



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

## SUMMARY

MAY 26, 2023

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1. **C-2023-182**  
Correspondence dated May 19, 2023 from the Office of the Regional Clerk respecting 2023 Property Tax Policy, Ratios and Rates.
2. **C-2023-183**  
Correspondence dated May 23, 2023 from the Municipality of West Grey respecting a resolution of support for the Municipality of North Perth correspondence regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras .
3. **C-2023-184**  
Correspondence dated May 19, 2023 from the City of Welland to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, respecting a resolution of support for Bill 5.
4. **C-2023-185**  
Correspondence dated May 19, 2023 from the City of Welland to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, respecting a declaration of a mental health, homelessness and addiction crisis in the City of Welland.
5. **C-2023-186**  
Correspondence dated May 23, 2023 from the Township of Eanturel respecting a resolution of support for the Municipality of North Perth correspondence regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras .
6. **C-2023-187**  
Correspondence received May 25, 2023 from the Municipality of Dysart et al respecting their Video Surveillance Policy.
7. **C-2023-188**  
Correspondence dated May 23, 2023 from the Town of Cobourg respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Lincoln resolution on the Municipal Heritage Register.
8. **C-2023-189**  
Correspondence dated May 23, 2023 from the Town of Cobourg respecting a resolution of support for the City of Cambridge request to amend the Highway Traffic Act.
9. **C-2023-190**  
Correspondence dated May 25, 2023 from the Town of Grimsby to Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West, respecting a declaration of a state of emergency and crisis on mental health, addiction and housing affordability.
10. **C-2023-191**  
Correspondence dated May 10, 2023 from the City of Cambridge respecting a request to amend the Highway Traffic Act.

11. **C-2023-192**  
Correspondence dated May 25, 2023 from the Township of Ewanturel to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, respecting a resolution of support for Bill 5.
12. **C-2023-193**  
Correspondence dated May 16, 2023 from the City of Port Colborne to The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation respecting a resolution of support for the City of Cambridge request to amend the Highway Traffic Act.
13. **C-2023-194**  
Correspondence received May 26, 2023 from Diane Noble on Behalf of The Women of Ontario Say No respecting a request to pass a resolution of support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

May 19, 2023

**CL 7-2023, April 20, 2023**
**CSC 4-2023, April 5, 2023**
**CSD 22-2023, April 5, 2023**

## **LOCAL AREA MUNICIPALITIES**

### **SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

#### 2023 Property Tax Policy, Ratios and Rates

CSD 22-2023

Regional Council, at its meeting held on April 20, 2023, passed the following recommendation of its Corporate Services Committee:

That Report CSD 22-2023, dated April 5, 2023, respecting 2023 Property Tax Policy, Ratios and Rates, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** the following tax ratios and sub-class reductions for the 2023 taxation year:

Property Classification	Tax Ratio	Sub-Class Reduction
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Commercial – Vacant Land	1.734900	7.50%
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Pipeline	1.702100	
Farmland	0.250000	
Managed Forest	0.250000	
Farmland Awaiting Development 1	1.000000	25.00%
Farmland Awaiting Development 2	Class Ratio	
Landfill Sites	2.940261	

2. That the necessary by-laws **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Councils of the Area Municipalities for information; and
3. That Report CSD 22-2023 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Councils of the Area Municipalities for information.

Subsequently, Regional Council, at it's meeting held on May 18, 2023, passed By-law 2023-37, being a By-law to amend By-law 2023-31, resulting in updates to Schedules A and B of By-law 2023-31.

Report CSD 22-2023, By-law No. 2023-31 (as amended) and By-law No. 2023-32 are enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,



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Regional Clerk

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**Subject:** 2023 Property Tax Policy, Ratios and Rates

**Report to:** Corporate Services Committee

**Report date:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023

## Recommendations

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## Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to set the tax policy for 2023, which includes tax ratios, rates and other policy considerations. Tax policy accounts for property assessment

changes and affects the distribution of actual taxes paid by property owners or classes.

- The recommended tax policy for 2023, supported by Regional staff and Area Treasurers, is to maintain the status quo tax ratio adopted for the 2023 taxation year.
- This is the last year of the Council approved phase-out schedule of the commercial/industrial vacant/excess land subclass discounts from 15.00% to 7.50%.
- In order for the Area Municipalities to complete final tax billings in June, Regional by-laws need to be established no later than April.
- The analysis in Appendix 1 to Report CSD 22-2023, is based on the actual General Levy for 2022 being \$422 million. The 2023 Budget presentation excluded transit costs in the adjusted 2022 Levy of \$406 million for a consistent comparison therefore the \$7.4 million assessment growth dollars are 1.74% on approved 2022 Levy rather than 1.85% on the adjusted Levy.
- Area Municipal budgets range from decreases of 3.05% to increases of 8.46% for those that have approved budgets at this time.
- The proposed tax policy and approved Regional tax levy will result in an increase of approximately \$123 for the typical residential property with a current value assessment (CVA) of \$278,764 in 2022, for an annual Regional property tax of \$1,743.

### **Financial Considerations**

There are no direct costs to the Region as a result of setting 2023 tax policy. There are however, taxpayer impacts as a result of tax shifts between property classes due to assessment growth and tax ratio/discount decisions. Detailed analysis of these impacts are included in the Tax Policy Study, attached as Appendix 1 to Report CSD 22-2023.

Some of the analysis will differ in format from that presented with the 2023 budget as the 2023 budget, for transparency and consistency, reflected comparisons to similar base services as the 2022 budget which required the exclusion of transit costs which have been transferred to the NTC Special Levy budget.

### **Readjusted 2022 Tax rates**

For illustration purposes only, the 2022 tax rate calculations have been readjusted from \$422 million to \$406 million, to account for the removal of transit services. These rates

do not reflect the true 2022 notional tax rates however have been provided to reconcile the information provided in the 2023 budget to this Tax Policy report (See Table 1). Tax policy has been prepared on the unadjusted 2022 general levy as this represents the actual levy dollars collected by the Region for the 2022 year.

**Table 1 – Comparison of Budget By-law to Tax Policy (in millions)**

	<b>2022 General Levy (A)</b>	<b>Assessment Growth \$</b>	<b>2023 Levy Impacts (B)</b>	<b>2023 Approved Levy</b>	<b>2023 Levy Increase (B/A)</b>
Per 2023 Budget Presentation (excludes Transit)	\$406.1	\$7.4 or 1.85%	\$30.9	\$444.4	7.58%
Per Tax Policy (see Table 2)	\$422.3	\$7.4 or 1.74%	\$14.7	\$444.4	3.51%
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$16.2)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$16.2</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>4.07%</b>

Table 1 above, provides a summary comparing the information per the 2023 Budget including the removal of \$16.2 million for Transit services to the information provided in this Tax Policy report. Assessment Growth (AG) used in the Budget By-law of 1.85% is on the revised 2022 Base Budget (excluding Transit) whereas the AG per Tax Policy of 1.74% is based on the actual unadjusted 2022 General Levy. This has resulted in the difference in tax impact of 3.51% versus 7.58% as noted above.

## Analysis

The Municipal Act provides the Region with the responsibility to establish tax policy to raise levy requirements. Reassessment impacts, assessment growth and Provincial legislation can create tax shifts in burden across all property classes (see Table 2). These factors are outside the control of Niagara Regional Council and the budget process. The only opportunity to affect these is through a thorough analysis of options available for ratios and resulting impacts.

Regional staff engaged the Area Treasurers in the review of the tax study as completed by the Region's external tax consultant as well as discussed potential scenarios for 2023. Based on the feedback provided, both Regional staff and Area Treasurers are recommending to maintain the status quo tax ratio for the 2023 taxation year including

the commercial/industrial vacant/excess land subclass discount phase-out from 15.00% to 7.50%, as recommended and approved by Council in 2019 (Report CSD 3-2019). This report included recommendations on amendments to the commercial/industrial vacant unit rebate, which went from 30% to 0% between 2018 and 2021, as well as vacant/excess land subclass property tax rate reduction programs which went from 30% in 2018 to 0% by 2024. See Appendix 4 to Report CSD 22-2023 for additional details. The 2023 impact results in a benefit to the residential taxes class of 0.11%, or \$0.3 million.

The following are the key factors that support the recommendation; these are expanded on further in this report:

- The most recent update from MPAC identifies that reassessment increases could be greater for residential properties than non-residential which will shift taxes onto the residential properties.
- The BMA study demonstrates that all residential taxation categories are above the BMA study average and data provided by the Region's Affordable Housing Strategy Steering Committee indicates that many of the households in core housing need currently reside in single detached homes (included in the residential tax class).
- The Region and local area municipalities offer many incentive programs including tax increment and development charge related grants that reduce the actual tax burden experienced by some property classes in Niagara including industrial.

## **Analysis of Current State**

### **1. Assessment Growth**

The overall assessment growth that occurred in 2022 for the Region was \$7.4 million in tax dollars from new taxpayers equivalent to 1.74% of the \$422 million General Levy for 2022. The overall assessment growth is net of reduction in assessment due to property assessment appeals.

Table 2 summarizes the overall assessment growth that occurred in 2022 (column 3) as well as the impacts affecting each of the tax classes based on maintaining the status quo tax ratios and the adjustment to the vacant/excess land subclass discounts from 15.00% to 7.50% as per the Council approved phase-out schedule (column 4). Note this phase-out schedule was approved by the Province and has been written into Provincial

legislation. Any subsequent changes to the phase-out schedule would require Council to lobby the Province to amend the Ontario regulations 325/01. This will result in minor municipal shifts. These impacts have been summarized in Appendix 1, Table 6 and range from -0.08% (Wainfleet) to 0.09% (Niagara Falls). A negative number represents a decrease in the relative total municipal burden while a positive number represents an increase.

The residential increase noted previously of 3.41% (which is below the 2023 Regional levy impact of 3.51%) is net of the shift due to the subclass discount reduction (See Appendix 1, Table 5).

**Table 2 – 2023 Tax Levy Impacts by Property Class (Status Quo Policy)**

<b>Property Class</b>	<b>2022 Approved Levy</b>	<b>Assessment Growth (AG) Impacts</b>	<b>Inter-class Shift*</b>	<b>2023 Levy Impacts (net of AG)</b>	<b>2023 Approved Levy (before AG)</b>	<b>Avg. tax % Increase</b>
Residential	\$309,408,552	\$6,233,521	\$(332,612)	\$10,877,162	\$326,186,623	3.41%
New Multi-Res	\$1,175,386	423,470	(1,685)	\$55,130	\$1,652,301	4.55%
Multi-Residential	\$16,364,700	(261,635)	(16,956)	\$555,252	\$16,641,361	3.29%
Farm	\$3,664,646	27,338	(3,890)	\$133,894	\$3,821,988	3.55%
Managed Forest	\$25,068	(155)	(26)	\$860	\$25,747	3.33%
Commercial	\$74,469,603	771,921	203,979	\$2,598,607	\$78,044,110	3.76%
Industrial	\$14,523,388	129,748	153,965	\$491,467	\$15,298,568	4.44%
Pipelines	\$2,613,127	17,516	(2,773)	\$90,708	\$2,718,578	3.37%
Landfill	\$55,944	-	(59)	\$1,929	\$57,814	3.34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$422,300,414</b>	<b>\$7,341,724</b>	<b>(57)</b>	<b>\$14,805,009</b>	<b>\$444,447,090</b>	<b>3.51%</b>
<b>% Increase</b>		<b>1.74%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>3.51%</b>	<b>5.24%</b>	

\* Represents a tax shift away from residential of 0.11% as a result of the decrease in vacant/excess land subclass discount from 15.00% to 7.50% as per Council approved phase-out schedule.

