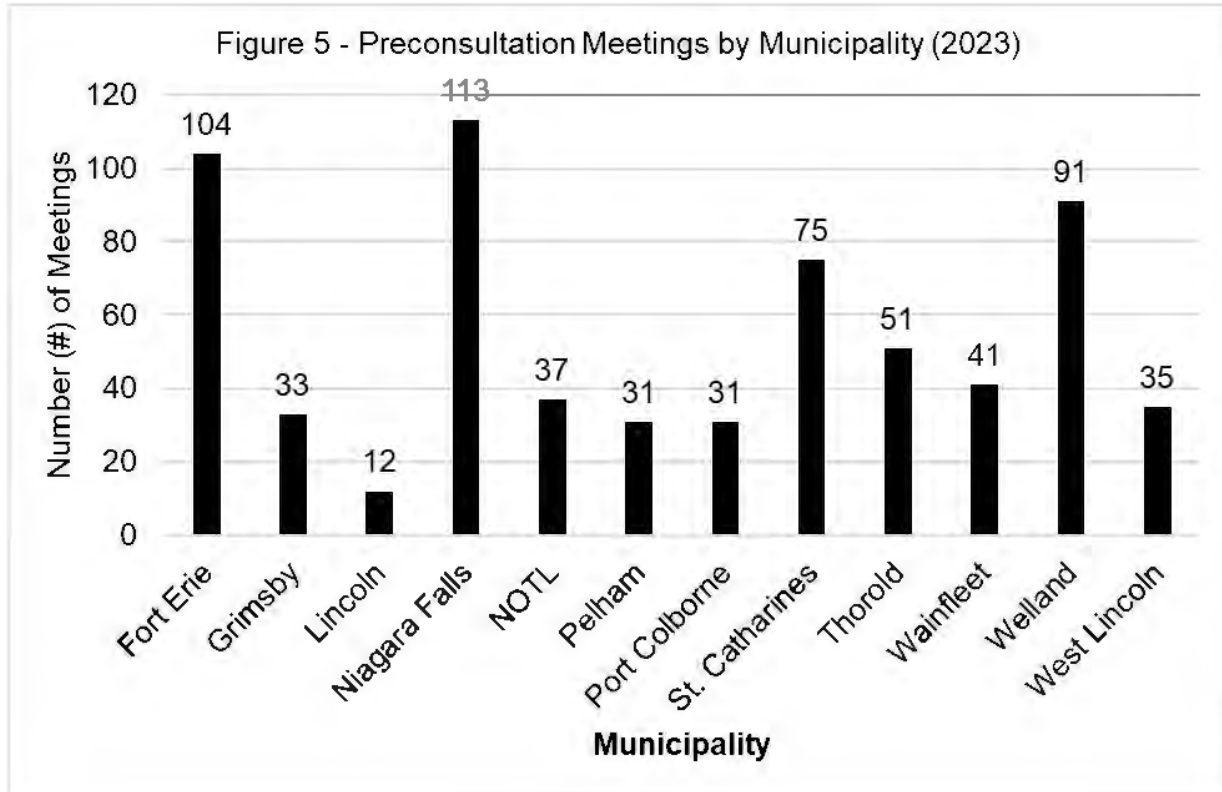
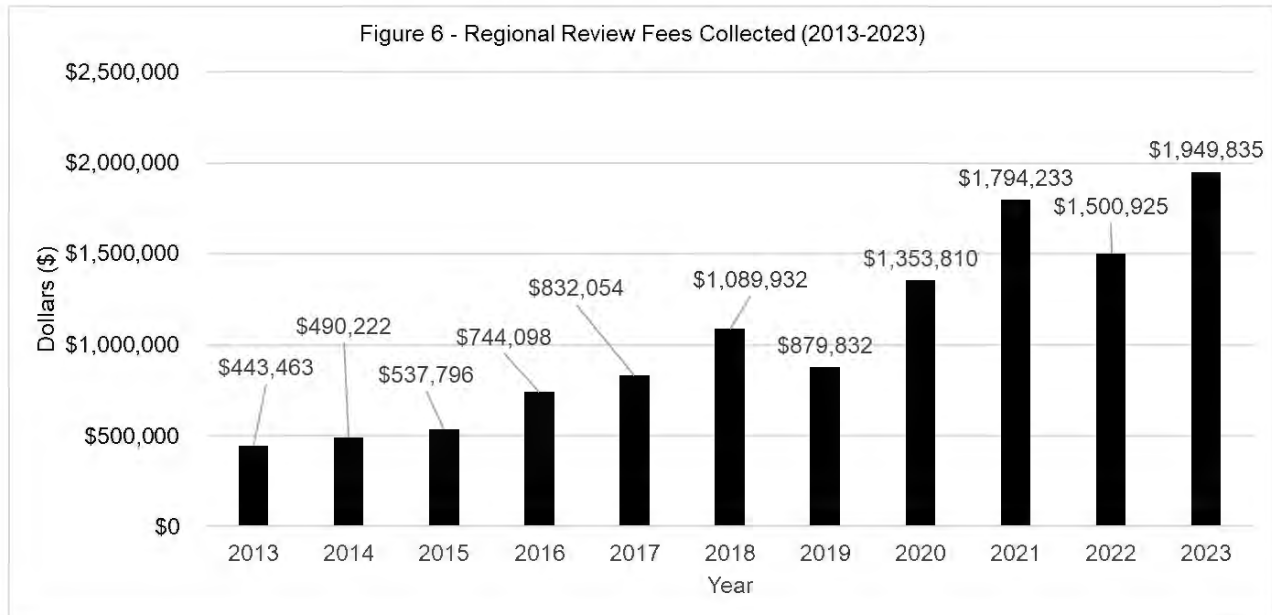


