



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tara Stephens, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

DATE: April 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Use of council@welland.ca Distribution List

Purpose and Appropriate Use

The **council@welland.ca** email address is intended solely as a distribution tool for members of the public and City staff to provide information to all members of Council in a straightforward and efficient manner.

When staff use this distribution list, it is for informational purposes only. Staff will not and must not respond to any replies, questions, or discussions that arise once the information is sent. Staff communications to this list are not an invitation for debate, commentary, or deliberation—especially not from all members of Council as a group.

When NOT to Use the List

The council@welland.ca address is **not to be used** for the following:

- Council members communicating with one another
- Debating or discussing any issue before Council or that may come before Council
- Requesting or responding to staff regarding information or actions

Use of this distribution list for any of the above reasons is strictly prohibited and may constitute a violation of the Municipal Act's closed meeting provisions.

Critical Note: If a Member of Council Emails All of Council

If a member of Council sends an email that includes all members of Council—whether through council@welland.ca or by directly entering all email addresses—staff are legally prohibited from responding to that email.

Once all members of Council are included, any response from staff would be seen as continuing an unsanctioned, illegal meeting under the *Municipal Act*. Staff will not reply, clarify, or provide additional information in such cases, regardless of urgency or topic.

This is not a matter of discretion—it is a matter of legal compliance.

Staff strongly caution all members of Council: do not initiate or continue email conversations that include all members of Council. Doing so compromises both transparency and procedural integrity and places staff in a legally vulnerable position.

Legal Risk – Illegal Meetings

Once all members of Council are included in an email conversation, any reply by a member of Council—especially to the group—may be construed as participating in an unsanctioned, illegal closed meeting. This is a serious matter that could lead to a formal complaint being filed with the Ontario Ombudsman and trigger an investigation. It is critical that Council members not respond or engage in any form of discussion through this channel. Silence is required, not optional.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tara Stephens, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

DATE: April 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Virtual Attendance at Council Meetings – Protocol and Best Practices

This memorandum outlines protocols and best practices for virtual attendance at Council meetings. Our current system continues to demonstrate incredible efficiencies, offering flexibility for participants and enabling participation from remote locations when required. The system is highly reliable and designed to support seamless Council meetings.

Key Benefits & Efficiencies

- **Convenient Access:** Members can attend meetings remotely without compromising participation.
- **Secure and Streamlined:** The platform ensures secure login, clear audio/video, and reliable performance.
- **Professional Facilitation:** Staff can manage participation and troubleshoot minor issues efficiently.

The system has delivered strong performance overall. However, connectivity issues on the user end (at home) have been the most common challenge. These are generally related to home internet stability rather than the meeting platform itself.

Ongoing Improvements

To help address these concerns:

- We are standardizing the virtual link distribution to arrive **1 hour before each meeting**, giving Members enough time to prepare.
- We now request that Members **log in 30 minutes prior to the meeting** to allow for testing and troubleshooting.
- Troubleshooting assistance will be available for **up to 10 minutes** before Members are encouraged to attend in person if issues persist. This ensures a buffer of **20 minutes to arrive at City Hall** if needed.
- To support this, we've added a pre-meeting testing step, which helps prevent common issues—especially for first-time remote participants—by ensuring proper setup before the meeting begins.
- We've also attached a quick reference image for selecting the correct audio and video devices. This can be used to confirm your settings during setup.

Your Role in Ensuring Success

To support successful virtual participation, we ask Members of Council to take the following proactive steps:

- **Wired Connection Preferred:** Use a direct Ethernet connection to your modem/router to avoid Wi-Fi disruptions.
- **Reduce Bandwidth Load:** Close other apps or devices that may use internet bandwidth during the meeting.
- **High-Quality Headsets Are Recommended:** Using a high-quality headset or dedicated microphone can significantly improve audio clarity and reduce echo or background noise during the meeting.
- **Early Log-In:** Sign in 30 minutes ahead to allow for connection testing.
- **Check for Meeting Link:** The email will come from the Clerk's Office with the subject line: City of Welland – Invitation to Meeting. If you don't see it in your inbox, please check your **junk/spam folder** immediately.

- **Avoid Requesting a New Link:** Re-sending may cause system conflicts and invalidate the previous link.
- For a more stable and reliable experience, we recommend downloading and using the EasyConf app rather than joining through a browser. While each version works, the app offers better consistency and avoids potential browser-related issues.

While staff are here to support technical issues, the success of the system ultimately depends on each Member's readiness and connection setup. The platform works exceptionally well when used under the right conditions, and your cooperation ensures meetings proceed professionally and without unnecessary delay.

Please reach out to the Clerk's Office with any questions or to schedule a test ahead of future meetings.

Attachment

Welland Training Manual (EasyConf Connect)

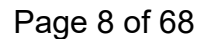
Quick Reference Guide – Audio/Video Device Setup

2024

City of Welland Council Chambers

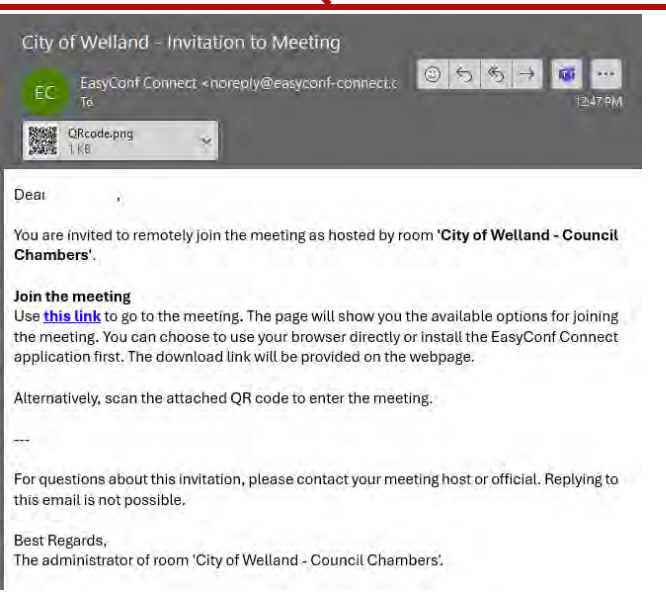


Remote Software Guide



Application

- **Invitation Email:** All invitations will be sent via email for remote participation.

