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November 6, 2024

Welland City Council
City of Welland
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Dear Mayor Champion and Welland Council Members,

Re: South Niagara Hospital Local Share Commitment

Niagara Health is on a journey to transform how we deliver hospital care in Niagara. The new South Niagara Hospital, projected to open in 2028, plays a significant role in that transformation, within the future the three-site hospital system model, which includes the Welland Hospital.

The South Niagara Hospital will be a centre of healthcare excellence in our community, with revolutionary features which will set it apart of many hospitals in Ontario. The hospital will include 469 beds, bringing an additional 156 beds to the region and offer a full scope of hospital services. The South Niagara Hospital will be a centre of excellence in complex care, wellness in aging and stroke care. Every facet of this build has been with careful consideration for the needs of our aging population.

Even more importantly, the South Niagara Hospital will increase much need healthcare capacity in the region—74 percent more capacity for MRI tests, 7400 more senior wellness visits, increase capacity in the Emergency Department and 12 new hemodialysis stations. This will reduce wait times, improve overall patient experience and help attract top healthcare professionals to Niagara.

The Ministry of Health does not cover 100 percent of all costs from this project and Niagara Health is responsible for 10 percent of the eligible construction costs and associated ancillary costs, as well as, 100 percent of the costs of associated with the purchase of new and replacement equipment. As a result, we are required to fund a significant portion of the project costs (local share).

To date, Niagara Health has received commitments from the Niagara Region (\$44.5M), City of Niagara Falls (\$30M), an initial commitment from the Town of Fort Erie (\$3M) and is proud to have the Niagara Health Foundation actively fundraising through *It's Our Future Campaign*. We are currently slated to present to the City of Port Colborne regarding their local share commitment in early December. *We humbly ask the City of Welland to support the transformation of care in Niagara by making a local share commitment to the South Niagara Hospital. Similar to the request made to the City of Niagara Falls and asks to other municipalities, our local share request is based on the same per-capita utilization of \$340.63 (based on 2016 census) for a total of \$17.8 million.*

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Should municipalities choose not to contribute, Niagara Health will be required to cover the local share balance from its own funds – funds that should be going directly to patient care for Niagara residents. Going forward, Niagara Health is committed to future redevelopment at the Welland Hospital site. The Welland Hospital will remain a cornerstone of our three-site model and we are not only committed to keeping it in the community, but redeveloping it in the future to appropriately address the care needs of Niagara residents.

We want to make it abundantly clear, we believe there is significant opportunity for redevelopment and together we can build a campus of care in Welland, which goes well beyond just a hospital. Welland will continue to have complex care beds, 24-7 emergency care, a centre of excellence in eye care and wide range of outpatient programs, including dialysis, and diagnostics.

We are excited about the potential of Welland beyond 2028.

My sincere thank you for your ongoing partnership and eagerness to work with Niagara Health. I look forward to further conversations.



Lynn Guerriero
President and CEO
Niagara Health

CC: Rob Axiak, CAO, City of Welland



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RE: Motion for the Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development in Relation to Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practices

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 23, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-378: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

Whereas the provincial government is undertaking:

- a) significant road and underground projects over the next ten years which will generate significant excess soil to be managed and disposed; and
- b) studies of underground projects that if implemented will also generate significant excess soil: and



Whereas landfill sites across Ontario are already near capacity, necessitating amendments to legislation to allow certain quality soil to be disposed at excess soil reuse sites instead of being disposed of in landfills effective January 1, 2025; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is currently under resourced and lacks the capacity to effectively manage the additional enforcement and oversight required for the relocation of excess soil; and

Whereas the responsibility to enforce and oversee excess soil regulations is being downloaded onto municipalities, which have limited enforcement capabilities and face the risk of significant costs being passed on to local taxpayers; and

Whereas contamination of existing soil and groundwater is a significant concern, particularly in rural municipalities with valuable agricultural lands and reliance on groundwater for its residents; and

Whereas agricultural lands must be prioritized equally with housing needs, roads and underground infrastructure; failure to adequately protect these lands could exacerbate the ongoing food crisis in Ontario; and

Whereas Ontario is not alone in navigating the challenges of sustainable development, and the United Nations provides guidance through its Sustainable Development Report, which includes goals focused on economic growth, infrastructure, sustainable communities, hunger, clean water and sanitation, climate action, and life on land; and

Whereas it is critical that governments consider the comprehensive impacts on all of these areas when conducting feasibility studies and implementing projects which generate excess soil; and

Whereas neglecting to account for the broader implications of projects may lead to negative outcomes;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch calls on the provincial government to:



1. Prioritize the protection of agricultural lands in the management of excess soil from roads and underground projects and in the planning and feasibility studies related to such projects.
2. Ensure that adequate resources are allocated to the MECP to support effective enforcement and oversight of excess soil regulations.
3. Collaborate with municipalities to provide necessary support and funding for enforcement activities related to excess soil management, minimizing financial burdens on local taxpayers.
4. Conduct a comprehensive impact assessment that considers all aspects of sustainable development, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Report, before proceeding with the traffic tunnel project and any further amendments to excess soil legislation; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Premier of Ontario; all Ontario municipalities; MPP Arnott; MPP Rae; the Wellington Federation of Agriculture; and OMAFRA requesting support for the protection of agricultural lands and sustainable development practices in Ontario.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution # 3

Date: October 28, 2024

MOVED BY: Jamie MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Carma Williams

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections;

AND WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process;

AND WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026;

AND WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill;

AND WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce;

AND WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges;

AND WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration;

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND FURTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery; Minister of Finance; the Premier of Ontario; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

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MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

- Deputy Mayor:** Carma Williams
- Councillor:** Jacques Massie
- Councillor:** Brian Caddell
- Councillor:** Jeff Manley
- Councillor:** Michael Madden
- Councillor:** Gary Martin
- Mayor:** Jamie MacDonald

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THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND

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November 7, 2024

Premier Ford
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Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities

At its November 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of Ontario's small urban municipalities; and

WHEREAS Ontario's small urban municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets; and

WHEREAS an increase of 26% one year, which is a million dollars (roughly 4% tax increase) for Midland and is something never projected;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT The Town of Midland call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small urban municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT the OPP Billing Model be referred to the Auditor General for review; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2024 – 178

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YES NO

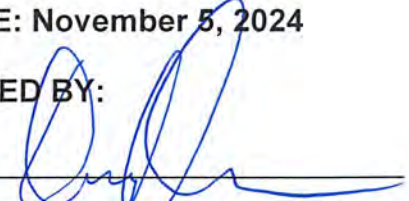
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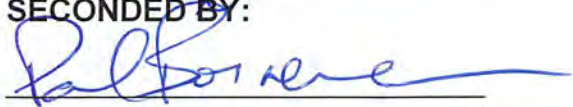
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- Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
- Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
- Councillor **B. KEITH**
- Councillor **D. McCANN**
- Councillor **C. McDONALD**
- Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

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WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums and preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Parry Sound requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, allowing Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Ontario Good Roads Association; and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey

November 8, 2024

Re: Homelessness, Mental Health, Safety and Addiction Crisis

At its Council Meeting of November 5, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS the chronic homelessness, mental health, safety and addictions crisis continues to escalate, with at least 1,400 homeless encampments now present in Ontario communities, putting unsustainable pressure on municipalities and public spaces creating a Humanitarian Crisis; and,