Figure 5 illustrates the number of pre-consultation meetings by municipality in 2023 that were attended by Regional staff. The municipalities with the highest levels of pre-consultation activity were Niagara Falls (113), Fort Erie (104), Welland (91), St. Catharines (75), and Thorold (51).



Regional Review Fees

Regional review fees are intended to offset Regional costs for the development review service on a cost recovery basis. Figure 6 summarizes the fees collected between 2013 and 2023 for the Regional review of development applications. The 2023 total of \$1,949,835 represents a 23% increase from 2022.



While the development and pre-consultation volumes have decreased from 2022, the increase in fees can be attributed to an increase in development applications with higher fees (Official Plan Amendments, Zoning By-law Amendments, Draft Plan of Condominiums and Subdivisions) received in 2023 compared to the previous year. Furthermore, in March 2023, the Region’s new pre-consultation review fee started, which was approved by Council in the 2023 fees and charges by-law. This review fee is collected for all pre-consultation meetings (excludes Minor Variance and Consent applications).

2024 Outlook

Throughout 2023, Provincial legislative changes continued and will factor into the uncertainty of development activity in 2024.

Bill 109 More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 mandates the refund of application fees for certain planning applications (Zoning By-law Amendments, Draft Plan of Subdivision, and Site Plans) if decisions are not made within prescribed timelines. This provision took effect July 1, 2023, and Regional staff have been working closely with local area municipalities to ensure planning processes are adjusted to meet legislative timelines so development proceeds at an efficient pace.

On November 28, 2022, *Bill 23, More Homes, Built Faster Act, 2022* was given Royal Assent, however, not all changes came into force immediately. Provisions which identify Niagara Region as an upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities are not yet in effect. These changes only come into force by proclamation of the

Lieutenant Governor and the timing is currently unknown. Until proclamation occurs, and any prescribed transition period is known, GSED staff maintains current operating review of development application in alignment with our existing MOU and legislative requirements of the Planning Act. Staff and local area municipalities continue to work towards planning review process improvements, transition discussions, and discussing opportunities for planning service agreements post proclamation.

