

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

1. C-2023-327

Correspondence dated September 15, 2023 from the Township of Puslinch to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent respecting a resolution in support of their correspondence regarding changes to MFIPPA.

2. C-2023-328

Correspondence dated September 15, 2023 from the Township of Puslinch respecting a resolution in support of the Municipality of Grey Highlands resolution regarding Municipal Codes of Conduct.

3. C-2023-329

Correspondence received September 19, 2023 from the Town of Pelham respecting a notice of Public Meeting regarding a Housekeeping Zoning By-law Amendment.

4. <u>C-2023-330</u>

Correspondence received September 21, 2023 from the Wainfleet Township Public Library respecting the October 2023 Newsletter.

5. <u>C-2023-331</u>

Correspondence dated September 22, 2023 from the Municipality of West Grey respecting a resolution in support of the Town of Grimsby correspondence regarding Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income.



Municipality of
Chatham-Kent
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VIA EMAIL:
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Township of Puslinch 7404 Wellington Road 34 Puslinch, ON NOB 2J0 www.puslinch.ca

kent.ca September 15, 2023

RE 6.12 & 6.13 Municipality of Chatham-Kent Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on August 16, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-249: Moved by Councillor Goyda and Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.12 & 6.13 listed for AUGUST 16, 2023 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas Township of Puslinch Council supports the resolution from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding the need for changes and updating to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

Therefore, the Township of Puslinch, passes this resolution regarding the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act,

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.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox Municipal Clerk



Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Corporate Services
Municipal Governance
315 King Street West, P.O. Box 640
Chatham ON N7M 5K8

July 5, 2023

Via Email: 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;

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- 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;
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- 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

Sincerely,

Judy Smith Judy Smith Date: 2023.07.05 10:48:27 -04'00'

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
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Township of Puslinch 7404 Wellington Road 34 Puslinch, ON NOB 2J0 www.puslinch.ca

September 15, 2023

RE 6.19 Municipality of Grey Highlands – Municipal Codes of Conduct

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on August 16, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-247: Moved by Councillor Hurst and Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda item 6.19 listed for AUGUST 16, 2023 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas Township of Puslinch Council supports the resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands regarding legislation to strengthen Municipal Code of Conducts to account for workplace safety and harassment; and

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly to AMO.

Therefore, the Township of Puslinch, passes this resolution regarding the Municipal Code of Conduct

Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and



Whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and Whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and

Whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; Whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Grey Highlands supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

Also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox Municipal Clerk June 21, 2023

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Sent via email

To whom it may concern:

Re: 2023-496

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the June 21, 2023 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

2023-496

Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and

Whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and

Whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and

Whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; Whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Grey Highlands supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; Also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province

- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

 CARRIED.

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy-Clerk Municipality of Grey Highlands

cc. Office of the Premier of Ontario All Ontario Municipalities



Notice of Public Meeting

Housekeeping Zoning By-law Amendment

Date: Wednesday October 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Place: This hearing will be a hybrid (virtual/in person) meeting.

Virtual Participation: Zoom Webinar / YouTube Livestream

In-person Participation: Town Hall, Council Chambers

20 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill

Town Council approved hybrid meetings via By-law No. 4507 (2022). The Town of Pelham live webcast of the Public Meeting will be streaming at: https://www.youtube.com/user/TownOfPelham/live

File Number: AM-08-2023

Public Meeting for **Zoning By-law Amendment** in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

The Town of Pelham is initiating a Zoning By-law Amendment to address several housekeeping items that have been identified as being needed to be addressed in the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 4481 (2022). Changes are proposed to:

- Section 2: Definitions
 - o Rewording of some definitions to clarify meaning of certain terms;
 - Introduction of new definitions to better clarify or describe uses and terms within the by-law.
- Section 3: General Provisions
 - Minor amendments to several sections to improve clarity and provide consistency.
- Section 4: Parking
 - Reduction in the minimum dimensions of a tandem parking spaces to provide consistency;
 - Reduction in the number of bicycle parking spaces required for apartment units to better align with the use.
- Sections 5 through 8: Agricultural, Residential, Greenfield and Commercial Zones
 - Modifications to clarify some setback and height requirements.