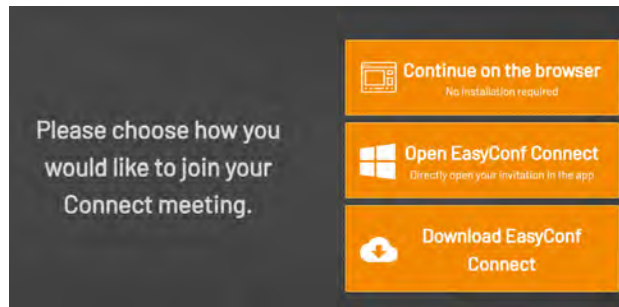


- **Platform Options:** The remote software is supported on the following platforms:

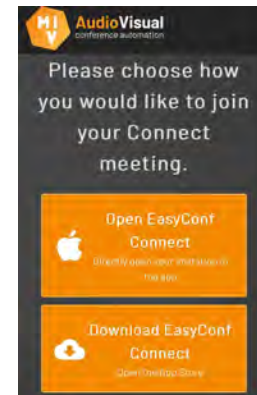
- Web Brower
- Windows
- Apple MacOS
- Apple iOS
- Android Mobile

When joining from the embedded link within the email, you will encounter an option screen as shown below. The software will detect the platform you are joining from and offer the appropriate options.

Windows Experience Example



Apple iOS Experience Example



Speaking & Video



- **Camera Preview.** Area in center box will be your camera shot when granted the floor.

- **Delegate list:** Here you will see all the local and remote delegates of the meeting.

Color	Status
White	Part of the meeting but not currently present
Blue	Part of the meeting and present
Purple	Part of the meeting and remote
Red	Present and talking (floor granted)
Green	Has requested to speak
Yellow	Has Raised Hand (Point of order, conflict, urgent request, etc)

- **Raise Hand** (Point of order, conflict, urgent request, etc.)



- **Speak/Request to Speak**

Grey - Present and Listening

Green - You have requested to speak and are awaiting chair to grant you floor



Red - You have been granted the floor and your microphone and camera are visible and audible to the call if enabled

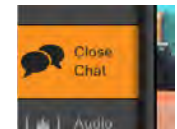
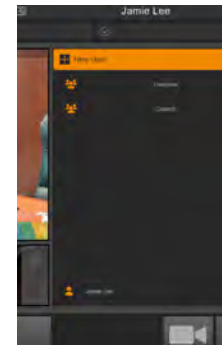
- **Hide/Mute Camera & Microphone** (Similar to Zoom or Microsoft Teams)

Left Controls

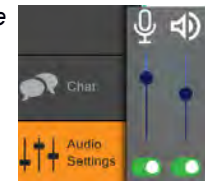


- **Share Screen.** Will prompt participant to select which screen to share, and then opt to share. Once requesting to share, the clerk must serve the request to broadcast the shared content to the call to ensure security.

- **Chat:** Chat with participants in the meeting. Your participant list will be used for the chat widget. When you wish to close this view, select **Close Chat** on the left navigation



- **Audio Levels:** Adjust audio levels of the call and your microphone



- **Leave Meeting:** Exit the meeting.

- **Settings:** Change audio and video devices, languages, and access advanced audio options.

Voting

EasyConf Connect

City of Welland - Council Chambers

City of Welland - General Committee

1.2 OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CAO

Jamie Lee

Adhoc 1

10/24/2024 6:09 PM

Voting Results

Test (Unanimous)

Yes	No
0%	0%
0	0

Casted votes: 0
Not voted: 1
Result: X

Share Screen

Chat

Audio Settings

Settings

Leave Meeting

2024-10-23 1:24 PM

- **Vote Name.** Identify the Vote

- **Vote Control.** Will automatically show up when vote is started, and disappear once vote is complete, showing results and the option to return to Home Page (Participant List view)

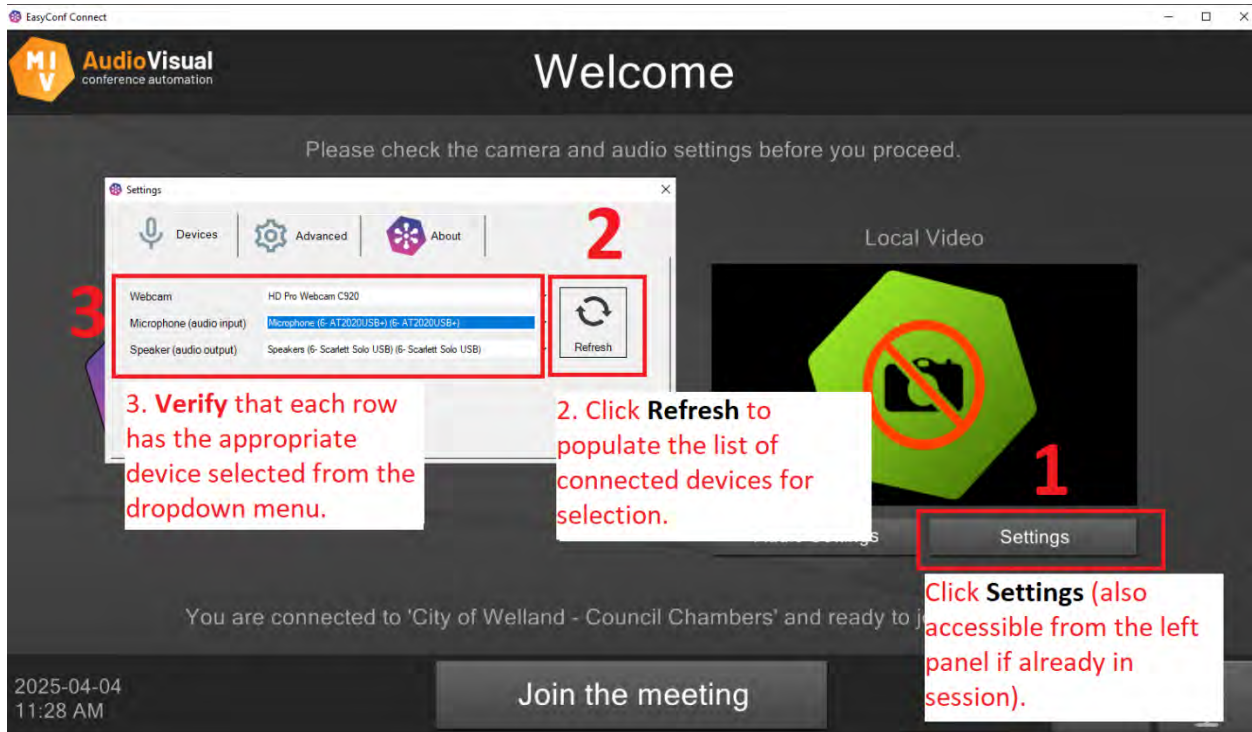
Home Page

Voting ended

Quorum: ✓
Majority: # Not carried
Total voted: 0
Not voted: 13

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Quick Reference Guide – Audio/Video Device Setup



The screenshot shows the 'EasyConf Connect' window with the 'AudioVisual' tab selected. The main area displays a 'Welcome' message and a 'Local Video' section with a camera icon. A 'Settings' window is open, showing the 'Devices' tab. The 'Settings' window has three tabs: 'Devices', 'Advanced', and 'About'. The 'Devices' tab contains a table with columns for 'Webcam', 'Microphone (audio input)', and 'Speaker (audio output)'. The 'Webcam' row shows 'HD Pro Webcam C920'. The 'Microphone' row shows 'Microphone (6- AT2020USB+ (6- AT2020USB+))'. The 'Speaker' row shows 'Speakers (6- Scarlett Solo USB) (6- Scarlett Solo USB)'. A 'Refresh' button is located to the right of the table. A 'Settings' button is located at the bottom right of the main window. A 'Join the meeting' button is at the bottom center. The date and time '2025-04-04 11:28 AM' are displayed at the bottom left.

