



## COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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AUGUST 4, 2023

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July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Township of Wainfleet  
31940 Highway 3, PO Box 40  
Wainfleet, ON L0S 1V0

Re: Request for Improvements to Wainfleet's Fire Apparatus

Dear Mayor and Township Councillors,

On behalf of the Wainfleet Volunteer Firefighters Association and all its members, we respectfully request your urgent assessment and review of our firefighting fleet – specifically aging front line apparatus. Due to the current age and state of some of our front-line apparatus, the association has public and first responder safety concerns, that the department may not be able to provide the level of service (Interior Search and Fire Attack) as set by Council.

After a comprehensive assessment and comparison of Fire Services in communities similar in size to Wainfleet (tables attached) we wish to highlight the critical and overdue need for new apparatus to meet not only provincial safety regulations (OHSA sec. 25.2.h) but also industry best practices (NFPA Standards) and insurance standards (Fire Underwriters Survey). Our proposed recommendation will result in improved services and safety to our community and firefighters as well as a potential cost-savings to the Town of Wainfleet and its residents.

Over the past couple of years, these aging apparatuses have experienced various reliability and performance issues, ranging from mechanical, electrical, braking, pump, and emergency equipment breakdowns/malfunctions. Given the age of these apparatus, parts are becoming costlier and more difficult to obtain, resulting in apparatus being out of service, sometimes for an extended period of time. The unpredictability of these situations has raised immense concern for our association, as this can not only leave the community with reduced fire protection services, but it also places the firefighters at an increased risk of injury should a failure occur during an emergency response or firefighting operations.

Currently, Stations 1 & 2 are not recognized by Fire Underwriters Survey™ (FUS) and once operational, the new Central Station will not be recognized as a fire station due in part to the apparatus exceeding the age limitations for front line apparatus. The result is that Fire Underwriters Survey™ (FUS) lists the Township as offering "No Protection".

For context, the FUS is a national organization which conducts fire services capability surveys and assigns protection ratings based on those findings. Insurance companies then utilize these ratings when underwriting risks within a municipality. A sub-par rating undoubtedly, negatively impacts a homeowner's insurance premium.

FUS also grades fire services for level of protection based on station location, age of equipment, number of firefighters, etc. and apparatuses are a key factor in FUS grading, but more importantly the effectiveness of firefighting and our firefighter's safety.



Firefighting apparatus are highly customized vehicles, built specifically for public and responder safety during emergency responses, based on community needs and the duties they will be performing. FUS and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) guidelines recommend only apparatuses that are 15 years old or less should be used for "first line" (front-line) apparatus and any apparatus beyond that be used as a reserve or be replaced.

**Both Engine 1 (2003 Kenworth) and Engine 2 (1998 International) exceed FUS/NFPA guidelines (i.e., engine 2 has been in service for well over 25 years) and it is our recommendation to have one apparatus replaced (i.e., purchase of a new truck) and maintain one as a reserve.**

As Firefighters, we have made a pledge, and our community expects us to answer the call 24/7, 365 days a year, to leave our loved ones and our homes and to respond with much risk and uncertainty to save yours. With apparatus that have exceeded all industry standards, guidelines and best practices, we are being forced to operate in unnecessarily hazardous conditions.

Imagine having your family/loved ones trapped inside their burning home with "no protection," but we cannot respond in a timely manner or lose water pressure because of an old/ineffective piece of equipment, now making us the ones with "no protection" and unable to do our job. Imagine that burden of guilt we would feel because we couldn't do our job due to inadequate equipment and proactive planning.

Appreciating that fiscal responsibility is top of mind for not only our town's elected officials but also community members, please note that from a cost-savings perspective, obtaining a higher rating from the FUS will translate into a cost savings on a homeowner's insurance policy potentially many more times than any increase on their tax rate.

