



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

SUMMARY

MAY 14, 2021

1. **C-148-2021**
Correspondence dated May 10, 2021 from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority respecting the acquisition of 70 acres of land on Morgan's Point Road.
2. **C-149-2021**
Correspondence dated May 11, 2021 from the Township of Burpee and Mills to The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, respecting support for the Town of Caledon letter endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative.
3. **C-150-2021**
Correspondence dated May 7, 2021 from the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility respecting an invitation to submit a nomination for the 2021 Senior of the Year Award.
4. **C-151-2021**
Correspondence dated May 12, 2021 from the Town of The Blue Mountains to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, respecting the provincial re-opening strategy and frontline business experience.
5. **C-152-2021**
Correspondence dated May 10, 2021 from the Township of Georgian Bay respecting a motion endorsing the Township of Archipelago resolution regarding road management action on invasive phragmites.
6. **C-153-2021**
Correspondence dated May 13, 2021 from the Premier's Office respecting Ontario's extension of the Stay-at-Home order until June 2.
7. **C-154-2021**
Correspondence dated May 14, 2021 from the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks respecting provincial support for tourism businesses at provincial parks and conservation reserves.
8. **C-155-2021**
Correspondence dated May 14, 2021 from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, respecting support of the City of Brantford request for the Province of Ontario to withdraw its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities.

From: Donna Cridland
Sent: May 10, 2021 12:52 PM
To: Council
Subject: Fwd: Wainfleet Property

It's official!

Donna Cridland
Councillor, Township of Wainfleet
289-690-5253

Wake Up Wainfleet - Reminder Only Working Smoke/CO Alarms Save Lives !

The Township of Wainfleet Confidentiality Notice

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Chandra Sharma <csharma@npca.ca>
Date: May 10, 2021 at 12:27:30 PM EDT
Subject: Wainfleet Property

Dear members of the Board:

I am pleased to share that NPCA is now the registered owner of approx. 70 Acres of Env Significant land on Morgan's Point Road in Wainfleet, Niagara Region. All required paper work is now completed and the deal closed on Friday. A media statement has been released this morning with quotes from partner municipalities.

<https://npca.ca/newsroom/article/npca-purchases-70-acres-of-environmentally-significant-public-greenspace>

As always, thanks for your continued support.

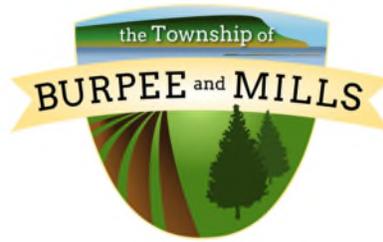
Sincerely

Chandra

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Received May 11, 2021
C-149-2021

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

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The Honourable Patty Hajdu
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May 11, 2021-05-11

Re: Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline

Please be advised that on May 4, 2021, The Township of Burpee & Mills passed the following motion to support The Town of Caledon letter endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

THAT The Township of Burpee and Mills hereby supports the letter by the Town of Caledon, attached hereto in support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline.

AND FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to local members of Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried: Ken Noland

cc The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Ontario - christine.elliott@ontario.ca
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All Ontario Municipalities

**Ministry for
Seniors
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**Ministère des Services
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Received May 12, 2021
C-150-2021

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May 7, 2021

Dear Mayor, Reeve and Members of Council:

I am writing to invite you to submit a nomination for the 2021 [Senior of the Year Award](#).

Our seniors have worked hard to help to build this great province that all Ontarians enjoy today. This award gives each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one of their outstanding local seniors and the contributions they've made to enrich the social, cultural, or civic life of their community.

This year, the nomination deadline has been extended to May 31, 2021.

For more information and to download the nomination form, please visit the [Senior of the Year](#) webpage. Once you submit a nomination, a personalized certificate with your nominee's name will be sent to you. I encourage you to present it to your nominee in June in conjunction with Seniors' Month.

I would also encourage you to promote Seniors Month in your community, as much as possible. This year's theme is Stay Safe, Active and Connected. For more information, keep checking the Seniors' Month webpage: [Celebrating seniors in Ontario](#).

The government of Ontario is proud to work with municipalities on this initiative. Seniors have generously offered their time, knowledge and expertise to make this province a great place to live, and it is important we recognize those valuable contributions.