In Q1 of 2024, the Region will be launching an update to CityView, which will replace the existing development tracking system. CityView is currently utilized within the Niagara Region Public Works Department, several of the local area municipalities, and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority. This update will include CityView's Permitting Licensing and Land (for tracking and management of development applications), CityView Portal (public facing module for application intake and real-time status tracking), BlueBeam Review software (for review and markup of digital drawing submissions), and an online payment processing module. Overall, CityView is expected to improve the development approval process through increased efficiency, effectiveness, and predictability. The new tracking system will also improve the Regions ability to track and monitor our existing housing supply.

Alternatives Reviewed

No alternatives have been reviewed as this report summarizes pre-consultation and development level activity for 2023 for information purposes.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

This report provides information on development application activity that contributes to strong economic prosperity through the communities within the region. This relates to Council's Strategic Priority of Effective Region and Green and Resilient Region through ensuring high quality, efficient, and coordinated core services.

Other Pertinent Reports

- PDS 24-2021: Development Applications Monitoring Report – 2020 Year End
- PDS 4-2022: Development Applications Monitoring Report – 2021 Year End
- PDS 9-2023: Development Applications Monitoring Report – 2022 Year End

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Current Major Development Applications

Appendix 1: Current Major Development Applications

Growth Strategy and Economic Development Staff participated in the review of several major development applications in 2023. A summary for some of the major development applications reviewed are provided in the table below.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
Fort Erie	<p>Crescent Acres (0-10747 Kraft Road)</p> <p>Type: Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision</p>	Crescent Acres Ltd.	Applications to facilitate the development of 220 residential units consisting of 67 single-detached dwellings, 8 semi-detached dwellings, 145 townhouse dwellings, a development block for a watercourse, road, and stormwater management facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional staff provided comments on January 27, 2023. Town Council approved the application on May 29, 2023, with the Notice of passing circulated June 8, 2023
Fort Erie	<p>1211, 1225, and 1237 Pettit Road</p> <p>Type: Local Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision</p>	Marina (Petit Road) Development Inc.	Applications to facilitate five single-detached dwellings, eight semi-detached dwelling units, 17 blocks for 87 townhouse units, and a stormwater management pond.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications circulated August 22, 2023, and re-circulated September 20, 2023. 1st submission Regional comments provided September 28, 2023, with 2nd submission Regional comments provided January 4, 2024.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
<p>Grimsby</p>	<p>9 Windward Drive Type: Local Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment</p>	<p>2723492 Ontario Limited</p>	<p>Application to facilitate the development of a 10-storey mixed-use building with a total of 121 residential units and 1,926m² of employment floor space.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications circulated on January 18, 2023. • Regional comments provided February 13, 2023. • Public Meeting held February 27, 2023.
<p>Grimsby</p>	<p>165 Lake Street Type: Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision</p>	<p>Mary Ann McRae, Malcolm and Barbara McRae</p>	<p>Application to facilitate the development of 31 residential dwellings consisting of 24 semi-detached dwelling units and seven single-detached dwellings, and an amenity clubhouse.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications circulated on November 9, 2023. • Regional comments provided on November 28, 2023. • Public meeting held on December 11, 2023
<p>Lincoln</p>	<p>Prudhommes Landing Type: Draft Plan of Subdivision, Site Plan</p>	<p>Prudhommes General Partner Inc.</p>	<p>Applications to facilitate the development of approximately 2,090 residential units in a range of low, medium and high density, as well as mixed-use, housing forms, and employment, commercial, natural environment, park and open space uses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development was subject to previous Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications, which have been approved. • Regional comments on the Site Plan for