WHEREAS housing, homelessness and healthcare - including access to appropriate and timely supports - are the responsibility of the Provincial government and proper management of these issues is crucial to addressing the root causes of the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing; and,

WHEREAS municipalities are being left to manage these issues without the necessary resources or legal authority to sufficiently respond, and as a result are caught balancing the important needs of unsheltered people living in encampments, with the responsibility to ensure our communities are safe and vibrant places for all residents; and,

WHEREAS the causes of homelessness can be complex and individually unique to each unhoused person, with one of the primary causes being undiagnosed and untreated mental health and addiction issues, which are difficult to address without specialized support systems providing a continuum of care; and,

WHEREAS some individuals experiencing untreated or undiagnosed acute and/or chronic mental health or addictions challenges may be at higher risk to themselves and pose safety concerns for other members of the community; and,

WHEREAS every individual deserves the opportunity for treatment and recovery, including crucial systemic resources, prompt access, and appropriate intervention; and,

WHEREAS Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) has launched the SolveTheCrisis.ca campaign to raise awareness of the scale of the humanitarian

crisis in our communities, seek partnerships with the federal and provincial governments to solve it including by: a single responsible Minister and ministry to coordinate action to solve the crisis; an action table with multi-sector stakeholders to create a comprehensive Made in Ontario solution that addresses these issues for all communities in the province; providing municipalities with the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports; committing to fund the resources required, community by community, to fill existing gaps; invest in a sufficient number of 24/7 community hubs and crisis centres to relieve pressure on hospital emergency departments and first responders and,

WHEREAS the OBCM recommends the consideration of some specific tools and policy asks for municipalities and other sectors involved in this crisis as detailed below; and

WHEREAS an encounter with the criminal court system can be an effective pathway to treatment when the offender is offered a timely and effective treatment referral through a Diversion Court process; and,

WHEREAS the Province's plan to create 19 treatment hubs is a good step and has the potential to substantially improve access to treatment that can be referred through a Diversion Court process if these hubs are properly funded, accessible and expanded in scope and number based on community need; and

WHEREAS the ability of municipalities to ensure safe and vibrant communities is compromised by a double standard in our legal system that allows for the open consumption of illicit drugs but prohibits the unrestricted consumption of tobacco or alcohol, causing confusion and undermining public health efforts; and,

WHEREAS the ability of municipalities to make decisions regarding public safety is compromised by court decisions that enable encampments in public spaces and restrict municipal capacity to manage public lands effectively, including ensuring the safety of the people in those encampments, and the community surrounding them; and,

WHEREAS residents and business owners in neighbourhoods where homeless encampments exist and drug users congregate are unreasonably impacted by social disruption, rising crime, vandalism, and declining public confidence due to concerns for public safety; and,

WHEREAS provincial and federal governments need to take responsibility for policy decisions that have led to this humanitarian crisis and must take on a

greater leadership role in helping municipalities address the associated issues of social disruption and public safety; and,

WHEREAS municipalities need clear, effective and enforceable legislative tools from provincial and federal governments regarding how to address encampments and social disruption, and must have the legal authority to act swiftly and decisively when public safety is at risk; and,

WHEREAS establishing and reinforcing principles and parameters at a provincial level will allow municipalities to focus on what they do best – providing services to members of the public – without the impossible task of reconciling provincial and federal policy or various judicial decisions that are at odds with a group or individual rights; and,

WHEREAS municipal governments must implement solutions that are efficient, effective, appropriate, feasible, practical, and in compliance with Ontario and Canadian law, while balancing individual rights with the safety and well-being of the broader community;

WHEREAS the OBCM has reaffirmed calls to the federal and provincial governments, through its Solve the Crisis Campaign, to:

- i. Appoint one Minister and ministry responsible for the humanitarian crisis Ontarians are facing and who has been provided appropriate authority and resources to find solutions;
- ii. Create an action table of government representatives from all three levels, subject matter experts, and those impacted by this crisis including community partners, first responders and businesses to evaluate solutions to create a Made in Ontario solution; and
- iii. That both levels of government provide the funding required for municipalities big and small to put in place the solutions they need to end this crisis.

WHEREAS the OBCM has strongly requested the provincial and federal governments to:

- i. Take on intervenor status in the case of court decisions that restrict the ability of municipalities to regulate and prohibit encampments; and
- ii. Develop a fully funded and resourced range of compassionate care and treatment programs that strengthens the system of community-based and residential mental health & addictions treatments under the Mental Health

Act and the Health Care Consent Act, ensuring that individuals in need are able to access care and treatment in a timely manner; and

iii. Urgently review, consult on, and update the Mental Health Act and the Health Care Consent Act to reflect the current realities of this crisis, including consultation with medical professionals, first responders and municipalities to determine whether to expand the scope of and strengthen the existing system of mandatory community-based and residential mental health and addictions care and treatment; and

iv. Implement Diversion Courts throughout the Province and expand the scope and reach of these courts by permitting referrals to the Diversion Court for Provincial and Municipal Offences, with a focus on rehabilitation rather than punitive measures; and

v. Review, consult on, and update the Trespass to Property Act to address the public safety issues municipalities are facing within their communities. With such a review to include but not be limited to options to assist communities in addressing aggressive or repetitive trespass (“repetitive trespass”); and

vi. To establish for municipalities a prescribed provincial priority of maintaining public order and public safety to allow, in line with the above, stronger local deterrents to offenses related to social disruption and public safety risks;

WHEREAS the provincial and federal governments are requested to introduce legislation prohibiting open and public use of illicit drugs and public intoxication, whether that be by consumption of alcohol or illicit drugs, with clear enforcement provisions and public awareness campaigns to reduce the harmful impact on communities.

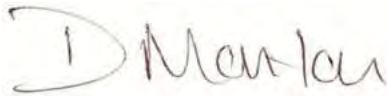
AND WHEREAS the province has been requested to create a blueprint, along with associated funding programs from both federal and provincial governments, to address the significant need for the quick build of supportive housing units, which includes units that address the specific needs of those who have started treatment and need shelter and care as they continue their recovery journey.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge supports the OBCM motion on chronic homelessness, mental health, safety and addiction crisis;

AND THAT this motion be circulated to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Tibollo, MPP of Ontario, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Mark Holland, Federal Minister of Health, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Laurie LeBlanc, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rebecca Bligh, Federation of Canadian Municipalities President, Robin Jones, Association of Municipalities of Ontario President, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario
Hon. Michael Tibollo, MPP of Ontario
Hon. Arif Virani, Minister of Justice
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Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
Hon. Mark Holland, Federal Minister of Health
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Laurie LeBlanc, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Rebecca Bligh, Federation of Canadian Municipalities President
Robin Jones, Association of Municipalities of Ontario President
All Ontario Municipalities

November 8, 2024

Re: Lithium-Ion Importation and Safe Use

At its Council Meeting of November 5, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS lithium-ion batteries are commonplace as they are in use in a wide variety of devices that are part of our daily lives, including e-scooters and e-bikes, and the growing use of such technology is encouraged and supported as part of Canada's environmental protection strategies;

AND WHEREAS the increasing importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is coupled with the risk of devastating fires;

AND WHEREAS when lithium-ion batteries are damaged or overheat they are susceptible to "thermal runaway" high intensity, long lasting fires that are difficult to extinguish by conventional firefighting techniques, and which emit a cocktail of dangerous and potentially toxic gases such as carbon monoxide, hydrogen fluoride, and hydrogen chloride, putting citizens and first responders in danger;

AND WHEREAS there are at present no government regulations to monitor, control or prohibit importation, storage, sale, or use in our communities of non-OEM lithium-ion aftermarket batteries not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified;

AND WHEREAS the City of Cambridge has already seen several occurrences of lithium-ion battery fires in single, multi-unit residential dwellings, commercial and industrial properties that have caused displacement, inconvenience and economic loss to dozens of citizens and businesses such that Council recognizes the significant and growing risk of fire and explosion that these aftermarket lithium-ion batteries present.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council does hereby support the Cambridge Fire Department in its efforts to administer and disseminate the Ontario Fire Marshall's fire safety campaign to educate citizens on the potential hazards associated with lithium-ion batteries and empower residents and

businesses in the City of Cambridge and beyond with the knowledge to safeguard themselves, their property, and others.