If you have any questions about the 2021 Senior of the Year Award, please contact the Volunteer Recognition team at OntarioVolunteerServiceAwards@ontario.ca.

Thank you in advance for your support of local seniors and Seniors' Month.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Raymond Cho'.

Raymond Cho
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility

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Le 7 mai 2021

Monsieur le Maire/Madame la Mairesse, Préfet et Membres du Conseil,

Je vous écris pour vous inviter à soumettre une candidature pour le [Prix de la personne âgée de l'année de l'Ontario](#) pour 2021.

Nos aînés ont travaillé fort pour bâtir la merveilleuse province dont peuvent profiter aujourd'hui tous les Ontariens et toutes les Ontariennes. Ce prix offre l'occasion à chaque municipalité de l'Ontario de rendre hommage à l'un des remarquables aînés de sa région et de souligner ses contributions ayant permis d'enrichir la vie sociale, culturelle ou citoyenne de sa communauté.

Cette année, la date limite pour la soumission des candidatures a été reportée au 31 mai 2021.

Pour en savoir plus ou télécharger le formulaire de mise en candidature, consultez la page Web du [Prix de la personne âgée de l'année de l'Ontario](#). Une fois que votre candidature est soumise, un certificat personnalisé, comprenant le nom de votre candidat ou candidate, vous sera envoyé. Je vous encourage à le présenter au récipiendaire en juin, dans le cadre du Mois des aînés.

Je vous encourage également à promouvoir le plus possible le Mois des aînés dans votre collectivité. Le thème de cette année est « Rester en sécurité, actif et branché ». Pour en savoir plus, consultez régulièrement la page Web du Mois des aînés : [Hommage aux personnes âgées de l'Ontario](#).

Le gouvernement de l'Ontario est fier de collaborer avec les municipalités dans le cadre de cette initiative. Les aînés offrent généreusement leur temps, leurs connaissances et leurs compétences pour faire de notre province un endroit où il est agréable de vivre, et il est important que nous soulignons leurs précieuses contributions.

Si vous avez des questions au sujet du Prix de la personne âgée de l'année 2021, communiquez avec l'Unité de la reconnaissance des bénévoles à OntarioVolunteerServiceAwards@ontario.ca.

Merci à l'avance du soutien que vous offrez aux aînés de votre région et de vos efforts visant à souligner le Mois des aînés.

Cordialement,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond Cho". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raymond Cho
Ministre des Services aux aînés et de l'Accessibilité



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May 12, 2021

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RE: Town of The Blue Mountains Community Recovery Task Force Request regarding Provincial Re-opening Strategy and Frontline Business Experience

Dear Premier,

I am writing to you at the direction of the Town of The Blue Mountains Community Recovery Task Force.

Let me begin by communicating our Council's appreciation for the difficult work you and your Cabinet have done to help manage public health in this extraordinary and unprecedented situation.

Our community is doing its best to comply with the 3rd lockdown in one year but there is an ever-increasing level of frustration and anxiety in our community because of the lack of a clearly communicated "exit plan" from this cycle of social and business restrictions. This "exit plan" needs to prioritize health outcomes, while giving clear direction to our residents and businesses on how we are going to emerge from this lockdown. I understand that the Province of Saskatchewan has just released their plan.

Local businesses, many of which have barely operated for 2 weeks during the last 5 months, are desperate for some sign of what the "new normal" will look like and how Ontario might get there. The COVID-19 Science Advisory table has recently advised you that if the stay-at-home order is lifted in the weeks and months ahead, daily cases would reach 10,000 cases a day by the beginning of July! There is no advice coming from that table on how our massive vaccination program can be a step toward some return to normalcy. I am writing to encourage you and your Cabinet to begin to lay out to the public your plan for how Ontarians can begin to return their lives back to some semblance of normal, whatever that "new normal" looks like.

Our local businesses have been community partners in health outcomes and COVID-19 transmission prevention from the beginning of the pandemic. They have implemented new operational protocols working closely with our Grey Bruce Public Health team. Many of our local businesses implemented standards that went above and beyond the public health guidelines. Our local businesses served as educators of the public to ensure that protocols were followed by visitors and guests.