## 2. Re-Assessment Phase-In and Tax Shift

Reassessments of all properties is mandated by the Province every four years, however, as a result of COVID-19, the 2020 re-assessment has been delayed and the Province has not provided any guidance as to when the next assessment cycle will take place. Therefore, the destination values for the 2023 tax year will remain the same resulting in no tax shift impacts caused by assessment phase-in changes.

Table 3 shows the relative tax share of each tax class from 2022 to 2023. The 2023 amounts are based on the recommended tax policy. The table represents a starting point for any further ratio analysis.

**Table 3 – Multi-Year Tax Distribution by Tax Class**

<b>Realty Tax Class (Taxable)</b>	<b>2022 Year End (As Revised)</b>	<b>% Share</b>	<b>2023 Levy (As Revised)</b>	<b>% Share</b>
Residential	\$315,642,073	73.47%	\$326,186,623	73.39%
New Multi-Residential	1,598,856	0.37%	1,652,301	0.37%
Multi-Residential	16,103,065	3.75%	16,641,361	3.74%
Farm	3,691,984	0.86%	3,821,988	0.86%
Managed Forest	24,913	0.01%	25,747	0.01%
Commercial	75,241,524	17.51%	78,044,110	17.56%
Industrial	14,653,136	3.41%	15,298,568	3.44%
Pipelines	2,630,643	0.61%	2,718,578	0.61%
Landfill	55,944	0.01%	57,814	0.01%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$429,642,138</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$444,447,090</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 3. Education Rates (no change)

The education tax rates are established by the Province to meet their revenue targets for the year. Typically, the education tax rates decrease from one year to the next as the Provincial policy is to maintain revenue neutrality. In prior years, this Provincial policy has created savings in Niagara which generally assist in offsetting municipal increases. For 2023 however, the Province has maintained the education tax rates from 2022 for all classes. The Province has identified this as a priority as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and has left the education tax rates unchanged since 2020. What this means is that with no changes in property assessment due to reassessment properties will typically pay the same dollars in education taxes as in the prior year.

#### 4. Waste Management Rates

Waste management tax rates are also set based on the Regional tax ratios. The waste management requisition by municipality was approved through Report CSD 2-2023; however the by-law setting for the waste management rates for the 2023 requisitions are brought forward with the 2023 general tax levy by-law as the rates are based on each municipality's assessment and are dependent on the tax ratios (with the exception of Niagara-on-the-Lake). The household impacts reported with the budget were net of assessment growth and based on status quo policy so remain unchanged.

#### 5. Transit Rates

Similar to Waste Management, Transit tax rates are also set based on the Regional tax ratios. The Transit requisition by municipality was approved through Report CSD 10-2023; however, the by-law setting for transit rates for the 2023 requisitions are also brought forward with the 2023 general tax levy by-law as the rates are based on each municipality's assessment and are dependent on the tax ratio. The household impacts reported with the budget were net of assessment growth and based on status quo policy so remain unchanged.

### **Tax Policy Considerations**

The Region considers council priorities, the current environment, as well as utilizing several BMA tax related performance metrics as seen in Appendix 3 of Report CSD 22-2023 to assess policy options.

- Residential taxpayer - The residential class is responsible for 73.39% of the overall tax levy. Under the recommended tax policy, the tax shift away from the residential class will mitigate the overall levy increase on the class from 3.51% to 3.41% (see Table 2). In previous years, the Region has considered utilizing the tax shifts away from the residential class to implement other policy objectives such as reductions to multi-residential and commercial tax classes through reduced tax ratios (see Appendix 2). As identified in the most recent BMA study, Niagara's average household income was slightly below the BMA average (2022 – Niagara \$104,320 versus BMA average \$110,000), while Niagara's average residential property taxes (including water and wastewater) payable as a percentage of household income is above the BMA study average (2022 - Niagara 5.33% versus BMA average 4.90%). This gap between Niagara's average residential property taxes payable and the BMA average has increased from last year (2021 - Niagara 5.20% versus BMA

average 4.90%). The benefit of reducing the subclass discount for commercial/industrial vacant/excess lands from 15.00% to 7.50% will assist with narrowing the gap between Niagara and the BMA average.

- Multi-Residential Tax Class - the multi-residential tax category consists of two property tax classes. The multi-residential class is responsible for 3.74% of the overall tax levy while the new-multi-residential category (which includes multi-residential structures constructed after 2003) is responsible for 0.37%. It is important to note that new construction of purpose built rental would be in the new multi-residential class, which is taxed at the same rate as residential.

Appendix 3 to Report CSD 22-2023, provides BMA metrics related to two multi-residential structure types (Walk-up and Mid/High-Rise). The walk-up style structure was identified as above the survey average by \$253 and the high-rise structure types are below the average by \$36 for 2022.

- Industrial Tax Class - The relative tax burden averages for standard industrial for the Region is higher than the BMA survey average as provided in Appendix 3 (Niagara is taxing \$1.89/square foot, while the BMA average is \$1.59/square foot). However, this is partially offset by the many incentive programs currently offered by the Region including tax increment and development charge related grants, specifically under the Employment and Brownfield pillars, that reduce the actual tax burden experienced by some industrial properties in Niagara.
- Commercial Tax Class - This property class has the second largest share (after residential) of Regional taxes at 17.56%. Appendix 3 illustrates that Niagara taxation of office buildings is lower than the BMA average (\$2.95 tax/square foot vs. \$3.11 tax/square foot), while Niagara's taxation of motels (\$1,157 tax/unit vs. \$1,223 tax/unit) and shopping centres (\$4.17 tax/square foot vs. \$3.78 tax/square foot) are moderately below/above the BMA average, respectively. Niagara taxation of hotels (\$1,935 tax/unit) is higher than the BMA average (\$1,636 tax/unit). The Region has seen an increase in new appeals related to COVID-19 in the Commercial Tax Class which once settled may increase the overall burden experienced by properties in other classes. This property class is also eligible for Employment and Brownfield related tax increment grant programs.

## 2022 Property Tax Impacts

**Table 4** – Regional Tax Increases for Status Quo Policy

<b>Taxation Class</b>	<b>2022 Avg. CVA</b>	<b>2022 Adjusted Taxes</b>	<b>2023 Avg. CVA</b>	<b>2023 Regional Taxes*</b>	<b>\$ Increase</b>
Residential	\$278,764	\$1,620	\$278,764	\$1,743	\$123
Multi-Residential	\$2,543,766	\$29,120	\$2,543,766	\$31,256	\$2,136
Commercial - Occupied	\$814,152	\$8,208	\$814,152	\$8,810	\$602
Industrial - Occupied	\$786,286	\$12,017	\$786,286	\$12,898	\$881
Farmland	\$400,452	\$582	\$400,452	\$624	\$42

\*Based on draft rates utilizing the recommended 2023 tax policy.

## Alternatives

Regional staff considered alternatives to the recommendations proposed in this report. After engaging with the Area Treasurers and reviewing the tax study and historical Regional tax ratios, it was determined to maintain the status quo tax ratio for the 2023 taxation year.

## Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

This tax policy report is aligned to Sustainable and Engaging Government.

## Other Pertinent Reports

- Bill 2023-18 – 2023 Operating Budget and Tax Levy
- CSD 3-2019 – Vacancy Program Revisions to Ministry of Finance
- CSD 2-2023 - Waste Management Services Operating Budget and Requisition
- CSD 10-2023 – NTC 2023 Operating Budget Additional Information

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**Appendices**

Appendix 1	2023 Tax Policy Study
Appendix 2	History of Regional Tax Ratios
Appendix 3	Performance Measures
Appendix 4	History of Rebate/Subclass Reductions

Bill 2023-31	Authorization Reference: CSC 4-2023 Minute Item 5.1
As amended by By-law No. 2020-37	CSC 5-2023 Minute Item 6

## THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

### BY-LAW NO. 2023-31

#### A BY-LAW TO SET AND LEVY THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR REGIONAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2023

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WHEREAS the Regional Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara (hereinafter referred to as “The Regional Corporation”) has prepared and adopted a budget including estimates of all sums it required during the year 2023 for the purposes of the Regional Corporation pursuant to Section 289 (1) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the “Municipal Act”);

WHEREAS Regional Council by By-law No. 2023-02 adopted the 2023 Waste Management Budget; and by By-law No. 2023-16 adopted the Transit Budget; and by By-law No. 2023-18 adopted the 2023 Operating Budget and Tax Levy;

WHEREAS for the purposes of raising the general levy for the Regional Corporation, the Regional Corporation shall pass a by-law directing each Lower-Tier Municipality to levy a separate tax rate, as specified in the by-law, on the assessment in each property class in the Lower-Tier Municipality rate table for the purposes of The Regional Corporation, pursuant to Section 311 (2) of the Municipal Act;

WHEREAS the tax ratios and the tax rate reductions for prescribed property classes for the 2023 taxation year have been set out in By-law No. 2023-31 of The Regional Corporation dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2023;

WHEREAS The Regional Corporation is responsible for providing Waste Management services pursuant to By-laws 8280-96, 8281-96, 8282-96 and 8283-96;

WHEREAS Regional Council is desirous of imposing a special levy for Waste Management purposes and the sums required by taxation in the year 2023 for the said purposes are to be levied by separate rates by the applicable Area Municipalities as directed by Regional by-law pursuant to Subsection 311 (4) of the Municipal Act;

WHEREAS Regional Council is desirous of imposing a special levy for Transit purposes and the sums required by taxation in the year 2023 for the said purposes are

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to be levied by separate rates by the applicable Area Municipalities as directed by Regional by-law pursuant to Subsection 311 (4) of the Municipal Act;

Whereas By-law No. 2023-01 assessed a special charge for Transit purposes representing 50% of the Area Municipalities 2022 general levy for Transit;

WHEREAS Regional Council established tax rates for property classes, and other decisions consistent with setting and levying rates of taxation for regional purposes for 2023.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara enacts as follows:

1. That for the year 2023 in The Regional Municipality of Niagara the lower-tier municipalities shall levy upon the property tax classes set out in Schedule "A" the property tax rates applicable thereto.
2. That payment of all amounts directed to be levied pursuant to the provisions of this by-law and due to The Regional Corporation shall be due and payable in the amounts and at the times shown on Schedule "B" attached to this by-law.
3. That for the year 2023 in The Regional Municipality of Niagara, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake be required to pay \$1,953,442 to the Regional Corporation as the charges for Waste Management purposes set out in Schedule "C". The remaining area municipalities shall levy upon the property tax classes and applicable subclasses the tax rates for Waste Management purposes set out in Schedule "C" attached to this by-law.
4. That payment of all amounts directed to be levied pursuant to the provisions of this bylaw respecting Transit and due to The Regional Corporation shall be due and payable in the amounts and at the times shown on Schedule "D" attached to this by-law.
5. That for the year 2023 in The Regional Municipality of Niagara, the area municipalities shall levy upon the property tax classes and applicable subclasses the tax rates for Transit purposes set out in Schedule "E" attached to this by-law.
6. That if a lower-tier municipality fails to make any payment or portion thereof as provided in this by-law, the lower-tier municipality shall pay to the Regional Corporation interest due on the amount in default at the rate of fifteen (15) per cent per annum from the due date of the payment until the payment is made.

