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June 6, 2024

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: Mental Health and Addictions

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday June 5th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-06-05-06
Moved By: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the request from the City of Pembroke calling upon the Province of Ontario to allocate funding specifically for the establishment of a mental health, addiction, and residential drug treatment rehabilitation facility serving the County of Renfrew.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions; Robin Martin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health; the Honourable John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew~Nipissing~Pembroke; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus; Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus; Peter Emon, Warden, for the County of Renfrew; and all neighbouring County of Renfrew lower-tier municipalities."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



April 8, 2024

CITY OF PEMBROKE
1 Pembroke Street East
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Tel. 613-735-6821

Honourable Doug Ford
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Chief Administrative
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Extension 1330
Fax: 613-735-3660

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke passed the following resolution at its meeting of April 2, 2024:

Resolution #011 (April 2, 2024)

Finance
Extension 1320
Fax: 613-735-3660

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brian Abdallah
Seconded by Councillor Troy Purcell

Fire
Extension 1201
Fax: 613-732-7673

Whereas the well-being of our community members is of paramount importance, and addressing mental health and substance use disorder is crucial for the overall health and safety of all our residents; and
Whereas the County of Renfrew, like many other regions, faces significant challenges related to mental health and addiction, with individuals and families grappling with the devastating impact of these conditions; and
Whereas timely access to specialized treatment and residential rehabilitation services and transitional housing is essential for those struggling with mental health issues and substance use disorders; and
Whereas we need to address the urgent need for additional treatment beds, especially for adults requiring intensive supports, and to improve access to care in rural, Northern, and Indigenous communities; and
Whereas the number of drug-related deaths in the County of Renfrew, as a whole, is on the rise underscoring the critical importance of accessible treatment options for those at risk of negative impacts including overdose and death; and

OPP Administration
613-732-3332

**Economic Development
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Whereas the establishment of a mental health, drug addiction treatment and residential rehabilitation facility serving the County of Renfrew would provide the following benefits:

Operations
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By-Law Enforcement**
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1. **Local Accessibility:** Residents would have access to specialized services without the burden of traveling long distances, ensuring timely intervention and continuity of care.
2. **Holistic Approach:** The facility could offer integrated care, addressing both mental health and substance use disorders concurrently, thereby improving outcomes for clients.
3. **Community Support:** By providing a safe and supportive environment, the facility would contribute to reducing stigma and fostering community understanding of mental health and addiction.
4. **Collaboration with Existing Services:** The facility could collaborate with existing community organizations, healthcare and social service

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providers, and law enforcement agencies to create a comprehensive network of support (i.e. County of Renfrew MESA program).

Now Therefore, be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke:

1. Urgently requests the Province of Ontario to allocate funding specifically for the establishment of a mental health, addiction, and residential drug treatment rehabilitation facility serving the County of Renfrew.
2. Advocates for a facility that offers evidence-based, trauma-informed care, addressing both addiction and concurrent mental health issues.
3. Commits to working collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities, all community stakeholders, and provincial authorities to ensure the successful implementation of this vital facility.

Furthermore, the City of Pembroke Council encourages all residents to support this resolution and join the collective effort to enhance mental health and addiction services in our region.

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions; Robin Martin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health; the Honourable John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew~Nipissing~Pembroke; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus; Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus; Peter Emon, Warden, for the County of Renfrew; and all neighbouring County of Renfrew lower-tier municipalities.
Carried

Sincerely,

David Unrau
Chief Administrative Officer

/nr

“Via Email: afisher@goderich.ca”

June 7th, 2024

Town of Goderich
57 West Street
Goderich, Ontario
N7A 2K5

Attention: Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Dear Mrs. Fisher

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

This will acknowledge receipt of your email and resolution dated April 10th, pertaining to the above noted.

This will also serve to advise you that your correspondence was received by Council at its regular meeting held Tuesday, May 28th, 2024, and the following resolution was passed:

“Resolution No. 296-2024

Moved by: Councillor Sylvie Charron-Lemieux

Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Brunet

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane endorses and supports the resolution from the Town of Goderich pertaining to requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended Phase-Out of Free Private Well Testing in Ontario.

CARRIED.”