Your Input is Encouraged: The Town of Pelham would appreciate receiving your written and/or verbal comments regarding this application. otherwise, personal information and all comments will become part of the public record and may be publicly released. To provide input in writing, or to request personal notice if the proposed amendment is approved, please submit your correspondence or request by 12:00 PM on Monday, October 2, 2023 for inclusion in the public meeting agenda package c/o Town Clerk, William Tigert, PO Box 400, 20 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill, Ontario LOS 1EO, or by email at SLeach@pelham.ca. Comments and requests received after this date will still be received by Council, however they may not be published as part of the public meeting agenda. Verbal comments will be received by the Town at the public hearing via virtual or in-person participation. To provide verbal comments virtually at the hearing, please pre-register with the Town Clerk by sending an email to SLeach@pelham.ca before 12:00pm noon on October 6, 2023. Zoom webinar registration information and procedure will be provided. To provide verbal comments in-person at the Public Meeting, pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Registrants will be notified of Council's Decision. If you have not submitted written comments and wish to submit a comment live during the meeting, you may livestream the meeting from the Town of Pelham's YouTube channel and e-mail comments to clerks@pelham.ca during the public portion of this application only. If your comments are not received during the public portion of the meeting, they will not be considered.

Need More Information: For more information, please contact Lindsay Richardson, Policy Planner, by email at lrichardson@pelham.ca or at 905-980-6675 or 905-892-2607 ext. 335. A copy of the staff report regarding the proposed applications as well as any additional information may be obtained on the Town's website at www.pelham.ca/housekeepingzbl or at Town Hall by appointment after 12:00 PM on Friday October 6, 2023.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Pelham's Municipal Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written statements to the Town of Pelham before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Pelham before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Dated at the Town of Pelham, this 21st day of September, 2023.

William Tigert Town Clerk

Date of Posting: September 21, 2023



CHECK IT OUT @ YOUR LIBRARY OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Received September 21, 2023 C-2023-330

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Hours:

Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed







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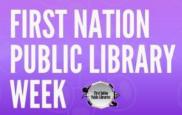
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One-on-One Computer Training



First hour FREE! \$10 per hour thereafter

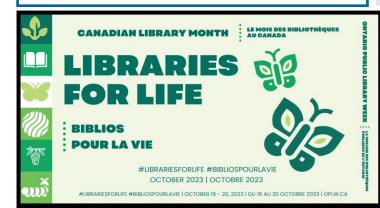
1-hour training sessions can be tailored to a program or topic of your choice.

Contact library staff for more information!

Visiting Library Service

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







October is Canadian Library Month! During this month, libraries and library partners across Canada raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in Canadians' lives. More than just a place to find books, libraries promote cultural awareness, engage in the community, provide educational programs, support freedom of expression and so much more.

In Ontario, the first week of October is First Nation Public Library Week. This year it takes place from October 2 to 6. First Nation Public Library Week was initiated in 2000 by Indigenous libraries. There are 46 public libraries on First Nation communities in Ontario. Check out the display in the library of our newest Indigenous titles.

The third week of October is Ontario Public Library Week. This year it takes place from October 16 to 20 and the theme is "Libraries for Life."



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

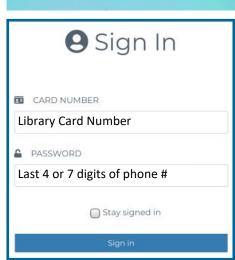
LiNC is a partnership of many Niagara public library systems to share resources and a catalogue system called Evergreen.

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

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

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

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



PROGRAMS

To sign up for programs that require registration, please visit https://wainfleetlibrary.ca/programs/current-programs.

Fall Colouring Contest - September 21 - October 13

Come to the Library to pick up your copy of our fall colouring contest. Entries are due by 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 13.

Time for Tots and Craft - Thursday, October 5, 12 & 19 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, activities and crafts for tots ages 4 months to 4 years and their caregivers. Spaces are limited, please register by Monday, October 2.



P. A. Day BINGO - Friday, October 6 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon filled with FREE BINGO fun for kids of all ages. Many prizes available to be won. Please register by Monday, October 2. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.



Homeschool Craft - Friday, October 13 & 20 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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



DIY Welcome Fall Wall Art - Monday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us and learn how to make a beautiful DIY Welcome Fall Wall Art! This program is for anyone ages 8+. Registration required by Friday, October 13.



Patron Appreciation Day - Wednesday, October 18

Drop-in and enjoy coffee, tea and treats in the meeting room as a small thank you for your loyal patronage.



Service Canada Info Session - Pensions and Benefits for Seniors - Thursday, October 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Both the Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security Programs have many benefits available so whether you are thinking about retiring or have already retired, there is important information for you. Join us in the meeting room for coffee, tea and light refreshments as Miriam Mitchell from Service Canada reviews current information about these programs followed by a Q & A. Please register by Monday, October 16.



Paint Your Own Glow in the Dark Trick-or-Treat Bag - Monday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us and learn how to make a Glow in the Dark Trick-or-Treat Bag! This program is for anyone ages 4+. Registration required by Friday, October 20.