1 Click **Settings** (also accessible from the left panel if already in session).

2 Click **Refresh** to populate the list of connected devices for selection.

3 Verify that each row has the appropriate device selected from the dropdown menu.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Rob Axiak, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Welland's Participation at Hannover Messe 2025

Overview of Hannover Messe

Hannover Messe is the world's leading industrial trade fair, bringing together key players from the fields of engineering, energy, digitalization, and automation. It serves as a global platform for networking, business development, and investment attraction. In 2025, Canada was the Partner Country for Hannover Messe, which provided a unique opportunity to showcase Canadian innovation, industry, and investment potential on the international stage.

Importance of Municipal Participation

For municipalities like Welland, attending Hannover Messe offers invaluable opportunities to attract foreign direct investment, foster business partnerships, and showcase the region's industrial strengths. At this year's Trade Fair and in addition to Niagara's participation, a variety of other municipalities are also in attendance and include Durham, Hamilton, and York just to mention a few. Participation in such international events enhances our city's visibility and competitiveness, positioning Welland as a prime location for industrial growth and economic development. Additionally, our attendance aligns with our continued interest and efforts to unlock lands owned by the Federal Government in Welland, under the Ministry of Transport and operated by the St. Lawrence Seaway. These lands, particularly those along the shipping canal, present significant opportunities for industrial development. Exploring every possible avenue to activate these lands remains a key priority for Welland's long-term economic strategy.

Furthermore, our participation at Hannover Messe directly aligns with the [Welland Strategic Plan 2023-2026](#), which highlights Economic Growth as a paramount strategic focus. Attending this event reinforces our commitment to advancing economic development, attracting investment, and expanding industrial opportunities to ensure Welland's continued prosperity.

Welland's Delegation & Support from Global Affairs Canada

The Welland delegation at Hannover Messe consisted of Mayor Frank Campion, CAO Rob Axiak, and Lina DeChellis, Director of Economic Development and Strategic Initiatives. Our participation was encouraged by Global Affairs Canada during our visit to Ottawa in December 2024. [Global Affairs Canada](#), through its Can Export Community Investments program, provided the City with a grant of \$4,520 to help offset the costs of attending the event.

Engagements & Business Development

While at Hannover Messe, our delegation actively engaged with industry leaders and potential investors, walking the exhibition floor and holding discussions with dozens of companies. Additionally, we had scheduled meetings with potential new businesses, coordinated through the Niagara Region. As this was our first time at this International Event, should we return in future years, we will look to further target industry who may have interest in Welland.

These direct meetings provided valuable opportunities to showcase Welland's industrial capabilities and explore potential investment opportunities.

Regional Collaboration & Industry Engagement

The Region of Niagara had a dedicated booth at Hannover Messe, which Welland actively participated in. This booth attracted dozens of businesses considering relocation or expansion into Niagara. Additionally, we engaged with Welland-based companies present at the event, including Bosch Rexroth, reinforcing our commitment to supporting local industries on the global stage.

We also spent time with Invest Ontario and Invest Canada, strengthening relationships that will support future investment attraction efforts for Welland. These relationships at both levels of government (Provincial and Federal) have been important to leverage including the recently launched [Partner Portal through Invest Ontario](#).

Sincerely,



Rob Axiak
CAO

MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Matt Richardson, Deputy Fire Chief

DATE: April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Welland Fire and Emergency Services Historical Fire Truck

Welland Fire and Emergency Services (WFES) and fleet staff have recently completed the process of divesting end of life and historically significant fire equipment that was housed at the now-closed Lyons Avenue firehall. During this review, the 1946 Lafrance Pumper truck was carefully examined. The truck is inoperable and has not been started in many years. This vehicle represents a significant chapter in the history of both Welland Fire and Emergency Services and the city of Welland. The truck has been an integral part of the community's fire service for decades and carries with it the rich legacy of fire fighting tradition in this city.

While the city no longer has the space or capacity to properly house and maintain this piece of history, it is crucial that this valuable asset is preserved and remains accessible to future generations. After thoughtful and collaborative discussions with various stakeholders, the Welland Professional Firefighters Association (WPPFA) expressed a strong interest in taking ownership of the pumper truck. The WPPFA has committed to not only restoring the vehicle to its original condition but also ensuring its ongoing maintenance and care, at their expense. To that end, the city and the WPPFA have entered into a formal agreement for the WPPFA to own and maintain this vehicle.

Under this agreement, the WPFPA will take full responsibility for the restoration and storage of the 1946 Lafrance Pumper, a process that will include extensive repairs and refurbishments. The truck will then be showcased at local city parades, community events, and other public functions, highlighting its historical significance. This preservation project is a meaningful tribute to the fire service's deep-rooted traditions and its vital role in the city's history.

By ensuring that this historically significant piece of firefighting history remains within the city of Welland, we are also aligning with priorities outlined in the city's strategic plan, enhancing livability and fostering community engagement. The restoration and public display of the pumper truck will not only serve as a reminder of the city's proud fire service heritage but will also promote community pride and unity.

Furthermore, this commitment to preserving the pumper truck within Welland strengthens the bond between the fire service and the community, offering residents a tangible connection to their local history. It is a symbol of the enduring values of service, dedication, and tradition that have long defined the fire department and will continue to do so for generations to come.

The partnership between the city and the WPFPA ensures that this historic truck remains a living testament to the city's firefighting legacy. The truck's presence in community events, parades, and public gatherings will allow current and future generations to appreciate and honor the contributions of those who have served and currently serve to keep our community safe..

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tara Stephens, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

DATE: April 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Summary of 2024 Meetings of Council

In accordance with the Council – approved motion dated January 19, 2016, the Office of the City Clerk prepares an annual summary of meetings held in the previous calendar year.

This memo accompanies the 2024 summary, which provides an overview of the meetings held by Council and its related committees throughout the year.