AND FURTHER THAT Council does hereby call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, storage, sale, disposal and use of non-OEM, non-ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Right Honorable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honorable Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, The Honorable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honorable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement for Ontario, local area MPP's and MP's, the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development

Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement for Ontario

Local Area MPP's and MP's

Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM)

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

All Ontario Municipalities

November 6, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
823 Albion Road
Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A3

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

At their regular meeting of November 6, 2024, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS preventing crashes helps to alleviate the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Pelham requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, and Good Roads;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Clerk, Sarah Leach 905-892-2607 ext 315.

Yours very truly,

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Jodi Legros

Legislative Coordinator

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Resolution # RC24256	Meeting Order: 7
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catherine's, and Resolution dated October 16, 2024 from the Municipality of St-Charles regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
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		Cathy Cannon	
		Melanie Pilon	
		Jim Hoffmann	
		Joseph Opato	

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR - JIM HOFFMANN	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>Jim Hoffmann</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.4.

Resolution Number 2024-365

Title: Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #7

Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catharines, regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

June 27, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Re: Green Roads Pilot Project
Our File 35.72.3**

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting held on June 24, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS St. Catharines has declared a climate emergency, recognizing the urgent need to address and mitigate the impacts of climate change on our community and environment; and

WHEREAS alternatives to traditional road surfacing materials exist, including green roads technologies that are more sustainable and environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS bioresin is a natural alternative that can be used to support road surfacing, providing a more sustainable option that reduces our reliance on petrochemical-based products; and

WHEREAS many secondary roads in St. Catharines require resurfacing, presenting an opportunity to explore and implement innovative and sustainable road surfacing solutions; and

WHEREAS Good Roads, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have presented alternatives for municipal road restoration that include sustainable and environmentally friendly materials and methods; and

WHEREAS other municipalities, such as Centre Wellington, have entered into a similar pilot project using bioresin and other sustainable materials, demonstrating a commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS implementing pilot projects using bioresin on city roads can provide valuable data and insights into the feasibility, performance, and environmental benefits of this alternative material; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has established the Green Municipal Fund which includes new funding for pilot projects to test innovative and ambitious technologies to improve environmental outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council directs staff to investigate the feasibility and potential benefits of using bioresin on City road works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff investigate other alternative construction materials and methods for road works that minimizes the City's carbon footprint and are more environmentally sustainable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff prepare a report on the findings, no later than Q3 2024, including potential costs, benefits, and environmental impacts of using bioresin or other sustainable construction materials or methods for road works, and if feasible, a list of City streets where a pilot project may be considered in accordance with the City's procurement policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the FCM to encourage the exploration and adoption of sustainable road surfacing alternatives.

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



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk
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REINSCRIBING RESIDENTIAL

Matt Durnan

A mixed-use development proposed for an under-utilized commercial site in Brampton would transform it by adding a 22-storey tower containing substantial new housing, while incorporating some of the physical heritage elements of the existing commercial building into the base of the new building through adaptive re-use.

At its November 4 meeting, **City of Brampton** planning and development committee received an information report on **Dixie Holdings Inc's** official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications for a site at 10 Henderson Avenue. Dixie is proposing to develop a 22-storey mixed-use building that would bring 274 new residential units to the neighbourhood, along with retail uses at grade. The existing commercial building on the site, which has heritage significance,

would be partially retained and incorporated into the podium of the proposed development.

"You have commercial,

community, institutional, residential uses. You have Brampton Memorial Park just to the east, there are some schools

and apartment dwellings as you go further east, and you also have some future mixed-use high-rise applications that have been filed in the area as well," **Blackthorn Development Corporation** principal **Maurizio Rogato** told *NRU*. Blackthorn is the developer for the project.

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Rendering of Dixie Holdings Inc's proposed 22-storey mixed-use building for 10 Henderson Avenue in Brampton. The proposed development would bring 274 new dwelling units to the neighbourhood, along with a new pedestrian experience through the inclusion of sidewalks and retail uses at grade. The new building would give a nod to the heritage of the industrial building that currently exists on the site, a more than 100-year-old heritage listed building, through adaptive re-use of building materials in the base of the proposed building, and commemorative plaques.

SOURCE: CITY OF BRAMPTON
ARCHITECT: KIRKOR ARCHITECTS

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AURORA REFLECTS ON LIMITS AND POSSIBILITIES OF UNDERTAKING MUNICIPAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

ASSESSING ACROSS THE SPECTRUM



Lana Hall

As more Canadian municipalities look to analyze the gaps in their local housing landscapes through data-based Housing Needs Assessments, those that have been successful in completing theirs say the assessments must involve both quantitative and qualitative data to inform actionable policy change.

Currently, the **Town of Aurora** is the only one out of 61 eligible Ontario municipalities to have achieved federal compliance with its Housing Needs Assessment. As a result, the Town was invited by the **Association of Municipalities of Ontario** (AMO) to deliver a virtual, province-wide workshop last week focusing on the logistics of undertaking Housing Needs Assessments.

Housing Needs Assessments are data-based documents

that evaluate a municipality's housing landscape and determine which types and forms of housing are needed. Normally undertaken either by a municipality itself or by a third-party consultation firm, Housing Needs Assessments are required to determine a municipality's eligibility for some federal support programs, such as the **Government of Canada's** Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) and the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF), which provides infrastructure project funding to municipalities. AMO is tasked with distributing the CCBF program funds to eligible Ontario municipalities.

Aurora's Housing Needs Assessment is based on data and information staff had collected during the process of creating the Town's latest official plan, which was

adopted earlier this year, and the Town's affordable housing action plan, which is currently in draft form and expected to be considered by town council in December. The data for both documents was sourced from a combination of census data, housing statistics from the **Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation** (CMHC) and land-use assessment data from **York Region**.

But raw data is only part of the equation when developing a successful housing needs assessment says Town of Aurora manager of policy, planning and heritage **Adam Robb**.

"My general advice or guidance to other municipalities is to break down the work into two segments, one being the qualitative lens and the other being the quantitative. So in

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terms of the qualitative, it's all about making inferences from the raw data," Robb told *NRU*.