Afternoon BINGO - Tuesday, October 24 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon filled with FREE BINGO fun for adults of all ages. Many prizes available to be won. Please register by Monday, October 23.



Thursday Afternoon Book Club - Thursday, October 26 at 2:00 p.m.

This month's book is *The Shining* by Stephen King. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.

Wainfleet Lions Spooktacular Halloween Fair Booth - Saturday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The library will have a booth at the Wainfleet Lions Spooktacular Halloween Fair this year. Stop by and visit our booth, learn more about the library, our services and upcoming programs. We will also have our button maker and tattoo station set up. Located at 12166 Lakeshore Road.



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

This month's book is *The Once and Future Witches* by Alix E. Harrow. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.



Trick or Treat at your Library - Tuesday, October 31

Pop in anytime on October 31st, show off your costume and pick up a treat from the library.

E-RESOURCES

Find the e-resources on the front page of www.wainfleetlibrary.ca

























PRINTING, COPYING, LAMINATING AND FAXING

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

PRINTING & COPYING

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



LAMINATING

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



FAXING

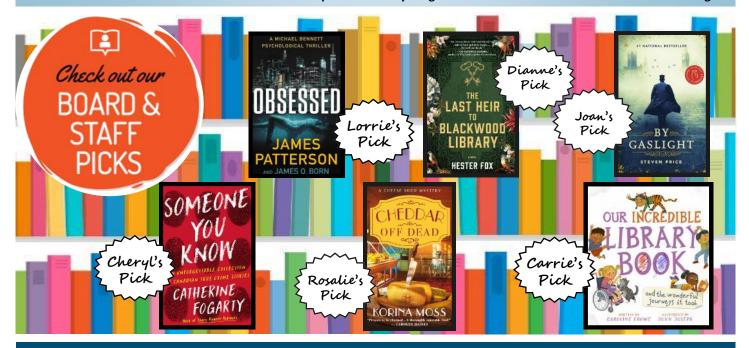
The cost to send or receive faxes is \$2.00 plus long distance charges if applicable. There is no limit on the amount of pages per fax.





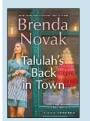
The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the Library." Albert Einstein





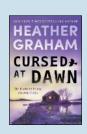
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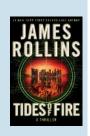
Adult Fiction Books









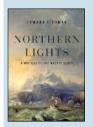


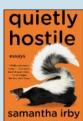


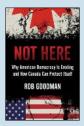
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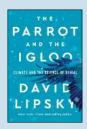


















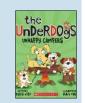


































MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey

402813 Grey Road 4, RR 2 Durham, ON N0G 1R0 519 369 2200

Received September 22, 2023 C-2023-331

September 22, 2023

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on September 19, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230919-005 as follows:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received September 8, 2023 from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, council directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, the MP and MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities."

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

Sincerely

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

Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: Town of Grimsby – Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Alex Ruff, MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound All Ontario Municipalities



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September 8, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington St. Ottawa, ON, K1A

Attention: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 5, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded by: Councillor Freake

Whereas the Canadian livable wage for Niagara Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 below the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in Grimsby as of August 2023 is now \$2000 a month; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In Niagara west, rent is approximately 272% of Ontario Works, 145% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 75% of minimum wage full-time, and 150% of minimum wage part time; and

Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

Whereas there are no housing units under Niagara Regional Housing for single adults or families with dependents, including 2,3,4 or five bedrooms in our community; and

Whereas the Grimsby Benevolent Fund reported that in 2022:

- 70+ households received monthly rental supplement totaling \$237,744
- \$79,500 was invested into one time emergency housing support as of June 7,
 2023
- 78 households are receiving monthly financial benefits to make rental housing more affordable; and

Whereas food inflation was 8.3% and groceries rose by 9.1%; and

Whereas the Grimsby Food Bank numbers from June 2023 reported:

- 19 new households
- 447 served households
- 1055 served individuals
- 7 emergency visits; and

Whereas the Grimsby Economic Strategic Plan identified the general high cost of living and housing affordability as primary obstacles in our workforce attraction.

Therefore be it resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby encourage these same municipalities to join us in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.

Be it further resolved the Town of Grimsby Clerks Department circulates this resolution to Niagara West MP Dean Allison and Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff, requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby, through its Finance and Human Resources departments, undertake a comprehensive assessment to explore the feasibility and implementation of a living wage policy for all Town of Grimsby employees, with the aim of ensuring that all municipal workers receive fair compensation that aligns with the principles of a living wage and that staff be directed to explore becoming a living wage employer.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk

Town Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Ontario Municipalities

Dean Allison, MP Niagara West Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West