Premier, our small businesses do their best to hire people, and they invest time and money in training and developing employees so that these employees can have a career. Our local small businesses hire extra part time staff where they can make some extra cash while going to school and summer break. However, our small businesses have become terrified to invest further in their businesses, drying up inventory orders that will have dramatic impacts on supply chains across many sectors. More importantly, this fear will shut down local employment and economic growth. The repeated opening and closing have forced our businesses to incur unrecoverable costs from lost perishable food items, training etc. and are not supported by current government programs.

Destinations, collaborative networks and municipalities across Ontario can work even closer with public health agencies and the Province to ensure that safety protocols are front and center as part of a planned re-opening. Early on in the pandemic, the Town of The Blue Mountains created a local Community (COVID) Recovery Task Force, and this group meets regularly to do what it can to assist local businesses deal with the devastating impact of the prolonged public health lockdowns. This group stands ready to help implement any provincially designed full recovery plan.

Most of our businesses are independently and locally owned and are near completely closed with most employees furloughed. Lack of liquidity is the greatest risk facing businesses at present, which threatens their ability to bounce back upon reopening. Uncertainty and an unclear roadmap to next steps makes the financial and emotional burden that each employer, employee, and local resident faces more difficult.

The Town of the Blue Mountains' small accommodation businesses have been prevented from qualifying for the Ontario Small Business Grant. This is a challenge in tourism-driven communities because accommodations are the key visitation driver. A loss of small accommodators will have a negative ripple effect across retail, restaurant, attractions, and other related sectors. Annual tourism receipts in the RT07 region equal more than \$1.3 billion dollars annually. With regional tourism sector losses somewhere between 30-50% year over year, the economic impact is dramatic.

Businesses urgently need to understand what the criteria will be for a full re-opening, with data points that are measurable, and understandable, in order to better plan and manage their businesses. They are also calling for time to prepare for reopening. Supply chains have been severely impacted by over a year of restrictions. We fully understand that some of the "exit" milestones and the timing of these may be subject to further change, but a plan is needed. More recovery business debt is not possible. Many of our local businesses will not survive if this next recovery is not well planned or managed by ALL PARTIES.

For our municipality, we are unique in that we are the “home” to over 2.5 million visitors each year, and during this “staycation” pandemic, likely many more. We need time to plan for these visitors so that their visit experience is something they will fondly recall and not regret. Like our local businesses, this planning needs to be based upon a public health restriction easing that is well laid out and not designed as we go. While we fully understand that the timing of this plan is subject to the achievement of certain public health milestones, we nevertheless need that plan.

Over 60,000 people recently gathered at a stadium in New Zealand to celebrate herd immunity as that country has reached its target vaccination goals. They were not wearing masks and looked to be enjoying themselves. Here in Canada, aside from the everchanging vaccine rollout parameters, we are told by the science experts that, on the one hand, everything will be normal once we reach our vaccination goal for herd immunity and then told that we will still have to wear masks and stick to public health distancing guidelines because we can still spread the virus, in spite of the vaccine. So, which is it? We need a clear positive statement of how we can return to normal.

Premier, we stand ready to help and I know many of our small business owners do so as well. Perhaps one way to move forward with some input from municipalities and businesses is to establish a COVID recovery advisory group that is tasked with providing government with economic and business recovery advice and planning. You have numerous “science” tables advising you on ways to combat the virus but is it not time to establish a COVID business and economic recovery task force outside of the Jobs and Recovery Committee of Cabinet to help you guide the Province out of this devastating lockdown sequence?

Premier, hopefully we have made a strong case for a clearly communicated plan for this province’s transition out of this pandemic that our residents and businesses can rely on. We want to see the light at the end of the tunnel!

Yours Truly,



Mayor Alar Soever
Town of The Blue Mountains

Enclosed: Samples of Frontline Business Experience

CC: Community Recovery Task Force members (via email)
 Department File – C2657

SAMPLE OF FRONT LINE BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

From a Small Local Art Gallery:

"I suppose we are still in the game as a small gallery started in late fall of 2019. If Jeff and his business weren't backing it we would have probably closed up a year ago. These closures are a killer.

We start to move ahead and generate foot traffic and sales then boom! We're closed.

- we are allowed curbside sales etc but no visits by appt or reduced number.... yet the very people who are our biggest supporters aren't supposed to travel from their homes. How do you sell art online or at the curb?