"...We took that raw data, compiled it all and had a brainstorming session to really identify trends. We could see that we obviously have a demand [for housing]. We're obviously focusing our growth around our [major transit station areas] or future growth areas like our corridors. At the same time ... we need to have the awareness to provide more family-sized units or opportunities for rental, so that is where we started to make more critical assessments informed by the raw data."

Housing Needs Assessments can be notoriously tricky to compile because there's little in the way of standardization in terms of methods or frequency. While some provinces, like British Columbia, have mandated municipal housing needs assessments every five years, other provinces, like Ontario, have not. And while the federal government does provide some guidance for these assessments, including an option to use a template with some pre-populated census data, many municipalities disagree on the most effective way to communicate the housing needs specific to their communities.

While the Town of Aurora was already in the process of finding relevant data to develop its official plan, which made it easier to create their Housing Needs Assessment, developing these kinds of assessments is often time-consuming and resource-intensive, especially for smaller municipalities.

When a team from the **University of British Columbia** was developing the Housing Action Research Tools (HART) project, a series of three open-source tools designed to help housing policymakers across Canada understand housing need and potential policy solutions, they found the experience of accessing data to be wildly different from province to province. In a previous interview with *NRU*, **School of Cities** senior housing researcher **Carolyn Whitzman**, who consulted on the HART project, explained that the team had to pay **Teranet**, a privatized assessment service \$40,000 to display information about Ontario's publicly-available land for a year, while Alberta's privatized assessment service told them that information wasn't publicly available, even through a Freedom of Information (FOI) request. In British Columbia, however,

information on publicly-owned land is assessed annually and openly available.

This inconsistency, says Whitzman makes it unnecessarily challenging to provide information about the amount of affordable housing and publicly-available land, which could be used to accommodate affordable housing, on a national scale.

Since the HART program's rollout last year, some cities, including the **City of Edmonton**, have used it to create their own Housing Needs Assessment, but the proof is in the actions that come from those assessments, Whitzman told *NRU*.

"It's a bit of an empty and possibly cynical exercise ... to say, 'Yeah, there's all these tens of thousands of households who need housing; People on welfare need housing at \$420 a month, people at minimum wage need housing at no more than \$1050 a month,'" says Whitzman. "How are you going to preserve that housing? How are you going to create

new housing? You know, those numbers have to mean something in terms of policy."

Back in Aurora, Robb says the most important thing he learned through the process of creating the Town's Housing Needs Assessment was the importance of planning communities with the entire spectrum of existing and potential households in mind.

"One thing it really opened my eyes to is the need to look at it from all demographic angles. Census-level data is going to point to an economic family, versus a household, versus a one-parent family. And as planners, we have to have regards for that whole suite."



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SMALL MEASURES, BIG IMPACT



Lana Hall

A new parks, recreation and public library plan released by the **Town of Oakville** is designed to reimagine and repurpose the town's greenspace, recreational facilities and public libraries. As the town faces increasing growth and the ongoing challenges of climate change, both outdoor and indoor recreational spaces will need to serve multiple uses while prioritizing environmental sustainability, say Town staff.

On November 5, the Town of Oakville formally approved a new Parks, Recreation and Library Master Plan, designed to guide the Town in making strategic decisions about both new and enhanced recreation and library facilities, as well as park amenities. The plan is designed to guide these decisions over the next ten years, and to establish a planning framework both new and existing facilities through to 2051.

"The plan will guide future budgets and community planning work," said Town of Oakville Mayor **Rob Burton** in a statement. "This plan is the most important tool we have to ensure that we keep up with community needs as we grow..."

The new master plan includes 101 action items in total, which fall under four pillars: growth management, community belonging, environmental sustainability, and accountable government.

In the wake of the pandemic, say Town of Oakville staff, demand for outdoor recreation is growing, particularly in the form of

unstructured or casual access, which the report likens to the equivalent of an "outdoor living room."

"People want to be able to go for a run when they feel like it. They want to take their kids to the park when they feel like it," says Town of Oakville manager of support services, recreation and culture **Darryl McWilliam**.

But as Oakville looks to double its population by 2051, staff are faced with the task of ensuring the Town's greenspace and recreational facilities serve that growing population, albeit with a limited footprint.

"While our population is expected to double within the next 25-30 years, there isn't the ability to double our

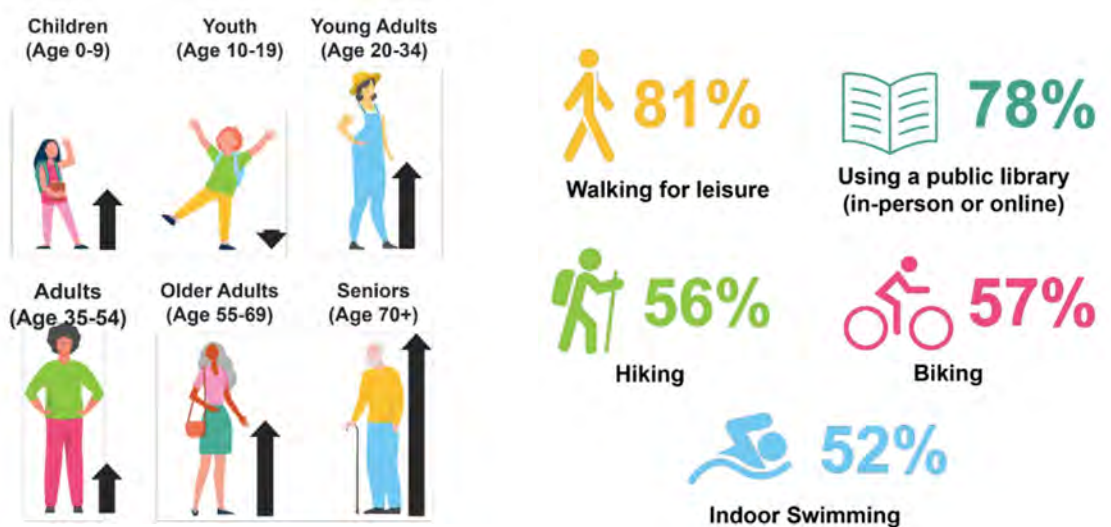
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Below left: Image showing the Town of Oakville's projected growth by age between the years of 2022 and 2032. Seniors, older adults and young adults are expected to be the fastest-growing age groups. Growth management is one pillar in the Town of Oakville's newly adopted Parks, Recreation and Library Master Plan, a ten-year strategy designed to guide decision-making about the Town's greenspace, public libraries and recreational facilities as Oakville undergoes growth and shifting demographics. The master plan will inform the types and locations of public community spaces the Town maintains, modifies and creates over the next ten years in response to changing needs.

SOURCE: TOWN OF OAKVILLE

Below right: Illustration showing preferred recreational activities indicated by Oakville residents who participated in a survey conducted for the development of Town of Oakville's newly adopted Parks, Recreation and Library Master Plan. While the plan prioritizes adding recreational facilities to some neighbourhoods that are undergoing intensification, it also recommends reimagining or repurposing others to serve a broader range of needs.

SOURCE: TOWN OF OAKVILLE



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physical community centres,” says McWilliam. To address this, the plan emphasizes the importance of reinvesting and reimagining its older parks and recreational facilities, especially those in strategic growth areas, and maximizing the impact of smaller parks. That could take the shape of creating taller facilities with smaller floor plates, or repurposing facilities to accommodate different types of active needs, says McWilliam.