Trusting that this action of Council will be of assistance, I remain,

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE


Alice Mercier
Clerk

/ed



Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 152
Title: Councillor J. Flieler
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Moved by J. Flieler
Seconded by P. Valiquette

WHEREAS the World Animal Protection Organization has circulated the following resolution to all municipalities in Ontario;

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals in captivity; and,

WHEREAS non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS owners of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native (“exotic”) wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT given the recent baboon biting incident in Kirkland Lake ON, the Municipality of Tweed hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native (“exotic”) wild animal population;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca) and MPP Ric Bresee, AMO (amo@amo.on.ca), AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com), and MLEAO (mleo@mleoa.ca).

Carried



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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: National Fire Fighting Strategy

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday June 5th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-06-05-11
Moved By: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Calvin regarding a review of the National Fire Fighting Strategy.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defense; the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario; the Honourable Vic Fideli, Minister of Economic Development Ontario; the Honourable John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin Council Resolution

Date: January 30, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024-31

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

Background: Before Calvin township became a township, it was burned by numerous forest fires. This was before the time of fire towers, water bombers, and municipal fire departments. A 1881 report from Lawrence Tallan, Provincial Land surveyor, states: *"The township of Calvin has been traversed by repeated and severe fires – so well have the flames done their work that with the exception of an insignificant portion, scarcely a vestige of the original timber remains."*

History has a way of repeating itself, and now rural municipalities and remote areas need more than ever to be prepared to respond to forest fires. Invasive pests like the emerald ash borer and the spruce bud worm are killing large numbers of trees, leaving copious amounts of dry kindling in our forests just waiting for a careless human or a lightning strike. Our forests are choked with deadfall and forest fires are becoming increasingly difficult to control. Add to this the effects of rising temperatures and drier seasons, or climate change, and we could be facing increasingly disastrous forest fires. This is not the time to be caught short with limited forest fire-fighting resources.

Jordan Omstead of the Canadian Press recently wrote: *"But as Canada's water bombers age – and wildfire seasons are expected to intensify – some wildland*

firefighters and emergency preparedness experts say the country needs to prop up its fleet of firefighting aircraft, even though several provinces are playing down concerns about capacity." He quotes Eric Davidson, president of the Ontario Professional Association of Wildland Firefighters, "We're really starting to see the effect of the aging fleet."

The article further states the John Gradek, lecturer at McGill University estimates that almost half of the larger water bombers used to fight Canadian forest fires are nearing the end of their service life.

However, a Canadian company making a large skimmer-style water bomber is backed up with orders from European countries until the end of the decade.

Ontario has its own fleet of aircraft. They have 20 fixed-wing aircraft which includes 9 CL215 and CL415 water bombers that are 24 years old on average. The remaining 11 aircraft are an average of 54 years old. Melissa Candelaria, a spokesperson for Minister Graydon Smith says the MNR can handle Ontario fires with these aircraft, but Jennifer Kamau, communications manager for the Canada Interagency Forest Fire Centre, CIFFC, noted that other provinces contract out firebombers and last year there was a strain in Canada to get the resources to areas in need because there were so many fires across the country at the same time and very few aircraft available.

Peter Zimonjic of the CBC quoted the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) President Ken McMullen, "It's not often that the fire chiefs sound the alarm. We are very concerned about this impending crisis that the summer of 2024 and beyond is going to bring our sector."

In 2023 we all smelled the smoke and saw the sky turn brown. Buildings can be replaced, but lives cannot. And once an area is burned it takes more than a lifetime for it to return to its original state.

WHEREAS Forest fires are a very real threat to rural municipalities.

AND WHEREAS smoke from forest fires put people's health at risk. This is especially true of children and the elderly. The David Suzuki Foundation reports that wildfires kill many thousands of people per year and most of the deaths are from smoke inhalation.

AND WHEREAS forest fires are a very real danger to the climate and according to The Guardian, in 2023 they emitted three times as much carbon as the entire carbon footprint of Canada.

AND WHEREAS according to the John Crace interview in The Guardian with William Kurz, a retired scientist with Natural Resources Canada, around two billion tonnes of carbon have been released into the atmosphere from forest fires in 2023.

AND WHEREAS carbon emissions from forest fires are not counted against Canada's Paris agreement commitments, according to Kurz, but they far exceeded all of the emissions tied to Canada's economy (670 mega tonnes, or 0.67 billion tonnes, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada).

