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April 13, 2023

VIA EMAIL

Hon. Lisa Thompson
Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs
77 Grenville Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1B3

Re: Drainage Issue in Ontario

Dear Minister Thompson,

I trust that this correspondence finds you well. I am communicating to you today as CN's recently appointed Senior Vice President & Chief Stakeholder Relations Officer, responsible for overseeing public and government affairs. I have engaged with my team and am up to date with respect to the ongoing drainage file.

I am aware that our decision not to pay for assessments made under the Ontario *Drainage Act* has led some municipalities to seek your support in asking federally regulated railways to change our approach and accept to pay. I am also aware that many have written to Minister Alghabra to express the same position. I want to take this opportunity to explain our perspective and avoid any misunderstanding respecting the reasons why we made that decision.

Adequate drainage of railway infrastructures is a safety concern and the management of water in proximity to our right of way remains a serious consideration. We have our own protocols in place to ensure that our rights of way are unobstructed and that their structure remains solid to safely operate our trains. We also understand the need for municipalities to have in place systems which ensure that lands within their jurisdiction are also adequately drained. It is against this background that we recently reviewed costs assessed to CN by municipalities. We were surprised to notice that many assessments exceeded the benefit CN derives from drainage works. In some instances, very high costs are assessed to CN even though our right of way is properly drained through our own systems of culverts and ditches located within our right of way. It is for this reason that we decided to cease payments, understanding that we remain prepared to assume our share of the costs where we benefit from the municipal infrastructure.

This position is consistent with our regulatory framework which applies to federal railways across Canada. On our network of approximately 14,000 miles, we have many Board orders or agreements made with municipalities respecting utility crossings and we remain available to discuss arrangements which are in line with that framework.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to agree with municipalities about this matter, as they all insist that we comply with the assessments. In the interest of transparency and given that this issue has been ongoing for some time, I am writing to inform you that CN will apply to the Canadian Transportation Agency respecting the apportionment of costs that ought to be determined in the case of one municipality.

We have not taken this decision lightly, but in the absence of negotiated settlements, this is the only option available to bring finality to the matter. We continue to believe that municipalities should accept to discuss with us the cost apportionment of drainage infrastructures on a basis consistent with the benefit derived. I assure you of our commitment towards amicable solutions with municipalities interested in that option.

We will continue to keep your office informed as this process progresses. We remain available to you should you have any questions or need of further information.

Sincerely,



Janet Drysdale

CC: Colin Best, AMO President
Robin Jones, Chair of ROMA
Hon. Omar Alhabra, Minister of Transport, Transport Canada
Scott Butler, Executive Director Good Roads

April 21, 2023

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

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction Crisis
Our File 35.31.99**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on April 3, 2023, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS individuals, families, and businesses in St. Catharines are struggling because of nation and province-wide systemic gaps in addressing homelessness, mental health, and addiction; and

WHEREAS the Canada Health Act's primary objective is to protect, promote and restore the physical and mental well-being of residents; and

WHEREAS Niagara Regional Council has adopted a motion to declare mental health, homelessness, and addiction as an emergency; and

WHEREAS the City of St. Catharines has experienced a dramatic increase in individuals living rough throughout the community, both within public spaces as well as derelict and vacant private properties; and

WHEREAS the availability of affordable housing options is rapidly decreasing with St. Catharines having one of the highest rents in Ontario, having increased 19% since 2021 making it harder for families and individuals to find housing, and with no increases to social assistance since 2018, making affordable housing out of reach for many residents; and

WHEREAS St. Catharines City Council adopted a motion from Councillor Miller on March 20, 2023, highlighting the challenges and need for more affordable housing; and

WHEREAS City staff at various levels, from multiple departments, are often taken away from regular duties to coordinate and clean-up encampments and an

increase in the number and size of encampments has led to concerns about the safety and well-being of individuals living rough as well as the impact of the surrounding community and encampments have created additional workload on City crews at the expense of other core service functions due to a shortage of funding and adequate intervention from other levels of government; and

WHEREAS street outreach, emergency shelter, rent allowances, and affordable housing are not able to accommodate the increased number and acuity of clients presenting with significant mental health and addictions needs, and to successfully and sustainably support clients to exit from unsheltered homelessness without intensive health supports in the community or as part of a supportive housing program; and

WHEREAS Indigenous people in Niagara are disproportionately affected by homelessness, mental health and addiction and require specific and culturally relevant support through Indigenous-led interventions, with those who identify as Indigenous representing 22.6% experiencing homelessness, and 10% of overdose deaths (source: Niagara Chapter Native Women Inc.); and

WHEREAS the City of St. Catharines lacks the jurisdiction and the financial and technical resources to meaningfully address systemic gaps in effective service delivery to those experiencing homelessness, mental health, and addiction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council declare a mental health, homelessness and addiction crisis in the City of St. Catharines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City call on the federal and provincial governments to declare national and provincial state of emergencies on mental health, homelessness, and addiction that includes direct and culturally relevant support to Indigenous people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City reaffirm its call for the province to work with all levels of government to provide a comprehensive and long-term financial commitment to create more affordable and supportive housing for people in need, with wraparound services to address the specific needs of those with substance use and mental health needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines call on the provincial government to support local organizations who are attempting to fill systemic gaps through emergency support to individuals and families by covering funding shortfalls to agencies including, but not limited to: Westview Centre for Women, Westminster Church, St. Barnabas Church, The Silver Spire, Start Me Up Niagara, and the Salvation Army; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City ask the Niagara Region and area school boards to continue their commitments on substance abuse public education to St. Catharines with programs like the Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara and provide regular reports and updates on milestones and initiatives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that where possible the City support community-led initiatives such as Savemylife.ca, to raise awareness and connect individuals and families to available community resources related to mental health and addiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City continue to explore innovative approaches to use available policy tools and municipal assets to address the waiting list for affordable housing through the City of St. Catharines Housing Action Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines condemn the discrimination of the mentally ill, homeless and / or addicted within the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Niagara Region Native Centre, the City of St Catharines learn how municipal and other levels of government can support Indigenous-led approaches to addressing mental health, homelessness and addiction serving Indigenous people within the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to all Niagara area municipalities, the Office of the Premier of Ontario, the Federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, Niagara Area MPPs and MPs, the Ontario Solicitor General, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Niagara area school boards; the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, the Niagara Region Native Centre, the Fort Erie Friendship Centre, the Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board, the Niagara Chapter of Native Women, the Niagara Region Metis Council, Developmental Services Ontario, the Provincial Minister of Community and Social Services, all Niagara-area Community Living Associations (Grimsby / Lincoln / West Lincoln, Fort Erie, Port Colborne / Wainfleet, St. Catharines, Welland / Pelham), Niagara Support Services, the Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, and Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland.

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



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: Niagara Area Municipalities
 The Honourable Premier Doug Ford, Office of the Premier of Ontario
 The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion
 Niagara Area MPPs and MPs
 The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Ministry of the Solicitor General
 The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 District School Board of Niagara
 Niagara Catholic District School Board
 The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples
 The Niagara Region Native Centre
 The Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre
 The Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board
 The Niagara Chapter of Native Women
 Developmental Services Ontario
 The Honourable Michael Parsa, Provincial Minister of Children, Community and Social
 Services
 All Niagara Area Community Living Associations
 Niagara Support Services
 The Honourable Sean Fraser, the Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and
 Citizenship
 The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister



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MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Hours:

Monday & Thursday:
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday:
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday:
Closed

Notice:

*The Library will be closed
Monday, May 22*



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*Some spring crafts made at the library.
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New and exciting things are happening at the Wainfleet Township Public Library!

One-on-One Computer Training



First hour FREE!
\$10.00 per hour thereafter.

1 hour training sessions
 can be tailored to a program
 or topic of your choice.
 Contact library staff for more information!

Libby, your
 homeschool helper.

Instantly borrow content
 to expand on interests.



Sharpen your own skills
 for teaching success.