- everyone followed guidelines, our space wasn't overrun etc. but here we are. Closed. I could load up my van and try and show art in the Walmart parking lot like a sleazy salesperson in a trench coat.

- what are the numbers based on? I would like more details as to those who have tested positive... I have questions but am made to feel like a trouble maker when I question what is going on.

- the idea that we can't interact outside boggles my mind. I think it is possible to plan outdoor activities where the art is shown in a safe hygienic way.

- things taped off and not sold... it's insane. It means I will buy online and it may be Amazon that gets my business instead of say Dollarama. You're robbing these stores of sales and robbing employees of an income. Their hours are being depleted and it's depriving our neighbors of an income.

- so many shortsighted laws being put in place.

- the means by which this vaccine is being rolled out. Don't get me started People who need it still not able to get it or are due for #2. We aren't supposed to travel but some are traveling way out of their district to get the vaccine?

Eventually I think some of should be allowed to venture out into the world and not be fearful of anything invisible or Afraid of a nosy neighbor or of someone who thinks we aren't following guidelines as they interpret them.

We're all just tired.

From a Small Local Art Gallery

“As you know, I have relocated my gallery, once again, and am impatiently awaiting the opportunity to reconnect with the public. Last year was one I wish to move on from with great haste, both for the covid crisis as well as challenges at my last address.

While I understand the moving target that the crisis presents our government, it is none the less quite frustrating to not be able to plan for the year ahead with any certainty.

If we are a low risk area, which the lack of vaccines coming this way would suggest, then why are we forced to close all our businesses in the meantime? I’m concerned the lack of vaccines with mean we will be forced to remain closed after the cities have been reopened.”

From a Small Local Fitness and Wellness Facility

“What I have to share is that our business has been greatly affected by covid. We removed all in-person services from our offerings like yoga & massage and with that we also moved to downsize & try and focus on what we thought were the areas we had more control within with things being so uncertain. We’ve had people assume we closed altogether. It literally feels like we started a new business with trying to navigate the ebbs & flows of it all. We’re working hard to be based more online but we also still want to be and have mostly operated as in-person retail with our brick & mortar. It’s been extremely difficult not keep people engaged with our offerings when there is so much online and we can’t be face to face with people. So our hope for when things reopen is that we are able to operate as functionally and consistently as possible.

We also never heard back about the grant being offered to businesses and have relied solely on what we can pull in other than cerb which doesn’t cover it. I would love to see more resources for businesses, not just on a financial level but resources for people looking for small businesses to support & ways for small businesses to advertise to more people. Essentially I would love to see the government advocate more for the little guy & want to see that flourish more than currently allowing the box stores to take over.”

From a Small Locally Funded Arts and Culture Facility:

“I think the one of the biggest impacts to the community has been the inability for groups to gather and socialize, especially over the winter. Normally, gatherings would be facilitated by our facility, the local Legion and even the churches but all of us have been severely hampered by pandemic restrictions.

It is our sincere hope that, when restrictions ease, we can provide that meeting hub which will help the community heal over the coming year; not only offering a place for simple socialization but also enrichment and fitness programmes and venues for celebrations previously postponed.

The biggest hurdle for us is that, with almost no opportunity to fundraise in our normal manner, the fundamental building expenses such as insurance and utilities have drained our finances. Critical to our growth upon opening will be our ability to hire and rehire the staff we will need. This will be our largest financial challenge and we are exploring all grant options to assist.

We would love a clear roadmap of the stages of reopening but we are fully aware that uncertainty remains a factor and will do so for some time."

From a Small Local Retailer:

"I definitely am in the languishing state, don't know how to get myself motivated. Difficult to curb side, people have to look and see what we have. Online has its problems too, silly silly questions, want it for nothing etc. Our landlord wants his rent regardless, even though he knows we are not open! He just threatens to close it all down. Hopefully they do not add more time to the existing lockdown. It would have been nice to be able to let at least one person in at a time under covid rules."

From a Small Local Retailer:

"I believe that the uncertainty around vaccine effectiveness will be a barrier to people feeling comfortable to go out and shop. Unfortunately, both levels of government have been unclear on what the world will look like once we have achieved the required level of vaccinations.