Below is a comparison of the number of scheduled versus actual meetings held by Council in 2024:

Meeting	Scheduled Amount	Actual Amount Held
Council Meeting	30	26
General Committee Meeting	6	6
Special Council Meeting	5	9
Committee-of-the-Whole (In-camera)	N/A	23
Council – Staff Workshops	3	3

The data reflects attendance and records maintained over the 2024 calendar year and includes both regularly scheduled and special or rescheduled meetings, as applicable.

This annual summary is provided for Council's information to support transparency and tracking of meeting activity and attendance.

Attachment - 2024 Meetings of Council – Details and Totals

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Start Time	End Time
January 9	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - (1) Citizen appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee and Active Transportation Advisory Committee. - (1) Human Resources Matter.	6:32 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
January 9	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:05 P.M.	9:49 P.M.
January 16	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	9:37 P.M.
January 23	General Committee	General Committee received a presentation, information and reports from staff.	6:01 P.M.	7:11 P.M.
January 30	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - (2) Citizen appointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. Security of the property of the municipality or local board: - (1) Update on Northern Reach Closing. Receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. - (1) Memo re: OLT-23-001159 – 16 Seaway Drive - Case Management Conference – February 9, 2024. - (1) Memo re: OLT-23-001123 – 392 & 398 Thorold Road - Case Management Conference – February 8, 2024. - (1) Memo re: OLT-23-001119 – 368 Aqueduct Street & 155 Gadsby Avenue - Case Management Conference – February 8, 2024. Under the Business Corporations Act - Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation. - (1) Welland Hydro-Electric Holdings Corporation – Company Board Struct Changes.	5:46 P.M. and again at 8:06 P.M.	7:01 P.M. and again at 9:23 P.M.
January 30	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:05 P.M.	9:26 P.M.
February 6	Council	Cancelled		
February 13	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - Citizens appointment to the Welland Arena Advisory Committee.	6:46 P.M.	6:58 P.M.

February 13	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:01 P.M.	9:144 P.M.
February 20	General Committee	General Committee received a presentation, information and reports from staff.	7:04 P.M.	8:32 P.M.
February 27	COTW	Security of the property of the municipality or local board: - Potential Purchase of Industrial Lands.	6:33 P.M. and again at 10:01 P.M.	7:02 P.M. and again at 10:12 P.M.
February 27	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:05 P.M.	10:14 P.M.
March 5	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - Citizens Appointment To The Green Advisory Committee And The Welland Arena Advisory Committee. Security of the property of the municipality or local board and proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; - Linear Infrastructure Assumption Recommendation.	5:49 P.M.	6:53 P.M.
March 5	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:01 P.M.	9:34 P.M.
March 19	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - Citizens Appointment to the Welland Arena Advisory Committee. - Non-Union Compensation Review.	5:17 P.M. and again at 10:00 P.M.	6:57 P.M. and again at 10:40 P.M.
March 19	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:03 P.M.	10:57 P.M.
March 26	Special Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	6:02 P.M.	6:23 P.M.
March 26	General Committee	General Committee received a presentation, information and reports from staff.	6:25 P.M.	8:30 P.M.
April 2	COTW	Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; - Proposal to transfer surplus city owned land on the south-west corner of Moyer Road and Carl Road to Welland Hydro in exchange for the transfer of lands known as 2 Centennial Drive to the City.	6:31 P.M.	6:38 P.M.

April 2	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	10:57 P.M.
April 9	COTW	For the purpose of educating members of council and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board: - Memorandum of Understanding Clarification.	6:32 P.M.	6:36 P.M.
April 9	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:07 P.M.	10:40 P.M.
April 16	Council Workshop	Day 1 – Good Governance, Procedural By-law and Policies Clarification.	N/A	N/A
April 23	COTW	Receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose: - Memorandum from Callum Shedden re: 50 Bruce Street – Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board: - Legal Opinion – Request from Solicitor for the owners of Hunter's Point Subdivision to remove condition of approval for an overpass. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - Non-Union Compensation – Bands 1-3 Options. Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; - Northern Reach Update.	5:05 P.M.	6:52 P.M.
April 23	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:02 P.M.	8:25 P.M.
May 7	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - Citizen appointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. - Citizen appointment to the Property Standards/Dog Appeal Committee. - Citizen appointment to the Committee of Adjustment.	6:33 P.M.	6:55 P.M.
May 7	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:01 P.M.	10:32 P.M.
May 14	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:04 P.M.	9:27 P.M.

May 21	General Committee	General Committee received a presentation, information and reports from staff.	7:01 P.M.	11:00 P.M.
May 28	COTW	Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; • 296 King Street Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board: • Welland International Flatwater Centre Update.	5:33 P.M.	6:45 P.M.
May 28	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	10:25 P.M.
June 4	Council	No quorum, no meeting held	N/A	N/A
June 11	Council Workshop	Day 2 - Procurement Risks & Best Practices, Budget Debrief & Suggestions, Understanding Municipal Debt.	N/A	N/A
June 18	COTW	Security of the property of the municipality or local board and proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; - Bell Canada Fibre.	5:05 P.M.	5:08 P.M.
June 18	Special Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	5:12 P.M.	7:13 P.M.
June 25	COTW	A matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act; • Under the Business Corporations Act - Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation. - Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation Annual General Meeting - Election and Confirmation of Director.	6:48 P.M.	6:58 P.M.
June 25	Special Council & Welland Hydro AGM	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M. Recessed Special Council at 7:01 P.M.to 7:38 P.M.to hold Welland Hydro AGM	7:39 P.M.
June 25	General Committee	General Committee received a presentation, information and reports from staff.	7:41 P.M.	10:48 P.M.

July 9	COTW	Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose: - 44 Heron Street - OLT Appeal. A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization: - Contract Award - Water Meter Replacement Project. A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board: - Draft Agreement - Welland Museum.	5:38 P.M.	6:50 P.M.
July 9	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	9:33 P.M.
July 30	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - Citizen appointment to the Niagara Transit Commission Public Advisory Committee. Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; - 144 St. George Street, Welland ON.	8:23 P.M.	8:50 P.M.
July 30	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:08 P.M. and again 8:53 P.M.	8:23 P.M. and again 9:24 P.M.
August 13	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.
September 3	COTW	Receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; - 50 Bruce Street - OLT Update. - Encampments - Legal Opinion and Municipal Role. Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; - Property Matter - Update and Next Steps.	5:34 P.M. and again 9:04 P.M.	7:04 P.M. and again 9:53 P.M.