The latter two strategies extend to new construction as well, recognizing that some parts of Oakville that are undergoing major mixed-use development—such as certain pockets in North Oakville — have few recreation options to begin with. In those parts of the town, the master plan emphasizes ensuring adequate parkland and recreational facilities, such as tennis or pickle ball courts, and recreational facilities that serve multiple uses, such as a covered and refrigerated outdoor ice rink in Northeast Oakville that can double as a basketball or ball hockey court in warmer months.

The parks, recreation and libraries master plan notes that in community surveys, standalone public libraries and recreational facilities received

the lowest usage ratings, with some survey respondents suggesting expansion or broader programming options for those buildings.

Calculating a municipality’s growth, however, is not an exact science, says **Monteith + Brown Planning Consultants** principal **Steve Langlois**. Monteith + Brown was the planning consultant on Oakville’s parks, recreation and libraries master plan.

With the many variables that can impact a municipality’s growth trajectory, the Town of Oakville opted to design the master plan’s action items based on population thresholds, as opposed to set timeframes.

“It’s very complex to do that,” Langlois told *NRU*. “[When} federal immigration policy, rental housing policy, local land use policy and land economics come into play, a municipality might double in population by 2051, but it might not. So, we wanted to make this a flexible living document. It has these built-in measures to allow for that flexibility for the Town to be able to adjust, but still do their long-term planning around some key infrastructure projects.”

Unsurprisingly, climate change and extreme weather

have impacted the way the Town is viewing its parks and recreational facilities too. Between, heatwaves and flash flooding affecting the usage of outdoor sports facilities, and increasing conversations about energy use in buildings, it was inevitable that sustainability would be one of the master plan’s main pillars, says McWilliam.

“We absolutely see the impacts through our sport groups out on the fields and having weather alerts more than I’ve ever seen, and I’ve been in the recreation sector for 20 plus years.”

And while the Town has made some sustainability improvements to its recreational facilities over the past few years, adding water filtration systems that reduce the need for chlorine in public pools and overhauling refrigeration and ice resurfacing systems in some recreational arenas, for example, the new master plan calls for a number of additional actions to increase

those efforts. These actions include expanding program offerings and education about climate change through the Oakville Public Library system, expanding the Town’s public allotment garden system, and exploring the use of alternative energy systems where appropriate.

“Wherever we can introduce a new technology or a new approach, we know we have the support of council and our leadership to explore those,” says McWilliam. “Little things add up to a big impact.” 🌱

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“For all intents and purposes, the site finds itself in a neighbourhood setting with proximity to a wide range of uses, public service facilities, and most notably, the Queen Street corridor.”

The site is currently occupied by a more than 100-year-old two-storey former industrial building that was once home to former Brampton industrial guru and politician **Samuel Charters’** lithography company.

The building has been since been re-purposed to accommodate the commercial uses that exist on the site today, and would be partially demolished as part of the proposed redevelopment, with portions of the building with heritage significance slated to be retained.

Brampton’s current zoning by-law zones the site as “Industrial One (M1)”. The applicant is seeking to amend the zoning by-law to “Residential Apartment B” to permit residential uses on the site, with non-residential uses to be introduced on the ground floor.

“There are some attributes of that original building that we were able to incorporate into the design through adaptive re-use, which I always find to be a better option as opposed to the complete removal,” said Rogato.

“We’ve taken the approach of trying to celebrate the heritage aspects instead of ignoring them. There will be a commemorative plaque and portions of the existing building that will be reincorporated [into the new building].”

Located in central Brampton, the Henderson Avenue site is wedged into an area that is primed for transformation as far as housing types go, as most of the nearby residential uses

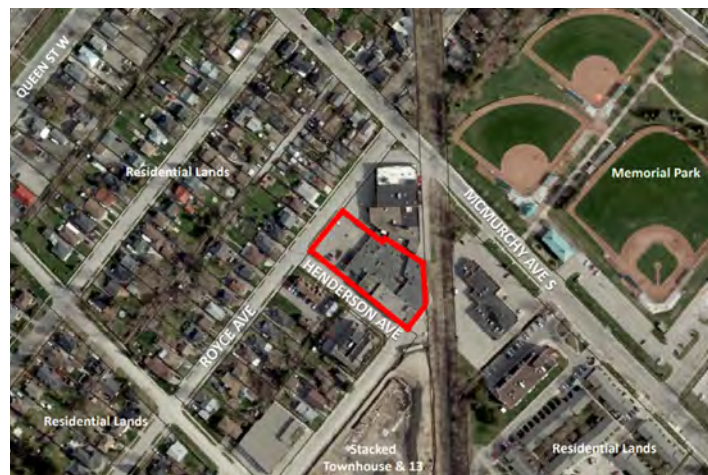
are ground-related, single-family homes.

The City of Brampton is in the process of conducting a rapid-transit transportation study for the Queen Street corridor, one of the city’s main east-west thoroughfares that effectively bisects the city’s north and south from Mississauga Road to the west to Highway 427 to the east before turning into Highway 7.

“I think this is a great opportunity to have this type of development to get more housing density. We have this trend happening here with this application, and there is another application for townhouses across the street. And there is another nearby building

application that has been approved as well,” Brampton ward 3 councillor **Martin Medeiros** told *NRU*.

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Left: Aerial image showing the location of the site at 10 Henderson Avenue in Brampton where Dixie Holdings Inc. is proposing to develop a 22-storey mixed-use building that would bring 274 new residential units to the neighbourhood. The site is currently occupied by a more than 100-year-old industrial building that is listed on Brampton’s heritage register. The building currently accommodates commercial uses and would be partially demolished as part of the proposed development, with the new building incorporating parts of the existing building through adaptive re-use.

SOURCE: CITY OF BRAMPTON

Below: Photos of the existing two-storey industrial building at 10 Henderson Avenue in Brampton where Dixie Holdings Inc. is proposing to develop with a 22-storey mixed-use building. The existing two-storey brick building is more than 100 years old and is listed on Brampton’s heritage register. It was originally home to Samuel Charters’ lithography company and currently accommodates a number of local businesses. The building would be partially demolished as part of the proposed redevelopment of the site, with parts of the existing building being incorporated into the new building through adaptive re-use.

SOURCE: CITY OF BRAMPTON



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“This area has the opportunity to really mature and develop and blend well into this concept of building complete communities close to our downtown. Hopefully we will have rapid transit servicing this area, and I understand that the study is very close to being completed with the goal of all-day two-way GO [transit] service. When you’re investing in transit, you need ridership and you need places for people to live.”

plans in the works to bring more higher-order transit service to the area, Dixie Holdings’ proposal is very much a transit-oriented one, with just two levels of underground parking proposed and a total of 83 residential vehicle parking spaces and 69 visitor/commercial parking

spaces. A total of 217 bicycle parking spaces are proposed.

“This is all being driven by being within the central area of Brampton. The City does not have parking minimums within the central area, and it can be a bit of a challenge because there is still demand from buyers for parking spaces,” Rogato said.

“From a larger scope, Brampton is really trying to make use of the future LRT [light rail transit – the Hazel McCallion line that would connect the Port Credit GO station to Brampton Gateway Terminal at Hurontario Street and Steeles Avenue] and connect the corridors.”

That idea of creating better connectivity throughout the city can be seen on a smaller scale with this proposal for which the development team

has taken care to ensure that the new building blends in as seamlessly as possible with the existing neighbourhood while creating a more pedestrian-friendly environment.