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				<p>Phase 1 (commercial block) were provided on September 29, 2022, December 12, 2022, April 12, 2023 and August 21, 2023.</p>
<p>Niagara Falls</p>	<p>Grand Niagara Subdivision (8218, 8228, 8547 Grassy Brook Road)</p> <p>Type: Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision</p>	<p>Empire (Grand Niagara) Project GP Inc.</p>	<p>Application to facilitate the development of approximately 3,558 – 5,387 residential units, 2 school blocks, mixed-use commercial areas, hospital employment blocks, a potential hospice and/or acute care site, and a park and trail system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Application was circulated on March 27, 2023. • Regional staff provided comments on May 2, 2023. • City Council approved the application on May 30, 2023.
<p>Niagara Falls</p>	<p>Portage Road Towers (Part of Lot 175, Portage Road)</p> <p>Type: Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment</p>	<p>Rudanco Inc.</p>	<p>Application to facilitate the development of two residential towers: one 29-storey building and one 38-storey building atop a two-three storey connecting podium, 830 residential units, and parking above and below grade.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Application was circulated on October 5, 2022. 1st submission Regional comments were provided on December 7, 2022 and 2nd submission comments were provided on January 22, 2024.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
Niagara Falls	<p>South Niagara Hospital (9889 Montrose Road)</p> <p>Type: Site Plan</p>	Niagara Health	Application to facilitate the development of a 12-storey, 122,832 m ² hospital.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Application was circulated on April 26, 2023. • Regional staff provided comments most recently on July 5, 2023. • The City circulated a registered site plan agreement on October 16, 2023.
Niagara Falls	<p>Proposed Uppers Quarry</p> <p>Type: Regional Official Plan Amendment, Local Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment</p> <p>Aggregate Resource Act (ARA) Licence</p>	Walker Aggregates Inc.	<p>Application to develop a new quarry with associated processing and recycling of aggregate material, including asphalt and concrete, and a concrete or asphalt mixing plant on the lands.</p> <p>Joint Agency Review Team (JART) has been established with City and NPCA staff to coordinate the review of the applications and share resources. Aggregate advisor and peer reviewers retained by the Region on behalf of JART.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of application is ongoing. • ARA Public Information Centre (hosted by applicant) March 1, 2023 • Statutory Public Meeting for Regional Official Plan Amendment on October 11, 2023
Niagara-on-the-Lake	Queenston Quarry Redevelopment	Queenston Quarry	Applications to facilitate the development of 829 residential units (consisting of street townhomes, a manor house, and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional comments regarding the NEC Development Permit application were

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
	<p>(5523 Niagara Townline Road)</p> <p>Type: Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) Development Permit</p>	<p>Reclamation Company</p>	<p>condominium units), and a hotel, on a portion of a former quarry site located within the urban area boundary. Future Local Official Plan Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision and/or Plan of Condominium applications will also be required to permit the proposed development.</p>	<p>provided on October 23, 2023.</p>
<p>Niagara-on-the-Lake</p>	<p>253 Taylor Road (White Oaks)</p> <p>Type: Local Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment</p>	<p>White Oaks Tennis World Inc.</p>	<p>Applications to facilitate the development of four high-rise residential and mixed-use towers on the southern portion of the property, adjacent to Glendale Avenue. Approximately 810 residential units and an additional 1,515 square metres of ground floor commercial/retail space are proposed as part of the development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional comments on 1st submission were provided on September 27, 2023.
<p>Niagara-on-the-Lake</p>	<p>Lands north of York Road, east of Airport Road</p> <p>Type: Local Official Plan Amendment,</p>	<p>Bob Mavridis</p>	<p>Applications to facilitate the development of one mixed-use building (10-storey residential section, 8-storey hotel section) containing 216 residential units, 154 hotel rooms and 1,400 square metres of ground floor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional comments on 1st submission were provided on October 26, 2023.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
	Zoning By-law Amendment		commercial space; two 3-storey hotel buildings containing 11 hotel suites, and a 1-storey drive-thru establishment.	
Pelham	105 Welland Road Type: Zoning By-law Amendment, Site Plan	The Board of Concordia Lutheran Church	Application for the construction of a 6-storey apartment building containing 48 units.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Zoning By-law Amendment was approved on June 5, 2023 • Regional comments were provided on the 1st submission of the Site Plan application on November 27, 2023 and the 2nd submission on December 29, 2023
Port Colborne	563 Killaly Street West Type: Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision	SG Real Estate Opportunities III LP	Application to facilitate the development of 286 residential dwelling units, consisting of 108 block townhouses, 30 street townhouses, 10 semi-detached dwellings, and 138 stacked townhouse units.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional staff received circulation of the application on September 7, 2023. • A public meeting was held by the City on October 3, 2023. • Regional staff provided comments on October 6, 2023.
Port Colborne	Westwood Estates Phase 3 (south of	City of Port Colborne	Application to facilitate the development of 315 dwelling units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional staff circulated the