		A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person group of persons, or organization; - DSBN Partnership Opportunity.		
September 3	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:06 P.M.	9:55 P.M.
September 10	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - Citizen appointment to the Committee of Adjustment.	6:51 P.M.	7:06 P.M.
September 10	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:08 P.M.	8:13 P.M.
September 17	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:03 P.M.	10:10 P.M.
September 24	Council Workshop/ COTW	For the purpose of educating or training the members of Council. - Human Resource Planning.	5:01 P.M.	7:28 P.M.
September 24	Special Council	To adopt, ratify and confirm proceedings of the Council at its meeting	7:28 P.M.	7:29 P.M.
October 1	COTW	Receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; - 44 Heron Street - OLT Matter. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - Citizen appointments to the Committee of the Adjustment and the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; - Lease request over city lands on the north side of Downs Drive, east of Ross Street.	6:02 P.M.	6:53 P.M.
October 1	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:01 P.M.	10:17 P.M.
October 8	Council	Cancelled	N/A	N/A

October 22	General Committee	General Committee received a presentation, information and reports from staff.	7:01 P.M. Recessed 9:42 P.M.	9:56 P.M. Reconvened 9:53 P.M.
October 29	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - Meeting scheduled as per resolution on September 3, 2024 to hold an in-camera meeting to discuss an identifiable individual and follow up from the December 19, 2023 meeting. - Citizen appointment to the Town & Gown Committee. Security of the property of the municipality or local board; - Permission to Negotiate - 26 Shaw Street.	5:08 P.M. and again 9:58 P.M.	7:01 P.M. and again 10:28 P.M.
October 29	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:14 P.M.	10:35 P.M.
November 5	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	5:28 P.M.	5:51 P.M.
November 11	COTW	Receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose: - Gadsby Development - OLT Matter. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - 2025 Corporate Contingency Budget.	5:06 P.M.	6:09 P.M.
November 11	Special/ Budget	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	6:11 P.M.	8:23 P.M.
November 12	Council	Cancelled	N/A	N/A
November 18	Special/ Budget	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	5:01 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
November 20	Special/ Budget	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	5:01 P.M.	8:42 P.M.
November 26	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - Citizen appointment to the Green Advisory Committee.	6:40 P.M.	6:52 P.M.
November 26	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M. Recessed at 7:55 P.M.	9:32 P.M. Reconvened at 8:01 P.M.

November 27	Special/Budget	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	5:00 P.M. Recessed at 7:51 P.M.	9:57 P.M. Reconvened at 7:56 P.M.
December 4	Special/Budget	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	5:02 P.M.	5:55 P.M.
December 10	General Committee	General Committee received a presentation, information and reports from staff.	6:00 P.M.	7:29 P.M.
December 10	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:58 P.M.	10:03 P.M.
December 17	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - Harassment Matter Update. Security of the property of the municipality or local board; - Offer to purchase property.	5:47 P.M. and again 8:20 P.M.	7:40 P.M. and again 8:42 P.M.
December 17	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:45 P.M.	8:44 P.M.

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.2.
Resolution Number 2025-070
Title: Resolution Stemming from February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #1
Date: March 19, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution No. 2025-01-08-15 passed on January 8, 2025 by the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, regarding the Child Welfare Funding;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC); the Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus (EOMC); the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

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January 8, 2025

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

RE: Child Welfare Funding

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 8th, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the County of Renfrew.

Resolution No: 2025-01-08-15

Moved by: Councillor Quade

Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the County of Renfrew's resolution regarding Child Welfare Funding as attached.

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan also formally requests that the Province of Ontario consult with and collaborate with Child Welfare agencies to develop an updated and equitable Child Welfare funding formula and that the newly developed funding formula be structured to ensure an equitable and proportionate distribution that meets the diverse, unique, individual and complex needs of the communities and populations served.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP Johan Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC), Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Thompson".

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

Office of the
County Warden



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November 5, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via email: Premier@ontario.ca

RE: Child Welfare Funding

Dear Premier Ford:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew, at their regular meeting on October 30, 2024, passed the following resolution regarding Child Welfare Funding. Council and our community are deeply concerned about the ongoing funding reductions to the child welfare sector. Renfrew County is experiencing a significant rise in complex social challenges within our communities, placing a heavy strain on local resources and hindering our ability to effectively support families in need.

WHEREAS the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke have no financial obligations concerning the funding of Child Welfare agencies; and

WHEREAS the Financial Accountability Office in June 2024 identified issues with funding in the Child Welfare sector; and

WHEREAS Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has experienced a funding cut of \$1.59 million, or 10.8%, over the past ten years; and

WHEREAS Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County was provided planning allocations reflecting a further funding reduction of \$963, 603 over the next two years; and

WHEREAS Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has achieved administrative efficiencies as a multi-service agency, has implemented various cost mitigation measures, including reductions in staff and services, and has reached a point where further measures could negatively impact children at risk and their families; and

WHEREAS both the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke are committed to improving the health and safety of their residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke formally request the Province of Ontario to consult with and collaborate with Child Welfare agencies to develop an updated and equitable Child Welfare funding formula; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the newly developed funding formula be structured to ensure an equitable and proportionate distribution that meets the diverse, unique, individual, and complex needs of the communities and populations served; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warden of the County of Renfrew and the Mayor of the City of Pembroke be directed to write a letter to Minister Parsa expressing their concerns and request a

meeting in the fall of 2024 or to submit a joint delegation request for the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference;

AND THAT this resolution be shared with Premier Doug Ford, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), and local municipalities.

A compounding challenge impacting our community is that the County of Renfrew has recently declared a state of emergency in response to the opioid crisis, with our service partner, the City of Pembroke, experiencing overdose death rates per capita that are twice the national average. Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has been negatively impacted by a funding reduction of \$1.59 million over the past ten years and is facing a further cut of \$963,603 over the next two years. This continued erosion to the investment in our local child welfare agency will jeopardize the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable children and their families. The cuts will diminish the agency's capacity to offer essential support to those with the greatest need within our small and largely rural communities.

The social determinants of health play a critical role in shaping children's wellbeing, influencing their development, educational success, and overall health outcomes. For children in communities with geographic isolation and underdeveloped services such as we experience, these determinants become even more pronounced. In Renfrew County, families often face challenges such as limited access to quality healthcare, mental health support, and educational resources.

The lack of these essential services can result in children experiencing higher rates of chronic illnesses, mental health issues, and developmental delays. Furthermore, many families throughout our region are experiencing economic hardships, which can lead to poor nutrition, unstable housing, and heightened exposure to environmental stressors. Again, I am sure you will agree, all of which negatively impact children's long-term health and wellbeing.

Maintaining consistent funding for our rural agency that provides child protection and essential support services is vital. Without adequate financial support for these critical services, vulnerable children may not receive the interventions they need to develop and thrive. Child protection agencies are essential in safeguarding children from abuse and neglect while helping to address emotional and psychological challenges early in life, setting children on a path to healthier futures.