While we appreciate that investing in a new apparatus is a huge decision, the Association as a majority agree that our Firefighter's safety is paramount, our community, family and our property's protection is non-negotiable, and just as important is the cost-savings that this will bring to our community. Our recent assessment has confirmed that for every 6 months of delay, apparatus costs may increase by approximately 5-10%, which translates to an added \$100,000 or more per year. In addition, the delivery of a new truck may be delayed for 18-24 months. **This highlights the urgent need for action to ensure a cost-effective and timely solution, while concurrently prioritizing the safety of our community, the residents of Wainfleet as well as our Firefighters.**

Thank you for your review of this critical assessment and request. We look forward to working collaboratively with you to develop a plan to address the outlined issues and request for new apparatus. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Leanne Johnson – WVFFA President

Scott Duff – WVFFA Vice President

Chuck Farkas – WVFFA Secretary

John Mallon – WVFFA Treasurer

Motion passed and Accepted to Submit to Township of Wainfleet Council

on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023



**Population  
(Smallest to Largest)**

	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Square KMs</b>	<b># Stations</b>	<b># Apparatus</b>	<b>Oldest Apparatus</b>	<b>Oldest Front Line Pump</b>
1	North Frontenac	2285	1158	3	12	2006	2007
2	Addington Highlands	2323	1328	3	10	2005	2005
3	North Huron	5271	179	2	8	1996	2008
4	Lanark Highlands	5893	1048	4	16	1996	2002
5	South Bruce	6330	487	2	9	2004	2017
6	Tweed	6393	953	1	6	2007	2007
7	North Middlesex	6741	598	2	8	2003	2003
8	Cramahe	6814	202	2	10	1998	2003
9	Wainfleet	6838	217	3	10	1998	1998
10	Minden Hills	6962	878	1	9	2009	2011
11	Blue Mountains	7000	287	2	11	2004	2016
12	Otonabee	7105	347	4	14	2002	2007
13	Dysart Et Al	7240	1486	1	7	2007	2007
14	Augusta	7304	315	2	9	2000	2014
15	Chatsworth	7430	596	1	4	2001	2001
16	Puslinch	7634	214	1	8	2003	2004
17	Baynham	8458	245	2	7	2003	2005
18	Leeds Thousand Islands	9465	612	4	18	1997	2000



# TOWNSHIP OF SIOUX NARROWS - NESTOR FALLS

Moved by

*Matt Rydberg*

Resolution No.

*89* - 23

Seconded by

*[Signature]*

Date

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Whereas** global technology platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO were created to improve global access to rental opportunities, particularly those available for vacation or shorter-term business purposes, and

**Whereas** the impact of these "disruptive technologies" on rental markets has raised the following concerns in the past decade:

- Concentration of ownership and proliferation of landlord corporations with minimal interest in or accountability to local communities
- Removal of housing stock from long-term rental markets with resulting increases in rents
- Lack of control over occupancy (e.g. families vs large groups of partygoers)
- Incidence of nuisance infractions (noise, garbage, parking), and

**Whereas** any reduction in the availability of long-term housing stock runs counter to the Province of Ontario's goal of 1.5 million additional homes in the next 10 years, and

**Whereas** growth in short-term rental markets may also have a negative impact on housing affordability for the seasonal workers who service tourist destinations or farming communities, and

**Whereas** implementing local/municipal restrictions through municipal law enforcement tools (licensing) and municipal planning tools (zoning by-law restrictions) may push demand to other communities, and

**Whereas** some platforms (e.g. Airbnb) are already working toward providing notice to owners about municipal regulations and licensing through a license number field, and

**Whereas** some jurisdictions (e.g. Quebec, Scotland) have acknowledged the limitations of local authorities/municipalities in controlling the impact of global technologies and have developed comprehensive regulatory frameworks, and

**Whereas** a comprehensive, consistent regulatory approach is likely to prove more effective in Ontario,

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,**

**That:** Council requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations, and
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality, and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials and further.