Give students a break with
 fun reading for downtime.



The one-tap reading app from our library.



Tuesdays

3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

June 20 to September 12

*Market is held in the Pavilion
 behind the Arena*



Visiting Library Service

Are you or someone you know unable to visit the Library due to health reasons and/or physical limitations? The Library offers a visiting Library service designed specifically for those who cannot come to the Library. For further information or to schedule deliveries to your home, please call the Library at 905-899-1277.



Wainfleet Township Public Library is part of Libraries in Niagara Cooperative (LiNC)

LiNC is a partnership of many Niagara public library systems and Niagara College to share resources and a catalogue system called Evergreen.

LiNC Public Libraries include: Lincoln Pelham, Fort Erie, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Thorold, Grimsby, Welland, Port Colborne, West Lincoln and Wainfleet.

If you have a Wainfleet Township Public Library Card you are automatically a LiNC cardholder. You can visit any LiNC library and borrow in person, or you can place holds and have items sent to Wainfleet for pick up. Items can be returned to any of the LiNC Libraries. Books and audiobooks can be borrowed for 3 weeks; magazines and DVDs can be borrowed for 1 week.

The Library catalogue allows you to search our Library or the entire LiNC catalogue. You can place holds, renew items, create reading lists and track your reading history.

To access the catalogue, go to www.wainfleetlibrary.ca and click on Catalogue in the upper right corner. To sign in, enter your library card number and your password is either the last 4 digits or last 7 digits of your phone number.

Sign In

CARD NUMBER

Library Card Number

PASSWORD

Last 4 or 7 digits of phone #

☐ Stay signed in

Sign in

PROGRAMS

Programming Notice

To sign up for programs that require registration, please visit <https://wainfleetlibrary.ca/programs/current-programs>. In the event of high registration, preference will be given to Wainfleet residents first. If you have registered and are no longer able to attend, please contact the library so we can offer the space to someone else. We will use the registration forms to communicate registration status. If you are signing up for a waitlist it will be indicated at the top of the form. Once you've registered you will receive a message on screen that says **"Thanks for registering! Staff will ONLY contact you if this program needs to be cancelled or there is insufficient registration numbers to proceed. See you at the program."** This means you're in, otherwise the form will simply be closed if the program is full.

Time for Tots and Craft - Thursday, May 4, 11 & 18 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, activities and crafts for tots ages 4 months to 4 years and their caregivers. Spaces are limited, please register by Monday, May 1.



Drop-In Lego - Saturday, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Come to the library with your friends and family and discover our amazing Lego collection. This program will run on a drop in basis (children must be supervised by their parents / caregivers).



Homeschool Craft - Monday, May 8 & 15 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and Friday, May 12 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for one or all of these crafting programs just for our homeschool families. Registration required. Project details can be found in the registration form.

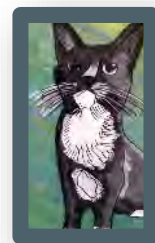


Mother's Day Craft - Thursday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

This 1 hour program is designed for ages 5 to 99. Use this opportunity to build a Mother's Day gift in secret. Spaces are limited, please register by Monday, May 8.

Paint Your Pet - Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us and learn how to make a beautiful painting of your pet from a photo! This program is for anyone ages 8+. Spaces are limited, please register by Monday, May 15.



Drop-In P. A. Day Herb Garden Program - Friday, May 19 from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Stop by the programming room at the library and plant your very own herb garden. This program is for all ages.



Thursday Afternoon Book Club - Thursday, May 25 at 2:00 p.m.

This month's book is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.



Spring Colouring Contest Closes - Friday, May 26 at 5:00 p.m.

Hop into the library to pick up your entry for our spring colouring contest for all ages. One prize will be awarded to the top winner in each of the following age categories: preschool, elementary, secondary, adult and seniors (65+).



Monday Evening Book Club - Monday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m.

This month's book is *Fight Night* by Miriam Toews. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.



Red Cross Training - Friday, June 9 - Babysitting 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or Stay Safe 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

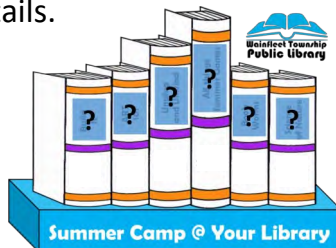
Registration required by May 19 to ensure programs meet minimum registration requirements. Cost is \$75 per participant. Payment by cash or cheque payable to Dakota Braiser must be received at the time of registration in person at the Library.



SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Library will be running these programs again this summer.
See our June newsletter for complete details.

- Summer Camp @ Your Library
- TD Summer Reading Club
- FITastic Drop-in Playtime



PRINTING, COPYING, LAMINATING AND FAXING

Did you know you can come to the Library for your printing, copying, laminating and faxing?

PRINTING & COPYING

We offer black and white or colour printing and copying. Black and white starts at \$0.25 and colour starts at \$0.55. Quantities of 25+ and 100+ are discounted. We can copy and print up to 11 x 17" size.



LAMINATING

We laminate from card-size up to 11 x 17". The cost ranges from \$0.60 to \$2.60 per sheet depending on the size.



FAXING

The cost to send or receive faxes is \$2.00 plus long distance charges if applicable. There is no limit on the amount of pages per fax.



May 3-17, 2023



A TIME and NPR Best Book of the Year in 2021

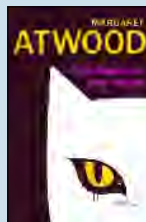
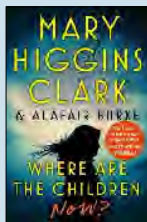
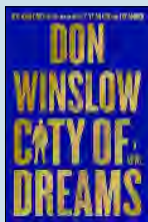
Part food memoir, part sociological investigation, *Tastes Like War* is a hybrid text about a daughter's search through intimate and global history for the roots of her mother's schizophrenia.

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The library reading app



NEW LIBRARY MATERIALS

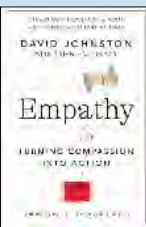
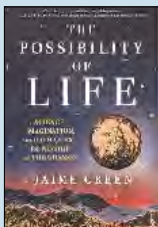
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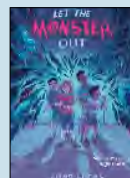
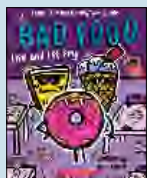
DVDs



Adult Non-Fiction Books

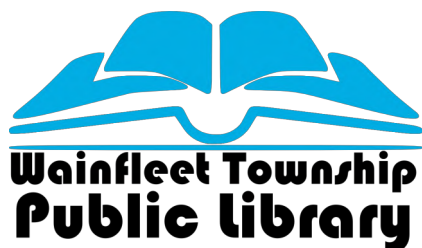


Juvenile & YP Fiction Books



Juvenile Picture Books





MISSION STATEMENT

The Wainfleet Township Public Library Board guarantees equitable access to all with diverse opportunities for personal enrichment and lifelong learning.

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Library Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of February, April, May, June, September, October, November and December and are open to the public.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 10:30 a.m. Time for Tots and Craft	5	6 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Lego
7	8 1 p.m. Homeschool Craft	9	10 10 a.m. Library Board Meeting	11 10:30 a.m. Time for Tots and Craft 5:30 & 7 p.m. Mother's Day Craft	12 3 p.m. Homeschool Craft	13 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Lego
14 Mother's Day	15 1 p.m. Homeschool Craft	16	17	18 10:30 a.m. Time for Tots and Craft 6 p.m. Paint Your Pet	19 11:30 a.m. Drop-in P.A. Day Herb Garden Program	20 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Lego
21	22 CLOSED  Victoria Day	23	24	25 2 p.m. Afternoon Book Club	26 5 p.m. Colouring Contest Closes	27 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Lego
28	29 6:30 p.m. Evening Book Club	30	31			



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April 6, 2023

Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

At the meeting held on April 5, 2023, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution in support of Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator

APR 20 2023
Info # 6



April 17, 2023

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

At its regular meeting on April 13, 2023, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Dufferin County Council supports Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, and local MPPs.