AND WHEREAS that standing healthy forest serves as a carbon sink, drawing in carbon, but once destroyed by fire, even though second growth takes its place, it is much less effective for many decades.

AND WHEREAS the federal government owns no water bombers and assists the provinces through the CIFFC, Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, a spokesperson with CIFFC says that last year there were too many requests and not enough inventory to meet the needs of the country.

AND WHEREAS as reported by De Havilland Canada who manufacture the Canadian made water bomber, they have contracts with European countries for the next 22 of its new DHC-515 planes, which will take until 2029 or 2030 to complete and there will be very little production available to replace the aging water bombers in Ontario and the rest of Canada.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Corporation of Calvin Township urges and encourages the Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy of firefighting. Furthermore, we urge the federal government to consider the measures necessary for acquiring a national fleet of Canadian-made waterbombers, with home bases strategically located to best serve and respond to the needs of rural communities, and a national fire administration to better coordinate and manage efforts across the country. We also encourage the introduction of a program similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) which was ended in 2013.

And we encourage Minister Graydon Smith to step up the on-the-ground firefighting capability and water bomber acquisitions in Ontario.

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, The Honourable Vic Fidell, Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

AND THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and adoption.

Results: Carried

Recorded Vote:

<u>Member of Council</u>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Mayor Gould	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Moreton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Latimer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Manson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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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: Public Health Ontario proposes phasing out free water testing for private wells.

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday June 5th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-06-05-07
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the request from the Township of Archipelago for the Province to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks; the Honourable John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew~Nipissing~Pembroke; the Renfrew County District Health Unit; and all Ontario Municipalities."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



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

Agenda Number: 15.8.

Resolution Number 24-082

Title: Public Health Ontario proposes phasing out free water testing for private wells

Date: Friday, April 19, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Manners

Seconded by: Councillor MacLeod

WHEREAS the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

WHEREAS free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, including the entire Township of The Archipelago, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; and

WHEREAS the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Township of The Archipelago hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka.

Carried



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Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Household Food Insecurity.

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday June 5th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-06-05-09
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution passed by Public Health Sudbury & Districts on January 18, 2024, regarding household food insecurity.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Michael Parsaco; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; Honourable John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke; the Association of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



Public Health
Santé publique
SUDBURY & DISTRICTS

January 24, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

Dear Recipient:

Re: Household Food Insecurity

At its meeting on January 18, 2024, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #06-24:

WHEREAS food security is a chronic and worsening health issue as documented by annual local data on food affordability and as recognized by multiple Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) resolutions: AO5-18 (Adequate Nutrition for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program), A18-02 (Minimum Wage that is a Living Wage), A15-04 (Basic Income Guarantee), and A23-05 (Monitoring Food Affordability in Ontario and the Inadequacy of Social Assistance Rates)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts call on the provincial government to incorporate local food affordability findings in determining adequacy of social assistance rates to reflect the current costs of living and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and

THAT in the context of the Public Health Strengthening roles and responsibilities deliberations, the Board of Health urge all health system partners to remain committed to population health assessment and surveillance as it relates to monitoring food environments and, specifically, to monitoring food affordability; and share this motion broadly with local and provincial stakeholders.

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Letter
Re: Household Food Insecurity
January 24, 2024
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Household food insecurity is one of the strongest predictors of poor health, making it a serious public health issue (PROOF, 2023). Individuals who are food insecure are at higher risk of diet-related diseases like diabetes and are at higher risk for a wide range of chronic conditions such as depression and anxiety disorders, arthritis, and chronic pain. Household food insecurity leaves an indelible mark on children's health and well-being (PROOF, 2023). The experience of food insecurity in childhood is associated with mental health concerns throughout childhood and into early adulthood (PROOF, 2023). In Ontario, the healthcare costs of individuals who are the most food insecure can be more than double that of individuals who are food secure (PROOF, 2023, Tarasuk et al., 2015).

Thank you for your attention to this important issue – the solutions for which will not only help many Ontarians in need but also protect the sustainability of our critical health and social services resources.