**That:** The Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long-term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties and further;

**That:** A copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

DIVISION OF VOTES			CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Member	Yea	Nay	
Mayor Gale Black			
At Large Matthew Rydberg			
At Large Steve Salvador			DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTION (check one)
Ward 1 Douglas Brothwell			
Ward 2 Holly Chant			Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/>
TOTALS			

MAYOR

*Gale Black*

August 1, 2023

**CL 11- 2023, July 20, 2023**

***DISTRIBUTION LIST***

***SENT ELECTRONICALLY***

Support for Ontario's Wine Industry

Regional Council, at its meeting held on July 20, 2023, passed the following recommendation:

**WHEREAS** Niagara is Ontario's largest wine growing region responsible for over 90% of Ontario's grape production and home to the only specialty crop area in the Province;

**WHEREAS** the Province promised that economic viability and long-term sustainability would be a key commitment to farmers when the Greenbelt legislation was passed;

**WHEREAS** the Ontario wine industry supports directly and indirectly over 18,000 full-time equivalent jobs in Niagara;

**WHEREAS**, Niagara's wine sector has been a leader in developing a world class experiential tourism destination, with 2.4 million annual visitors to the region;

**WHEREAS** no other wine producing countries tax domestic wines as imports;

**WHEREAS** British Columbia has created a retail environment where their local VQA wines thrive and flourish;

**WHEREAS** COVID-19 shone a light on the importance of local economies; and it is essential that we unlock the potential of Ontario's grape and wine industry to build back stronger;

**WHEREAS** the recently released *Uncork Ontario* report from Deloitte details the numerous ways that support for Niagara's wine industry will ensure continued economic growth in areas such as tourism, culture and entertainment, hospitality, development and constructions and manufacturing;

**WHEREAS** Deloitte's report found that under the proper conditions, the future economic uplift could amount in \$8 billion in Niagara's GPD in a generation;

**WHEREAS** the same report found that Niagara's grape and wine industry experiences a higher tax burden than comparator jurisdictions such as British Columbia, the United States, France, Spain and New Zealand;

**WHEREAS** Regional Council passed a similar motion in February 2021 and March 2022 and the issues still remain unresolved.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Province of Ontario that includes the following:
  - i. An expression of thanks for their ongoing support of Niagara's wine industry and the meaningful difference it has made;
  - ii. A request to create an environment that supports Ontario's wine industry and its farmers, providing more opportunities for investment in innovation and job creation while providing consumer choice and convenience for the purchase of Ontario wines;
  - iii. A request to eliminate the 6.1% wine basic tax applied to VQA wines (100% Ontario-grown) on sales at onsite winery retail stores;
  - iv. A request to establish a permanent uncapped VQA wine support program that remedies the treatment of local wines like imports at the LCBO, through the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs;
  - v. A request that the LCBO be called upon to create an environment where VQA wines flourish; and
2. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to Niagara Local Area Municipalities, Local Members of Parliament, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Wine Marketing Association of Ontario, Ontario Craft Winery Association, Wine Growers of Ontario, Grape Growers of Ontario, and Ontario Wine Appellation Authority (VQA).

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk

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CLK-C 2023-086



Distribution List:

- Local Area Municipalities
- Local Members of Parliament
- Local Members of Provincial Parliament
- Premier of Ontario
- Minister of Finance
- Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Wine Marketing Association of Ontario
- Ontario Craft Winery Association
- Wine Growers of Ontario
- Grape Growers of Ontario
- Ontario Wine Appellation Authority

**From:** Lynn Langman <lalangman@aol.com>  
**Sent:** August 2, 2023 4:49 PM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Speeding Motorists on Churchill Rd., Collins Lane, and Desiree St.

Attn: Meredith Kirkham; Deputy  
Clerk

I am the Vice -President of the Sunset Bay Association that was founded in 1953, for summer safety on the beach, in the water, and on the roads of our community. We host social events and seek closer cooperation between ourselves and Wainfleet. Our boundaries run west of the Kosuth Camp to Lakeshore and Golf Course Rd. This includes Maple Ave., Desiree St., Collins Lane, Fletcher Rd., and Churchill Rd.

We have an issue that more and more motorists are cutting the corner at Lakeshore Rd. and Golf Course Rd., and racing down the streets of our community, primarily Churchill and Desiree. Desiree runs south off of Lakeshore and has a blind corner!

On behalf of Sunset Bay Beach Association we are requesting a threee way stop at Churchill and Collins Lane ( currently one stop sign on Collins Lane at Churchill). We also suggest Speed Bumps be installed near the blind corner on Desiree. Many people walk daily in these areas and we do not want a tragedy to happen.

