



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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APRIL 23, 2021

1. **C-127-2021**
Correspondence received April 12, 2021 from Robert Cross, Wainfleet resident respecting feedback for the management of 2021 beach operations.
2. **C-128-2021**
Correspondence received April 19, 2021 from Rico and Flo Leone, Wainfleet residents respecting feedback for the management of short term rentals.
3. **C-129-2021**
Correspondence dated April 9, 2021 from the Township of Archipelago respecting a resolution regarding road management action on invasive phragmites.
4. **C-130-2021**
Correspondence dated April 20, 2021 from Dianne and Richard Sandelli, Wainfleet residents respecting feedback for the management of short term rentals.
5. **C-131-2021**
Correspondence dated April 21, 2021 from the Town of Cochrane to the Township of Hudson respecting endorsement of their resolution regarding support for fire departments.
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Correspondence dated April 21, 2021 from the Town of Cochrane to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, respecting endorsement of the Town of Hudson resolution regarding support for fire departments.
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Summer 2021 Long Beach

The weather took a summer turn this weekend and it brought back the beach problem of last year. Crowds, no social distancing and no facilities. Last year, you had a public forum for people to voice their opinions, it was well attended. The key for you and council was to listen and develop an action plan. At this point, it seems that you were giving the citizens lip service. The new summer season will soon be upon us. We have yet to hear or see an action plan. In the surrounding municipalities action plans were developed and implemented.

So, in the face of a raging pandemic, What are your plans to control the beach population this summer? Clearly the situation is much graver due to the B.1.1.7 UK variant and I hope that Wainfleet does not become one of Ontario's deadly hotspots.

My suggestions are as follows:

1. Make the beach for Wainfleet residents only as other municipalities have enacted.
2. Provide a washroom clearly identified as a public washroom, closer to the actual beach.
3. Add more garbage cans and have daily pickup.
4. Hire a security firm to control entrance to the beach as Crystal Beach did last year. It was my understanding that the residents had to purchase a pass.

It is time for you and council to show leadership and to take action. I look forward to your response.

Thanks, Robert Cross
12043 Augustine Rd. Wainfleet

To: Mayor Gibson and Members of Council

Subject: Short Term Rentals

We have read and briefly reviewed the Administrative Staff Report ASR-010/2021 respecting Short-Term Rentals and presently offer the following comments.

At minimum the town must consider the findings of staff with respect to the potential negative impacts that Short-term Rentals impose on the neighbourhood and adjacent properties. The environmental, parking, noise, building code and safety, housing affordability, compatibility with neighbouring uses and unfair competition. These are real and legitimate issues that will affect the town, the neighbourhood and the adjacent properties not only in the short term but also 10, 20, 40 years from today.

One important factor to emphasize and consider, that is particular to our Wainfleet community, is the huge water contamination issue that had to be dealt with a number years ago. Allowing STRs with larger numbers of renters in attendance raises serious health concerns with the safety of the water quality in wells and the aquifer of our region. We depend on all residents to practise and adhere to safety regulations concerning septic systems.

Will Wainfleet be the country hamlet that is proud of its farming heritage and small-town country living or a tourist weekend destination where the neighbourhood is now defined by paying visitors who change 2 to 3 times a week in June, July and August and throughout holiday times. This would make it very difficult to "Find Your Country Side" since you have new "neighbours" every 2 to 3 days.

At this time, it seems one viable option is the recommended Option 4 – Regulate via a Licensing/By Law Framework. At this time we also believe that all costs incurred to implement, administer and monitor the licensing system will be borne by the Short-term rental operators, including the licensing officer that would be required to administer the program. As a township tax-payer, we should not have to bare any of the costs of administering a program that the STR's are profiting from as a business venture.

We look forward to hearing the progress and considerations made by staff and council of these concerns. We also trust that we will be made aware of any licensing and bylaw changes before they are enacted.