I recently saw on The National a report on over 60,000 people gathered at a stadium in New Zealand to celebrate herd immunity as that country has reached its target vaccination goals. They were not wearing masks and looked to be enjoying themselves. Here in Canada, aside from the ever-changing vaccine rollout parameters, we are told on the one hand that everything will be normal once we reach our vaccination goal for herd immunity and then told that we will still have to wear masks and stick to public health distancing guidelines because we can still spread the virus in spite of the vaccine. So which is it? We need a clear positive statement of how we can return to normal."

From a Small Local Health Professional:

Unfortunately I purchased this business March 1st 2020 right before the first lockdown. We have been forced to close (now without the possibility of CERB or EI) and my assets are draining quickly. I understand there needs to be restrictions but to restrict a regulated health professional, furthermore a nurse, from her ability to practice is cutting me at my knees. I have supported local vaccine role out but would still be able to work at my clinic. I do have patients who have medical reasons to be treated but most are cosmetic. If I can keep the public safe as a nurse in other areas of practice (ie. Emergency department) I can also keep them safe in a quiet Clinic.

The government has failed in getting vaccines out to the public and now our economy has catastrophically gone further in the red.

This will take decades to recover from and it is a true shame for our children.

Please make a reopening plan and support moving forward that includes better equipped stakeholders to the table to support our small businesses."

From a Small Local Retailer:

"It's a tough to capture succinctly the impact of the pandemic as it relates to me: an entrepreneur and proud small business owner, as there are many layers to this impact. The most obvious and easiest to measure is financial. The tougher to describe are the less measurable impacts such as cultural and emotional.

On the financial front there have been programs that have assisted but even with the hours of soul sucking paperwork and applications I know I still have a huge financial hole to dig out of as we re-start. The funds received have been appreciated but they fall short on many fronts (such as the wage subsidy doesn't allow me to apply as I am not arms length yet I continue to work hard everyday during lockdown) and don't account for the impact of stress created knowing you are not in control in anyway of the risk of loosing your business.

The personal emotional impact is significant, as small business owner I invested heavily personally into my startup, in addition I invested uncountable hours into bringing my business to life and making it a success, I poured my heart and soul into my business. Only to see it crushed through no fault of my own, for the third time. Enthusiasm is one of those unique characteristics of a small business owner that helps you create and recreate your business, its so hard to stay enthusiastic as we keep attempting to pivot with pardon the pivot pun to nauseating results. For our team, I have great empathy. The heartbreak of re-issuing ROE's for your team members is both a lot of paperwork and emotionally tough.

The team here at my business is a combination of employees and contractors, regardless of their status I consider the 40 plus people here part of the team, the essence of our work community. The impact of closing and the empathy for our team members is tough. On a business front the impact to how we operate equates to changes in the requirements for additional skills, new protocols to train and cultural impact. Please don't underestimate the impact that culture has on a small business. I have invested a lot into creating a great work culture, every time we close and reopen the stop and start destroys our culture, having to reboot it every time! I believe a great guest experience starts with a great team experience – the challenges of keeping a great team experience at work at the time are difficult.

Community wise we supported many local entities including other small business and charities. The ripple effect is significant!

There are several questions that I have:

Financial – how do I dig out of the hole that has been created from over 6 months of closures? (forgive the CEBA)

Talent – Will people want to work? Will I find the right talent to fuel the business and at what cost? Is there housing available for my team that they can afford (with the crazy housing market here)? How do I retain those that have gone through the last 3 stops and starts and might prefer a more guaranteed work environment (government/ banks etc)

Re-igniting enthusiasm- How do I get personally motivated, then how to I get this great culture rolling for the team again? How do I increase employee engagement? How do I incent the team to be engaged? How do I personally get the covid fatigue away?

Consumer Demand – How do I crystal ball recovery and know what is on consumer's minds?

Pivot – What do I need to change and at what cost and is now the time to invest? Do I invest or dig out of the hole created financially?"

From a Small Local Restaurant Owner and Operator: *The impact of being shut down for so many months, is massive. Rent relief and wage subsidy have been a great help, but this is just not enough, the repeated opening and closing incurs unrecoverable costs from lost perishable food items, training, etc. Rent is not covered 100%, and in the case of a restaurant we are planning to open, no rent is covered, which does not incent operators opening new businesses. Grants are very limited in their scope, in our case we can only receive 1 grant for 5 restaurants, because we are affiliates..... How is our industry going to continue to absorb these costs for another year?*

On the staffing side, the impact on their livelihoods & mental health cannot be underestimated - we have lost 10-20% of our staff on every reopen due to this."