Thank you,

Michelle Hargrave

Michelle Hargrave
Administrative Support Specialist



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

REGULAR COUNCIL

DATE:

April 11, 2023

RESOLUTION NO.:

204-2023

AGENDA ITEM NO.:

13.4

MOVED BY SUSAN NELSON

Received April 25, 2022
C-2023-130

SECONDED BY DANIEL BRUNET

WHEREAS Council has received several communications regarding the historical challenge for woman in politics.

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to support the call for action by going beyond making political statements and constructively add to inspiring positive, meaningful change to this instead.

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes and is proud of the Town of Cochrane's historical and inspiring accomplishments toward this important initiative that has seen our community commit to adopting meaningful change by:

- ✓ Adopting employment equity in 2011
- ✓ Making senior positions of control and power available to woman, such as:
 - o Having the one of only of two female CAO's in the region.
 - o Having the fourteen positions in the Town Hall composed of eleven woman.
- ✓ And by having forty-three percent of it's council composed of woman.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT: the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane, Ontario, wishes to support the call out to recognize the challenges woman face in politics, while also recognizing the efforts made by its municipality, and all other municipalities, to meaningfully create the change being sought through leading by example.

AND THAT: the Council inspire continued meaningful change by encouraging all municipalities to first recognize (thereby validating) the positive changes they have made, while remaining diligent in continuing to make and inspire the kind of actual change that will lead to even more woman becoming actively engaged in politics.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

DECLARED THE MOTION

☒ CARRIED

☐ DEFEATED

☐ DEFERRED

☐ REFERRED TO: _____

☐ RECORDED VOTE - Requested by: _____

PETER POLITIS

Mayor (Deputy Mayor)

RECORDED VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	CONFLICT	ABSENT
France Bouvier				
Daniel Brunet				
Sylvie Charron – Lemieux				
Rodney Hoogenhoud				
Susan Nelson				
Peter Politis				
Marck Recoskie				

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

DISCLOSED HIS/HER INTEREST(S)

VACATED HIS/HER SEAT

ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION AND DID NOT VOTE ON THIS QUESTION.



**Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Office**

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November 28, 2022

Right Hon. Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Resolution – Funding and Support for VIA Rail Services

At their November 14, 2022, Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted a resolution petitioning the federal government to adequately fund and fully support VIA Rail Canada in increasing the frequency, reliability and speed of VIA Rail service.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your consideration. We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Tatiana Dafoe
Clerk

Encl.
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cc: Premier Doug Ford
MPP Matthew Rae
MP John Nater
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
All Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD
Resolution: Funding and Support for VIA Rail Service

WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Stratford supports the National Transportation Policy and Section 5 of the *Canada Transportation Act*, S.C. 1996, c. 10 (as amended), which states in part:

"a competitive, economic and efficient national transportation system that meets the highest practicable safety and security standards and contributes to a sustainable environment, makes best use of all modes of transportation at the lowest cost is essential to serve the needs of its users, advance the well-being of Canadians, enable competitiveness and economic growth in both urban and rural areas throughout Canada. Those objectives are achieved when:

(a) competition and market forces among modes of transportation, are prime agents in providing viable and effective transportation services;

(b) regulation and strategic public intervention are used to achieve economic, safety, security, environmental or social outcomes

(c) rates and conditions do not constitute an undue obstacle to the movement of traffic within Canada or to the export of goods from Canada;

(d) the transportation system is accessible without undue obstacle to the mobility of persons, including persons with disabilities; and

(e) governments and the private sector work together for an integrated transportation system."

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has stated: "*we are serious about climate change*" and "*smart investments in transit help connection communities We will continue to work with communities and invest in the infrastructure they need today and into the future*";

WHEREAS Abacus data has indicated that Canadians are focused on building transit to reduce congestion and connect communities;

WHEREAS the Canadian Transport Commission main finding at public hearings in 1977 was that there should be no further reductions to passenger rail services;

WHEREAS the frequency of VIA trains running in Canada has been reduced significantly since 1977, causing a subsequent significant drop in ridership;

WHEREAS there is a need for balanced transportation with more using transit and less using automobiles;

WHEREAS the changing demographic relating to house prices, housing affordability will require further expansions of transit;

WHEREAS there is a need to visit tourist sites located along rail lines;

WHEREAS the annual cost of congestion to the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area economy alone is between \$7.5 and \$11 billion;

WHEREAS there are 10 million more vehicles on the road today than there were in 2000; and

WHEREAS the City of Stratford requests the support of this resolution from all communities served by VIA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of The City of Stratford recommends to the Government of Canada to adequately fund and fully support VIA Rail Canada in increasing the frequency, reliability and speed of VIA rail service in 2022 and successive years.

Adopted by City Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford on November 14, 2022

The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
Attention: City Clerk, 519-271-0250 extension 5329, clerks@stratford.ca



Received April 25, 2023
C-2023-132

April 25, 2023

The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Clark:

**RE: Endorsement of Resolution Adopted by the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and the Town of Petrolia
Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors**

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand at their Regular Council Meeting on April 4th, 2023, passed the following resolution supporting the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and the Town of Petrolia's adoption of resolutions to request the Province of Ontario to use any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Stover, seconded by Councillor Mary Catherine O'Neill;

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand receive the correspondence from the Town of Petrolia dated March 14, 2023, regarding their support of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh resolution regarding future accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors and their adoption of a resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario, through Elections Ontario and the Chief Electoral Officer, utilize any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors; and

Further that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand supports and endorses this resolution as passed by the Town of Petrolia at their Regular Council Meeting on February 27, 2023; and

Further that a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh; the Town of Petrolia; Elections Ontario; MPP David Piccini and the municipalities of Ontario."

CARRIED

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Town of Petrolia is attached for your reference.

It is extremely frustrating for electors and Returning Officers to work with List of Electors that are not accurate. Electors have complained that they have updated their information yet the list doesn't get updated.

Yours truly,



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Encl.

Cc: Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (clerk@acwtownship.ca)
Town of Petrolia (mpearson@petrolia.ca)
Elections Ontario (info@elections.on.ca)
MPP David Piccini (david.piccini@pc.ola.org)
Municipalities of Ontario



Received April 25, 2023
C-2023-133

April 25, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Endorsement of Resolution Adopted by the Town of Petrolia
A Call to the Provincial Government to End Homelessness in Ontario**

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand at their Regular Council Meeting on April 4th, 2023, passed the following resolution supporting the Town of Petrolia's adoption of a resolution to request calling on the province to end homelessness:

Moved by Councillor Mary Catherine O'Neill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Joan Stover;

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand receive the correspondence from the Town of Petrolia dated March 14, 2023, regarding calling on the province to end homelessness in Ontario; and

Further that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand supports and endorses this resolution as passed by the Town of Petrolia at their Regular Council Meeting on February 27, 2023; and

Further that a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to MPP David Piccini."

CARRIED

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Town of Petrolia is attached for your reference.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yolanda Melburn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
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Cc: Town of Petrolia (mpearson@petrolia.ca)
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Winger Public School

Received April 25, 2023
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April 24, 2023

Attention: Mayor of Wainfleet

Dear Mayor Grant,

As you know, Winger Public School provides an excellent education to over 185 students every year. This year we have implemented a comprehensive nutrition program in light of the difficult economic times for our families following the covid pandemic. We provide a delicious morning meal to all our students at 10:45 am consisting of pancakes, eggs, cereal, grilled cheese, smoothies, vegetables and fruit. Our program began in October of 2022 and we are hoping to continue running the program until the end of June.