The current neighbourhood context for the site reflects a very car-dominant condition, with no sidewalks existing on the north end of the site, fronting Royce Avenue, and much of the Henderson Avenue frontage taken up by a large curb cut that provides access to the commercial building’s existing surface parking lot.

The proposed development would introduce a new streetscape condition, with retail fronting Henderson Avenue to help activate the public realm, sidewalks and street trees. The red brick facades of the existing industrial building would be retained to help commemorate the building’s history and to help the new elements of the site to blend into the existing neighbourhood context.

“This is an area that has a

lot of potential and perhaps hasn’t had a lot of investments because it’s a small community. It’s mostly single-family dwellings that sometimes doesn’t get the same amenities that other areas would because it was surrounded by industrial. Now you’re seeing this transition from industrial to more commercial uses, and there’s an opportunity to really bring this area up,” Medeiros said.

“You see the trends too in European cities and major American cities where there’s that industrial heritage and those features and architecture are blended into the new urban setting with those heritage features. We have the opportunity to put something interesting here from a heritage perspective, and noting its significance in a great location in the city.” 🌱

Rendering of Dixie Holdings Inc’s proposed mixed-use building for 10 Henderson Avenue in Brampton. This rendering illustrates the subtle nod to the heritage listed building that exists on the site today, a former industrial building that has been re-purposed as the commercial base of a mixed-use residential building. The proposed base building would incorporate materials from the former industrial building (red bricks) into the new building through adaptive re-use and the site would also house a commemorative plaque paying homage to the site’s industrial history.

SOURCE: CITY OF BRAMPTON
ARCHITECT: KIRKOR ARCHITECTS



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YORK

[Richmond Hill to support revised Yonge St proposal at OLT](#)

At its November 6 meeting, **Richmond Hill** Committee of the Whole considered a [request for direction report](#) seeking council endorsement of a revised official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **1921318 Ontario Inc.** for 8790 Yonge Street. The applications have

been appealed to the **Ontario Land Tribunal**. In the meantime, the applicant has proposed a settlement offer to the City for a 32-storey mixed-use development containing 1,220 square metres of retail space and 409 residential uses.

[Approval recommended for Richmond Hill towers](#)

At its November 6 meeting, **Richmond Hill** Committee of the Whole considered a [staff report](#) recommending approval of official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **9750 Yonge**

Ltd. for 9750 & 9760 Yonge Street. The applicant proposes to develop two towers of 18 and 22 storeys, as well as two three-storey townhouse blocks. The development would accommodate 773 square metres of retail space and 438 residential units.

[Whitchurch-Stouffville subdivision proposed](#)

At its November 6 public planning meeting, **Whitchurch-Stouffville** council considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding a rezoning application by **Harry**

Cheung for 4597 Aurora Road. The applicant proposes to develop a 14-lot residential subdivision on a cul-de-sac road. One block would be maintained as a mature deciduous woodlot.

[Mid-rise development proposed beside Aurora GO](#)


At its November 12 public planning meeting, **Aurora** council considered a [public planning report](#) regarding a zoning by-law amendment application by **100099397 Ontario Ltd.** for 35 Industry

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Zoning	Urban Zone (UR)




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Street. The applicant proposes to develop a seven-storey residential building containing 97 dwelling units.

Yonge-Bloomington apartment buildings proposed

At its November 12 public planning meeting, **Aurora** council considered a [public planning report](#) regarding official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **P.A.R.C.E.L. Inc.** for 14070

Yonge Street. The applicant proposes to develop two five-storey apartment buildings containing a total of 300 dwelling units.

Cornell Centre Secondary Plan updated policy framework presented

At its November 12 meeting, **Markham** Development Services Committee considered a [staff report](#) presenting a draft updated

Cornell Centre Secondary Plan

for public consultation and a statutory public meeting. The proposed new secondary plan would establish a planning framework for a 240-hectare area located north and south of Highway 7 between 9th Line in the west and Reesor Road in the east. 🌿

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CBRE's Land Services Group, on behalf of TDB Restructuring Limited as the court-appointed receiver, is pleased to offer for sale a portfolio of 13 blocks comprising a total of 36 acres that is part of the approved and registered draft plan of subdivision known as the Burnham Meadows Subdivision in the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan. The portfolio is being offered for sale with the opportunity to purchase the blocks either together or separately.

The Burnham Meadows Subdivision received draft plan of subdivision approval on July 21, 2022 and the agreement was registered on title on August 8, 2022. Of the 13 blocks in this offering, 3 blocks are zoned for commercial uses, 2 blocks are zoned for residential uses, 5 blocks contain a total of 57 serviced lots, 1 block is zoned to permit an access driveway to the abutting lands, and 1 block is zoned as environmental protection. In addition to the serviced lots, one lot contains a partially built detached bungalow with a walkout basement located at 18 Veterans Road.

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OLT NEWS

SETTLEMENT APPROVED FOR DELTA EAST DEVELOPMENT

In a November 5 decision, OLT Member **T.F. Ng** allowed appeals, in part, by **Delta Joint Ventures Inc.** (Delta JV) against the **City of Hamilton's** failure to make a decision on its applications for official plan and zoning by-law amendments for 1284 Main Street East.

The property contains the former Delta Secondary School, which is designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. In late 2022, Delta JV filed applications proposing to redevelop the site with three 14-storey apartment buildings and a number of three- and four-storey townhouse blocks. The historic portion of the school would be retained and adaptively re-used for residential purposes. The proposal contained a total of 975 residential units.

The City did not make a decision on the applications within the *Planning Act* timeframes, and Delta JV appealed to the OLT. Prior to the hearing, Delta JV and the City reached a settlement based on a revised proposal that continues to retain and re-use the historic school building, and now proposes three apartment buildings of 12, 14, and 14 storeys. Townhouse blocks continue to be proposed around the

perimeter of the site to provide transition to the adjoining low-rise neighbourhood. A total of 962 units are now proposed.

Planner **Sarah Knoll (GSP Group)** provided evidence on behalf of Delta JV, in support

in accordance with heritage phasing plans appended to the decision.

Solicitors involved in this decision were **David Bronskill (Goodmans)** representing Delta Joint Ventures Inc. and **Patrick MacDonald** representing the City of Hamilton. [See *OLT Case No. OLT-23-000877.*] 🌸

Revised proposal by Delta Joint Ventures Inc. for 1284 Main St. E., Hamilton; settlement approved by the OLT in a November 5 decision.

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of the settlement. She gave a description of the revised proposal and opined that the development is appropriate and represents good planning.

The Tribunal allowed the appeals, in part, and approved the official plan and zoning by-law amendments. The Tribunal also approved Delta JV's related heritage permit application to authorize alterations to the heritage structure on the site,

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IN BRIEF

[Vaughan reviewing committee and council meeting procedure by-law](#)

The **City of Vaughan** is reviewing its Procedure By-law 7-2011, which governs how committee and council meetings are run, where they happen, who is involved. The procedures by-law also establishes parameters around the roles and conduct of city council members, reporting requirements, and how the City communicates to the public about meetings. Members of the public are invited to give feedback on their experiences with city council meetings and what the City might do to make the meetings more accessible—easier to watch, easier to

participate in, and easier to understand. To learn more about the City of Vaughan's Procedure By-law Review, please visit the City website [here](#). To participate in an online survey on the review, please visit the **SurveyMonkey** website [here](#) by Tuesday, November 19.