Sincerely,



Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Honourable Peter Bthlenfalvy, Ministry of Finance
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
France Gélinas, Member of Provincial Parliament, Nickel Belt
Jamie West, Member of Provincial Parliament, Sudbury
Michael Mantha, Member of Provincial Parliament, Algoma-Manitoulin
Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Jacqueline Edwards and Jennifer Babin-Fenske, Co-chairs, Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council
Richard Lathwell, Local Food Manitoulin
Colleen Hill, Executive Director, Manitoulin Family Resources
All Ontario Boards of Health
Association of Local Public Health Agencies

Letter

Re: Household Food Insecurity

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PROOF (2023). What are the implications of food insecurity for health and health care? Identifying Policy Options to Reduce Household Food Insecurity in Canada. Retrieved from: <https://proof.utoronto.ca/food-insecurity/what-are-the-implications-of-food-insecurity-for-health-andhealth-care/>.

Tarasuk, V., Cheng, J., de Oliveira, C., Dachner, N., Gundersen, C., Kurdyak, P. (2015. Association between household food insecurity and annual healthcare costs. Canadian Medical Association Journal. 1 87 (14) E429-E436. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1503/cmaj.150234>



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June 6, 2024

The Honourable Paul Calandra,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Dear Hon. Calandra,

Re: Jurisdiction of Ontario's Ombudsman

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday June 5th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-06-05-08
Moved By: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the request from the City of Peterborough that the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to introduce a Bill to amend the Ombudsmen Act.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



April 11, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
via Email:
minister.mah@ontario.ca

Re: Jurisdiction of Ontario's Ombudsman

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at their meeting on April 8, 2024, is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report LSOCS24-005, dated April 2, 2024 of the Commissioner, Legislative Services, as follows:

- a) That the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be requested to introduce a Bill to amend the Ombudsman Act to require the Ontario Ombudsman to provide to each municipality, if requested by the municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation, matter or case respecting the municipality that is referred to in each of the Ombudsman's Annual Reports to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each such investigation, matter or case including:
 - i) a copy of each complaint, as applicable, redacted only to the extent of individuals' personal information contained therein;
 - ii) the identities of the municipality's employees, officers and members of Council with whom the Ombudsman was consulting in respect of the investigation, matter or case; and
 - iii) particulars of the outcome of the investigation, matter or case including the Ombudsman's findings, conclusions and recommendations, if any.
- b) That the City Clerk forward Council's resolutions resulting from Council's approval of these recommendations to Minister Calandra, MPP David Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.

Sincerely,

J. Kennedy

John Kennedy, City Clerk

cc: David Smith, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2024- 176

Date: May 30, 2024

MOVED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

SECONDED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney received Discussion Item 7.10 regarding the Town of Puslinch recommendation to stop the Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing; and

WHEREAS the Town of Kearney is in receipt of the February 26, 2024 letter from the Ausable Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee (via the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee Meeting of March 28, 2024) to Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs concerned Public Health Ontario's recommended phase out of free well water testing; and

WHEREAS the residents of the Town of Kearney do not have access to a municipal water supply and rely exclusively on well water; and

WHEREAS the phasing of free well water testing will impose an additional barrier to ensuring safe drinking water when it is already difficult to encourage residents to test their water;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Kearney supports the letter from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee to Minister Lisa Thompson and requests staff to send a similar letter of concern Minister Lisa Thompson, Honourable Sylvia Jones Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Honourable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, Hon. Ted Arnott, and MPP Graydon Smith.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

	For	Opposed
Beaucage, Keven	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pateman, Heather	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philip, Cheryl – Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharer, Jill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Town of Saugeen Shores
600 Tomlinson Drive, P.O. Box 820
Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C0

June 11, 2024

Sent via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Township of Clearview Support Resolution
Cemetery Administration Management**

At the March 11, 2024, Regular Council meeting for the Town of Saugeen Shores, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. Huber, Seconded by: Vice Deputy Mayor M. Myatt

Whereas at the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 12, 2024, a motion was passed to direct staff to prepare a resolution based on the Township of Clearview’s circulated resolution on Cemetery Administration Management but with the added reference to Pioneer Cemetery’s unique situation; and

Whereas the Pioneer Cemetery in Southampton is a historical marker for the Town that holds significant information about its past, not to mention the emotional connection for residents whose ancestors are buried in its boundary area; and

Whereas the Cemetery is located along a steep slope adjacent to the Saugeen River. Closed in 1902, the annual slope erosion (.78 meters) is impacting burial plots and has resulted in the exposure of human remains. The Town of Saugeen Shores has diligently worked with all applicable authorities to date and has projected the full cost of the required remediation at \$800,000; and