Unfortunately, the funding through the Niagara Nutrition Partners does not cover the entire cost of the program and the government is not currently providing adequate funds for schools to provide these meals to our children. We have fundraised over \$2000.00 from families and are consistently asking families to donate items like ketchup, maple syrup, eggs, cereal, cheese, and more. Despite all these efforts, we are in a position of not having enough funds for the remainder of the school year.

I am writing today to ask you to consider donating to our nutrition program as we will not likely be able to continue until the end of June unless we get an injection of additional funding. Thank you for taking the time to read this request and I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Tye
Principal, Winger Public School

April 26, 2023

CL 7-2023, April 20, 2023
PEDC 4-2023, April 5, 2023
PDS 8-2023, April 5, 2023

LOCAL AREA MUNICIPALITIES

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO) Inventory of Unbuilt Housing Supply

PDS 8-2023

Regional Council, at its meeting held on April 20, 2023, passed the following recommendation of its Planning and Economic Development Committee:

That Report PDS 8-2023, dated April 5, 2023, respecting Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO) Inventory of Unbuilt Housing Supply, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

A copy of PDS 8-2023 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann-Marie Norio".

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk
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cc: A. Stea, Director, Community and Long Range Planning
M. Sergi, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services
N. Oakes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Planning and Development Services

Subject: Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO) Inventory of Unbuilt Housing Supply

Report to: Planning and Economic Development Committee

Report date: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Recommendations

1. That this report **BE RECEIVED** for information; and
2. That a copy of Report PDS 8-2023 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Key Facts

- In response to the Province of Ontario's goal of creating 1.5 million homes by the year 2031, the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO) issued an inventory of Ontario's unbuilt housing supply.
- The housing inventory presented by RPCO demonstrates that there is a healthy supply of units within the development approvals process to advance the Province's housing objectives.
- The inventory identified 1.25 million homes within the development pipeline across 15 upper and single-tier municipalities in Ontario. Of the 1.25 million homes, over 25,000 units are within Niagara Region.

Financial Considerations

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

Background

More Homes, Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-2023

The Province has set a goal of building 1.5 million homes by the year 2031 as part of *More Homes, Built Faster Act* (released on October 25, 2022). The *More Homes, Built Faster Act* aims to increase the supply of housing in Ontario by reducing costs and timelines related to building housing; promoting intensification near transit and more

gentle density; and identifying more land for attainable housing. As part of *More Homes, Built Faster* the Province has:

- passed Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, with certain provisions to take effect upon Royal Assent (November 28, 2022), while others only coming into force upon Proclamation by the Lieutenant Governor, the specific timing of which is not known;
- identified housing targets for the 29 largest and fastest-growing municipalities in Ontario, including St. Catharines and Niagara Falls;
- initiated a review of the *Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)* and *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* with the intent of creating a single, streamlined province-wide policy document to increase housing supply; and
- removed land from the *Greenbelt Plan* for housing development.

RPCO Housing Supply Inventory for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

The Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO) is an organization whose upper and single-tier municipal members provide planning services and give planning advice to municipal Councils. It's membership represents approximately 80% of Ontario's population and Niagara Region is one of 21 member municipalities, RPCO works together to promote excellence in planning across urban and rural municipalities working to achieve sustainable and resilient communities, and supporting the growth of a strong and competitive economy.

In response to the 1.5 million homes Provincial target, on March 7, 2023, RPCO released an inventory of unbuilt housing supply across Ontario (Appendix 1). The data was collected from 15 of its 21 member municipalities, including Niagara Region.

The inventory identified over 1,250,000 housing units that are approved or proposed to be built. The housing supply inventory constitutes 85% of the Provincial target of 1.5 million homes by 2031. A proxy of 150,000 accessory units was also included to the inventory to address the Province's as-of-right legislation (Bill 23) to create up to three dwelling units on selected individual property types. The inventory represents a minimum estimate, as it did not include housing supply units of all members of RPCO.

Table 1: RPCO Housing Supply Inventory

Application Status/ Type	Housing Units
Development Ready (Registered and Draft Approved)	331,632
Under Application or Proposed	731,129
Ministerial Zoning Orders	64,199
As-of-right units (proxy)	150,000
Total housing unit inventory	1,276,960

Niagara Region's Housing Units within the RPCO Inventory

Of the 1,250,000 housing supply units identified by RPCO, over 25,000 are within Niagara Region. Table 2 provides a summary of housing units currently within the development pipeline, as defined by RPCO categories, in the Niagara Region.

Table 2: Niagara Region's Housing Units within the RPCO Inventory

Application Status/ Type	Single-detached	Semi-detached	Town-house	Apart-ment	Other/Not Assigned	All Types
Development Ready (Registered & Draft Approved)	4,015	360	5,720	4,885	0	14,980
Under Application / Proposed	1,420	295	2,750	2,645	1,350	8,460
Ministerial Zoning Order	0	0	0	1,700	0	1,700
Total	5,435	655	8,480	9,230	1,350	25,140

Included within the "Under Application/Proposed" category are 1,350 units where details regarding the housing types are not yet available. The 25,140 units in Niagara are a minimum as there are many more units that have been approved through site plans,

zoning amendments or may be built as-of-right based on Bill 23. Further this inventory did not include units that have been approved through site plans and zoning amendments. An additional 6,000 units have been approved in the City of Niagara Falls alone through zoning amendments.

Also excluded from the Niagara Region housing supply calculation are updates to the Greenbelt Plan within the Town of Grimsby.

The Province, in support of Bill 23, redesignated 35 ha of Greenbelt lands for the purpose of residential development. These lands shall accommodate a minimum of 1,750 people and jobs based on the minimum Designated Greenfield Area density target of 50 people and jobs per hectare. The Province has indicated that the landowners of these properties are expected to develop plans and build houses quickly, requiring significant progress on approvals and implementation be achieved by the end of 2023 and construction must be underway by 2025.

Municipal Housing Targets and Pledges

The City of St. Catharines and City of Niagara Falls were each identified by the Ontario government as two of the largest and fastest growing municipalities in Ontario and were assigned ten-year housing targets by the Province. The City of St. Catharines was assigned a target of 11,000 new units between 2021 and 2031, while the City of Niagara Falls was assigned 8,000 new units.

The Region's Land Needs Assessment, June 2022 (completed in accordance with Provincial methodology) identified the need to plan for 19,770 new housing units within St. Catharines and 20,210 new housing units within Niagara Falls by the year 2051. The newly assigned housing targets would accelerate a portion of the forecasted growth by 2031 rather than over a 30-year timespan.

Both the City of [St. Catharines](https://stcatharines.civicweb.net/document/104018) and [Niagara Falls](https://niagarafalls.civicweb.net/document/56886/) have responded to the Province in support of the housing targets by providing a housing pledge that outlines how each municipality will accommodate the target.

The Region is committed to working with the City of St. Catharines and Niagara Falls on ensuring required infrastructure is in place to support housing development within the accelerated timeline. The challenge will be to provide support to Niagara's other fast-growing municipalities that are not identified within the Provincial housing forecast but are contributing to strong housing growth in the Province.

Conclusion

Legislation supporting the Province's Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, seeks to support building more homes, reducing construction costs and fees in addition to streamlining development approvals. Niagara Region and the Area Municipalities have undertaken extensive work to address housing supply and affordability, working collaboratively on streamlining initiatives, which harmonize and improve the development review process to provide consistency throughout Niagara Region. The housing inventory presented by RPCO illustrates that municipalities are well on their way to achieving 1.5 million new homes across the Province demonstrating that there is a healthy supply of units within the development process to advance the Province's housing objectives.

Alternatives Reviewed

This report is for information purposes, no alternatives were reviewed.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

This report supports the following Council Strategic Priorities 2018-2022:

- Healthy and Vibrant Community
- Responsible Growth and Infrastructure Planning

Other Pertinent Reports

- PDS 27-2022 Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan Boundary
- CL-C-145-2022 Proposed Provincial Legislation—Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

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Chief Administrative Officer

This report was reviewed by Angela Stea, MCIP, RPP, Director of Community and Long Range Planning.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario issue inventory of Ontario's unbuilt housing supply, March 7, 2023.



Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario

Please direct all correspondence to the office of the Chair

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NEWS RELEASE AND MEDIA PACKAGE

WINDSOR, March 7, 2023

Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario issue inventory of Ontario's unbuilt housing supply

RPCO reports over 1,250,000 housing units approved and proposed to be built prior to Provincial Bill 23, and encourages all stakeholders to work together, as supply alone will not solve Ontario's housing affordability crisis.

Data shows there are already over 1 million approved and proposed housing units in the development approval process. If a proxy of as-of-right accessory units is added, this number totals more than 1.25 million potential new homes.

In year two of the Province's ten-year goal to build 1.5 million homes, the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO) has undertaken a housing supply inventory, which already constitutes 85% the Provincial 2032 goal. Some proposed units will require infrastructure, but these numbers are intended to provide an indication of the status of units already approved and in the formal approval process.

Municipalities representing the remaining 30% of Ontario's population would also have approved and proposed housing unit inventories. If they were included, the approved and proposed supply of housing units in the development approval process could exceed the 1.5 million Provincial target.

Collaboration with all stakeholders on the importance of building a mix of unit types to achieve better housing affordability for Ontarians is critical. Addressing supply alone will not fix the problem.

The housing supply inventory is summarized as follows, and is presented in housing units prior to Provincial Bill 23:

Development Ready (Registered and Draft Approved)	331,632
Under Application or Proposed	731,129
Ministerial Zoning Order	64,199
As-of-right units (proxy)	<u>150,000</u>
Total housing unit inventory now (year 2 of 10)	1,276,960
Provincial Target by end 2031 (year 10)	1,500,000

Notes:

1. Most data are collected to the end of 2022, but all data capture dates were not identical. Please see the accompanying Appendix for details.
2. Some draft approved and proposed units will require the construction of supporting infrastructure to proceed to development. However, discounts and exemptions to development fees and charges may further hinder the timing of constructions of this required infrastructure.

The Chair of RPCO, Thom Hunt, and the Chair of the RPCO GGH Caucus, Paul Freeman, made the announcement today.

“There is no doubt that Ontario is faced with big housing pressures, and while municipalities will do their part to streamline the development review process, they cannot achieve the 1.5 million homes goal alone. We all need to work better together”, said Thom Hunt, Chair of RPCO. “To inform the discussion about housing supply and the importance of building a diverse range of affordable units, members of RPCO have identified the inventory of approved and proposed housing units. This follows RPCO’s recent report: *Making Room* that identifies gaps in housing delivery which, if properly addressed through collaborative engagement, can make real differences for Ontarians right now”.

Legislation supporting the Province’s Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, seeks to support building more homes, helping home buyers, reducing construction costs and fees, and streamlining development approvals. However, the legislation has unintended consequences, and does little to address solutions for a variety of housing types and affordability.

All parties involved in the creation of new homes should make working to increase housing production their highest shared priority. This must include the many different housing types, tenures and affordability options for all income levels.

It should also be noted that RPCO continues to not support in principle the removal of lands from the Greenbelt as a necessary step to address Ontario’s housing needs.

“We respect and share the stated goals of Bill 23”, said Paul Freeman, Chair of the RPCO GTA Caucus. “The housing supply inventory is intended to support working collaboratively with the Province. Supply alone will not solve the housing affordability crisis, and we look forward to working with all levels of government and stakeholders involved in enabling and building housing to understand all supply and demand factors, and to find meaningful and practical affordability solutions.”

Background:

In 2022, the Province of Ontario announced a target of creating 1.5 million new homes across the Province in the next ten years.

Municipalities issue development approvals for new home construction subject to public consultation and Council decision-making. Once development approvals are received, they remain in place until the property owner decides to proceed. Municipalities do not build market housing, but they do apply development charges and other growth-related fees to build infrastructure and community services to support growth ensuring complete communities (e.g. transportation, water supply and distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, stormwater management and community amenities). Municipalities cannot make property owners build new housing. It is up to developers to decide whether and when to develop their lands for housing.

Provincial legislative changes through Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, focus on municipalities streamlining and expediting the development approval process. Financial exemptions from development charges are intended to encourage developers to build more housing supply.

To identify Ontario's existing unbuilt housing unit inventory, RPCO undertook a survey of key municipalities across Ontario to identify approved and proposed units in the development approval process. This follows a recently released, action-oriented RPCO report entitled [Making Room: Shaping Big Housing Growth and Affordability in Ontario \(Making Room\)](#). More information can be found on the RPCO website www.rpco.ca

About the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO):

RPCO is an organization made up of senior level practitioners from Ontario's large single-tier Cities and upper-tier Regions. Members of RPCO provide planning services and give planning advice to municipal Councils that represent approximately 80% of Ontario's population. As such, RPCO members are fully engaged on a daily basis in matters which are urban and rural; northern and southern; small town and big city. The universal importance of having a healthy development industry to support community vitality across Ontario is also understood and supported.

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Appendix: Unbuilt Housing Unit Inventory

The following highlights some key aspects of the RPCO inventory:

- Municipalities surveyed constitute approximately 70% of Ontario's population. This means that the development inventory for municipalities representing the remaining 30% of Ontario's population were not included, but would be expected to raise the aggregated numbers even higher.
- The entire GTHA is included, representing Canada's largest urban area. In the GTHA 911,748, units (82%) were identified through the inventory.
- Unit types are roughly divided as 25% ground-related units and 75% apartment units.
- Lands designated for development that do not have development applications in place are excluded from this inventory. These lands represent additional but uncounted inventory, as their designation reflects their status as being developable.
- Most data were collected to the end of 2022, but all data capture dates were not identical. Specifically, housing unit creation and absorption was captured for Toronto and Ottawa to mid-year 2022, and Durham Region and Oxford County to year-end 2021. However, these differences are not seen as being material (i.e. while unit creation and absorption will partially or entirely offset each other, the differences are not expected to affect the large aggregated inventory estimate).
- A proxy of 150,000 accessory units has been included in the inventory to address the Province's as-of-right legislation to create up to three dwelling units on selected individual property types. According to the Census of Canada, there were approximately 5.5 million occupied private dwellings in Ontario in 2021. Of this total, 3.8 million private dwellings were single detached, semi-detached and row houses (the unit types eligible for accessory dwellings), which combined accounted for 68.3% of all private dwellings. This 150,000 accessory unit proxy constitutes an estimate of 4% of homeowners choosing to create one additional unit (i.e. four households per 100 households) in units other than apartments, other single attached and movable dwellings. This is far less than rates occurring in some municipalities today. Accessory unit creation may be further accelerated by rising interest rates and the resulting needs of homeowners to supplement their incomes to keep their homes (as they close on a new home, renew, or lock in their existing mortgages). The proxy of 150,000 also assumes only one additional unit would be created per existing dwelling unit, while up to three units on a property are permitted. Three units may also be preferred by investment property owners.
- The inventory includes 15 municipalities with total housing supply of 1,126,960 housing units.
 - Registered Unbuilt and Draft Approved units – 29%
 - Proposed (under application) housing units – 65%

- Under construction housing units (over 225,000) not included
- Note that Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has estimated that 75,000 accessory apartments existed in the City of Toronto alone in 2021

Housing Supply Definitions:

Registered Unbuilt Units:

- Registered Plans of Subdivision with no building permits issued
- Site Plans with executed agreements

Draft approved:

- Draft approved plans of subdivision
- Site plan endorsed / approved in principle

Under Application / Proposed Units:

- Proposed Site Plans
- Proposed Plans of Subdivision

Ministerial Zoning Order:

- Approved MZO housing units

Housing Supply from Municipalities Included Represents 70% of Ontario's Population:

GTHA	GGH	Outside GGH
Durham	Barrie	Kingston
Halton	Guelph	Ottawa
Hamilton	Niagara	Oxford
Peel	Simcoe	Sudbury
Toronto	Waterloo	
York		