[Vaughan seeking public input on parks, community centres, libraries, public spaces](#)

The **City of Vaughan** is working with **Vaughan Public Libraries** to develop a new community spaces plan that will identify priorities for parks, recreation and library facilities in Vaughan over the next 25 years. The City has scheduled a number of

virtual focus groups for select stakeholders in late November and early December to gather input from older adults, youth, people with disabilities, event organizations, event organizations serving youth, equity-deserving groups and sports organizations on how best to serve these community members. To learn more about Vaughan's Community Spaces Plan and to register to participate in an upcoming virtual focus group on it, please visit the City of Vaughan website [here](#).

[Burlington seeking community input on short-term rentals](#)

The **City of Burlington** is working to develop and

implement a city-wide short-term rental compliance and licencing program. To inform the development of this program, the City is seeking community input on residents' familiarity and experiences with short-term rentals in Burlington. The collected input will help inform a report to city council in early 2025 recommending potential approaches to the program. To participate in the City of Burlington Short-term Rental Survey, please visit the City website [here](#). 🌸

PEOPLE

Queen's University researcher **Kerry Rowe** has been awarded the 2024 Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering for his work on designing landfills that prevent contaminants from leaching out into surrounding soil and water. Some of the principles

and techniques developed by Rowe have been used to guide construction and operations of the Halton Landfill in the Niagara Escarpment. His work has influenced industry practices and regulations in Canada and around the world, as far afield as the Arctic and Antarctica. More recently,

Rowe has expanded his research to investigate how best to contain waste from mining operations. The medal comes with a \$1 million award to fund the recipient's research over the course of five years.

Sustainable Buildings Canada (SBC) has appointed

Brynn Nheiley as its new executive director, effective November 12, 2024. Nheiley has extensive experience in the public and private sectors, serving in senior roles with the **City of Burlington**, most recently as Burlington executive director of community planning, regulation & mobility, after

working as a senior planner for the **City of Hamilton**. Nheiley will succeed SBC co-founder and executive director **Mike Singleton**, who announced his decision to retire at the end of 2024 earlier this year.



November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 333/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99,
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY *[Signature]*

SECONDED BY *[Signature]*

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and;

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. **Be It Further Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. **Be It Further Resolved That** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive their fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. **Be It Further Resolved That** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. **Be It Further Resolved That** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Defeated _____ / Carried Bonita Culhane
 Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote	Requested by _____	
	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Keft	_____	_____
Councillor Francine Plante	_____	_____

Good morning,

Please note at their meeting on November 6, 2024, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 238-2024

Moved by Councillor Lamshead

Seconded by Councillor Nelson

Whereas official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads; and

Whereas despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads; and

Whereas rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base; and

Whereas preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system; and

Whereas roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the County of Peterborough requests the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support;
Carried

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

Thanks,

Holly Salisko

Administrative Services Assistant | Clerk's Division/Planning Peterborough County
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November 8, 2024

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

Re: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their meeting on November 4th, 2024:

Moved by Lee Anne Andriessen **Seconded by** Neil Anstett

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of North Perth requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of North Perth requests that the Government of Ontario invests in the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead; and



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FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

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

Sincerely,

Lindsay Cline
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor

CC: Minister of Transportation
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Agriculture
Minister of Rural Affairs
Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
Minister of Health
Good Roads
All municipalities in Ontario



November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 329/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99,
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY *Elaine Fiu*

SECONDED BY *Francine Bente*

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of McGarry requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Defeated _____ / Carried Bonita Culhane
Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote	Requested by _____	
	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Keft	_____	_____
Councillor Francine Plante	_____	_____

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON
 Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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MOVED BY:

- 1 Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 8

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

5. *Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.*

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

Patricia Hull

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



November 14, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

RE: OPP Detachment Billing Increases

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

WHEREAS current police services within the Municipality of Leamington (hereinafter referred to as the 'Municipality') are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (hereinafter referred to as the 'OPP');

AND WHEREAS the Municipality and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades;

AND WHEREAS historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 5.67%;

AND WHEREAS the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Municipality on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$833,000 (14.45%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 2.48% tax rate increase, in addition to what the Municipality was contemplating for the residents of Leamington;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality was not consulted nor provided any advanced notice from the Commissioner regarding the significant cost increase received for OPP services;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality cannot afford to absorb this unexpected and entirely preventable increase without causing undo financial strain to our taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Leamington wishes to dispute the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 5% increase that is more manageable for the Municipality and in line with historical trends;

AND FURTHER THAT any increase above 5% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality request that the County of Essex undertake a feasibility study for a County Police Force;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP Trevor Jones, the County of Essex, and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP.

Yours Truly,

Abbie Marchildon

Abbie Marchildon, Council and Committee Coordinator

cc: The Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Trevor Jones, MPP
County of Essex
All 329 municipalities serviced by the OPP



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November 14, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Sent by email to premier@ontario.ca

Re: Resolution on Establishing an Ontario Rural Roads Safety Program

At its regular meeting of Council held on October 16, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Amaranth requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make

the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

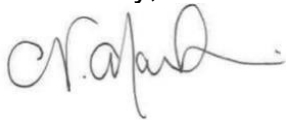
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information.

Yours truly,

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

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk



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Moved by: Councillor Webster

Resolution No.: 2024-160

Seconded by: Councillor Webs

November 5th, 2024

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;



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AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Horton call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP John Yakabuski, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

X CARRIED

Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON
 Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 11

Resolution #: 9

Date: November 12, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports the resolution of from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Patricia Hull	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Paul Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

Patricia Hull

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

Economic Development Brief

November 15, 2024

Statistics and Trends

Labour force conditions

Labour force conditions in Niagara (unadjusted) improved for the fifth consecutive month, in contrast to Ontario and Canada, where conditions worsened aside from population growth. While Niagara has shown consistent improvement, Ontario and Canada continue to face labour-related challenges.

Month-over-month data from September to October 2024 show the following:

- Population: Niagara increased by 0.3% (1,100 people) while Ontario also increased by 0.3%.
- Labour force: Niagara increased by 0.1% (300 people) while Ontario decreased by 0.5%.
- Employment: Niagara increased by 0.9% (2,000 people) while Ontario decreased by 0.2%.
- Unemployment rate: Niagara decreased by 0.8% to 6.1% while Ontario decreased by 0.3% to 7.2%.
- Participation rate: Niagara remained the same at 62% while Ontario decreased by 0.6% to 65.1%.

Although the unemployment rate decreased in Ontario, this decline reflects a drop in the participation rate rather than an increase in employment. It appears that declining interest rates have not yet stimulated employment activity in Ontario or Canada, as both regions experienced employment declines despite population growth during this period. In contrast, Niagara has performed well across all indicators, showing strong employment growth, although its participation rate remains lower than in Ontario and Canada.

Bank of Canada cuts interest rate to 3.75%

On October 23, The Bank of Canada reduced its target interest rate to 3.75% to support economic growth and maintain inflation close to 2%, while continuing with balance sheet normalization. Although global and Canadian economies have shown mixed growth, Canada's economy is forecast to strengthen gradually, with GDP growth projected at 1.2% in 2024, 2.1% in 2025, and 2.3% in 2026. Inflation has eased, driven by lower global oil prices and other factors, and the Bank expects inflation to remain near its target over the forecast period, with further rate cuts possible depending on economic conditions.