Whereas this work requires the execution of a sensitive multi-year remediation project potentially lasting between five and ten years. The Town would like to ensure this is done with care and respect; however, it is outside of the Town’s area of expertise and capacity to undertake this project without multiple disciplinary subject matter experts, as well as Provincial financial support to remediate existing damage and prevent further deterioration of the site; and

Whereas this is a complex situation requiring a solid understanding of the erosion rate along the Saugeen Riverbank near the Southampton Pioneer Cemetery. There are both complexities in the history of the site and changing river dynamics due to climate change. The work also requires identifying at-risk burial site(s) and then creating a plan to relocate those sites, while ensuring all artifacts and human remains are intact and appropriately relocated; and

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Whereas cemeteries are not only symbols of respect, they also serve as the reservation of family memories, prominent citizens, and local history, in addition to some being local landmarks themselves and hold great historical and cultural value nationally; and

Whereas remediation and preservation repairs to older cemeteries are very costly and may require specialized services like archaeologists or anthropologists; and

Whereas the care, remediation costs, and ongoing maintenance funds of cemeteries are generally non-existent and continue to rise; and

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

Whereas the revenue earned from the care and maintenance funds(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Saugeen Shores support other municipalities recommendations, including the Township of Clearview, and request that the Province of Ontario immediately provide a funding stream to municipalities for the preservation, repair, and ongoing maintenance of active and inactive cemeteries; and

Further that this resolution be forwarded to Jim Cassimatis, Interim CEO/Registrar, the Bereavement Authority of Ontario, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, the Honourable Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce, the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and all municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "SBonderud".

Sarah Bonderud,
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

CC: Jim Cassimatis, Interim CEO/Registrar, Bereavement Authority of Ontario
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery
MPP Lisa Thompson
Association of Municipalities Ontario
All Municipalities in Ontario



The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario

Resolution

The Honourable Neil Lumsden
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Minister.Lumsden@ontario.ca

Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of
Tourism, Culture and Sport
sam.oosterhoffco@pc.ola.org

Sent via email: Minister.Lumsden@ontario.ca

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Dear Hon. Neil Lumsden:

Re: Motion in Support of the Township of Wainfleet's resolution regarding Public Libraries and Older Adults.

This is to confirm that at the May 28, 2024 Council Meeting in the City of Niagara Falls, the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

No. 2

June 6, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Lori Lococo

Seconded by: Councillor Victor Pietrangelo

"WHEREAS Niagara Region and, specifically the City of Niagara Falls, has a significant aging cohort, particularly vulnerable to isolation in the digital world; and

WHEREAS the role of local libraries is definitely that of a community hub, offering numerous educational and socializing opportunities for all ages; and

WHEREAS the provincial funding model has remained unchanged for over 25 years and restricts "library growth and potential"; and

WHEREAS while we are respectful of Seniors Community Grants, today's economic realities suggest libraries are in need of a funding increase;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Correspondence item C165 respecting Public Libraries and Older Adults be received and supported; and

THAT the City of Niagara Falls hereby calls upon the Province of Ontario to review its funding formula for Public Libraries.”

AND The Seal of the Corporation be hereto affixed.

Carried Unanimously



WILLIAM G. MATSON, CITY CLERK



JAMES M. DIODATI, MAYOR

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-356-7521, x4342.

Yours Truly,



Bill Matson
City Clerk, City of Niagara Falls

Attachment: Correspondence item C165

cc.
MPP, Wayne Gates, wgates-co@ndp.on.ca

https://www.thespec.com/opinion/contributors/public-libraries-foster-feelings-of-social-connectedness-for-older-adults/article_4a3f12fa-9eff-549e-b68e-9e60f2c12510.html

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HAMILTON **THE SPECTATOR**
By Nicole Dalmer

Apr 9, 2024

Article was updated Apr 9, 2024

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Socially isolated older adults often have poorer health outcomes and more complex support needs and therefore require access to a complement of community-based supports — such as public libraries — to thrive.

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Public library branches foster feelings of social connectedness, not only due to the range of materials, programs, services and spaces that can be used without expectation of payment or any pre-existing level of knowledge. Public libraries also serve as trusted third places for discovering and accessing resources, enabling lifelong learning and fostering community relationships.