Best regards

Rico and Flo Leone



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April 9, 2021

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**Moved by Councillor Barton
Seconded by Councillor Manner**

RE: Road Management Action On Invasive Phragmites

WHEREAS Phragmites australis (Phragmites) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes including Georgian Bay; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

WHEREAS invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive Phragmites under the Invasive Species Act; and

WHEREAS Phragmites occupy over 4,800 hectares of land around Lake St. Clair alone, while 212 hectares of Phragmites occupy land along the St. Lawrence River. The Georgian Bay Area is particularly affected by Phragmites australis, with more than 700 stands along the shorelines and multiple visible stands on the highways and roads that threaten valuable infrastructure and wetland areas; and

WHEREAS volunteers, non-governmental organizations, and various municipalities have invested tens of thousands of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing managements plans to control invasive Phragmites on roads, coasts, shorelines and in wetlands; and

WHEREAS roads and highways where Phragmites that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

WHEREAS according to “Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario’s Roads” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application, and cutting; and

WHEREAS these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

WHEREAS mother nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive Phragmites, and to implement best management practices for invasive Phragmites, and to join the Ontario Phragmites Working Group to collaborate on the eradication of Phragmites in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Norman Miller.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites; and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Carried.

From: John.belcastro <nomoresleep4@yahoo.ca>
Sent: April 20, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Council
Cc: Angela Belcastro
Subject: Letter from Sandelli's re: STR and council meeting

Please find attached our letter for discussion re: STR's.

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April4,2021

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Re STR's on council Agenda

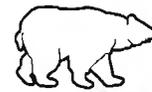
Mr Mayor and Councilors

We have read the draft re STR's and see information gleaned leads you folks to weigh heavily on option 4 and since these ghost hotels have begun to infringe on our lifestyle here in Wainfleet we feel compelled to address your initial foreay into this very controversial subject. I am very disappointed that I learned yesterday regarding this meeting and that there are probably many more who are unaware especially seasonal residents living in Canada and the U.S. who will not be able to give input. If it was not for one of your councilors I would not be aware this meeting was occurring. I have researched fairly heavily last night and today and found some of the things that your researchers came up with however since issues that I came up with are too many to present at this late period except for the fact it appears that a precedent was set in Puslinch which will direct most municipalities to allow STR's which have already been set up to be grandfathered as acceptable. My position at this point is that no other STR's be set up from this date until the mattered is resolved and we have an organized program that will be acceptable to the majority of residents Could you please acknowledge receipt of this email provide a virtual link to any meetings where this issue is being discussed

Thanking You

Dianne and Richard Sandelli

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“VIA EMAIL”

April 21, 2021

The Corporation of the Township of Hudson
903303 Hanbury Road
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Attention: Jordan Kemp – Clerk/Treasurer

Dear Ms. Kemp:

Re: Support for Fire Departments

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter and resolution dated March 31, 2021 pertaining to the above noted.

This will also serve to advise you that your correspondence was received by Council at its regular meeting held Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 and the following resolution was passed:

“Resolution No.: 103-2021

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Bélisle Seconded by :Councillor Shea Henderson

BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane endorses and supports the resolution from the Township of Hudson that the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters.

CARRIED”

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

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

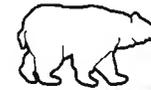
Alice Mercier
Clerk

/am



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“Via Email: premier@ontario.ca”

April 21, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen’s Park
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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Support for Fire Departments

This will serve to advise you that Council, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 passed the following resolution in support of the Township of Hudson’s resolution pertaining to the above noted:

“**Resolution No.: 103-2021**

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Bélisle

Seconded by: Councillor Shea Henderson

BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane endorses and supports the resolution from the Township of Hudson that the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters.

CARRIED”

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

Alice Mercier
Clerk

/am

c.c.: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, Charlie Angus, MP, Timmins – James Bay, John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming – Cochrane, Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, Ontario Municipalities.