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7. That this by-law shall come into force and effect on the day upon which it is passed.

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

  
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James Bradley, Regional Chair

  
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Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Passed: April 28, 2023

Bill 2023-31	Authorization Reference: CSC 4-2023 Minute Item 5.1
As amended by By-law No. 2020-37	CSC 5-2023 Minute Item 6

## Schedule A

### 2023 Tax Ratios, Sub-Class Reductions, and Rates

<b>Property Classification</b>	<b>Tax Ratio</b>	<b>Sub-Class Reduction</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>
Residential	1.000000		0.00623692
New Multi-Residential	1.000000		0.00623692
Multi-Residential	1.970000		0.01228673
Commercial	1.734900		0.01082043
Commercial - Excess	1.734900	7.5%	0.01000890
Commercial - Vacant	1.734900	7.5%	0.01000890
Landfill	2.940261		0.01833817
Industrial	2.630000		0.01640310
Industrial - Excess	2.630000	7.5%	0.01517287
Industrial - Vacant	2.630000	7.5%	0.01517287
Pipelines	1.702100		0.01061586
Farmland	0.250000		0.00155923
FAD 1	1.000000	25.0%	0.00467769
FAD 2	Class Ratio		Class Ratio
Managed Forests	0.250000		0.00155923

Bill 2023-31	Authorization Reference: CSC 4-2023 Minute Item 5.1
As amended by By-law No. 2020-37	CL 8-2023 Minute Item 18.1

**Schedule B – 2023 GENERAL TAX LEVY**

**2023 Upper-Tier General Levy and Dates by Local Municipality (Taxable Levy Only)**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Interim Payment Due March 8, 2023</b>	<b>Interim Payment Due May 10, 2023</b>	<b>Final Payment Due August 9, 2023</b>	<b>Final Payment Due October 11, 2023</b>	<b>2023 Approved General Levy</b>	<b>Regional Dept.</b>	<b>Niagara Regional Police</b>	<b>Niagara Regional Housing</b>	<b>Niagara Peninsula Conserv Authority</b>	<b>Court Services</b>
Fort Erie	6,621,553	6,621,553	7,298,171	7,298,171	27,839,448	16,011,412	11,140,723	248,019	444,764	(5,470)
Grimsby	8,068,372	8,068,372	8,823,096	8,823,096	33,782,936	19,429,714	13,519,173	300,969	539,718	(6,638)
Lincoln	6,468,734	6,468,734	7,354,448	7,354,448	27,646,364	15,900,363	11,063,455	246,299	441,680	(5,432)
Niagara Falls	22,229,296	22,229,296	24,280,244	24,280,244	93,019,079	53,498,431	37,224,149	828,698	1,486,077	(18,276)
Niagara-on-the-Lake	9,126,887	9,126,887	9,991,766	9,991,766	38,237,305	21,991,573	15,301,712	340,652	610,881	(7,513)
Pelham	4,510,329	4,510,329	4,976,594	4,976,594	18,973,845	10,912,503	7,592,907	169,036	303,127	(3,728)
Port Colborne	3,366,263	3,366,263	3,668,936	3,668,936	14,070,397	8,092,363	5,630,657	125,352	224,789	(2,765)
St. Catharines	26,961,492	26,961,492	29,456,928	29,456,928	112,836,839	64,896,298	45,154,772	1,005,252	1,802,687	(22,170)
Thorold	4,524,348	4,524,348	5,472,520	5,472,520	19,993,737	11,499,077	8,001,045	178,122	319,421	(3,928)
Wainfleet	1,580,980	1,580,980	1,744,219	1,744,219	6,650,398	3,824,870	2,661,340	59,248	106,247	(1,307)
Welland	8,756,222	8,756,222	9,838,567	9,838,567	37,189,578	21,388,989	14,882,435	331,318	594,142	(7,307)
West Lincoln	3,360,631	3,360,631	3,742,995	3,742,995	14,207,250	8,171,072	5,685,423	126,571	226,976	(2,791)
<b>Regional Total Taxable Only</b>	<b>105,575,105</b>	<b>105,575,105</b>	<b>116,648,483</b>	<b>116,648,483</b>	<b>444,447,090</b>	<b>255,616,665</b>	<b>177,857,789</b>	<b>3,959,536</b>	<b>7,100,509</b>	<b>(87,324)</b>

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### **Schedule C – 2023 WASTE MANAGEMENT TAX RATES & LEVY**

#### **2023 Upper-Tier Special Levy (Waste Management) and Dates by Local Municipality (Taxable Levy Only)**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Interim Payment Due March 8, 2023</b>	<b>Interim Payment Due May 10, 2023</b>	<b>Final Payment Due August 9, 2023</b>	<b>Final Payment Due October 11, 2023</b>	<b>2023 Approved Special Levy</b>
Fort Erie	813,772	813,772	899,312	899,312	3,426,168
Grimsby	596,407	596,407	664,444	664,444	2,521,701
Lincoln	500,038	500,038	569,570	569,570	2,139,217
Niagara Falls	2,090,626	2,090,626	2,373,590	2,373,590	8,928,431
Niagara-on-the-Lake	461,341	461,341	514,773	514,773	1,952,227
Pelham	376,077	376,077	413,080	413,080	1,578,314
Port Colborne	534,869	534,869	578,009	578,009	2,225,755
St. Catharines	3,220,093	3,220,093	3,502,446	3,502,446	13,445,078
Thorold	471,916	471,916	560,226	560,226	2,064,283
Wainfleet	163,802	163,802	176,976	176,976	681,556
Welland	1,200,638	1,200,638	1,320,885	1,320,885	5,043,047
West Lincoln	273,683	273,683	307,306	307,306	1,161,977
Regional Total Taxable Only	10,703,261	10,703,261	11,880,616	11,880,616	45,167,754

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<b>Fort Erie Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Residential	3,733,901,870	0.00076757	2,866,031
New Multi-Residential	0	0.00076757	-
Multi-Residential	42,365,000	0.00151211	64,061
Commercial	248,951,864	0.00133166	331,519
Commercial - Excess	5,785,188	0.00123178	7,126
Commercial - Vacant	18,262,700	0.00123178	22,496
Landfill	0	0.00225686	-
Industrial	43,990,954	0.00201871	88,805
Industrial - Excess	1,003,541	0.00186731	1,874
Industrial - Vacant	5,853,400	0.00186731	10,930
Pipelines	17,104,000	0.00130648	22,346
Farmland	56,233,300	0.00019189	10,791
FAD 1	0	0.00057568	-
Managed Forests	982,700	0.00019189	189
<b>Taxable Total</b>	<b>4,174,434,517</b>		<b>\$3,426,168</b>

<b>Grimsby Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Residential	4,549,499,070	0.00046555	2,118,019
New Multi-Residential	0	0.00046555	-
Multi-Residential	27,616,000	0.00091713	25,327
Commercial	334,732,463	0.00080768	270,357
Commercial - Excess	9,973,525	0.00074711	7,451
Commercial - Vacant	15,654,500	0.00074711	11,696
Landfill	0	0.00136884	-
Industrial	51,384,200	0.00122440	62,915
Industrial - Excess	3,726,200	0.00113257	4,220
Industrial - Vacant	4,140,600	0.00113257	4,690
Pipelines	8,281,000	0.00079241	6,562
Farmland	89,050,695	0.00011639	10,365
FAD 1	0	0.00034916	-
Managed Forests	849,300	0.00011639	99

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<b>Grimsby Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Taxable Total	5,094,907,553		\$2,521,701

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<b>Lincoln Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Residential	3,535,780,219	0.00048260	1,706,368
New Multi-Residential	0	0.00048260	-
Multi-Residential	21,426,200	0.00095072	20,370
Commercial	219,839,781	0.00083726	184,063
Commercial - Excess	8,019,300	0.00077447	6,211
Commercial - Vacant	4,928,500	0.00077447	3,817
Landfill	0	0.00141897	-
Industrial	99,498,458	0.00126924	126,287
Industrial - Excess	3,187,900	0.00117405	3,743
Industrial - Vacant	6,453,000	0.00117405	7,576
Pipelines	21,675,000	0.00082143	17,804
Farmland	520,807,373	0.00012065	62,835
FAD 1	0	0.00036195	-
Managed Forests	1,188,500	0.00012065	143
<b>Taxable Total</b>	<b>4,442,804,231</b>		<b>\$2,139,217</b>

<b>Niagara Falls Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Residential	9,300,310,789	0.00059865	5,567,631
New Multi-Residential	50,630,500	0.00059865	30,310
Multi-Residential	326,799,289	0.00117934	385,407
Commercial	2,401,362,990	0.00103860	2,494,056
Commercial - Excess	36,385,098	0.00096070	34,955
Commercial - Vacant	137,025,900	0.00096070	131,641
Landfill	3,152,500	0.00176019	5,549
Industrial	107,079,192	0.00157445	168,591
Industrial - Excess	5,248,457	0.00145637	7,644
Industrial - Vacant	29,528,600	0.00145637	43,005
Pipelines	46,246,000	0.00101896	47,123
Farmland	82,041,400	0.00014966	12,278
FAD 1	0	0.00044899	-
Managed Forests	1,607,300	0.00014966	241

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<b>Niagara Falls Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Taxable Total	12,527,418,015		\$8,928,431

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<b>Niagara-on-the-Lake Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Residential	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Multi-Residential	N/A	N/A	N/A
Multi-Residential	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commercial	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commercial - Excess	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commercial - Vacant	N/A	N/A	N/A
Landfill	N/A	N/A	N/A
Industrial	N/A	N/A	N/A
Industrial - Excess	N/A	N/A	N/A
Industrial - Vacant	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pipelines	N/A	N/A	N/A
Farmland	N/A	N/A	N/A
FAD 1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Managed Forests	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Taxable Total</b>			<b>\$1,952,227</b>

<b>Pelham Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Residential	2,722,860,343	0.00051881	1,412,647
New Multi-Residential	544,000	0.00051881	282
Multi-Residential	18,604,000	0.00102206	19,014
Commercial	105,659,646	0.00090008	95,102
Commercial - Excess	674,511	0.00083258	562
Commercial - Vacant	8,227,000	0.00083258	6,850
Landfill	0	0.00152544	-
Industrial	4,436,700	0.00136447	6,054
Industrial - Excess	45,100	0.00126214	57
Industrial - Vacant	101,000	0.00126214	127
Pipelines	17,877,000	0.00088307	15,787
Farmland	164,728,000	0.00012970	21,365
FAD 1	0	0.00038911	-
Managed Forests	3,597,900	0.00012970	467