From a Small Local Retailer:

"We are a small retail business. We do our best to hire people, invest time and money in training and developing them so they can have a career. We hire extra part time staff where they can make some extra cash while going to school and summer break.

We offer great fashion to our customers and give amazing service so they can return back to our stores. We search many suppliers to bring great quality at the best prices.

Having said that this pandemic as been incredibly challenging. In retail if you don't buy the product on time before the seasons starts, you won't be able to find units available. At the same time if we don't purchase the product, many suppliers won't make it as they also buy the product before the seasons starts and rely on customers like us to purchase similar to the year before so they can stay in business.

If all retailers become scared and don't do their purchase according to making their sales, some suppliers will go bankrupt. So we did our purchases to the max because we were ready for business. However with the last two shutdowns, mind you without any notice, has put us in a bad situation as we invested tens of thousands of dollars to just sit there in our closed locations and have NO ROI!

We believe that the Blue Mountain did not have to shut down as they did an amazing job in controlling the traffic and follow Ontario safety guidelines, if anything they did over and above the expectations. We feel as business owners we would have been fine controlling our traffic and have a safe environment, however that did not matter and we were all shut down anyways.

It did not matter what the Blue Mountain and it's stores did to control the pandemic and were labeled as a grey zone when we were one of the best in Ontario for lowest covid cases. Many stores are still open like Shoppers Drug Mart as an example, someone can buy perfume but can't buy a top from our store, what is the difference? You can go inside Starbucks and a have a line up from inside to outside the door, wait 10 to 15 minutes inside for a cup of coffee, but you can't come into our store a buy a dress. There are many examples as to how unfair this has been for everyone. Many of us have lost a lot of money for no reason what so ever, while many are making more money. There was no need to close retail stores and outdoor dining, as no proof has been provided that is where you catch Covid.

This has been a very challenging time for us and it will take some time to recover our losses, like many others."

**THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY
Council**

DATE: 10 May 2021

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	
Councillor Bochek	_____	_____	MOVED BY: <u>Jarvis</u>
Councillor Cooper	_____	_____	
Councillor Douglas	_____	_____	SECONDED BY: <u>Cooper</u>
Councillor Hazelton	_____	_____	
Councillor Jarvis	_____	_____	
Councillor Wiancko	_____	_____	
Mayor Koetsier	_____	_____	

DEFERRED _____ **CARRIED** X **DEFEATED** _____ **REFERRED** _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the Township of The Archipelago Resolutions 21-073 regarding road management action on invasive phragmites.

Peter Koetsier
Mayor



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April 9, 2021

21-073

**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.

Subject: Ontario Extending Stay-at-Home Order Until June 2

From: Ontario News [<mailto:newsroom@ontario.ca>]

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Extending Stay-at-Home Order Until June 2

Province Outlines Plans to Make Pfizer Vaccine Available to Youth Aged 12 to 17

May 13, 2021

[Premier's Office](#)

TORONTO — With the new, more contagious variants continuing to pose significant risks, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has extended the Stay-at-Home Order ([O. Reg. 265/21](#)) until at least June 2, 2021. All public health and workplace safety measures under the [provincewide emergency brake](#) will also remain in effect. During this time, the government will prepare to administer the Pfizer vaccine to youth between the ages of 12 and 17, beginning the week May 31, 2021, as the province also finalizes plans to gradually and safely re-open the province.

“While we are seeing positive trends as a result of the public health measures put in place, we cannot afford to let up yet,” said Premier Ford. “We must stay vigilant to ensure our ICU numbers stay down and our hospital capacity is protected. If we stay the course for the next two weeks, and continue vaccinating record number of Ontarians every day, we can begin looking forward to July and August and having the summer that everyone deserves.”

Thanks to the collective efforts of Ontarians in following public health and workplace safety measures, the province continues to make considerable progress in the fight to control the third wave of COVID-19. This past week (May 2 to 8), the provincial cases rate decreased by 14.8 per cent, with the positivity rate also decreasing to 7.7 per cent compared to 8.6 per cent the previous week. From May 5 to 12, the number of patients with COVID-related critical illness in intensive care has decreased from 877 to 776.