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
	<p>Stanley Street, east of Cement Road, Part Lot 33, Concession 1)</p> <p>Type: Local Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision</p>		<p>and 195 lot/blocks, consisting of 167 single-detached dwellings, 52 street townhouse dwellings, and 96 apartment units.</p>	<p>application on March 15, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public meeting was held by the City on April 4, 2023. • Regional comments provided April 11, 2023.
<p>Port Colborne</p>	<p>Port Colborne Quarries – Proposed Pit 3 Expansion</p> <p>Type: Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA), Local Official Plan Amendment (OPA), Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA)</p> <p>Aggregate Resource Act (ARA) Licence</p>	<p>Port Colborne Quarries Inc.</p>	<p>Application to permit an eastward expansion of the existing Port Colborne Quarry operation located south of Second Concession Road, and west of Miller Road.</p> <p>Joint Agency Review Team (JART) has been established with City and NPCA staff to coordinate the review of the applications and share resources. Aggregate advisor and peer reviewers retained by the Region on behalf of JART.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statuary Public Meeting held by the City of Port Colborne for Local OPA and ZBA March 7, 2023 • Statuary Public Meeting held by Niagara Region for ROPA on March 8, 2023 • City Staff Recommendation Report on November 14, 2023. LOPA adopted and ZBA approved. • Regional Staff Recommendation on ROPA and LOPA to PEDC on January

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
				10, 2024 and approved by Council on January 25, 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ZBA has been appealed to OLT.
St. Catharines	142 Queenston Street Type: Local Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision	2807823 Ontario Inc.	Application for the construction of four 11- to 16-storey mixed-use buildings and 40 townhouse units.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional comments were provided on February 22, 2023 A public meeting was held on April 6, 2023.
St. Catharines	1956 Third Street Louth Type: Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan	Extendicare Canada Inc.	Application to facilitate the development of a 4-storey, 256 bed long-term care home facility with associated parking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional comments on Zoning By-law Amendment provided February 9, 2023. City Council approved the Zoning By-law Amendment on March 6, 2023. Regional comments on Site Plan provided most recently June 19, 2023
Thorold	1511 Kottmeier Road	2524964 Ontario Inc.	Applications to facilitate the development of detached, street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications provided on August 21, 2023.

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	Type: Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision		townhouses, and rear lane townhouses a minimum of 60 units to a maximum of 100 units depending on final lotting layout.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional comments provided on September 11, 2023. Public Meeting held September 12, 2023
Thorold	Barron Heights Subdivision (North of Barron Road and Gainer Street) Type: Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision	Cola Holdings	Applications to facilitate the development 86 residential units, including 12 single-detached dwellings, 10 semi-detached dwelling units and 64 street townhouse dwellings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications circulated on December 11, 2023 Regional comments provided on January 17, 2024. Public meeting held February 6, 2024.
Wainfleet	Law Quarry Expansion Type: Regional Official Plan Amendment, Local Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment Aggregate Resource Act (ARA) Licence	Waterford Sand & Gravel Ltd.	Application for the expansion of the existing law Crush Stone Quarry located north of Highway 3 between Graybiel Road and Biederman Road in the Town of Wainfleet. Joint Agency Review Team (JART) has been established with Township and NPCA staff to coordinate the review of the applications and share resources. Aggregate advisor and peer reviewers retained by the Region on behalf of JART	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the application is ongoing. Statutory Public Meeting for the Regional Official Plan Amendment held February 7, 2024