In an area like Renfrew County with limited clinical and assistive infrastructure, these services often become a lifeline, helping to mitigate the impact of social determinants on child health. Prioritizing funding for these services can help break the cycle of disadvantage, promote healthier environments, and ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your interest in our most vulnerable age group in our community.

Sincerely,



Peter Emon, Warden
County of Renfrew

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March 27, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

RE: Motion to amend prior motion presented to Regional Council on February 26, 2025, re: Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, to remove references to "Swastika" from the motion and replace them with "Nazi symbols of hate", Our File: C00

**The Regional
Municipality of
Durham**

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**Alexander Harras
M.P.A.
Director of
Legislative Services
& Regional Clerk**

As a follow-up to our previous correspondence sent on February 28, 2025, please be advised that the Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on March 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Finance & Administration Committee:

- A) That subject to a 2/3rds majority vote, the resolution with respect to Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, adopted at the February 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting, be reconsidered; and
- B) That subject to Part A) being approved, that the resolution be amended to replace all references to Nazi swastika(s) with the words "Nazi symbols of hate", and make any necessary associated grammatical revisions.

For your reference, the resolution now reads as follows:

"Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and

Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B'Nai Brith's call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols of hate and iconography, including the Nazi hakenkreuze. Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi hakenkreuze
2. Ban all Nazi symbols of hate and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities."

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/tf

c: B'nai Brith Canada
All Canadian Municipalities



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March 31, 2025

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

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake requesting the Province of Ontario to Reconsider the Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 25, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake regarding an Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Niagara Region MPPs
All Ontario Municipalities

February 26, 2025

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

EMAIL: Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Requests the Province of Ontario Reconsider the Amendment of
Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act**

Please be advised that at its meeting of February 25, 2025, Council of the Town of Niagara on-the-Lake adopted the following resolution:

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council endorses the resolution from the Municipality of South Huron requesting the Province reconsider the amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Minister Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and MPP Thompson.
3. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Sincerely,

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Grant Bivol
Town Clerk

c.c. Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Hon. Michael Ford - Michael.Ford@ontario.ca
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Paul Calandra - minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario - resolutions@amo.on.ca
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
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All 444 Municipalities of Ontario



March 27, 2025

Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
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Sent Via Email

Re: Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the USA on Trade Tariffs

Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 11, 2025, passed the following resolution:

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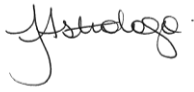
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata
Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

"That the request received from the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus, seeking support for the Canadian and Ontario Governments' negotiations with the United States Government on trade tariffs, be supported, and that copies of the support be sent to those listed in the correspondence."

Carried.

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

Yours Truly,



Jennifer Astrologo
Director of Council Services/Clerk
Town of LaSalle
jastrologo@lasalle.ca

Cc: (via email)

Marit Stiles (Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party),
Bonnie Crombie (Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party),
Mike Schreiner (Leader of the Ontario Green Party),
Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade,
Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
Rebecca Bligh (President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver),
Robin Jones (President, AMO and Mayor of Westport),
Christa Lowry (Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association),
Jeff Leal (Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council),
John Beddows (Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus),
All regional Members of Canadian Parliament,
All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament,
All of Ontario Municipalities

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Re: Motion Respecting Supporting Niagara's Business Community and Advocating for Economic Resilience Measures

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the City of Niagara Falls at its meeting of March 18, 2025, received and supported correspondence that was received from the Regional Council of Niagara. The correspondence was the following motion passed at their February 20, 2025 meeting in regards to Respecting Supporting Niagara's Business Community and Advocating for Economic Resilience Measures:

WHEREAS Niagara is a critical hub for trade between the United States and Canada with our economy benefitting greatly from an historically positive trade relationship with the United States;

WHEREAS Niagara's business community has repeatedly shown its strength and resiliency navigating extreme economic uncertainty;

WHEREAS the U.S. market accounts for 72 per cent of total exports from Niagara businesses, with export trade directly supporting over 30,000 jobs in Niagara;
WHEREAS in 2023, 532 Niagara businesses exported \$5.9 billion in goods to the United States; and

WHEREAS Niagara's identity as a border community places the region at particular economic risk during periods of trade uncertainty.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Regional Council **AFFIRMS** its strong support for the local Niagara businesses that rely on positive trade relationships with the United States to contribute to our local economy;
2. That Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to work alongside staff to undertake advocacy efforts calling on the Federal and Provincial governments to enhance the economic strength and resiliency of Niagara and other communities by:
 - a) Reducing barriers to interprovincial trade, enhancing internal trade and economic flow within Canada;
 - b) Encouraging the formation of local trade alliances to strengthen regional supply

chains and ensure greater self-reliance;

c) Supporting export market diversification by promoting the intensification of foreign market development and opportunities in places such as the United Kingdom and European Union or other favourable markets;

d) Increasing investment to support economic resiliency, including Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) promotion, workforce development support and expedited development of strategic growth sectors;

e) Reinforcing the necessity of a strong and integrated Canada-U.S. trade relationship, emphasizing mutual benefits;

f) Exploring the need for a border community economic alliance and trade strategy for the benefits of border communities across Canada;

g) Removing any impediments for municipalities to buy Canadian for capital projects; and

3. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to Niagara's Area Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, local Members of Parliament, local Members of Provincial Parliament, Niagara's Chambers of Commerce and Business Improvement Areas and the Niagara Industrial Association.

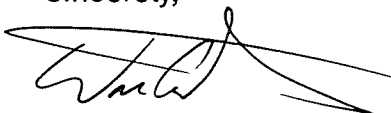
Distribution List:

Local Area Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Local Members of Parliament
Niagara's Chambers of Commerce
Niagara's BIA's
Niagara Industrial Association

Attached please find a copy of the correspondence received from Niagara Regional council, dated February 20, 2025.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Bill Matson



The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario

Resolution

March 18, 2025

No. 13

Moved by: Councillor Pietrangelo

Seconded by: Councillor Strange

Re: Motion Respecting Supporting Niagara's Business Community and Advocating for Economic Resilience Measures.

At the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls Council meeting held on March 18, 2025, the Niagara Falls City Council passed a resolution to receive and support the correspondence received from the Niagara Region Respecting Niagara's Business Community and Advocating for Economic Resilience Measures.

THAT Council **RECEIVE** and **SUPPORT** the motion put forth by Niagara Regional Council at their Regional Council meeting of February 20, 2025, respecting supporting Niagara's business Community and Advocating for Economic Resilience Measures.