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<b>Pelham Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Taxable Total	3,047,355,200		\$1,578,314

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<b>Port Colborne Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Residential	1,678,627,031	0.00098660	1,656,133
New Multi-Residential	913,000	0.00098660	901
Multi-Residential	39,890,000	0.00194360	77,530
Commercial	138,428,236	0.00171165	236,941
Commercial - Excess	501,900	0.00158328	795
Commercial - Vacant	2,349,900	0.00158328	3,721
Landfill	0	0.00290086	-
Industrial	74,945,738	0.00259476	194,466
Industrial - Excess	2,735,766	0.00240015	6,566
Industrial - Vacant	6,291,400	0.00240015	15,100
Pipelines	10,846,000	0.00167929	18,214
Farmland	57,324,774	0.00024665	14,139
FAD 1	1,407,700	0.00073995	1,042
Managed Forests	838,900	0.00024665	207
<b>Taxable Total</b>	<b>2,015,100,345</b>		<b>\$2,225,755</b>

<b>St. Catharines Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Residential	12,537,454,954	0.00074316	9,317,335
New Multi-Residential	111,376,920	0.00074316	82,771
Multi-Residential	671,350,768	0.00146403	982,878
Commercial	2,014,700,274	0.00128931	2,597,573
Commercial - Excess	11,592,829	0.00119261	13,826
Commercial - Vacant	24,261,700	0.00119261	28,935
Landfill	0	0.00218508	-
Industrial	160,165,398	0.00195451	313,045
Industrial - Excess	4,609,059	0.00180792	8,333
Industrial - Vacant	17,629,100	0.00180792	31,872
Pipelines	31,291,000	0.00126493	39,581
Farmland	155,708,800	0.00018579	28,929
FAD 1	0	0.00055737	-
Managed Forests	0	0.00018579	-

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<b>St. Catharines Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Taxable Total	15,740,140,802		\$13,445,078

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<b>Thorold Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Residential	2,479,354,460	0.00064394	1,596,556
New Multi-Residential	73,019,800	0.00064394	47,020
Multi-Residential	43,783,800	0.00126856	55,542
Commercial	176,570,004	0.00111717	197,259
Commercial - Excess	3,007,013	0.00103338	3,107
Commercial - Vacant	7,056,200	0.00103338	7,292
Landfill	0	0.00189335	-
Industrial	50,736,758	0.00169356	85,926
Industrial - Excess	3,394,734	0.00156655	5,318
Industrial - Vacant	18,114,900	0.00156655	28,378
Pipelines	26,768,000	0.00109605	29,339
Farmland	52,552,340	0.00016099	8,460
FAD 1	0	0.00048296	-
Managed Forests	531,400	0.00016099	86
<b>Taxable Total</b>	<b>2,934,889,409</b>		<b>\$2,064,283</b>

<b>Wainfleet Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Residential	955,662,725	0.00063918	610,841
New Multi-Residential	0	0.00063918	-
Multi-Residential	457,000	0.00125918	575
Commercial	19,289,805	0.00110891	21,391
Commercial - Excess	1,064,600	0.00102574	1,092
Commercial - Vacant	541,500	0.00102574	555
Landfill	0	0.00187936	-
Industrial	4,401,200	0.00168104	7,399
Industrial - Excess	85,300	0.00155497	133
Industrial - Vacant	132,000	0.00155497	205
Pipelines	5,988,000	0.00108795	6,515
Farmland	203,812,715	0.00015980	32,569
FAD 1	0	0.00047939	-
Managed Forests	1,758,989	0.00015980	281

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<b>Wainfleet Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Taxable Total	1,193,193,834		\$681,556

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<b>Welland Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Residential	4,547,937,705	0.00084575	3,846,418
New Multi-Residential	25,382,500	0.00084575	21,467
Multi-Residential	138,259,700	0.00166613	230,359
Commercial	382,602,600	0.00146729	561,389
Commercial - Excess	8,702,628	0.00135724	11,812
Commercial - Vacant	19,739,500	0.00135724	26,791
Landfill	0	0.00248673	-
Industrial	126,571,843	0.00222432	281,536
Industrial - Excess	3,647,200	0.00205750	7,504
Industrial - Vacant	9,526,300	0.00205750	19,600
Pipelines	21,774,000	0.00143955	31,345
Farmland	21,649,400	0.00021144	4,578
FAD 1	0	0.00063431	-
Managed Forests	1,172,700	0.00021144	248
<b>Taxable Total</b>	<b>5,306,966,076</b>		<b>\$5,043,047</b>

<b>West Lincoln Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Residential	1,850,967,253	0.00051010	944,178
New Multi-Residential	0	0.00051010	-
Multi-Residential	7,043,000	0.00100490	7,078
Commercial	79,449,872	0.00088497	70,311
Commercial - Excess	732,500	0.00081860	600
Commercial - Vacant	2,967,300	0.00081860	2,429
Landfill	0	0.00149983	-
Industrial	36,408,700	0.00134156	48,844
Industrial - Excess	305,200	0.00124095	379
Industrial - Vacant	1,227,000	0.00124095	1,523
Pipelines	29,148,000	0.00086824	25,307
Farmland	478,278,784	0.00012753	60,995
FAD 1	0	0.00038258	-
Managed Forests	2,581,600	0.00012753	329

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<b>West Lincoln Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Waste Management Levy by Class</b>
Taxable Total	2,489,109,209		\$1,161,973

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### Schedule D – 2023 TRANSIT TAX RATES & LEVY

#### 2023 Upper-Tier Special Charge and Special Levy (Transit) and Dates by Local Municipality (Taxable Levy Only)

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Special Charge Due March 8, 2023 (per Bylaw 01-2023)</b>	<b>Special Charge Due May 10, 2023 (per Bylaw 01-2023)</b>	<b>Final Payment Due August 9, 2023</b>	<b>Final Payment Due October 11, 2023</b>	<b>2023 Approved Special Levy</b>
Fort Erie	313,294	313,294	1,124,650	1,124,650	2,875,888
Grimsby	62,500	62,500	777,400	777,400	1,679,800
Lincoln	33,835	33,835	679,896	679,896	1,427,461
Niagara Falls	2,032,002	2,032,002	5,248,992	5,248,992	14,561,989
Niagara-on-the-Lake	245,725	245,725	1,046,769	1,046,769	2,584,988
Pelham	45,500	45,500	513,760	513,760	1,118,519
Port Colborne	41,425	41,425	427,594	427,594	938,038
St. Catharines	3,511,000	3,511,000	7,374,451	7,374,451	21,770,900
Thorold	178,598	178,598	709,112	709,112	1,775,418
Wainfleet	-	-	124,698	124,698	249,396
Welland	869,892	869,892	2,654,548	2,654,548	7,048,878
West Lincoln	-	-	265,060	265,060	530,120
<b>Regional Total Taxable Only</b>	<b>7,333,770</b>	<b>7,333,770</b>	<b>20,946,927</b>	<b>20,946,927</b>	<b>56,561,395</b>

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### Schedule E – 2023 TRANSIT TAX RATES & LEVY

<b>Fort Erie Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Residential	3,733,901,870	0.00064429	2,405,716
New Multi-Residential	0	0.00064429	-
Multi-Residential	42,365,000	0.00126925	53,772
Commercial	248,951,864	0.00111778	278,273
Commercial - Excess	5,785,188	0.00103395	5,982
Commercial - Vacant	18,262,700	0.00103395	18,883
Landfill	0	0.00189438	-
Industrial	43,990,954	0.00169448	74,542
Industrial - Excess	1,003,541	0.00156740	1,573
Industrial - Vacant	5,853,400	0.00156740	9,175
Pipelines	17,104,000	0.00109665	18,757
Farmland	56,233,300	0.00016107	9,057
FAD 1	0	0.00048322	-
Managed Forests	982,700	0.00016107	158
<b>Taxable Total</b>	<b>4,174,434,517</b>		<b>\$2,875,888</b>

<b>Grimsby Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Residential	4,549,499,070	0.00031012	1,410,891
New Multi-Residential	0	0.00031012	-
Multi-Residential	27,616,000	0.00061094	16,872
Commercial	334,732,463	0.00053803	180,096
Commercial - Excess	9,973,525	0.00049768	4,964
Commercial - Vacant	15,654,500	0.00049768	7,791
Landfill	0	0.00091183	-
Industrial	51,384,200	0.00081562	41,910
Industrial - Excess	3,726,200	0.00075444	2,811
Industrial - Vacant	4,140,600	0.00075444	3,124
Pipelines	8,281,000	0.00052786	4,371
Farmland	89,050,695	0.00007753	6,904
FAD 1	0	0.00023259	-
Managed Forests	849,300	0.00007753	66

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<b>Grimsby Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Taxable Total	5,094,907,553		\$1,679,800

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<b>Lincoln Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Residential	3,535,780,219	0.00032203	1,138,627
New Multi-Residential	0	0.00032203	-
Multi-Residential	21,426,200	0.00063440	13,593
Commercial	219,839,781	0.00055869	122,822
Commercial - Excess	8,019,300	0.00051679	4,144
Commercial - Vacant	4,928,500	0.00051679	2,547
Landfill	0	0.00094685	-
Industrial	99,498,458	0.00084694	84,269
Industrial - Excess	3,187,900	0.00078342	2,497
Industrial - Vacant	6,453,000	0.00078342	5,055
Pipelines	21,675,000	0.00054813	11,881
Farmland	520,807,373	0.00008051	41,930
FAD 1	0	0.00024152	-
Managed Forests	1,188,500	0.00008051	96
<b>Taxable Total</b>	<b>4,442,804,231</b>		<b>\$1,427,461</b>

<b>Niagara Falls Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Residential	9,300,310,789	0.00097638	9,080,637
New Multi-Residential	50,630,500	0.00097638	49,435
Multi-Residential	326,799,289	0.00192347	628,589
Commercial	2,401,362,990	0.00169392	4,067,717
Commercial - Excess	36,385,098	0.00156688	57,011
Commercial - Vacant	137,025,900	0.00156688	214,703
Landfill	3,152,500	0.00287081	9,050
Industrial	107,079,192	0.00256788	274,967
Industrial - Excess	5,248,457	0.00237529	12,467
Industrial - Vacant	29,528,600	0.00237529	70,139
Pipelines	46,246,000	0.00166190	76,856
Farmland	82,041,400	0.00024410	20,026
FAD 1	0	0.00073229	-
Managed Forests	1,607,300	0.00024410	392

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<b>Niagara Falls Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Taxable Total	12,527,418,015		\$14,561,989