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
Welland	<p>Warbler Place - 206 Lancaster Drive (formerly 800 Niagara Street)</p> <p>Type: Consent, Local Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Draft Plan of Condominium, Site Plan</p>	Idrakoth Ltd.	Applications to facilitate the redevelopment of the north-east portion of the Seaway mall with 1,300 units, which includes a mix of apartment buildings (mid- to high-rise), townhouses, and accessory dwelling units with a height range of 2 - 30 storeys.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications passed by City of Welland Council on October 19, 2021. • City of Welland Council approved the Draft Plan of Condominium on September 20, 2022 with conditions.
Welland	<p>1030 Niagara Street</p> <p>Type: Site Plan and Draft Plan of Condominium</p>	Ambria GP Limited	Applications to facilitate the development of 244 residential condominium townhouse units with 14 townhouse blocks ranging in height from 3 – 3 ½ storeys.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional comments on the Site Plan application provided to the City on August 22, 2022. • 2nd Site Plan submission comments provided to the City on January 27, 2023. • Draft Plan of Condominium application forthcoming.



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

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April 8, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to
Amend the Blue Box Regulation

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on March 27, 2024, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council support the recommendation of the Township of Perry and send a copy of the support letter to the Premier of Ontario, AMO and member municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Enclosure.

cc. AMO
All Ontario Municipalities



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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

April 11, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of April 9, 2024 the following resolution regarding seeking support for the Province to amend Ontario Regulation 39/121: Blue Box for 'ineligible' sources.

RESOLUTION NO. **2024-179**
DATE: **April 9, 2024**
MOVED BY: **Councillor Engelsdorfer**
SECONDED BY: **Councillor Braney**

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;

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

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;

WHEREAS Prince Edward County has approximately 600 or more "non-eligible" sources that will not be provided service from the Producer Responsibility Organization after transition begins.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Prince Edward County joins the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in their appeal to the Provincial Government to amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

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, Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte MPP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the



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Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, Quinte Waste Solutions, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Engelsdorfer, and Marcia Wallace, CAO

Monday, April 8, 2024

Michael de Rond
Clerk
Town of Aurora
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SENT VIA EMAIL: mderond@aurora.ca

RE: Town of Goderich Resolution – Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Code of Conduct

Dear M. Rond,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;
and

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and Whereas several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst municipal members of councils across Ontario; and

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

WHEREAS municipal governments have limited abilities in their toolkit to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

WHEREAS the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal member of council is the suspension of pay for 90 days, even when egregious acts are committed and substantiated; and

WHEREAS AMO has called on the government to table and pass legislation that reflects the following recommendations:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment.
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario.
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province.
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner.
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Goderich supports the call of action the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has submitted to the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them, in consultation with municipal governments; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's letter of recommendations which includes options for enforcing compliance by council members with municipal Codes of Conduct such as;
 - Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment.
 - Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario.
 - Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the Province.
 - Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner o Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce, and the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Ontario municipalities.

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CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Catalina Blumenberg
Clerk
Prince Edward County
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SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@pecounty.on.ca

RE: Town of Goderich Resolution – Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates

Dear C. Blumenberg,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

WHEREAS the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

WHEREAS Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

WHEREAS Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 percent as of July 2023 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall below their value in 2018 (\$1,376 when adjusted for inflation) and significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month);

WHEREAS OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

WHEREAS designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health-related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Goderich requests the Provincial Government to urgently:

1. At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;
2. Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;
3. Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Huron County Social and Property Services, the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,



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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Matthew Pearson
Chair
Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee
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SENT VIA EMAIL: mpearson@bmross.net

RE: Recommended Phase-Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report

Dear M. Pearson,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That the Town of Goderich direct a letter to Minister Lisa Thompson requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario;

And Further That area municipalities, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, other Source Protection Committees, and local health units be forwarded the letter and asked for their support.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
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Moved by: Councillor Campbell

Resolution No.: 2024-40

Seconded by: Councillor Humphries

April 2, 2024

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 redistribution 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;