**Aggregated Figures for All Surveyed Municipalities
(Containing 70% of Ontario's Population)**

Total Housing Supply	Unit Type				
	Single detached	Semi detached	Townhouse	Apartment	All Types
Registered Unbuilt	19,891	904	16,214	25,371	62,379
Draft Approved	51,124	6,059	55,095	156,976	269,253
Under Application / Proposed	50,977	4,138	68,240	607,775	731,129
Ministerial Zoning Order	148	-	1,326	62,725	64,199
Total	122,139	11,101	140,875	852,846	1,126,960
<i>% Share of Total</i>	<i>10.8%</i>	<i>1.0%</i>	<i>12.5%</i>	<i>75.7%</i>	<i>100%</i>

Greater Toronto Hamilton Area- Aggregated Figures

GTHA	Unit Type				
	Single detached	Semi detached*	Townhouse	Apartment	All Types
Registered Unbuilt	4,154	87	4,871	12,080	21,192
Draft Approved	25,792	3,154	28,615	138,855	196,416
Under Application / Proposed	23,353	1,320	39,865	581,624	646,162
Ministerial Zoning Order	148	-	174	47,656	47,978
Total	53,447	4,561	73,525	780,215	911,748
<i>% Share of Total</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>8.1%</i>	<i>85.6%</i>	<i>100%</i>

Golden Horseshoe – Aggregated Figures

GGH Municipalities	Unit Type				
	Single detached	Semi detached*	Townhouse	Apartment	All Types
Registered Unbuilt	9,054	439	6,275	7,691	23,458
Draft Approved	14,723	1,173	15,459	13,937	45,291
Under Application / Proposed	18,840	2,606	14,980	14,685	51,110
Ministerial Zoning Order	-	-	1,132	15,069	16,201
Total	42,616	4,218	37,846	51,381	136,060
<i>% Share of Total</i>	<i>31.3%</i>	<i>3.1%</i>	<i>27.8%</i>	<i>37.8%</i>	<i>100%</i>

Municipalities Surveyed Outside the Greater Golden Horseshoe

Outside GGH	Unit Type				
	Single detached**	Semi detached	Townhouse*	Apartment	All Types
Registered Unbuilt	6,683	378	5,068	5,600	17,729
Draft Approved	10,609	1,732	11,021	4,184	27,546
Under Application / Proposed	8,784	212	13,395	11,466	33,857
Ministerial Zoning Order	-	-	20	-	20
Total	26,076	2,322	29,504	21,250	79,152
<i>% Share of Total</i>	<i>32.9%</i>	<i>2.9%</i>	<i>37.3%</i>	<i>26.8%</i>	<i>100%</i>

Supply Estimates (in Years) – Per CMHC Data and Growth Plan Forecasts

YEAR'S SUPPLY BASED ON 10 YEAR CMHC AVERAGE COMPLETIONS			
	Ground Related	Apartments	Total
GTHA	9.4	34.4	24.9
GGH	14.1	16.8	15.0
Outside GGH	11.7	8.2	10.5
TOTAL	10.2	30.8	20.7

YEAR'S SUPPLY BASED ON GROWTH PLAN 2021 31 FORECAST	
	Year s Supply
GTHA	18.1
GGH Municipalities	6.7
TOTAL	14.8



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Received April 26, 2023
C-2023-136

Date: Apr 25, 2023

Resolution No.: 152-23

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Shuniah strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, Lise Vaugeois MPP, Kevin Holland MPP, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

☒ **Carried**

☐ **Defeated**

☐ **Amended**

☐ **Deferred**

Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

9d)



The Municipality of Dysart et al

Regular Council Resolution

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Motion #23-195

Received April 26, 2023
C-2023-137

Moved by:

Barry Boice

Seconded by:

Nancy Wood Roberts

Be it resolved that Dysart et al Council supports the resolution from the Town of Essex urging the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions; and

Further directs that this resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, MPP Laurie Scott, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried ☒

Defeated ☐

Deferred ☐

Murray Fearrey
Murray Fearrey, Mayor

Tamara Wilbee
Tamara Wilbee, CAO/Deputy Clerk



Received April 26, 2023
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Hon. David Piccini, MPP
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Ministry of the Environment,
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VIA EMAIL:
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April 26, 2023

RE: 11.1 Mayor's Updates - 11.1.1 Mayor Seeley gave an update on the upcoming spring clean-up day being the second weekend of May.

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 12, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-127:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receive the Mayors and Council member updates for information; and

That Council direct staff to send notice to the MECP requesting that the litter on the roadside of the 401 be cleaned up in accordance with the Ministry initiative "Act on Litter Ontario"; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



Received April 25, 2023
C-2023-139

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

Agenda Number: 15.1.
Resolution Number 23-058
Title: Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites
Date: Friday, April 21, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Barton
Seconded by: Councillor Lundy

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 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 Township of The Archipelago directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed.

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

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 Township of The Archipelago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management, and MPP (the Municipality’s local MPP).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for 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

April 26, 2023

Re: Item for Discussion - School Bus Stop Arm Camera

At its meeting of April 19, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion 23-GC-079, regarding the Item for Discussion - School Bus Stop Arm Camera, as follows:

“WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation’s statistics the rate of vehicles failing to stop for a stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus has the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources cannot be spread any thinner to enforce additional Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal AMPs program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal AMPs program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge urges the Provincial Government to:

1. Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
2. Underwrite the costs for the implementation and ongoing annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka Graydon Smith, Provincial opposition parties, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.”

1000 Taylor Court
Bracebridge, ON
P1L 1R6 Canada

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for you reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori McDonald". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "L" and "M".

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Subject: MPAC: 2022 Annual Report



Good morning,

MPAC is proud to share three documents with you today. The first document is our [Annual Report](#). This year, MPAC focused on supporting our municipal partners, stakeholders and the people of Ontario. Innovation, ongoing data readiness initiatives and public education campaigns have prepared us to lead the way as Ontario's property market experts.

Through our ongoing efforts, we were also able to maintain a 0% increase to the total municipal levy for the third year in a row, while continuously capturing new assessment and showcasing our commitment to elevating the municipal experience.

You will also find included MPAC's Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022. This is being provided as an addendum to the Annual Report above. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Meffe, Vice-President, Corporate and Information Services and Chief Financial Officer at mary.meffe@mpac.ca.

The third document is our second annual [Performance Report](#). MPAC is committed to further enhancing our accountability and transparency. This document provides a wealth of statistics on how well we are meeting our goals on areas such as capturing new assessment, the proportion of property assessments that are accepted without going to appeal, Customer Contact Centre satisfaction and many more.


Should you have any questions regarding the reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Alan Spacek

Chair, MPAC Board of Directors

Copy Nicole McNeill, President & CAO
Mary Meffe, VP Corporate and Information Services & CFO



Financial statements of Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

December 31, 2022

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board Members of
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (the "Corporation"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at December 31, 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Annual Report is expected to be available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the Annual Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter with those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Corporation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Corporation's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Corporation to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Deloitte LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants
March 29, 2023

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**Statement of financial position**

As at December 31, 2022

(In thousands of dollars)

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash		12,160	16,519
Accounts receivable		4,113	3,335
Prepaid expenses		2,618	2,054
		18,891	21,908
Investments	3	149,449	147,690
Capital assets	4	8,450	8,804
Long-term prepaid expenses		170	367
Intangible assets	5	6	9
		176,966	178,778
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	14	30,171	27,909
Deferred revenue	6	2,669	2,761
Current portion of capital leases	10	641	685
		33,481	31,355
Employee future benefits	7	35,340	49,267
Deferred lease inducements		1,501	1,901
Long-term portion of capital leases	10	1,030	463
		71,352	82,986
Commitments and contingencies	9 and 11		
Net assets			
Unrestricted		7,174	6,958
Internally restricted	8	91,655	81,169
Invested in capital and intangible assets		6,785	7,665
		105,614	95,792
		176,966	178,778