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<b>Niagara-on-the-Lake Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Residential	4,403,999,285	0.00042164	1,856,902
New Multi-Residential	3,041,000	0.00042164	1,282
Multi-Residential	16,745,500	0.00083063	13,909
Commercial	757,217,332	0.00073150	553,904
Commercial - Excess	15,833,678	0.00067664	10,714
Commercial - Vacant	17,756,000	0.00067664	12,014
Landfill	0	0.00123973	-
Industrial	42,423,400	0.00110891	47,044
Industrial - Excess	192,700	0.00102574	198
Industrial - Vacant	15,270,500	0.00102574	15,664
Pipelines	19,074,000	0.00071767	13,689
Farmland	564,649,916	0.00010541	59,520
FAD 1	0	0.00031623	-
Managed Forests	1,402,100	0.00010541	148
<b>Taxable Total</b>	<b>5,857,605,411</b>		<b>\$2,584,988</b>

<b>Pelham Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Residential	2,722,860,343	0.00036767	1,001,114
New Multi-Residential	544,000	0.00036767	200
Multi-Residential	18,604,000	0.00072431	13,475
Commercial	105,659,646	0.00063787	67,397
Commercial - Excess	674,511	0.00059003	398
Commercial - Vacant	8,227,000	0.00059003	4,854
Landfill	0	0.00108105	-
Industrial	4,436,700	0.00096697	4,290
Industrial - Excess	45,100	0.00089445	40
Industrial - Vacant	101,000	0.00089445	90
Pipelines	17,877,000	0.00062581	11,188
Farmland	164,728,000	0.00009192	15,142
FAD 1	0	0.00027575	-
Managed Forests	3,597,900	0.00009192	331

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<b>Pelham Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Taxable Total	3,047,355,200		\$1,118,519

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<b>Port Colborne Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Residential	1,678,627,031	0.00041580	697,973
New Multi-Residential	913,000	0.00041580	380
Multi-Residential	39,890,000	0.00081913	32,675
Commercial	138,428,236	0.00072137	99,858
Commercial - Excess	501,900	0.00066727	335
Commercial - Vacant	2,349,900	0.00066727	1,568
Landfill	0	0.00122256	-
Industrial	74,945,738	0.00109355	81,957
Industrial - Excess	2,735,766	0.00101154	2,767
Industrial - Vacant	6,291,400	0.00101154	6,364
Pipelines	10,846,000	0.00070773	7,676
Farmland	57,324,774	0.00010395	5,959
FAD 1	1,407,700	0.00031185	439
Managed Forests	838,900	0.00010395	87
<b>Taxable Total</b>	<b>2,015,100,345</b>		<b>\$938,038</b>

<b>St. Catharines Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Residential	12,537,454,954	0.00120336	15,087,072
New Multi-Residential	111,376,920	0.00120336	134,027
Multi-Residential	671,350,768	0.00237062	1,591,518
Commercial	2,014,700,274	0.00208771	4,206,110
Commercial - Excess	11,592,829	0.00193113	22,387
Commercial - Vacant	24,261,700	0.00193113	46,852
Landfill	0	0.00353819	-
Industrial	160,165,398	0.00316484	506,898
Industrial - Excess	4,609,059	0.00292747	13,493
Industrial - Vacant	17,629,100	0.00292747	51,609
Pipelines	31,291,000	0.00204824	64,091
Farmland	155,708,800	0.00030084	46,843
FAD 1	0	0.00090252	-
Managed Forests	0	0.00030084	-

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<b>St. Catharines Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Taxable Total	15,740,140,802		\$21,770,900

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<b>Thorold Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Residential	2,479,354,460	0.00055383	1,373,141
New Multi-Residential	73,019,800	0.00055383	40,441
Multi-Residential	43,783,800	0.00109105	47,770
Commercial	176,570,004	0.00096084	169,656
Commercial - Excess	3,007,013	0.00088878	2,673
Commercial - Vacant	7,056,200	0.00088878	6,271
Landfill	0	0.00162840	-
Industrial	50,736,758	0.00145657	73,902
Industrial - Excess	3,394,734	0.00134733	4,574
Industrial - Vacant	18,114,900	0.00134733	24,407
Pipelines	26,768,000	0.00094267	25,233
Farmland	52,552,340	0.00013846	7,276
FAD 1	0	0.00041537	-
Managed Forests	531,400	0.00013846	74
<b>Taxable Total</b>	<b>2,934,889,409</b>		<b>\$1,775,418</b>

<b>Wainfleet Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Residential	955,662,725	0.00023389	223,520
New Multi-Residential	0	0.00023389	-
Multi-Residential	457,000	0.00046076	211
Commercial	19,289,805	0.00040578	7,827
Commercial - Excess	1,064,600	0.00037534	400
Commercial - Vacant	541,500	0.00037534	203
Landfill	0	0.00068770	-
Industrial	4,401,200	0.00061513	2,707
Industrial - Excess	85,300	0.00056900	49
Industrial - Vacant	132,000	0.00056900	75
Pipelines	5,988,000	0.00039810	2,384
Farmland	203,812,715	0.00005847	11,917
FAD 1	0	0.00017542	-
Managed Forests	1,758,989	0.00005847	103

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<b>Wainfleet Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Taxable Total	1,193,193,834		\$249,396

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<b>Welland Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Residential	4,547,937,705	0.00118214	5,376,299
New Multi-Residential	25,382,500	0.00118214	30,006
Multi-Residential	138,259,700	0.00232882	321,982
Commercial	382,602,600	0.00205089	784,676
Commercial - Excess	8,702,628	0.00189708	16,510
Commercial - Vacant	19,739,500	0.00189708	37,447
Landfill	0	0.00347580	-
Industrial	126,571,843	0.00310903	393,516
Industrial - Excess	3,647,200	0.00287585	10,489
Industrial - Vacant	9,526,300	0.00287585	27,396
Pipelines	21,774,000	0.00201212	43,812
Farmland	21,649,400	0.00029554	6,398
FAD 1	0	0.00088661	-
Managed Forests	1,172,700	0.00029554	347
<b>Taxable Total</b>	<b>5,306,966,076</b>		<b>\$7,048,878</b>

<b>West Lincoln Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Residential	1,850,967,253	0.00023272	430,757
New Multi-Residential	0	0.00023272	-
Multi-Residential	7,043,000	0.00045846	3,229
Commercial	79,449,872	0.00040375	32,078
Commercial - Excess	732,500	0.00037346	274
Commercial - Vacant	2,967,300	0.00037346	1,108
Landfill	0	0.00068426	-
Industrial	36,408,700	0.00061205	22,284
Industrial - Excess	305,200	0.00056615	173
Industrial - Vacant	1,227,000	0.00056615	695
Pipelines	29,148,000	0.00039611	11,546
Farmland	478,278,784	0.00005818	27,826
FAD 1	0	0.00017454	-
Managed Forests	2,581,600	0.00005818	150

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<b>West Lincoln Property Classification</b>	<b>2023 Roll Return CVA</b>	<b>Tax Rate by Class</b>	<b>Transit Levy by Class</b>
Taxable Total	2,489,109,209		\$530,120

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

BY-LAW NO. 2023-32

A BY-LAW TO SET TAX RATIOS AND TAX RATE  
REDUCTIONS FOR PRESCRIBED PROPERTY  
SUBCLASSES FOR REGIONAL PURPOSES AND AREA  
MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2023

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WHEREAS pursuant to Section 308 (5) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended (referred hereinafter as “the *Municipal Act, 2001*”), The Regional Municipality of Niagara (referred hereinafter as “The Regional Corporation”) may establish the tax ratios for The Regional Corporation and the Area Municipalities;

WHEREAS the tax ratios determine the relative amount of taxation to be borne by each property class;

WHEREAS the property classes have been prescribed by the Ministry of Finance pursuant to Section 7 of the *Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. A.31, as amended;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 313 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, The Regional Municipality of Niagara may establish tax reductions for prescribed property subclasses for The Regional Corporation and the Area Municipalities; and,

WHEREAS the property subclasses for which tax rate reductions are to be established are in accordance with Section 8 of the *Assessment Act*.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara enacts as follows for the 2023 taxation year:

1. That the tax ratio for property in:
  - a. The residential property class is 1.000000;
  - b. The new multi-residential property class is 1.000000;
  - c. The multi-residential class is 1.970000;
  - d. The commercial property class is 1.734900;
  - e. The industrial property class is 2.630000;
  - f. The pipelines property class is 1.702100;
  - g. The farm property class is 0.250000;

- h. The managed forest property class is 0.250000;
    - i. The landfill property class is 2.940261.
  - 2. That the municipal purpose tax reduction for:
    - a. The vacant land and excess land subclasses in the commercial property class is 7.5%;
    - b. The vacant land and excess land subclasses in the industrial property class is 7.5%;
    - c. The first class of farmland awaiting development in the residential, multi-residential, commercial or industrial property classes is 25%;
    - d. The second class of farmland awaiting development in the residential, multi-residential, commercial or industrial property classes is 0%.
  - 3. That for the purposes of this by-law:
    - a. The industrial property class includes all properties classified as industrial and large industrial as per Ontario Regulation 282/98;
    - b. The first class of farmland awaiting development and the second class of farmland awaiting development consists of land as defined in accordance with Ontario Regulation 282/98.
  - 4. That this by-law shall come into force and effect on the day upon which it is passed.

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

  
James Bradley, Regional Chair

  
Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Passed: April 20, 2023



**Corporation of the  
Municipality of West Grey**

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May 23, 2023

**RE: Support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras**

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on May 16, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230516-010 as follows:

**"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of North Perth respecting school bus stop arm cameras, council supports the resolution and directs staff to send a letter of support to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, provincial opposition party leaders, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Rick Byers, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities."**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jamie Eckenswiller".

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: Municipality of North Perth – School Bus Stop Arm Cameras Resolution

Cc. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General  
Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
Provincial Opposition Party Leaders  
Rick Byers, MPP Grey-Bruce -Owen Sound  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras**

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

**Moved by Councillor Rothwell Seconded by Councillor Blazek**

**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 blowing by 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 was stopped and 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 can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty 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 Administrative Penalty program;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) 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
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going 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, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lcine@northperth.ca](mailto:lcine@northperth.ca).

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,  
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor  
Municipality of North Perth

cc.

Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General  
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
Provincial Opposition Parties  
MPP Matthew Rea  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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May 19, 2023

**File No. 21-30**

SENT VIA EMAIL

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

Attention: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Minister Ford:

**Re: May 16, 2023 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL**

At its meeting of May 16, 2023, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

**“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information, Report CLK-2023-14: Stopping of Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022; and  
THAT Welland City Council express support for Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, and further  
THAT this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Jeff Burch, MPP for Welland, and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).”**

Yours truly,

Tara Stephens,  
City Clerk

TS:cap

- c.c.: - Local Area Municipal Clerks, sent via email  
- Jeff Burch, MPP, sent via email  
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario, sent via email



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May 19, 2023

**File No. 21-30**

SENT VIA EMAIL

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

Attention: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Minister Ford:

**Re: May 16, 2023 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL**

At its meeting of May 16, 2023, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

**“WHEREAS, individuals, families, and businesses in Welland 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 Welland 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, Welland City Council fully funded a pilot emergency shelter in February and March 2023 – 8 weeks for three days a week where 89 overnight stays were recorded showing a need in Welland for additional emergency shelter accommodations; and WHEREAS, Welland City Council approved a motion on March 27th, 2023 requesting the Provincial Government acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic and health crisis, and commit to ending homelessness in Ontario, in addition to working with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to Page 4 of 6 develop an action plan regarding homelessness; and**

RE: May 19, 2023 – Welland City Council

**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 as 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 further**

**WHEREAS, the City of Welland 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.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND declares a mental health, homelessness and addiction crisis in the City of Welland; and**

**THAT Welland City Council calls 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 peoples; and**

**THAT Welland City Council reaffirms 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**

**THAT Welland City Council condemns the discrimination of people living with mental illness, people who are unhoused homeless and / or people living with addiction, within the community; and further**

RE: May 19, 2023 – Welland City Council

**THAT 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, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Niagara Region Municipalities.”**

Yours truly,



Tara Stephens,  
City Clerk

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- c.c.: - Ahmed Hussen, Federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, sent via email
- Niagara Area MPPs and MPs
  - Michael Kerzner, Ministry of the Solicitor General of Ontario, sent via email
  - Association of Municipalities of Ontario, sent via email
  - Federation of Canadian Municipalities, sent via email
  - Local Area Municipal Clerks, sent via email

Emailed: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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May 23, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Assembly of Ontario  
111 Wellesley St. W  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras – Support – North Perth**

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel, at the regular council meeting of May 10, 2023, resolved to support the Municipality of North Perth with its resolution regarding the installation of School Bus Stop Arm Cameras on all school buses for the start of the 2023-24 school year.

Safety for all who travel on school buses, every day, throughout the Province of Ontario is of the utmost importance; and anything that can be implemented to ensure their safety should be a top priority. The request to install these cameras has been echoed by many municipalities in the Province of Ontario; and the Council of the Township of Evanturel urges the Government of the Province of Ontario to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province of Ontario for the start of the 2023-24 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities.

Find enclosed a copy of the resolution from the Municipality of North Perth directed to your office.

Also, find enclosed a true copy of Township of Evanturel Resolution No. 5, passed in open council May 10, 2023, authorizing this support.

Yours truly,



Virginia Montminy  
Clerk  
THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF EVANTUREL  
Encl:

c.c. Honourable Doug Downey – Attorney General – *emailed*  
Honourable Stephen Lecce – Minister of Education – *emailed*  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – *emailed*  
John Vanthof – MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane – *emailed*  
Municipalities – Ontario – *emailed*



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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras**

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

**Moved by** Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Blazek

**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 blowing by 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 was stopped and 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 can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty 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 Administrative Penalty program;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) 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
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going 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, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lcline@northperth.ca](mailto:lcline@northperth.ca).

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,  
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor  
Municipality of North Perth

cc.

Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General  
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
Provincial Opposition Parties  
MPP Matthew Rea  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Resolution of Council**

Moved by: Councillor MacPherson

Date: May 10, 2023

Seconded by: Councillor Bentley

Resolution No: 5

**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel hereby resolves to support the Municipality of North Perth with its resolution to Premier Doug Ford regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras, dated March 14, 2023;

**AND FURTHER** that Council urges the Government of the Province of Ontario to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province of Ontario for the start of the 2023-24 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

**AND FURTHER** that this resolution be addressed to Premier Doug Ford and forwarded to Attorney General Doug Downey; Minister of Education Stephen Lecce; John Vanthof – MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried 

Derek Mundle - Reeve

DIVISION VOTE		
YEAS	NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL	NAYS
	BARBARA BEACHEY, COUNCILLOR	
	GISELE BELANGER, COUNCILLOR	
	ROB MACPHERSON, COUNCILLOR	
	JOHN SIMMENS, COUNCILLOR	
	DEREK MUNDLE, REEVE	
	TOTALS	

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – Report to Council TWP2019-05 – Form A – Reeve Mundle \_\_\_\_; Councillor

Certified to be a true copy of Resolution No. 5 of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel  
passed in open Council on the 10th day of May, 2023.

Virginia Montminy – Clerk  
Township of Evanturel



# Municipality of Dysart et al

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### Video Surveillance Policy

### Policy No. 59

#### Purpose

The Municipality of Dysart et al is committed to public safety, crime prevention, and stewardship of publicly owned assets. Where warranted, Dysart may use video surveillance systems in Dysart-owned or operated buildings and open spaces to deter and detect crime and anti-social behavior such as theft, vandalism, and unauthorized entry.

Dysart shall maintain control of and responsibility for its video surveillance system at all times.

#### Guiding Principles

When conducting video surveillance of the public, the Municipality of Dysart et al will:

- collect data only when authorized by a statute, required by law enforcement, or when necessary to the proper administration of a lawfully authorized activity;
- minimize the amount of data collected;
- retain data for no longer than required;
- only use data for the purpose for which it was collected;
- take all reasonable measures to prevent unauthorized access to collected data and inadvertent destruction of, or damage to, collected data;
- notify individuals, through the use of signage, when video surveillance is in use;
- not disclose collected data unless disclosure is:
  - with consent from the individuals whose personal information appears in the images;
  - in response to a Freedom of Information request;
  - or requested by law enforcement to aid an investigation.

#### Definitions

**Act(s)** means the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA).

**Authorized staff** refers to employees of the Municipality of Dysart et al or to a Municipality of Dysart et al contractor who are specifically authorized by Municipality of Dysart et al to operate the video surveillance system for a particular facility and to perform the duty, responsibility or action described in this policy.



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**Disclosure** refers to the release of relevant information. Disclosure includes viewing recordings or recorded images, as well as making copies of recordings or images.

**Freedom of Information Request** is a formal request for access to records made under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA).

**Personal Information** as defined by MFIPPA means recorded information about an identifiable individual including:

- Information relating to the race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, or marital or family status of the individual;
- Information relating to the education or the medical, psychiatric, psychological, criminal or employment history of the individual or information relating to the financial transactions in which the individual has been involved;
- Any identifying number, symbol, or other particular assigned to the individual;
- The address, telephone number, fingerprints or blood type of the individual;
- The personal opinions or views of the individual except if they relate to another individual;
- Correspondence sent to an institution by the individual that is implicitly or explicitly of a private or confidential nature, and replies to that correspondence that would reveal the contents of the original correspondence;
- The views or opinions of another individual about the individual, and
- The individual's name if it appears with other personal information relating to the individual or where the disclosure of the name would reveal other personal information about the individual.

**Record** means any record of information, however recorded, whether in printed form, on film, by electronic means or otherwise, and includes: a photograph, a film, a microfilm, a videotape, a machine-readable record, and any record that is capable of being produced from a machine-readable record.

**Retention Period** is the period of time during which specific records series must be kept before records in that records series may be disposed of.

**Video Surveillance** means a video, physical or other mechanical, electronic, digital or wireless surveillance system or device that enables continuous or periodic video or image recording, observing or monitoring of information about individuals in open, public spaces. In this policy, the term video surveillance system includes an audio device, thermal imaging technology or any other component associated with capturing the image of an individual.



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#### Authority

Video security surveillance systems are a resource used by Dysart at selected sites within the management jurisdiction of Municipality of Dysart et al for the purpose of increasing the safety and security of residents, staff and members of the public, to protect public safety, our corporate assets and property and to detect and deter criminal activity and vandalism.

Municipality of Dysart et al is authorized to conduct video surveillance under Section 28(2) of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) or Section 38(2) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), as applicable. Dysart recognizes that video surveillance technology has the potential for infringing upon an individual's right to privacy and although video surveillance technology may be required for legitimate operational purposes, its use must be in accordance with the provisions of MFIPPA or FIPPA, as applicable, and any other applicable privacy laws.

#### Compliance

Municipality of Dysart et al collection and storage of, and access to, information recorded from video surveillance shall conform to published guidelines and specific direction as may be provided by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC) from time to time.

#### Public Consultation

Dysart acknowledges the importance of public consultation when new or additional video surveillance systems are considered for Dysart owned buildings and property. The extent of public consultation may vary depending on the extent of public access.

When new or additional video surveillance installations are being considered for open public spaces, Dysart shall consult with relevant stakeholders and the public to determine the necessity and acceptability.

When new or additional video surveillance systems are being considered for Dysart-owned or operated buildings to which the public are invited, such as a library branch, notice shall be provided at the site with an opportunity for public feedback.

When new or additional systems are contemplated inside Dysart buildings or parking lots where there may be a high risk to staff or clients, consultation shall not be required.



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### **Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **Dysart Council**

Dysart Council shall be responsible for authorizing the installation of video surveillance systems.

#### **Dysart CAO**

Dysart CAO shall be responsible for implementation, administration and evaluation of Dysart's Video Surveillance Policy and Procedures.

The CAO shall also be responsible for ensuring that information obtained through video surveillance is used exclusively for lawful purposes.

#### **Dysart CAO, and the County of Haliburton Director of IT**

The CAO, and the Director of IT shall be responsible for granting authorized access to employees or contractors operating on behalf of Municipality of Dysart et al.

The Director of IT shall also ensure that video surveillance systems are deployed with proper security measures including strong authentication and access, controls, audit logging, and encryption.

#### **Facility Manager**

The Department Head responsible for each Dysart-owned or operated site with a video surveillance system (the "Facility Manager") shall ensure that the site complies with this policy, as well as any site-specific policies that may be required.

#### **Authorized Staff**

Staff with authorized access to the monitoring equipment and recorded information shall be trained in its use in accordance with this policy. Authorized staff shall sign a written confidentiality agreement regarding their duties under the Policy and the Acts. Breaches of the policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with Dysart's Code of Conduct.

### **Location and Use of Surveillance Equipment**

#### **Video Surveillance Cameras**

Dysart shall install video surveillance cameras in identified public areas only where video surveillance is a necessary and viable detection or deterrence activity.

Dysart may install visible and/or hidden surveillance cameras, but Dysart shall not install equipment inside areas where the public and employees have a higher expectation of privacy (e.g. change rooms and washrooms).

Where cameras are not visible, Dysart shall ensure that appropriate signs are installed in accordance with this policy.



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### **Video Surveillance Equipment**

Dysart shall ensure that video monitors are accessed only by authorized Dysart staff or authorized Contract Service Provider's staff, and are not located in a position that enables public viewing. Dysart shall encourage that monitors are turned off except when needed to ensure the system is operating or to view the video recording devices.

Dysart shall ensure that video recording equipment is located away from the public, in restricted access areas, preferably in locked rooms with keyed access.

All storage devices used in the recycling rotation, awaiting review by police, or in storage post police review shall be stored in a locked cabinet at all sites, with access restricted to authorized staff.

Strong authentication and access controls as well as audit logging will be implemented to prevent unauthorized access to video surveillance equipment.

Where possible, all video surveillance data shall be encrypted whether in storage or in transit.

### **Location Record**

Dysart shall ensure that maps and floor plans are prepared to identify the location of all video surveillance equipment at each of the respective sites. Dysart's Clerk shall have copies of all such maps and plans, and each Facility Manager/Coordinator shall have a copy for their site.

### **Hours of Operation**

The majority of the video surveillance systems shall operate 24 hours per day during the season the facility is open. Personal information shall be accessed only in response to an incident.