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Governments helping fruit sector find new opportunities

The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing \$4.4 million in the Growing Future Opportunities Initiative to help 128 fruit producers plant hardy and popular fruit varieties. This initiative, funded through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, aims to boost resilience, increase yield, and meet changing consumer tastes. Over three years, eligible producers can receive up to 75% cost-share funding to purchase vines or trees, supporting Ontario's agri-food sector and promoting economic growth. Niagara accounts for 90% of total tender fruit production in Ontario.

Vineland Research and Innovation Centre releases The Innovation Report

The 2024-2025 Innovation Report from the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre is now available for download. The report includes a message from the President & CEO, plus features on adapting crops to the changing Canadian climate; putting knowledge into practice for better pest control; breaking new ground on soils, carbon and sustainable orchards; creating impact for growers with horticultural technological solutions; advancing sustainable waste opportunities; advancing organizational excellence through ESG reflection and improvement; and vineland at a glance overview. To download the report [CLICK HERE](#).

OLG's Q2 casino hosting payment to Niagara Falls will total almost \$5 million

The City of Niagara Falls received nearly \$5 million from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) for hosting Fallsview Casino Resort and Casino Niagara, as part of OLG's second-quarter payment. Since the first casino opened in 1996, Niagara Falls has received over \$224 million in total from OLG, with payments calculated based on gaming revenue. These funds support local economic activity, jobs, and community projects, contributing to improvements across Ontario's host municipalities.

Garden City Skyway among provincially fast-tracked highway projects

The Ontario government is introducing the Building Highways Faster Act to expedite the construction of priority highway projects, including Highway 413, the Bradford Bypass, and the Garden City Skyway bridge. This legislation aims to streamline processes like utility relocation and property acquisition, allow 24/7 construction, and introduce penalties for delays, all in response to rapid population growth and increasing traffic congestion.

New medical clinic opens in Welland

The City of Welland has opened the Phoenix Medical Clinic at 453 Thorold Road, adding three new family physicians to the area: Drs. Aditya Nautiyal, Emeka Nzenwata, and Donald Oboh, who have recently relocated from the UK. The opening of the clinic is part of the city's ongoing efforts to address physician shortages and enhance healthcare infrastructure, with a grand opening event scheduled for November 7.

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New electricity line to help power growth in south Niagara

Hydro One is proposing a new transmission line between Welland and Thorold to meet a projected 20% increase in electricity demand by 2032. The approximately 18 km, 230 kV line will enhance the region's electricity capacity by 400 megawatts and is expected to improve power reliability for years to come. Before proceeding, Hydro One is seeking community feedback on the project through an open house to ensure the plan aligns with local needs and growth. For more details [CLICK HERE](#).

Government of Canada invests \$6.5 million in Niagara College-led SONAMI and Niagara manufacturers

Canada's government announced over \$6.5 million to boost southern Ontario's manufacturing sector, focusing on innovation and job creation. This includes \$4 million for the Niagara College-led SONAMI network to support clean growth in manufacturing and involve students in industry projects, benefiting up to 90 businesses and creating new intellectual properties. Additionally, investments of \$1.5 million for CMI Heavy Industries and \$1 million for Black Creek Metal will help these Niagara region companies expand production, adopt new technologies, and enhance efficiency.

Federal government announces grant for Niagara College's Motive Power program

Niagara College's Motive Power program received a \$365,854 federal grant, matched by the college, to enhance training in hybrid and electric vehicle technology. The funding allows the college to acquire new electric and hydrogen-fueled vehicles, along with battery, charging, and hydrogen-filling equipment, helping students gain in-demand skills for the green automotive industry. This investment supports Niagara College's role as a leader in automotive technology, preparing students and technicians for high-demand careers in an evolving industry.

EV transition delayed at GM engine plant in St. Catharines by 16 months

Production of electric vehicle motors at GM's St. Catharines plant has been delayed to 2027, affecting around 1,000 workers who anticipated EV-related jobs. Unifor, the workers' union, responded by launching the Niagara Regional Action Centre to support laid-off employees through employment assistance, retraining, and mental health resources. While GM remains committed to transitioning fully to electric vehicles by 2035, this delay reflects slower-than-expected growth in the EV sector, similar to delays seen in Ford's EV plans.

\$33 million biofuel terminal to be built in Port Colborne

Port Colborne will soon host a new \$33 million biofuel terminal on the Welland Canal, supporting the marine industry's shift to cleaner fuels by providing 8 million liters of fuel annually for over 100 vessels. Managed by the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority and operated with Canada Clean Fuels and Canada Steamship Lines, the terminal will serve ships on the Great Lakes, Welland Canal, and St. Lawrence Seaway.

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Niagara berry farm among recipients of provincial and federal agricultural investment

The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$7.5 million to support 365 agri-food businesses in enhancing their resilience to pests and diseases. The Biosecurity Enhancement Initiative will help farmers, food processors, and related businesses improve biosecurity with technologies and capital upgrades, generating up to \$31.5 million in total improvements. Up to \$29,353 for a berry farm in Niagara for a steam treatment system to eliminate damaging pests and diseases.

Niagara-on-the-Lake welcomes new business Koppert Canada to the community

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is excited to welcome Koppert Canada, a company focused on sustainable agriculture, to the community. Koppert's presence aligns with the town's strategic goals of supporting local farmers, expanding the tax base, and promoting environmentally friendly practices. Koppert ensures sustainable cultivation for food crops and ornamental plants by using natural enemies to combat pest infestations, bumblebees for natural pollination, and natural products that support and strengthen the crops both above and underground.

Welland approved for \$20.4 million provincial funding for water and wastewater infrastructure

The City of Welland has received \$20.4 million in funding from the Ontario government's Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund to support the Ontario Road Wastewater Trunk Sewer Expansion and Water Infrastructure Improvements project. This project will expand wastewater infrastructure and replace aging watermains to accommodate Welland's growing population and support future housing, commercial, and industrial developments. Construction is set to begin in January 2025, with completion expected by December 2026, enhancing the city's capacity and infrastructure for sustainable growth.

139 new EV chargers coming to Niagara

Ontario is investing \$63 million through its Electric Vehicle ChargeON Program to build 139 new EV charging stations across Niagara, including locations in Niagara Falls (85), St. Catharines (35), Port Colborne (7), Fort Erie (7), Welland (4), and Lincoln (4). Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff emphasized that these stations will make EV travel more convenient by reducing the need for time-consuming detours. The stations will support Ontario's growing EV population, which exceeded 201,000 as of October 2024.

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Asahi Kasei breaks ground on lithium-ion battery separator plant in Port Colborne

Construction has begun on Asahi Kasei's \$1.6 billion lithium-ion battery separator facility in Port Colborne, which will support the province's end-to-end EV supply chain and create over 300 jobs. The plant, in partnership with Honda Canada, will be capable of producing enough battery material for one million EVs annually when phase one is completed in 2027. Ontario has attracted over \$45 billion in EV-related investments, establishing itself as a leader in electric vehicle production with a robust supply chain connecting northern minerals to EV manufacturers across the province.

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