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April 21, 2021

RE: CN RIGHT-OF-WAY VEGETATION CONTROL

Dear Mayor,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy as the country continues to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Provincial, State and Federal governments have recognized railways as essential service providers. CN remains committed to running our railway safely and playing our role in moving the critical supplies citizens are counting on during these difficult times.

To that end, we are reaching out to advise you of our vegetation control activities in your area between April and October 2021. A regularly updated schedule will be available at www.cn.ca/vegetation.

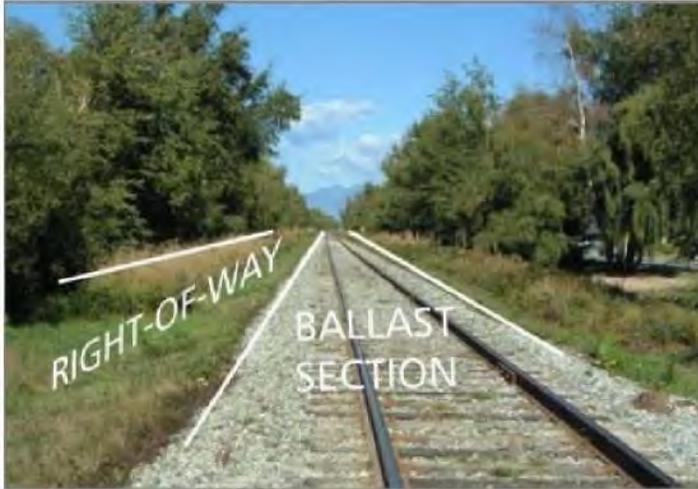
If not managed properly, trees, brush or other vegetation can severely compromise rail and public safety. Vegetation can impede the view motorists have of oncoming trains, and increase the risk of crossing accidents. Moreover, unwanted vegetation can damage the integrity of the railbed, interfere with signals and switches, contribute to track side fires, compromise employee safety, reduce visibility for train crews at road crossings/train control signals and track side warning devices, to name a few of the potential risks.

Our annual vegetation control program is designed to mitigate these risks by managing brush, weeds and other undesirable vegetation. CN's vegetation control program is a critical contributor to safe operations and assists in contributing to the overall safety of the communities through which we operate.

Control measures: CN manages vegetation using both chemical and mechanical methods. We are sensitive to concerns your community may have regarding chemical vegetation control. I would like to assure you that at CN, we are committed to environmental safety and sustainability.

The track infrastructure is composed of two main sections, the ballast section typically ranging from 16-24 feet (which is primarily gravel and supports the track structure) and the right of way portion (which is the area outside of the ballast section to the CN property boundary).

The 16-24 foot ballast section and the areas around signals and communications equipment that are critical for safe railway operations will be managed using chemical methods. Application in these safety critical areas is done by spray trucks or spray trains with downcast nozzles that spray a short distance above the ground surface with shrouded booms, specially designed to limit the chemicals from drifting. The right-of-way section is primarily maintained using mechanical control methods such as mowing or brush cutting, however, small areas within the right-of-way that contain noxious or invasive weeds may be chemically treated.



CN will use chemical control techniques on the ballast section throughout the network for safety reasons. Furthermore, when chemicals are applied to the ballast section via spray train or truck, as outlined in the photo below, additives called surfactants that make the chemical work better may be included to help manage the application.



CN has retained professional contractors qualified to undertake this work. They are required to comply with all laws and regulations applicable to CN. In addition, the contractors will ensure that vegetation control is performed with consideration of the environment and in accordance with the highest industry standards.

Inquiries

Should your community have any noxious weed removal requests, we ask that you contact CN's Public Inquiry Line at contact@cn.ca or fill out the form at www.cn.ca/vegetation before June 1, 2021 with the specific information and location. CN will make every effort to include those locations as part of our 2021 Vegetation Management Program. All notices sent after the above-mentioned date will be included in the 2022 Vegetation Management Plan.

We look forward to working with you and answering any questions you may have regarding our vegetation control activities in your community.