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors

_____, Director

_____, Director

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**Statement of operations**

Year ended December 31, 2022

(In thousands of dollars)

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Municipal	214,919	214,919
Other	27,094	23,601
Interest and dividend income	4,297	3,353
	246,310	241,873
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	193,095	186,315
Professional services	11,909	13,320
Information technology	11,732	11,222
Facilities	8,600	8,581
General and administrative	6,937	6,096
Royalties	4,290	4,024
Amortization of capital and intangible assets	3,171	3,601
Gain on disposal of capital assets	(618)	(65)
	239,116	233,094
Excess of revenue over expenses before change in fair value of investments	7,194	8,779
Change in fair value of investments	(13,711)	6,998
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses for the year	(6,517)	15,777

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Statement of changes in net assets

Year ended December 31, 2022

(In thousands of dollars)

	Notes	Unrestricted \$	Internally restricted \$	Invested in capital and intangible assets \$	2022 Total \$	2021 Total \$
		(Note 8)				
Net assets, beginning of year		6,958	81,169	7,665	95,792	77,187
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year		(3,964)	—	(2,553)	(6,517)	15,777
Remeasurements and other items on employee future benefits	7	16,339	—	—	16,339	2,828
Acquisition of capital and intangible assets		(2,854)	—	2,854	—	—
Proceeds from disposal of capital and intangible assets		658	—	(658)	—	—
Incurred lease obligations for vehicles accounted for as capital leases		1,361	—	(1,361)	—	—
(Repayment) retirement of lease obligations for vehicles accounted for as capital leases		(838)	—	838	—	—
Interfund transfers to internally restricted reserves		(10,486)	10,486	—	—	—
Net assets, end of year		7,174	91,655	6,785	105,614	95,792

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Statement of cash flows

Year ended December 31, 2022

(In thousands of dollars)

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Operating activities			
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses for the year		(6,517)	15,777
Employee future benefits payments	7	(607)	(505)
Add (deduct): Items not affecting cash			
Change in fair value of investments		13,711	(6,998)
Reinvested investment income		(3,470)	(3,122)
Employee future benefits expense	7	3,019	2,701
Amortization of capital assets		3,168	3,560
Amortization of intangible assets		3	41
Gain on disposal of capital assets		(618)	(65)
Amortization of lease liabilities		(400)	(405)
		8,289	10,984
Changes in non-cash working capital			
Accounts receivable		(778)	393
Prepaid expenses		(367)	149
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		2,262	484
Deferred revenue		(92)	960
		9,314	12,970
Investing activities			
Purchase of investments		(12,500)	(7,343)
Proceeds from sale of investments		500	3,342
Purchase of capital assets		(1,493)	(2,022)
Proceeds on disposal of capital assets		658	98
Purchase of intangible assets		—	—
		(12,835)	(5,925)
Financing activity			
Repayment of lease obligations		(838)	(759)
(Decrease) increase in cash during the year		(4,359)	6,286
Cash, beginning of year		16,519	10,233
Cash, end of year		12,160	16,519
Supplementary cash flow information			
Non-cash transactions			
Acquisition of leased vehicles		(1,361)	(32)
Incurrence of lease obligations		1,361	32

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Notes to the financial statements

December 31, 2022

(In thousands of dollars)

1. Description of business

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (the Corporation), formerly the Ontario Property Assessment Corporation, was incorporated effective January 1, 1998 and is a special act corporation under the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Act, 1997 (Ontario). The Corporation is responsible for providing property assessment services for municipalities in the Province of Ontario, as well as providing other statutory duties and other activities consistent with such duties as approved by its board of directors. All municipalities in Ontario are members of the Corporation.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

The significant accounting policies are summarized as follows:

Fund accounting

The financial statements include the following funds:

- The unrestricted fund comprises mainly amounts available for immediate use for the general purpose of the Corporation.
- The reserve for board-appropriated working fund is set aside by the board of directors in accordance with the Corporation's reserve strategy for contingencies and funding for identified one-time expenditures.
- The reserve for employee future benefits is the portion of net assets consisting of internally restricted investments set aside to settle employee future benefits.
- The reserve for enumeration was established to fund the costs associated with the preparation of preliminary voters' lists for municipal and school board elections. The next enumeration process is scheduled for 2023.
- The reserve for assessment update was established to fund the costs associated with the assessment update. The Corporation generally contributes \$2,400 annually to the reserve but may vary the annual contribution with approval from the board of directors. The unspent reserve balance will be maintained to finance the next Assessment Update.
- Invested in capital and intangible assets represents assets that have been invested in long-lived capital and intangible assets which are not readily converted to cash, net of any liabilities related to the acquisition of those assets.

Financial instruments

The Corporation records cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost. Financial assets are tested for impairment at the end of each reporting period when there are indications the assets may be impaired.

Investments are recorded at fair value. Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments measured subsequently at fair value are expensed as incurred.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Notes to the financial statements

December 31, 2022

(In thousands of dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized using the straight-line method as follows:

Office equipment	5 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 to 10 years
Computer equipment	3 to 4 years
Small boats and vessels	3 to 8 years
Vehicles under capital lease	5 years

Leasehold improvements are also amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease or ten years, whichever is less.

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Corporation reviews the carrying amount, amortization and useful lives of its long-lived assets on an annual basis. If the long-lived asset no longer has any long-term service potential to the Corporation, the excess of the net carrying amount over any residual value is recognized as an expense in the statement of operations.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets consist of computer software, which is recorded at cost and is amortized over three years.

The costs of developing in-house software are expensed as incurred.

Revenue recognition

Municipal revenue relates to assessment services and is recognized in the year in which the services are provided, and collection is reasonably assured.

Other revenues are comprised of services sold and products delivered from business development. These revenues are recognized when the services have been provided and/or the product is delivered, and collection is reasonably assured.

Interest income is recognized when earned.

The Corporation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Employee future benefits

The Corporation has defined benefit plans that provide for post-retirement medical and dental coverage and special termination benefits for defined eligible employees. Certain investments have been internally restricted but not segregated to pay for post-retirement benefits.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Notes to the financial statements

December 31, 2022

(In thousands of dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Employee future benefits (continued)

The Corporation has the following policies:

- The Corporation accrues its obligations under defined benefit plans and the related costs when the benefits are earned through current service using the accounting valuation method.
- The cost of post-employment benefits earned by employees is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method pro-rated on service and management's best estimates of retirement ages of employees, expected health-care costs and dental costs. The accrued benefit obligation related to employee future benefits is discounted using market rates on high-quality debt instruments.
- Remeasurements and other items are composed of actuarial gains (losses) on the accrued benefit obligation and arise from differences between the actual and expected experience and from changes in the actuarial assumptions used to determine the accrued benefit obligation, past service costs and gains and losses arising from settlements and curtailments. Actuarial gains and losses arise when the accrued benefit obligations change during the year. The actuarial gains and losses and other remeasurements including plan amendments are recorded in the statement of changes in net assets when incurred.

In addition, all employees of the Corporation are part of a defined benefit multi-employer benefit plan providing both pension and other retirement benefits. Contributions made to this plan are expensed as paid as the plan is accounted for as a defined contribution plan.

Deferred lease inducements

Lease liabilities include deferred lease inducements, which represent the free rent and improvement allowances received from landlords and are amortized over the term of the lease, and step-rent liability, which represents the difference between the average annual rent over the term of the lease agreement and actual rent paid in the year.