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Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of
Tourism, Culture and Sport
sam.oosterhoffco@pc.ola.org

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Re: Public Libraries and Older Adults

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Should you have any questions, please contact me at achrastina@wainfleet.ca or 905-899-3463 ext. 224.

Regards,



Amber Chrastina
Deputy Clerk

Attachment: Correspondence item C165

Subject: RE: Council Correspondence

From: Lorrie Atkinson <LAtkinson@wainfleetlibrary.ca>

Sent: April 11, 2024 2:13 PM

To: Amber Chrastina <AChrastina@wainfleet.ca>

Subject: Council Correspondence

Hi Amber,

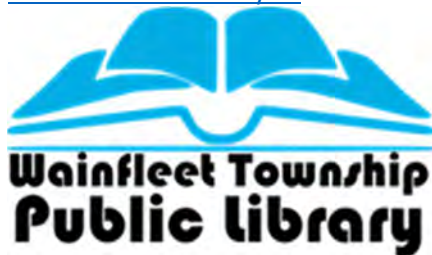
We discussed this at our April 10, 2024 Library Board Meeting , would you please include for correspondence at the next Council meeting.

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Thanks,
Lorrie

Regards,
Lorrie Atkinson,
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May 16, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@notl.com

Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Grant Bivol, Clerk
1593 Four Mile Creek Road
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Virgil, ON L0S 1T0

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution - Transforming the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin into a Thriving Blue-Green Economic Corridor While Safeguarding Our Freshwater Resources

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on May 15, 2024, endorsed correspondence from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake dated May 6, 2024, regarding Transforming the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin into a Thriving Blue-Green Economic Corridor While Safeguarding Our Freshwater Resources, with the following motion:

Resolution Number: RC-2024-51

Moved by: Councillor Anna Murre Seconded by: Councillor Lynn Timmers

THAT Council endorse Item 1.16 of the Council Information Package week ending May 10, 2024, pertaining to the correspondence from Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake regarding Transforming the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin into a Thriving Blue-Green Economic Corridor While Safeguarding Our Freshwater Resources.

CARRIED

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

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

- c.c. E. Horan-Lunney, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
D. Allison, MP Niagara West
S. Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West
C. Bittle, MP St Catharines
T. Baldinelli, MP Niagara Falls
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June 6, 2024

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Ministry of Health
5th Floor – 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister,

Re: Motion Regarding Public Health Labs.

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday June 5th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-06-05-10
Moved By: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution passed by Loyalist Township urging the provincial government to take caution against acting on the recommendations stated in the audit report.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; Honourable John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke; Honourable Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament for Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke; the Association of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk

April 24, 2024

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Ministry of Health
5th Floor - 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Dear Minister,

Re: Motion regarding Public Health Ontario Labs

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of April 23, 2024, Loyalist Township Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-94

Moved by Deputy Mayor Townend
Seconded by Councillor Willis

WHEREAS the mission of Public Health Ontario (PHO) is to "enable informed decisions and get actions that protect and promote health and contribute to reducing health inequities", there are grave concerns that the closure of six community-based PHO labs will increase health inequities, especially for rural communities; and

WHEREAS combined these labs collect and process thousands of water samples and time sensitive medical tests each day; and

WHEREAS there are grave concerns about the integrity of samples being compromised if travel time is increased by centralizing all tests to a few locations; and

WHEREAS these labs already process overflow tests and samples when labs such as Toronto and Ottawa cannot keep up to demand and many scaled up to meet demand during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS frequent drinking water testing services is vital for Ontarians who draw their water from private drinking water systems (i.e. wells) and protecting groundwater quality and quantity is a shared responsibility.



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT As stewards of care for the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2022, Council of Loyalist Township urges the provincial government to take caution against acting on the recommendations stated in the aforementioned audit report.

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be circulated to Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Shelby Kramp-Neuman MP of Hastings-Lennox and Addington, Ric Bresee MPP of Hastings-Lennox and Addington and all municipalities, for their support.
Motion carried.

Sincerely,

Anne Kantharajah

Anne Kantharajah
Township Clerk
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cc: Shelby Kramp-Neuman MP - Hastings-Lennox & Addington
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings - Lennox & Addington
Jim Hegadorn, Mayor, Loyalist Township
Rebecca Murphy, CAO, Loyalist Township
Deputy Mayor Townend, Loyalist Township
Councillor Willis, Loyalist Township
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