### **Retention and Destruction**

Since short retention periods minimize risk of improper use and disclosure, Dysart shall ensure that there is a standard retention period at all sites.

Video recording shall be deleted in rotation in a seven (7) day, one (1) week cycle. If the video data has been used or disclosed, it must be retained for a minimum of 1 year.

Dysart will take reasonable measures to protect against inadvertent destruction or damage of surveillance video.

Data storage devices no longer in use, will be securely disposed of in a manner that overwrites data in such a way that it cannot be retrieved. Devices that are no longer



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functional or that cannot otherwise be securely wiped, will be physically destroyed in a manner that renders the data unrecoverable.

### **Access to, and Disclosure of, Recorded Information**

#### **Accessing Recorded Video**

Dysart shall ensure that surveillance video only be viewed by staff on a need-to-know basis, in order to limit the number of people who have access to surveillance video.

Authorized staff shall only view surveillance video for the purpose for which it was collected. For example, if the purpose of video surveillance is to deter and identify individuals involved in crime or vandalism, authorized staff shall:

- review surveillance video only if there is reasonable cause to believe that a crime or an act of anti-social behavior has been or is in the process of being committed;
- and only access data related to these specific incidents.

Only staff involved in the investigation of these incidents shall view video surveillance.

#### **Disclosure to Law Enforcement Agencies**

Disclosure of video surveillance should be made to a law enforcement agency only upon the presentation by the authorities of a warrant or court order for the same and upon completion of a form setting out the name of the individual(s) who took the storage device, under what legal authority, the date and whether the storage device will be returned or destroyed after its use by the authorities.

Dysart has the discretion to disclose information to a law enforcement agency in Canada without a court order, to aid an investigation.

Dysart may disclose personal information to a law enforcement agency on its initiative, where it has a reasonable basis to believe that an offence has occurred. However, it should disclose only the information that appears to be relevant and necessary for a potential investigation.

If staff has reason to believe that the video contains personal information for law enforcement or public safety purposes, they shall notify the law enforcement agency and immediately contact IT who shall copy the video from the hard drive, to another storage medium and set aside in a clearly marked manner in the locked storage cabinet until retrieved by the law enforcement agency.



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### **Disclosure for Health and Safety Reasons**

Dysart may disclose personal information in compelling circumstances affecting the health or safety of an individual. This includes disclosure to a law enforcement agency, whether in response to a request or on Dysart's initiative.

Before disclosing personal information to a law enforcement agency for health or safety reasons, Dysart must be satisfied that:

- there are compelling concerns about an individual's health or safety, having considered:
  - the likelihood of the harm occurring
  - the severity of the harm
  - how soon the harm might occur, and
- the disclosure is reasonably likely to reduce the risk of harm to the individual

Dysart will limit the disclosure to the information relevant to reducing the risk.

If disclosing information under for Health and Safety reasons, Dysart must make reasonable efforts to notify individuals, in writing, that their information was disclosed.

### **Access Log**

Dysart shall provide each site with a video surveillance system with an electronic Access Log file. Access to the Access Log file(s) shall be restricted to authorized personnel only.

The Access Log shall be used to record the date, time, purpose and name of authorized staff person reviewing video.

When a video is viewed or removed for law enforcement purposes, the log entry shall include the date, time, name and contact information of the law enforcement officer.

The Access Log shall also be used to track requests for personal information including the date, time, name and contact information.

### **Inadvertent Disclosures**

Dysart shall ensure that inadvertent disclosures are addressed in a timely and effective way. Staff shall immediately report the incident to their Facility Manager, who shall immediately notify the Clerk. The Clerk shall attempt to retrieve the personal information that has been inappropriately disclosed, commence an investigation and notify the Information and Privacy Commission.



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### **Public Notification & Access to Information**

#### **Signage**

Dysart shall ensure that the public is notified about the presence of video surveillance equipment by prominently posting signs at the perimeter of surveillance areas.

Signs shall be of consistent size and format and convey the following information: indicate video surveillance in use; identify legal authority for collection of personal information (section 28 (2) of the Act); and provide title, address and telephone number of contact person who can answer questions about the system. (see appendix attached)

#### **Other Promotion**

Dysart shall also ensure that information regarding this policy is readily available at all sites with video surveillance systems and on Dysart's website.

#### **Personal Access to Information**

Dysart recognizes that an individual whose personal information has been collected by a video surveillance system has a right to access his or her personal information under the Act. Such requests will be directed in a timely manner to Dysart Clerk.

### **Annual Audit and Evaluation**

Dysart CAO and Clerk shall conduct an annual review of Dysart's Video Surveillance Policy/ System to ensure that:

- Video surveillance continues to be justified and, if so, whether its use can be restricted;
- Reported incidents and police contact are properly recorded in the logbooks;
- Used videos are being properly retained;
- Video is being deleted in accordance with time frames and security measures are being followed; and
- Any formal or informal information requests from public have been tracked.

### **Policy Review**

Dysart shall periodically review the Video Surveillance Policy pending the outcome of the annual audit and evaluation or at any time Dysart is considering changing or adding new video surveillance systems.



**The Corporation of the  
Town of Cobourg**

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# Resolution

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**Moved By**

Councillor Miriam Mutton

**Last Name Printed**

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**Resolution No.:**

179-23

**Seconded By**

Councillor Aaron Burchat

**Last Name Printed**

Burchat

**Council Date:**

May 23, 2023

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on May 23, 2023, Council considered a Resolution from the Town of Lincoln, regarding the Municipal Heritage Register;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the Town of Lincoln's resolution on the Municipal Heritage Register.



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May 10, 2023

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

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

**RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Municipal Heritage Register**

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on May 8, 2023, passed the following motion:

Resolution Number: RC-2023-58

Moved by: Councillor Lynn Timmers; Seconded by Councillor JD Pachereva

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Heritage Register is an important tool for the recognition, preservation and protection of cultural heritage properties within the Town of Lincoln and throughout the Province of Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Heritage Register allows municipalities to regulate demolition on properties protected under section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act, to allow for evaluation of potential heritage value or significance, thereby ensuring that their potential cultural heritage value is preserved for future generations;

**AND WHEREAS** listing a property on the Municipal Heritage Register recognizes a property's potential cultural heritage value, and is generally less complex, time-consuming, and economically burdensome to local municipalities than pursuing the designation of a property as outlined within the existing process, which requires extensive research and documentation;

**AND WHEREAS** the new legislative requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act associated with Bill 23 mandate assessment of all properties on the

Municipal Heritage Register within two years, resulting in need for an unreasonable amount of resources and major budget implications for a local municipality within the short 2-year timeline;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln has 247 listed properties on the Municipal Heritage Register; and

**AND WHEREAS** the new requirement to remove the listed property after 2 years leaves resources exposed, and unprotected for up to 5 years;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Town of Lincoln addresses this resolution to the government of the Province of Ontario, affirming the importance of the Municipal Heritage Register and its role in preserving the cultural heritage of municipalities throughout the Province;

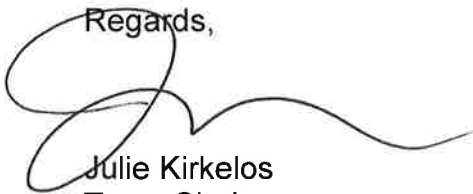
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council of the Town of Lincoln encourages the government of the Province of Ontario to maintain the previous provisions of Section 27 of Ontario Heritage Act which promote the retention and expansion of the Municipal Heritage Register, keeping listed properties on the registry indefinitely, rather than for a maximum of 2 years in order to provide adequate time for the municipality to consider the heritage value of properties and, if necessary, initiate the designation process, before they may be demolished, and allowing properties to be re-listed within an unlimited timeframe; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council of the Town of Lincoln circulate this resolution to the municipalities of Ontario for endorsement and circulation to the Province.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos  
Town Clerk  
[jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

JK/dp

c.c. All Municipalities of Ontario



**The Corporation of the  
Town of Cobourg**

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# Resolution

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**Moved By**

Councillor Miriam Mutton

**Last Name Printed**

Mutton

**Resolution No.:**

180-23

**Seconded By**

Councillor Adam Bureau

**Last Name Printed**

Bureau

**Council Date:**

May 23, 2023

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on May 23, 2023, Council considered a Resolution from the City of Cambridge, regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the request of City of Cambridge to amend the Highway Traffic Act



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby  
Administration**

Office of the Town Clerk

160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby, ON L3M 0J5

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May 25, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

4961 King St. E, Unit M1  
Beamsville, ON  
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Attention: Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West

**Re: Call for Action – Town of Grimsby, Mental Health, Addiction, and Housing Affordability**

The Council for the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby, passed the following resolution; at its May 15, 2023 Town Council meeting. The resolution is a *call for action* as it relates to the crisis on mental health, addiction and housing affordability.

**Whereas** the Niagara Region, City of St. Catharines, City of Thorold, City of Niagara Falls, City of Welland and City of Hamilton have declared states of emergencies on mental health, homelessness, and addiction; and

**Whereas** the declaration of the Emergency and a fix to the provincial funding allocation for homelessness resulted in a 20.8-million-dollar investment for homelessness prevention in Niagara, resulting in a 9.6 million dollar increase for Niagara; and

**Whereas** lower tier municipalities follow the emergency plans of the upper-tier government (Niagara Region) (Emergency management and civil protection act 1990); and

**Whereas** travel to other cities for services continues to be a challenge for several residents in Grimsby; and

**Whereas** there has been a dramatic increase of domestic abuse in Niagara West according to District 8 NRP, (with it now being their second-highest call volume in Grimsby); and

**Whereas** the Canadian Economy loses 50 billion dollars a year in losses due to

the issues of mental health and 40 billion dollars per year in losses due to substance abuse (CAMH); and

**Whereas** the provincial emergency management and civil protection act reads:

The Lieutenant Governor in Council by emergency order may:

4. Establishing facilities for the care, welfare, safety and shelter of individuals, including emergency shelters and hospitals and can procure the necessary resources to those facilities of care and welfare, safety and shelter of individuals.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Grimsby Council declare a state of emergency and crisis on mental health, addiction and housing affordability.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Grimsby request more funding for the West Lincoln Memorial hospital, so that the hospital may be a fully staffed/ functional hospital with built-in mental health and addiction services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Town of Grimsby advocate for the establishment of an emergency domestic abuse shelter servicing Niagara West and research interested organizations willing to deliver this service locally.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Grimsby request that Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for Niagara West approach the provincial minister's Michael Kerzner (Solicitor General), Michael Tobollo (Associate Minister- Mental Health and Addiction), Sylvia Jones (Health) and Steve Clark (Municipal Affairs and Housing) to discuss assistance for the priorities identified in this motion.