Please find attached the notices CN is publishing in local papers to advise the public. We would kindly ask that you post copies on your community's website and at City Hall or other central locations for a wider distribution.

For any questions or more information, please contact the CN Public Inquiry Line by telephone at 1888-888-5909, or by email at contact@cn.ca.

Please also find attached a list of FAQs regarding the program that may be of further assistance.

Best regards,

Luanne Patterson
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April 23, 2021

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Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
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Attention: Ms. Norio,

Item 14.1 Motion re: Request to Region of Niagara to Delay Official Plan Update

Please be advised that at their regular meeting of April 19, 2021 Council of the Town of Pelham passed the following:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Planning Act, requires that the Region of Niagara conduct a municipal comprehensive review (MCR) of its Official Plan whereby decisions must be made as to how all of the population and employment growth is to be accommodated in the local municipalities for the years 2031 to 2051;

AND WHEREAS since June 2019 the Province has amended a number of Provincial Statutes and policies that impact how municipalities plan for growth including the following:

- The Provincial Policy Statement,
- A Place to Grow: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe,
- The Development Charges Act,
- The Planning Act,
- The Environmental Assessment Act, and
- The Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS these significant Provincial changes include:

- reduced density targets in new greenfield development from 80 persons and jobs per hectare to 50 persons and jobs per hectare,
- reduced intensification targets from 60% beyond 2031 to 50%,
- setting minimum population and employment growth forecasts that can be exceeded subject to Provincial approval,
- extended the planning horizon from 2041 to the year 2051,
- introduced market demand as a consideration in determining the housing mix, and

- revisions to how municipalities fund growth;

AND WHEREAS these Provincial changes signal an abrupt shift from the emphasis on creating compact and complete communities to a planning regime that facilitates lower density and car dependent communities;

AND WHEREAS several Regions throughout Ontario have declared climate change emergencies and must consider the role of land use planning in their strategies to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS these Provincial changes create pressure to convert more class 1, 2 and 3 farmland in to urban uses than would otherwise be necessary which is contrary to Niagara's Official Plan as it relates to the protection of the agricultural system in Niagara;

AND WHEREAS ensuring that Ontarians have access to healthy safe food in the future requires thoughtful consideration of the long term impact of converting thousands of acres of prime agricultural lands in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to urban uses;

AND WHEREAS the change of the planning horizon to 2051 by the Province means that future municipal councils and the public will have little power to change decisions where they will grow after 2031 to the 2051 planning horizon;

AND WHEREAS in the rural areas internet service is often poor, making it difficult for rural residents to participate in zoom calls;

AND WHEREAS Niagara Region has adopted a public engagement initiative for the Niagara Official Plan review that includes public surveys, stakeholder input, direct public input and a Planning Advisory Committee;

AND WHEREAS the current pandemic is making effective, in person public consultation impossible at a time when robust, informed public consultation is needed more than ever;

AND WHEREAS the nature of work has evolved in response to the pandemic which may cause long term changes to the assumptions underlying the province's Land Needs Assessment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Pelham Council request the Niagara Regional Chair to write to request the Province to allow the Region to delay its final report on

its Official Plan Review until proper, in person, informed consultation with the public has been conducted on the growth concepts and the preferred growth concept;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to allow the new Regional Official Plan which identifies non-discretionary components of a Regional Urban Structure that support local plans and priorities inside the current urban boundaries, exempt from the requirement for in-person consultation with the public;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement to ensure that the public can fully participate in the process of planning their communities for the growth planning period covering 2031 to 2051;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province suspend the deadlines it has set for conformity until the Land Needs Assessment Framework can be revisited to adjust to the significant changes to the nature of work that are reducing office space and parking space needs.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Niagara's Local Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the leaders of the Provincial opposition parties, Niagara's MPP's, and the Greater Golden Horseshoe municipalities.

If you require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Holly Willford, BA
Acting Town Clerk

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, doug.fordco@pc.ola.org
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