Despite improvements, key indicators remain high and more time is required before the province can safely lift the Stay-at-Home Order. From May 3 to 9, the provincial cases rate remained very high at 134.9 cases per 100,000 people, and per cent positivity was

above the high alert threshold of 2.5 per cent. Hospitalization and ICU admissions also remain too high and well above the peak of wave two.

Based on this data, the government has extended the provincewide Stay-at-Home Order that is set to expire on May 19 until at least June 2, 2021. The impacts of these measures will continue to be evaluated over the coming weeks, with consideration being made to the reopening of outdoor recreational amenities on June 2, subject to current trends continuing.

“While the latest data shows that public health measures are having an impact, the situation in our hospitals remains precarious and variants continue to pose a significant risk,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Experience from other jurisdictions shows that driving transmission to very low levels is needed in order to end the third wave. We must stay the course as we continue to quickly vaccinate more Ontarians, including our children and youth.”

In addition, all publicly funded and private elementary and secondary schools in the province will continue to operate under teacher-led remote learning. Data is to be assessed on an ongoing basis and medical experts, including the Chief Medical Officer of Health, and other health officials will be consulted to determine if it may be safe to resume in-person learning.

Beginning the week of May 31, youth in Ontario between 12 and 17 years of age and their family members who have not received a vaccine will be eligible to book an appointment to receive their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine, including at special dedicated youth and family clinics throughout the weeks of June 14 and 21.

“Expanding vaccines to youth 12 and up will bring us one step closer to normalcy for our students,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. “We are focused on delivering a safe, stable, and well-resourced learning experience with an additional \$1.6-billion in resources to protect students and school communities in the 2021-22 school year.”

The province will work with public health units to offer both doses of vaccine to youth aged 12 to 17 by the end of August, in collaboration with school boards and other partners. The rollout will be informed by the work of the Children’s COVID-19 Vaccine Table and will provide access to multiple channels to support vaccinating this group, including mass vaccination clinics, community or school pop-ups, and pharmacies.

“The spread of COVID-19 continues to pose a significant threat to our health care system and the well-being of Ontarians,” said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. “While we have made great strides, extending the Stay-at-Home order is essential to protect our communities, reduce the spread of the virus and save lives.”

“Despite the progress we have made in recent weeks in our fight against this virus, we all must remain vigilant, as we are not yet at the point where we can safely exit the Stay-at-Home Order, as our health system remains under significant strain,” said Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “By continuing to strictly follow all

measures, we can further reduce transmission of the virus, safeguard hospital and public health capacity, and save lives.”

Quick Facts

- Ontario has administered first doses of the COVID-19 vaccines to over [50 per cent of Ontarians aged 18 and over](#). Over one million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Ontario since the start of May, and the province remains on track to have administered first doses to 65 per cent of Ontarians aged 18 and over by the end of May.
- On May 5, 2021, Health Canada authorized the use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in children 12 to 15 years of age, marking the first COVID-19 vaccine authorized in Canada for use in this age group.
- The [Stay-at-Home order](#) currently in effect requires everyone to remain at home except for specified purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated), for outdoor exercise, or for work that cannot be done remotely.
- On April 3, 2021, the government implemented a [provincewide emergency brake](#), putting in place time-limited public health and workplace safety measures to help to stop the rapid transmission of COVID-19 variants in communities, protect hospital capacity and save lives.
- Emergency [orders currently in force](#) under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act have been extended until June 2, 2021, as the province continues to deal with the impacts of COVID-19. Orders currently in force under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020, with the exception of O.Reg 129/20 (Signatures in Wills and Powers of Attorney), have been extended until June 19, 2021.
- Under the ROA, orders can be extended for up to 30 days at a time, and the government must report on all order extensions to the [Select Committee on Emergency Management Oversight](#).
- The ROA requires the Premier to table a report on any amendments or extensions of any orders within 120 days after the first anniversary of the ROA coming into force.
- Last week, the Ontario government [announced](#) it is providing more than \$2 billion in new supports to advance and protect public education for the 2021-22 school year. The support includes more than \$1.6 billion in resources to respond to COVID-19, with an \$85.5 million commitment to support learning recovery and renewal in response to the ongoing pandemic in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Implements Provincewide Emergency Brake](#)
- [Ontario Continues to Expand Booking Eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccines to More Ontarians](#)
- Visit Ontario’s [COVID-19 communications resources web page](#) for resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts.