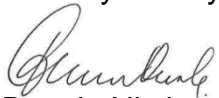
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Grimsby Town Council request to the Federal Treasury Board President, Mona Fortier, Finance Minister and Deputy Canadian PM, Chrystia Freeland to immediately release the federal funds (as provincial transfers) promised by their government in the sum of 4.5 Billion dollars, and that Grimsby Town Council advocate for Niagara's allocation of this previously promised mental health money by the Federal government.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Grimsby request MP Dean Allison to approach the federal ministers Carolyn Bennett (Mental health and addictions), Ahmed Hussen (Diversity and Housing), Chrystia Freeland (Finance), and Mona Fortier (Treasury Board) to request Federal support for Niagara Region's emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** all Niagara area municipalities, all Niagara area MPPs, MP's, Steven Soos, Niagara Health System, Hamilton Centre, MPP Sara Jama, Hamilton Centre MP, Matthew Green, City of Hamilton, AMO, FCM, Niagara Regional Police Chief, provincial and federal ministers of housing, provincial and federal ministers of health, Grimsby and District Chamber of Commerce, GBF Community Services-Grimsby, YWCA Niagara, Hamilton Health Sciences, Greg Fergus, MP (Parliamentary Secretary Canada), Mona Fortier (President Canada Treasury Board), Stephanie Kusie, Critic for the Federal Treasury Board, Federal Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland, Federal Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, Carolyn Bennett, Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health and Addictions, Elisabeth Briere, Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health and Addictions, Todd Doherty, Critic for Mental Health, and Laila Goodridge, Critic for Addiction be copied on the resolution.

Town Council took the first step by supporting the motion, in its entirety, understanding there are many specific asks that will follow. The delegate, Mr. Stephen Soos, asked Council to forward the motion for your information and support. More about Mr. Soos can be found here: <https://www.niagarafallsreview.ca/local-welland/news/2023/03/10/state-of-emergency-only-the-1st-step-soos.html>.

Thank you for your consideration.



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk  
Acting Town Clerk/kv

cc.    Niagara area municipalities  
      Niagara area MPPs  
      Niagara area MP's  
      Steven Soos  
      Niagara Health System  
      Hamilton Centre MPP, Sara Jama  
      Hamilton Centre MP, Matthew Green  
      City of Hamilton  
      AMO  
      FCM  
      Niagara Regional Police Chief, Bryan MacCulloch  
      Provincial and Federal Ministers of Housing  
      Provincial and Federal Ministers of Health

Grimsby and District Chamber of Commerce  
Grimsby Benevolent Fund  
YWCA Niagara  
Hamilton Health Sciences  
Hull—Aylmer MP & Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Greg Fergus  
President Canada Treasury Board, Mona Fortier  
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Federal Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland  
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May 10, 2023

**Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments**

Dear Ms. Mulroney,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

**AND WHEREAS** speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

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**AND WHEREAS** our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

**AND WHEREAS** our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

**AND WHEREAS** s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton  
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)  
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Local Area MPPs  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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Received May 25, 2023  
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Emailed: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

May 25, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Assembly of Ontario  
111 Wellesley St. W  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Support – Bill 5 – *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act***

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel, at the regular council meeting of May 24, 2023, resolved to express its support for Bill 5 – *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*.

Find enclosed a true copy of Township of Evanturel Resolution No. 7 passed in open council May 24, 2023, authorizing this support.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Montminy", is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp.

Virginia Montminy  
Clerk  
THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF EVANTUREL  
Encl:

c.c. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – *emailed*  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - *emailed*  
John Vanthof – MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane - *emailed*  
Ontario Municipalities - *emailed*

**Resolution of Council**

Moved by: Councillor Beachey

Date: May 24, 2023

Seconded by: Councillor Belanger

Resolution No: 7

**WHEREAS** elected leaders of municipalities do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace;

**AND WHEREAS** a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe;

**AND WHEREAS** Bill 5 – *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies (the Policies) of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the Policies, and as well restrict officials whose seat have been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election;

**AND WHEREAS** Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel hereby resolves to express its support for Bill 5 – *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*;

**AND FURTHER** that this resolution be directed to the Premier of Ontario, and sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); John Vanthof – MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried 

Derek Mundle - Reeve

**DIVISION VOTE**

YEAS	NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL	NAYS
	BARBARA BEACHEY, COUNCILLOR	
	GISELE BELANGER, COUNCILLOR	
	ROB MACPHERSON, COUNCILLOR	
	JOHN SIMMENS, COUNCILLOR	
	DEREK MUNDLE, REEVE	
	TOTALS	

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – Report to Council TWP2019-05 – Form A – Reeve Mundle \_\_\_\_; Councillor

Certified to be a true copy of Resolution No. 7 of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel  
passed in open Council on the 24th day of May, 2023.

  
Virginia Montminy – Clerk  
Township of Evanturel



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Received May 26, 2023  
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May 16, 2023

Via Email: [minister.mto@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mto@ontario.ca)

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney  
Minister of Transportation  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A Z8

Dear Ms. Mulroney:

**Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of May 23, 2023 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence received from the City of Cambridge regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk

cc.

The Honourable Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
Jeff Burch, MPP – Niagara Center  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities



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Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton  
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)  
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Local Area MPPs  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Subject:** URGENT: Has Your Municipality Endorsed Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act? Please let us know before May 30 if you have!

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**From:** diane noble <[dibrettnoble@gmail.com](mailto:dibrettnoble@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** May 26, 2023 1:00 AM

**To:**

**Subject:** URGENT: Has Your Municipality Endorsed Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act? Please let us know before May 30 if you have!

**Importance:** High

Dear Municipal Clerks,

The Women of Ontario Say No needs your help! **We don't appear to have your municipality recorded on our website and want to make sure we are not overlooking you!** If your municipality HAS PASSED A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BILL 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, please reply to this email ASAP, attaching a copy of the resolution, ideally before May 30, as this is the scheduled date for Bill 5's second reading in the Ontario legislature.

The attached document explains our advocacy work re: Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act. This is our website [The Women of Ontario Support Bill 5 \(squarespace.com\)](https://www.thewomenofontariosayno.com) – with the latest updates and information. Page down to the bottom to view the list of **132 municipalities to date** that have endorsed Bill 5.

Many thanks for your assistance!

Best regards,

Diane Noble  
519 918 1966

On Behalf of  
The Women of Ontario Say No

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

# #THEWOMENOFONTARIOSAYNO

## An Overview for Bill 5\*: The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

### The Issue at Hand

Municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace. In fact, if a claim of egregious (the most severe) harassment is substantiated; the maximum penalty that can be imposed is three months without pay. But the councillor can retain their position, return to the workplace and seek re-election.

This differs from any other workplace in the province, where not only are workplaces mandated to have violence and harassment in the workplace policies (Bill 168), these policies outline consequences for egregious violation which includes termination.

### Why this Bill is so important

The Bill was introduced as a private members bill, as a response to a sitting councillor in Ottawa who was able to seek re-election, even with outstanding claims of egregious sexual harassment (investigation by the Integrity Commissioner was underway). Other instances of councillors perpetrating harassment include Brampton, Barrie and Mississauga. Since this advocacy effort has started, there are further instances cited in many other municipalities across the province of Ontario.

### What will the Bill do?

The Bill has three primary components:

1. Require councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent.
2. Permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies.
3. Restrict councillors—whose seat has been vacated—from seeking immediate subsequent re-election.

### The Consequences of Doing Nothing

When councillors are able to perpetrate harassment without being held to account, a toxic message is sent to the community. It means that as an elected official:

1. You are immune to the communal standards of treatment we have come to expect from the population at large, and;
2. You can abuse your power, unchecked, and continue to have the privilege of serving the population that elected you.

A fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is SAFE. This is currently not the case. As such, despite the most recent municipal elections in October, 2022, councillors currently can perpetrate the most egregious acts of harassment and keep their jobs.

This has an immeasurably negative impact on communities.

1. Community members and/or municipal staff may not feel safe meeting with their local ward councillor.
2. If a person is harassed, they may not see the point of filing a complaint with the Integrity Commissioner—if suitable action cannot be taken.
3. There is no deterrent for councillors when it comes to perpetrating harassment when they know they can still keep their job.
4. It stifles diversity of voice at the local decision making table—when personal safety is at risk, quality people may be deterred from seeking election.
5. When councillors who have perpetrated harassment to staff or fellow councillors can retain their position, no matter how serious, it creates and protects toxic workplaces, which in turn has an adverse effect on mental health in the workplace and throughout the community.

To learn more check out:  
[thewomenofontariosayno.com](https://thewomenofontariosayno.com)



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6. Lack of accountability supports current systems of privilege and immunity of a certain segment of the population, which is not optimal for healthy communities.
7. It sends the message that if you have power, you are different, and superior to the average citizen.

## History of the Bill

Private Members' Bills do not often get passed. They usually deal with an issue of public interest. In this instance, the Bill has received all party support. It was introduced as Bill 260, then the legislature was prorogued when the Federal Election was called. It was then reintroduced as Bill 10, but died when the provincial election was called. It has since been introduced as Bill 5 and it is slated for its second reading in May, 2023. This Bill needs support from every avenue to become law.

## The Bill will amend:

1. *Municipal Act, 2001*
2. *The City of Toronto Act, 2006*

## How you can help:

1. **Share, Like and Follow** on Social Media: @womenofontariosayno.
2. **Deliver a presentation** to a municipal council in Ontario requesting support (materials provided). This is a unique approach to advocacy, but is appropriate to approach local councils, as it is their workplace.
3. **Provide social media content**- send us a video as to why you or your organization/business supports Bill 5. Better yet—capture the reaction of those who are unaware of this gap in legislation and see if they are comfortable providing their reaction on a video or a quote. It is hard to believe we need to advocate for this.
4. **Showcase your organization or community groups' logo** on our website to add credibility and legitimacy to the advocacy effort.
5. **Meet, write, or call your local MPP** and express that this legislation matters to you, your organization, and their constituents in the community.

6. **Share information** with your networks.
7. **Email the Ontario Human Rights Commission** and request a public inquiry into the issue:

[legal@ohrc.on.ca](mailto:legal@ohrc.on.ca)

8. Make a financial contribution to ensure **this never happens to another person in any community in Ontario ever again**. Check out the gofundme page to help support a full-time advocate to speak with all MPPs in the province.

[www.gofundme.com/f/basic-human-rights-in-ontario](https://www.gofundme.com/f/basic-human-rights-in-ontario)

9. Feel empowered to have the hard conversations. So much of grassroots change occurs at our dinner table, speaking with a neighbour, or your local councillor. Start talking about the issue. Express the change you want to see and never feel ashamed to advocate for basic human rights. We often feel we have to be experts in legislation to advocate for it. We are all experts in how we want to be treated. Let this be your guide.

## Be part of the change

Make sure your municipality is in support! Below is a growing list of municipalities since September 2022 that have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5:

- |                             |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • Town of Collingwood       | • City of Ottawa                    |
| • Town of Adjala-Tosorontio | • Town of Wasaga Beach              |
| • Township of Ramara        | • Township of Tiny                  |
| • Town of Midland           | • Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury |
| • Township of Oro-Medonte   | • Town of Penetanguishene           |
| • City of Woodstock         | • Township of the Archipelago       |
| • Town of New Tecumseth     | • City of Orillia                   |
| • Essa Township             | • Town of Midland                   |
| • Township of Clearview     | • City of London                    |
| • City of Barrie            | • Municipality of Kincardine        |
| • Township of Springwater   | • City of Kenora                    |

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