AND The Seal of the Corporation be hereto affixed. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


.....
WILLIAM G. MATSON, CITY CLERK


.....
JAMES M. DIODATI, MAYOR

February 25, 2025

CL 3- 2025, February 20, 2025

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Motion Respecting Supporting Niagara's Business Community and Advocating for Economic Resilience Measures

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 20, 2025, passed the following motion:

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WHEREAS Niagara's identity as a border community places the region at particular economic risk during periods of trade uncertainty.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Regional Council **AFFIRMS** its strong support for the local Niagara businesses that rely on positive trade relationships with the United States to contribute to our local economy;
2. That Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to work alongside staff to undertake advocacy efforts calling on the Federal and Provincial governments to enhance the economic strength and resiliency of Niagara and other communities by:
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 - e) Reinforcing the necessity of a strong and integrated Canada-U.S. trade relationship, emphasizing mutual benefits;
 - f) Exploring the need for a border community economic alliance and trade strategy for the benefits of border communities across Canada;
 - g) Removing any impediments for municipalities to buy Canadian for capital projects; and
3. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to Niagara's Area Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, local Members of Parliament, local Members of Provincial Parliament, Niagara's Chambers of Commerce and Business Improvement Areas and the Niagara Industrial Association.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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Distribution List:

Local Area Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Local Members of Parliament
Local Members of Provincial Parliament
Niagara's Chambers of Commerce
Niagara's BIAs
Niagara Industrial Association



March 21, 2025

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To All Concerned Organizations:

**Re: Actions to Address Mental Health, Addiction and Homelessness – City of Thorold
Council Resolution 14.6.**

Please be advised that at its meeting of March 18, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council SUPPORT the City of Thorold's resolution to address mental health, addiction and homelessness.

Attached, please find a copy of the City of Niagara Falls' resolution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Bill Matson
City Clerk



The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario

Resolution

March 18, 2025

No. 12

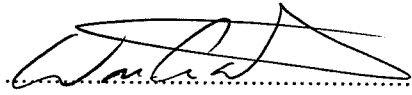
Moved by: Councillor Pietrangelo

Seconded by: Councillor Strange

Re: Actions to Address Mental Health, Addiction and Homelessness – City of Thorold Council Resolution 14.6.

THAT Council **SUPPORT** the City of Thorold's resolution to address mental health, addiction and homelessness.

AND The Seal of the Corporation be hereto affixed. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


WILLIAM G. MATSON, CITY CLERK


JAMES M. DIODATI, MAYOR

February 27, 2025

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To All Concerned Organizations

Re: 14.6 Actions to Address Mental Health, Addiction and Homelessness – City of Thorold Council Resolution

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on February 25, 2025, considered the aforementioned topic and the following resolution was passed:

The Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

1. That Council for the City of Thorold **CONDEMNNS** the discrimination of people living with mental illness, people who are unhoused, homeless and/or people living with addiction;
2. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare and make publicly available a collection of resources for the assistance of addition and mental health support and treatment;
3. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to contact the Canadian Mental Health Association to express interest in hosting a safe beds program in the City of Thorold;
4. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to request the following from the Regional Municipality of Niagara:
 - a) Increased delivery of preventative drug education in our community;
 - b) Creation of an Indigenous homeless and housing action plan;
 - c) A staff report on the subject of the Indigenous Mobile Crisis Unit; and
 - d) Hosting of a public summit for mental health, homelessness and addiction.
5. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to request from the Province of Ontario, access to alternative revenue streams other than property taxes, for the purpose of addressing social housing funding requirements; and
6. That this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the following, with a request for support and call to action:

- a) all Niagara region school boards, all Niagara region municipalities, all Niagara region Members of Provincial Parliament, all Niagara region Members of Parliament, the Federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, the Federal Minister of Indigenous Services, the Federal Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Ontario Solicitor General, and Ontario Minister of Health; and
- b) the Canadian Mental Health Association, Brock University, Niagara College, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres, Niagara Regional Native Centre, Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board, Niagara Aboriginal Health Centre, Niagara Chapter of Native Women, and Niagara Region Métis Council.

Thank you,



Nicholas Debono
City Clerk, City of Thorold

- cc. Niagara region School Boards
 - District School Board of Niagara
 - Niagara Catholic District School Board
 - Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir
 - Conseil Scolaire Viamonde
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April 1, 2025

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Dear Chair Siscoe:

Re: Accessibility Advisory Committee Niagara Transit Issues

At its meeting on March 31, 2025, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie received your correspondence dated March 3, 2025, addressing the concerns of the Town of Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee. A copy of which is attached.

At the same Meeting, Council received further minutes from the Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated February 25, 2025 and contained within was the following resolution:

Whereas: The Accessibility Advisory Committee has received numerous service-related concerns following Niagara Region Transit's assumption of transit service provision in Fort Erie; and

Whereas: Dedicated vehicles are no longer stationed within the Town to provide both OnDemand and Specialized transit services; and

Whereas: The current service hours only allow bookings to begin at 7:00 a.m., whereas Fort Erie Transit previously operated from 6:00 a.m., impacting many local employees; and

Whereas: Booking availability ends at 10:00 p.m., despite being advertised until 11:00 p.m. in other areas of the Region; and

Whereas: The current transit service provision does not adequately meet the needs of the Fort Erie community; and

Whereas: Prior to service amalgamation, Fort Erie had six OnDemand vehicles in continuous service, with access to an additional three, as well as three specialized vans dedicated solely to Fort Erie residents; and

Whereas: The Accessibility Advisory Committee has been informed that as of March 1, 2025, an additional vehicle will be allocated to Fort Erie, with plans for two more unless a fixed route is established in East Fort Erie; and

Whereas: The Accessibility Advisory Committee has become aware of a new policy of the Niagara Transit Commission, whereby drivers are not allowed to pull into driveways under any circumstances whether it be on demand or specialized transit and persons with disabilities are already feeling vulnerable utilizing the service; and.

Whereas: The Accessibility Advisory Committee seeks clarity regarding service provisions and operational concerns.

Now, therefore be it resolved,

That: Council formally requests that representatives from Niagara Region Transit and service provider Voyago attend a future Council meeting to address the following:

Service Provisions for Fort Erie:

- The number of daily booking slots available for Fort Erie and whether this is a fixed allocation.
- The overall booking allocation process.
- The number of vehicles designated for OnDemand and Specialized services and whether a fixed number is assigned to Fort Erie.

Operational Standards:

- Performance metrics and policies regarding abandoned ridership.
- Complaints specific to Fort Erie riders and how they have been addressed.\
- Ridership data, including the number of attempted bookings where no ride was available.
- Niagara Transit Commission consult persons with disabilities before implementing any policy that directly affects people with disabilities.

Financial Accountability:

- A breakdown of the additional \$3 million in annual funding and the services Fort Erie taxpayers receive in return.
- The cost of the additional vehicle allocated as of March 1, 2025, as well as the projected costs for the proposed two additional vehicles and/or a dedicated fixed-route service.