Thank you for taking this problem under consideration.  
We request this issue be put into Friday's Correspondence Package.

Thank you for your time which is greatly appreciated.  
Sincerely,  
Lynn Langman  
Vice President , Sunset Beach Association

Sent from my iPhone





# Thorold

Received August 2, 2023  
C-2023-289

Office of the City Clerk

August 2, 2023

CL 16-2023, June 20, 2023

**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

Dean Allison  
Chris Bittle  
Tony Baldinelli  
Vance Badawey

**Re: Paul Bernardo**

Thorold City Council, at its meeting held on June 20, 2023, passed the following resolution:

That the Mayor **BE REQUESTED** to prepare and send a letter to Corrections Canada, local area Members of Parliament, expressing support for keeping Paul Bernardo in a maximum security placement.

A copy of the letter sent to Commissioner Anne Kelly is attached herein.

Sincerely,

Matthew Trennum  
City Clerk

MJT: CC2023-4

Cc: Niagara's Local Area Municipalities

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## *Office of the Mayor*

July 26, 2023

Commissioner Anne Kelly  
Correctional Service Canada  
340 Laurier Ave W  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0P9

Dear Commissioner,

### **Re: Support for Keeping Paul Bernardo in Maximum Security Placement**

I am writing to express the unwavering support of the City of Thorold in favor of keeping Paul Bernardo in a maximum-security placement within the Correctional Service Canada system. As the Mayor of the City of Thorold, I represent a community deeply affected by the heinous crimes committed by Mr. Bernardo and remain committed to advocating for the safety and well-being of our residents.

The gravity of Mr. Bernardo's crimes, and the devastating impact they had on the lives of innocent individuals and their families, cannot be understated. Our community, along with the wider Niagara region, continues to bear the scars left by these reprehensible actions. It is of utmost importance that we prioritize public safety and ensure that those who pose a significant risk to society are appropriately confined and monitored.

We acknowledge that decisions regarding the placement of individuals within the correctional system require a comprehensive evaluation of various factors, including the level of risk they present and the potential for harm to others. In the case of Paul Bernardo, his past actions and the severity of his offenses demand the highest level of security to safeguard our community from any potential danger.

Furthermore, we are aware that public safety is a shared responsibility among different levels of government and local communities. To that end, I am copying Niagara's local area municipalities on this letter to ensure that they are aware of our stance and, should they feel inclined, join us in expressing their support for keeping Mr. Bernardo in a maximum-security placement.





The residents of the City of Thorold and the Niagara Region deserve to live in an environment where they feel safe and secure. We trust that you will carefully consider the concerns of our community, along with the collective voices of others within the Niagara Region, when making any decisions regarding the placement and management of Paul Bernardo.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to a response and remain committed to working with you to ensure the safety and well-being not only of our community, but all communities across Canada.

Sincerely,

Terry Ugulini  
Mayor, City of Thorold

CC: [Niagara's Local Area Municipalities]



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August 2, 2023

Received August 2, 2023  
C-2023-290

Via email: [Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca](mailto:Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca)

Honourable Rasheed  
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD)

**Re: Support Time for Change – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their July 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting:

- **Motion:** 284-2023
- **Moved by:** T. Oke
- **Seconded by:** M. Denomme

**That South Huron Council support the June 26, 2023 resolution of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Time for Change - Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.**

**Disposition: Carried**

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson, Administrative Assistant  
Municipality of South Huron  
[sjohnson@southhuron.ca](mailto:sjohnson@southhuron.ca)  
519-235-0310 ext 225

Encl.

cc: Judy Smith, Clerk/Freedom of Information Coordinator, Municipality of Chatham-Kent [ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)  
Lisa Thompson MPP [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org)



Ben Lobb, MP [ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca)

Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario [info@ipc.on.ca](mailto:info@ipc.on.ca)

AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee [amcto@amcto.com](mailto:amcto@amcto.com)

Amo [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

All Municipalities in Ontario

July 5, 2023

Via Email: [Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca](mailto:Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca)

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD)

Honourable Rasheed:

**Re: Time for Change  
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on June 26, 2023 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.