- Visit Ontario's [website](#) to find out if you are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at this time.
- Eligible groups can use Ontario's [vaccine booking system](#) to find out how to schedule an appointment, or can call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line number at 1-833-943-3900. For general inquiries, individuals can call the Provincial Vaccine Information Line number at 1-888-999-6488 or TTY service is also available by calling [1-866-797-0007](#).
- Visit Ontario's [COVID-19 vaccine web page](#) to view the latest provincial data and information on COVID-19 vaccines.
- Visit Ontario's COVID-19 information [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from the virus.
- For public inquiries call ServiceOntario, INFOLine at 1-866-532-3161 (Toll-free in Ontario only).

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Providing More Relief for Tourism Industry

Province supporting tourism businesses at provincial parks and conservation reserves

May 14, 2021

[Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is providing over \$1 million in financial relief to more than 300 resource-based tourism businesses operating at Ontario's provincial parks and conservation reserves by waiving and reducing certain land use and licence fees for 2021. The province's continued support for the resource-based tourism industry will help local businesses that have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

"Ontario's tourism industry continues to be heavily impacted by public health and safety measures related to COVID-19, and this includes the hundreds of businesses that make our provincial parks and conservation reserves vibrant tourist destinations," said Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "By providing much-needed relief to these businesses, many of which are family-owned, not only are we investing in the future of Ontario Parks, we are supporting local job creators and the communities that depend on them."

The 2021 relief for resource-based tourism businesses includes:

- Removing 2021 annual land use fees for commercial outpost camp permit holders.
- Reducing and deferring payment of land use fees for commercial youth camps until the 2022 season.
- Reducing license fees for some commercial operators under service agreements in Ontario Parks for 2021.

Resource-based businesses do not need to apply for this relief. Refunds or invoice adjustments will be automatically provided to eligible businesses currently operating in Ontario's provincial parks and conservation reserves.

This funding builds on the more than \$1.3 million in relief provided to resource-based tourism operators at provincial parks and conservation reserves during the 2020 operating season. With these investments, total support from the Ontario government for the tourism, culture, sports, recreation, and heritage industries since the start of COVID-19 now totals \$625 million.

Quick Facts

- There are over 300 resource-based tourism businesses that operate in provincial parks and conservation reserves on a seasonal basis, with strong economic ties to the local communities. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, these businesses have faced significant revenue loss, event cancellations or postponements and reduced future bookings.
- Ontario manages and protects 340 provincial parks and 295 conservation reserves, totalling 8.6 million hectares or 9 per cent of the province – an area larger than the entire province of New Brunswick.
- Budget 2021 provided [\\$1.3 million in financial relief for the resource-based tourism industry](#) by waiving certain licences and Crown land use fees.
- Ontario's system of provincial parks and conservation reserves is largely funded through the collection of user fees, including monies collected from resource-based tourism operations. The money collected in Ontario Parks stays in Ontario Parks and is used to offset the cost of operating the entire system.

Additional Resources

- Read about other investments into Ontario Parks in the [2021 Budget - Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy](#).
- Read the [Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan](#).

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May 14th 2021

Attn: Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council Meeting held Wednesday, May 13th 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

Motion 20

Moved by Mike Vasey, Seconded by Netty McEwen that Council support item 'p' of correspondence from the City of Brantford regarding a request for the Province of Ontario to withdraw its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

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Cc: (via e-mail)
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All Ontario Municipalities



April 30, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
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Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Brantford City Council Meeting held April 27, 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

Request - Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities

WHEREAS COVID-19 restrictions have had significant impacts; and

WHEREAS many forms of socializing, recreation and sport have been curtailed; and

WHEREAS the game of golf can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of The City of Brantford recommends:

- A. THAT The Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities which can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; Will Bouma, MPP, Brantford-Brant, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Big City Mayors; and the list of other Municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,

Tanya Daniels
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cc MPP Will Bouma, Brantford-Brant
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