Use of estimates

In preparing the Corporation's financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Accounts requiring significant estimates include accounts payable and accrued liabilities, useful lives of capital assets and employee future benefits.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**Notes to the financial statements**

December 31, 2022

(In thousands of dollars)

3. Investments

Investments are held within third party managed accounts, which invest independently. The breakdown of total investments by category is outlined below:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Cash	—	250
Fixed income	88,827	82,154
Equity	40,585	47,528
Real assets	20,037	17,758
	149,449	147,690

The Corporation internally restricts certain securities to fund employee future benefits. The breakdown of total investments by intended use is outlined below:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Working capital	85,861	76,845
Employee future benefits	63,588	70,845
	149,449	147,690

4. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2022 Net	2021 Net
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office equipment	466	466	—	1
Furniture and fixtures	8,780	7,645	1,135	1,005
Computer equipment	15,830	13,634	2,196	2,330
Small boats and vessels	394	380	14	13
Leasehold improvements	20,745	17,300	3,445	4,386
Vehicles under capital lease	4,239	2,656	1,583	1,018
Assets under construction	77	—	77	51
	50,531	42,081	8,450	8,804

5. Intangible assets

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2022 Net	2021 Net
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Computer software	3,022	3,016	6	9

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6. Deferred revenue

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Business development unearned revenue and customer down payments	2,487	2,583
Other deferred amounts	182	178
	2,669	2,761

7 Employee future benefits

The Corporation has accrued an obligation for its post-employment benefits as follows:

Employees who transferred to the Corporation from the Government of Ontario on December 31, 1998

- Employees who transferred to the Corporation with less than ten years of service with the province will receive post-retirement group benefit coverage through the Corporation for themselves and for their dependents' lifetimes. The cost of these benefits is shared equally between the Corporation and the employee for those employees who retire after January 1, 2018.

The Government of Ontario continues to provide post-retirement benefits for employees who transferred to the Corporation with ten or more years of service with the province.

Employees hired by the Corporation after December 31, 1998

- These employees will receive post-retirement group benefit coverage for themselves and for their dependents through the Corporation until age 65.

All employees

- The Corporation is a Schedule II employer under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act (Ontario), 1997 and follows a policy of self-insurance for all its employees. The obligation as at December 31, 2022 is \$473 (\$829 in 2021) and is included in the total obligations below.

Information about the Corporation's accrued benefit obligations and accrued benefit liabilities is as follows:

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Accrued benefit obligations, beginning of year	49,267	49,899
Current service costs	1,455	1,298
Interest on accrued obligations	1,564	1,403
Actuarial gain	(16,339)	(2,828)
Contributions	(607)	(505)
Accrued benefit obligations, end of year	35,340	49,267

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7. Employee future benefits (continued)

All employees (continued)

The employee future benefits expense recorded in the statement of operations during the year is as follows:

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current service costs	1,455	1,298
Interest on accrued obligations	1,564	1,403
	3,019	2,701

Remeasurements and other items, consisting of curtailments, settlements, past service costs and actuarial gain of \$16,339 (gain of \$2,828 in 2021), have been recognized directly in net assets.

The significant actuarial assumptions adopted in measuring the Corporation's accrued benefit obligations are as follows:

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Discount rate	5.05%	3.1%
Health care inflation	5.2% grading down to 4% by 2040	5.4% grading down to 4% by 2040
Vision and dental care inflation	5.1% grading down to 4% by 2040	4.93% grading down to 4% by 2040

The date of the most recent actuarial valuation of the accrued benefit obligations was December 31, 2022.

The Corporation paid \$28,694 (\$28,150 in 2021) of employer and employee contributions to the defined benefit multi-employer benefit plan.

8. Internally restricted net assets

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Reserve for board-appropriated working fund	50,595	47,283
Reserve for employee future benefits	28,248	21,578
Reserve for enumeration	1,343	2,200
Reserve for assessment update	11,469	10,108
	91,655	81,169

Interfund transfers are approved by the board of directors. During the year, the board of directors approved the transfers between the unrestricted fund and the internally restricted net assets as follows: \$3,312 to (\$10,162 to in 2021) the board-appropriated working fund reserve to pay for future one-time expenditures; \$1,361 to (\$1,832 to in 2021) the assessment update reserve to set aside funds for the property assessment process, and \$857 from (\$481 from in 2021) the enumeration reserve.

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8. Internally restricted net assets (continued)

The purpose and use of the employee future benefit reserve was approved by the board of directors at initial setup, and an annual approval for transfers is not required. A transfer of \$6,670 to (\$7,803 in 2021) the employee future benefit reserve was made during the year.

Refer to note 2 for a description of the reserves.

9. Commitments

The Corporation has commitments under various operating leases for properties. Minimum lease payments due in each of the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

	\$
2023	4,574
2024	3,578
2025	2,897
2026	1,810
2027	504
Thereafter	189
	<u>13,551</u>

The Corporation is also committed to paying operating costs and property taxes on its various property leases.

10. Capital leases

The Corporation entered into several vehicle leases with an interest rate of between 3.84% and 5.77%, with lease terms up to 60 months. On termination of the lease, the Corporation has guaranteed a certain residual value of the vehicle to the lessor, depending on the ultimate lease term.

As at December 31, 2022 the current portion of the capital leases is \$641 (\$685 in 2021) and the long-term portion is \$1,030 (\$463 in 2021).

Future minimum annual lease payments required under capital lease arrangements are as follows:

	\$
2023	700
2024	359
2025	308
2026	301
2027	135
Total lease payments	<u>1,803</u>
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(132)</u>
	1,671
Less: current portion	<u>641</u>
	<u>1,030</u>

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11. Contingent liabilities and guarantees

The Corporation has been named as a defendant in certain legal actions in which damages have either been sought or, through subsequent pleadings, could be sought. The outcome of these actions is not determinable or is considered insignificant as at December 31, 2022 and, accordingly, no provision has been made in these financial statements for any liability that may result. Any losses arising from these actions will be recorded in the year the related litigation is settled.

In the normal course of business, the Corporation enters into agreements that meet the definition of a guarantee, as outlined in the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Handbook. The Corporation's primary guarantee subject to disclosure requirements is as follows:

- The Corporation enters into agreements that include indemnities in favor of third parties, such as purchase agreements, confidentiality agreements, leasing contracts, information technology agreements and service agreements. These indemnification agreements may require the Corporation to compensate counterparties for losses incurred by the counterparties as a result of breaches of contractual obligations, including representations and regulations, or as a result of litigation claims or statutory sanctions that may be suffered by the counterparty as a consequence of the transaction. The terms of these indemnities are not explicitly defined, and the maximum amount of any potential reimbursement cannot be reasonably estimated.

The nature of the above indemnifications prevents the Corporation from making a reasonable estimate of the maximum exposure due to the difficulties in assessing the amount of liability, which stems from the unpredictability of future events and the unlimited coverage offered to counterparties. Historically, the Corporation has not made any significant payments under such or similar indemnification agreements and, therefore, no amount has been accrued in the statement of financial position with respect to these agreements.

12. Risk management

Market risk

The Corporation's investments are susceptible to market risk, which is defined as the risk the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Corporation's market risk is affected by changes in the level or volatility of market rates or prices, such as interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and equity prices. The Corporation is subject to cash flow interest rate risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rate sensitive investments. The risk is mitigated through the Corporation's investment policy, which requires investments to be held in high grade, low risk investments.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential a counterparty will fail to perform its obligations. The Corporation is exposed to credit risk from banks and debtors. The risk is mitigated in that the Corporation conducts business with reputable financial institutions and its debtors are mainly entities within a level of the provincial government.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the Corporation will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they come due. The Corporation manages liquidity through regular monitoring of forecasted and actual cash flows.

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13. Credit facility

The Corporation has an unsecured credit facility of \$10,000 to be used for its operations, which is renewable annually. The credit facility was temporarily extended to \$50,000 in 2020 and continued to December 31, 2021. Starting on January 1, 2022, the extended credit facility was not renewed. The unsecured credit facility of \$10,000 remains in place.

14. Government remittances

Government remittances consist of workplace safety insurance costs, sales taxes and payroll withholding taxes required to be paid to government authorities when the amounts come due. In respect of government remittances, \$3,381 (\$3,258 in 2021) is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.