If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at  
[ckclerk@chatham-ketn.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-ketn.ca)

Sincerely,

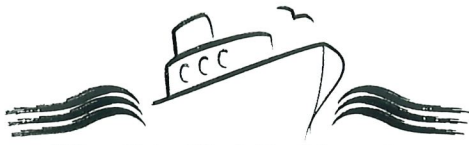
**Judy Smith**

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Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance  
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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Lianne Rood, MP  
Dave Epp MP  
Trevor Jones, MPP  
Monte McNaughton, MPP  
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee  
Ontario municipalities



Where Ships Climb The Mountain...

# Thorold

Received August 3, 2023  
C-2023-291

Office of the City Clerk

August 2, 2023

CL 18-2023, July 11, 2023

**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

Hon. Lawrence MacAulay  
Hon. List Thompson

**Re: Petition to Enhance Access to Nutritional Food and Support Local  
Agriculture in Niagara Region**

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Thorold City Council, at its meeting held on July 11, 2023, passed the following resolution:

1. That the Council of the City of Thorold **ENDORSES** community supported agriculture, led by local community organizations, as a way to help address the lack of nutritional food available to the community;
2. That the Mayor **BE DIRECTED** to write a letter to the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to petition them to:
  - a. increase purchasing power around access to nutritional food
  - b. improve the identification of local products in existing supply chains
  - c. encourage the development of new markets for local food
  - d. re-explore labelling of foods that are genetically modified (in the interest of Consumer choice); and
  - e. work with all local Niagara governments and community organizations to provide more assistance to Niagara-residents who are not food secure;
3. That this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to all Niagara-area municipalities, Niagara's local Members of Provincial Parliament, Niagara's local Members of Parliament, Niagara Christian Gleaners, Small Scale Farms, United Way Food Security Network, federal minister of Agriculture and Agri-food, Feed Ontario, Hope Centre-Welland, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Community Care St Catharines and Thorold, Community Care of West Niagara, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Food and Beverage Ontario, and the Ontario Agri-Business Association.

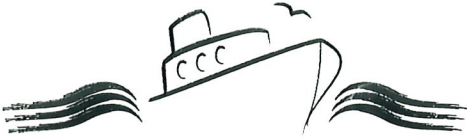
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*Where Ships Climb The Mountain...*

A copy of the letter sent to the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food is attached herein.

Sincerely,

Matthew Trennum  
City Clerk

MJT: CC2023-5

Cc: Niagara's local area municipalities  
Niagara's local Members of Parliament  
Niagara's local Members of Provincial Parliament  
Niagara Christian Gleaners  
Small Scale Farms  
United Way Food Security Network  
Feed Ontario  
Hope Centre-Welland  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Community care St. Catharines and Thorold  
Community Care of West Niagara  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Food and Beverage Ontario  
Ontario Agri-Business Association





## *Office of the Mayor*

July 26, 2023

Hon. Lawrence MacAulay  
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
Government of Canada  
1341 Baseline Road  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5

Hon. Lisa Thompson  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Government of Ontario  
1 Stone Road West  
Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2

### **Re: Petition to Enhance Access to Nutritional Food and Support Local Agriculture in Niagara Region**

Dear Honorable Ministers,

As the Mayor of the City of Thorold in the heart of the Niagara Region, I am writing to earnestly request your attention to several critical matters related to agriculture, food security, and consumer choice within our community. Thorold City Council strongly believes that fostering a sustainable and inclusive food system is essential for the well-being and prosperity of all residents, and we are seeking your support in achieving the following goals:

a) Increase Purchasing Power for Access to Nutritional Food:

We kindly request that you collaborate with local governments and community organizations to implement measures that bolster the purchasing power of individuals and families, especially those with limited financial means. By increasing access to nutritional food, we can mitigate the adverse effects of food insecurity and promote healthier lifestyles for all our citizens.

b) Improve Identification of Local Products in Existing Supply Chains:

Thorold takes pride in its rich agricultural heritage and the abundance of locally produced goods. We urge you to work with relevant stakeholders to enhance the identification and visibility of local products within existing supply chains. By doing so, we can support our local farmers and agri-businesses, fostering a sustainable and resilient local economy.



c) Encourage the Development of New Markets for Local Food:

To promote the growth of our local food industry, we seek your assistance in creating and facilitating new markets for locally produced food. This initiative would not only strengthen our region's food security but also contribute to the vitality of the Niagara agricultural sector.

d) Re-explore Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods:

In the interest of consumer choice, we appeal for a re-examination of the labelling regulations concerning genetically modified foods. Transparent and accurate labelling empowers consumers to make informed decisions about the products they purchase, fostering a climate of trust and accountability within the food industry.

e) Collaborate on Food Security Initiatives for Niagara Residents:

Food insecurity remains an issue in our community, and we believe that a collaborative approach is necessary to address this challenge effectively. We kindly request that you work alongside all local municipalities and community organizations to expand assistance programs for Niagara residents who are not food secure. Together, we can build a stronger, more equitable Niagara Region.

The City of Thorold is committed to working hand in hand with both the provincial and federal governments to achieve these objectives. We believe that by fostering a close partnership and harnessing the expertise and resources available at various levels, we can make significant progress towards a more resilient, sustainable, and food-secure future for our Region.

Thank you for your attention to these pressing matters. We look forward to a positive response and the opportunity to collaborate closely with your esteemed offices. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss these matters in detail, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Ugulini  
Mayor, City of Thorold



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August 3, 2023

RE: Consent Agenda Item 6.48 Selwyn Township - Short Term Rentals

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

**Resolution No. 2023-226:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.48 listed for JULY, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch is in receipt of Selwyn Township resolution of June 27, 2023;

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch also supports the resolution and also requests that the Province move forward as soon as possible to legislate that all third party Short Term Rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings and to compel compliance that the Province establish the requirement for STR companies to require each rental listing to be registered and to pay an appropriate annual fee and that STR company provide this registry along with the collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located which allows the municipality to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds for municipal expenses to enforce/respond to issues at a STR property; and further



That the Province require the STR company to de-list/remove the property from the company's listings so that the property cannot be rented where a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc.; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, Speaker Ted Arnott, and MPP Matthew Rae.

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox  
Municipal Clerk



June 29, 2023

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Please be advised that at its meeting held on the 27th day of June 2023, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2023 – 143 – Notice of Motion – Short-Term Rentals**

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor John Boyko –

Whereas the demand for alternative accommodations has resulted in an increased prominence of residential properties being advertised for short term accommodations through third party companies such as Airbnb and VRBO; a shift from the ‘traditional’ cottage rental historically managed by a property owner; and

Whereas over the past decade a flood of properties have been removed from the ownership and long-term rental market (*Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance at McGill University*) contributing to housing shortages, increased housing demands and increased housing costs resulting in housing affordability issues, including affordable rentals; and

Whereas short term rentals (STR) can be beneficial, when operated appropriately, by providing solutions for the accommodation industry that supports local tourism and small businesses as well as providing an opportunity for property owners to generate income from their residence (permanent or seasonal) using a convenient third-party system; and

Whereas STR’s can create nuisances including noise, parking, high volumes of visitors attending a property, septic capacity and fire safety, for adjacent residential property owners who wish to experience quiet enjoyment of their property; and

Whereas research indicates that demand for STR’s is increasing, in part due to vacationers choosing domestic travel options as well as the financial benefits to property owners, demonstrating that STR’s are here to stay; and

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Whereas there are no Provincial regulations in place governing third party STR companies resulting in a variety of regulations/guidelines being implemented at the local municipal level which creates inconsistencies, confusion and frustrations for both consumers and residents across the Province;

That the Township of Selwyn request that the Province move forward as soon as possible to legislate that all third party Short Term Rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings and to compel compliance that the Province establish the requirement for STR companies to require each rental listing to be registered and to pay an appropriate annual fee and that STR company provide this registry along with the collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located which allows the municipality to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds for municipal expenses to enforce/respond to issues at a STR property; and further

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Carried.

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

Sincerely,

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