Community Concerns:

- Issues raised by the Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding dedicated vehicles, booking times, pick-up and delivery locations for persons with disabilities, and hours of service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your request to attend an upcoming Council Meeting to address these matters.

Kind regards,



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March 3, 2025

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Dear Peter,

Thank you for your recent letter, advising Chair Siscoe and our Board of the concerns of the Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding microtransit services. We understand the challenges that have been faced by riders through the introduction of a new service provider and contending with the drastic increase in, and still increasing, demand for the service.

Our Board did not provide direction, but opted to receive the letter for information, so I will address the committee's concerns below. If there are any further questions, please have the committee contact our Client & Community Coordinator, Wendy Middleton who will be happy to assist them. Her email is wendy.middleton@niagratransit.ca.

Vehicles and Ride Allocations

Since the system's amalgamation, we have not assigned a set number of rides to any specific municipality. Through the triple-majority process we were mandated to co-mingle the ondemand and specialty services while maintaining the level of service that was funded by each municipality. The co-mingled system is dynamic, meaning it responds in

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real time to demand and optimizes the number of rides and travel times as much as possible across the network.

To maximize availability within municipal borders and minimize excessive intermunicipal trips, we digitally allocate vehicles to specific communities. Recently, we increased the number of vehicles dedicated to Fort Erie from 6 to 7, with an additional 2 more vehicles to be shared between Fort Erie and Port Colborne. Out of the now 9 vehicles dedicated to Fort Erie, 3 are completely accessible for persons in a wheelchair. While this should improve access to specialized trips, it is important to note that demand for specialized service has increased significantly across the system. Prior to amalgamation, Niagara had 2,230 registered users on specialized transit service. In just two years we have added an additional 1,413 riders-a 63% increase. Regardless of the enhancements made under the current system and level of investment, we will still fall short of being able to meet all the needs of our specialized riders.

We would also like to clarify some claims regarding the number of microtransit vehicles previously operating in Fort Erie. The maximum fleet Fort Erie had at any given time delivering ondemand service was 8 vehicles, but they did not operate all day every day. It would range as low as 2-3 at one time to a maximum of 8 at midday but shift changes at that time meant that vehicles were not all serving riders during that period. The former provider did augment the service with 1-2 vehicles throughout peak periods but this was not specified in their contract nor consistently delivered. In addition to those 8 vehicles providing ondemand services in Fort Erie, the FAST specialized service also had 1 dedicated van to specialized trips per shift per day.

The 7 + 2 Niagara Transit vehicles to be dedicated to Fort Erie will be in service for the full day from 7:00AM-11:00PM. We expect that this will bring us much closer to meeting current demand as this is a significant increase in total vehicle availability for the entire service day for both specialized and microtransit users.

Abandoned Ridership and Complaints

Both specialized services delivered by the contracted service model and those delivered in-house within the larger cities have faced significant challenges in meeting demand. In-house services inherited an aging fleet that has required extensive maintenance. The new NTC was not given the capital budget to immediately add to that fleet to deliver more specialized services or on-demand trips within its own complement. As a result, the NTC has had to rely on an external contractor to serve the needs of Niagara's ridership.

No company had ever provided a Niagara-wide co-mingled microtransit service and the ridership of the pilot projects (Niagara Region Transit OnDemand and Fort Erie Transit OnDemand) that it was based on, plus the ridership of specialized services of the Fort Erie Accessible Specialized Transit (FAST) and Niagara Specialized Transit (NST) services, were all collectively artificially deflated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite these challenges, we remain committed to improving service reliability and minimizing disruptions for riders. Our team continuously monitors trips and proactively reallocates them to ensure prompt service.

Recently, we have taken an active operations management role with Voyago. As a result, we are pleased to report, as mentioned, more vehicles are being dedicated to Fort Erie and more will be arriving to bolster the number dynamically available across Niagara. We are also exploring new strategies to alleviate the burden of on-demand on the system that is being felt by specialized ridership.

We share your passion and commitment to delivering the specialized transit Niagara and our riders deserve. We will continue to work towards a better system to ensure better outcomes for all municipalities. We look forward to sharing our plans for a new approach to specialized and microtransit services, which we believe will significantly improve service delivery. We will update your local Council when we are ready to present these developments.

We would also encourage you to participate during the budget process to help emphasize the importance of transit to our Regional Councillors who make the decision on transit

funding. While we consistently advocate for the needs of our riders, hearing directly from the community has the greatest impact on Council decisions.

Thank you again for your passion and your advocacy for both transit and our specialized service. We look forward to continuing to advocate alongside you and working towards a Niagara that is truly barrier-free and connected through transit.

Sincerely,



Carla Stout, DPA

General Manager
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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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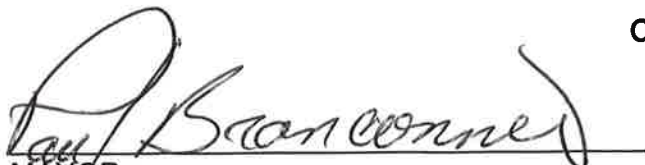
Agenda Number: 8.6.
Resolution Number 2025-074
Title: Resolution Stemming from February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #21 and #22
Date: March 19, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Lachance
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution No. 19-2025 passed on February 5, 2025 by Peterborough County, and the Resolution passed by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, regarding Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Honourable Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC); the Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus (EOMC); our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

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February 5, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian Goods

Please note at their Regular meeting held on February 5, 2025, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 19-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis

Seconded by Warden Clark

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and



Whereas municipalities have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the County of Peterborough supports the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

And that the CAO be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary purchasing policy that integrates and addresses these concerns;

And that County Economic Development & Tourism Division be directed to implement a “Buy Local Peterborough County, Buy Canadian” campaign to encourage residents and businesses to purchase locally made and Canadian goods and services.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver



- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers.
- All local MPs and MPPs,
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Yours truly,

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Good morning,

On behalf of Chair Bonnie Clark of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC), please see the resolution attached to be distributed at your next council meeting.

Thank you,

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Subject: EOWC Resolution - EOWC Support for Canadian and Ontario Government Negotiations with the U.S. Government on Trade Tariffs

Good afternoon,

On behalf of the [Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus](#) (EOWC), please see the attached resolution "EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs."

Thank you,

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Resolution: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs

Moved by: Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
Seconded by: Steve Ferguson, Vice-Chair, EOWC / Mayor of Prince Edward County

Whereas the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

Whereas municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments continue to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities' social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- Doug Ford, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
- Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
- Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
- Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All regional Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

Carried

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Clark".

Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC

February 10, 2025