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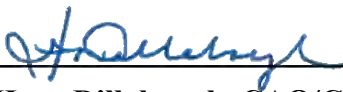
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Horton requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability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

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

X CARRIED



Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk

15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#05-24 held April 3, 2024

15.1.10 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Extension of the Deadline for Listed Non-Designated Heritage Properties - (CW Item 12.1)

Moved by: Councillor Shiu
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas, subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on or before January 1, 2025; and

Whereas, since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the municipal heritage committee in the City of Richmond Hill have been working to review the municipal heritage register, research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties, review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties, determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

Whereas, the above-noted work involving 235 listed properties in the City of Richmond Hill is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024.

Now therefore be it resolved,

That Council for the City of Richmond Hill requests the Government of Ontario to amend Subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary



That the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of the Province of Ontario; the Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Richmond Hill MPP Daisy Wai; Aurora - Oak Ridges - Richmond Hill MPP Michael Parsa; AMO; and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Unanimously

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary

April 10, 2024

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Via email: Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org
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RE: 2023 Auditor General Report on Public Health Ontario Recommending Gradual Discontinuation of Free Private Drinking Water Testing

Dear Ministers,

At the most recent Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee (SPC) meeting held on March 26, 2024, The Source Protection Committee (SPC) discussed the Ontario Auditor General's Value-for-Money Audit of Public Health Ontario released in December 2023. Recommendation 5 within the report states that Public Health Ontario (PHO), in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, update and implement a plan within 12 months to streamline public health laboratory operations:

https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_publichealth_en23.pdf

As part of the recommendation, there is the suggestion in the report that the free private drinking water testing program that is provided by PHO be gradually discontinued. The discontinuation of this free program is of concern to the Niagara Peninsula SPC because it removes a free service available to those that don't benefit from legislated drinking water protections. The program provides valuable drinking water quality data to both researchers and the public. Discontinuation of the program would further disincentivize the testing of private drinking water systems, resulting in increased barriers to gathering valuable water quality data.

The SPC passed the following motions at the meeting held on March 26, 2024:

That the Source Protection Committee (SPC) DIRECT staff to draft correspondence requesting the Province not to proceed with the recommended phase out of the free drinking water testing program in Ontario;

And that the SPC circulate a copy of the correspondence to the Ontario Minister of Health, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and forward the letter to Niagara Region and all twelve of Niagara's lower-tier municipalities, the City of Hamilton, and Haldimand County.

The mandate of the SPC is to act as an independent multi-stakeholder committee with the goal of protecting our existing and future sources of drinking water. Despite private drinking water systems not being a part of that mandate, the SPC acts as stakeholders and professionals with a vested interest in the overall protection of all our drinking water sources. The PHO free private drinking water testing program has been a valuable resource to those that do not benefit from the protections and safeguards offered by the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, in particular those in rural Ontario. The Province of Ontario, local municipalities and industry professionals have always recommended that that owners of private drinking water systems utilize the free drinking water testing program as a starting point.

Further to the obvious benefit the program provides, the data collected from the program has been valuable to researchers as well. Researchers have identified multiple areas across Southern Ontario that have statistically significant instances of bacterial contamination in private drinking water samples, including the Niagara Peninsula. While there are likely several factors contributing to Niagara's high instances of bacterial contamination in private drinking water samples including, improperly constructed/spaced private water supply wells, and improperly designed and/or compromised septic systems to name a few, this revelation was only made available using the data collected from the free drinking water testing program offered by PHO.

Lastly, the removal of the free testing program will further disincentivize the testing of private drinking water and introduce barriers to those that rely on the program to determine the quality of their water supply. The Province of Ontario recommends testing private drinking water systems frequently to ensure the water is suitable for potable use and points to the free testing program provided by PHO. While private drinking water wells typically dominate the discussion when it comes to private drinking water quality,

cistern users also utilized the PHO free testing program. By discontinuing the program, private drinking water users would have to pay for private drinking water testing services to obtain any information about their water quality. This unfortunately disincentivizes testing as well as introduces financial barriers to those struggling with the increasing costs of living. If users begin to test their drinking water infrequently or not at all, this will likely result in increased incidents of water-borne illnesses.

In summary, the Niagara Peninsula SPC is concerned that the discontinuation of the free drinking water testing program provided by PHO will ultimately have a negative impact on the residents that rely on it in Ontario. While efficiency may be gained by reducing the number of laboratories, another method of submitting private drinking water samples to remaining laboratories should be considered. For example, facilities that already send samples to provincial laboratories (hospitals, public health units) could be considered as drop-off points for private water samples thus making use of centrally coordinated courier services. The Niagara Peninsula SPC, through this letter, would respectfully request that those responsible for making these decisions reconsider the discontinuation of the very important private drinking water testing program provided by Public Health Ontario.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Bill Hodgson
Chair
Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee

CC: Niagara Region
City of Hamilton
Haldimand County
Municipalities of Grimsby, Lincoln, St. Catharines, Niagara-on-the-Lake, West
Lincoln, Pelham, Thorold, Welland, Niagara Falls, Wainfleet, Port Colborne and
Fort Erie

The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie



Clerk's Department

Rachel Tyczinski
City Clerk

April 11, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Sir:

Re: Intimate Partner Violence and Coercive Control

Please be advised that at its April 8, 2024 City Council meeting, Sault Ste. Marie City Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the jury that heard the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam inquest (The Renfrew County Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas recommendation #85 of the inquest is to include "coercive control", as defined in the *Divorce Act*, as a criminal offence or as a type of assault under section 265 of the *Criminal Code*; and

Whereas according to experts, a perpetrator has privileged access to information about the target by virtue of the closeness of an intimate relationship and, as such, is able to identify unique vulnerabilities that can be exploited for coercive control; and

Whereas Coordinating Community Responses to Domestic Violence cites scholars and advocates in the field have consistently described intimate partner violence as both an expression of, and an attempt to maintain, power and control over intimate partners; and

Whereas in 2019, according to the Government of Canada, of the 107,810 people aged 15 and over who experienced intimate partner violence 79% were women. 55% of women who experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence feared a partner at some point. Being afraid of a partner can indicate intimate partner violence that is more coercive, more severe, and more likely to reflect a pattern of abusive behaviours; and

Whereas between 2014 and 2019 in Canada, there were 497 victims of intimate partner homicide, and 80% (400 victims) were women; and

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Whereas while Indigenous women account for about 5% of all women in Canada, they accounted for 21% of women killed by an intimate partner between 2014 and 2019 (83 victims). In 2021, the rate of gender-related homicide of Indigenous women and girls was more than triple that of gender-related homicides of women and girls overall (1.72 versus 0.54 per 100,000 women and girls); and

Whereas the Government of Canada names coercive control as one of the acts included in intimate partner violence, but does not include coercive control as an offence contained within the *Criminal Code* of Canada* and

Whereas Bill C332, a private member's bill to amend the Criminal Code to create an offence of exercising coercive control of an intimate partner by engaging in a pattern of conduct that consists of any combination, or any repeated instances, of any of the following acts: using, attempting to use or threatening to use violence against certain persons, coercing or attempting to coerce the intimate partner to engage in sexual activity or engaging in other conduct that could reasonably be expected to cause the intimate partner to believe that their safety, or the safety of a person known to them, is threatened**

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Sault Ste. Marie City Council express its support for Bill C-332 as well as call on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-332 and enact the necessary amendments to the *Criminal Code* of Canada to include coercive control of an intimate partner; and

Further it be resolved that a copy of this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services, the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health, the Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, the Honourable Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice, City of Sault Ste Marie MP Terry Sheehan, MP Laurel Collins, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

- * <https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/gender-based-violence/intimate-partner-violence.html>
- ** <https://www.parl.ca/documentviewer/en/44-1/bill/C-332/second-reading>
- <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2023001/article/00003-eng.htm>

Sincerely



Rachel Tyczinski
City Clerk