



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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OCTOBER 20, 2023

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1. **C-2023-352**  
Correspondence dated October 13, 2023 from the Canadian Federation of University Women, Welland and District respecting a request to proclaim November 25th as the International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence and associated flag raising.
2. **C-2023-353**  
Correspondence dated October 17, 2023 from the City of Thunder Bay to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier respecting Intimate Partner Violence be declared an epidemic.
3. **C-2023-354**  
Correspondence dated October 18, 2023 from the Township of Clearview to the Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Grimsby correspondence regarding Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income.
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Correspondence dated October 18, 2023 from the Township of Clearview to the Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Wasaga Beach correspondence regarding Illegal Car Rallies.
5. **C-2023-356**  
Correspondence dated October 18, 2023 from the Township of Clearview to the Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for the AMO call to the Province regarding Municipal Codes of Conduct.
6. **C-2023-357**  
Correspondence dated October 19, 2023 from the Township of McKellar to the Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General respecting a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006.
7. **C-2023-358**  
Correspondence received October 18, 2023 from the Township of East Hawkesbury respecting a resolution in support of Bill 21 to amend the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021.



## Canadian Federation of University Women *Welland and District*

October 13, 2023

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Dear Regional Chair, Niagara Mayors and Municipal Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Federation of University Women, Welland and District and local organizations who are working to end gender-based violence. We are requesting your continued participation in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

This year, we are working to coordinate our efforts and are asking each municipality to consider proclaiming November 25th as the International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence and raising a Wrapped in Courage flag to raise awareness and promote gender equality.

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence begins on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence and ends on December 10, International Human Rights Day.

I have attached a sample proclamation for your consideration and can arrange to deliver a flag to you, if you do not already have one. This year, the first day of the campaign is Saturday, November 25.

The 16 Days is an opportunity for the mayor and council to issue a reaffirming statement of the city's commitment to raise awareness of gender-based violence, to promote the need for resources to help prevent it and to help victims in the Niagara Region access support.

We wish to thank you for your consideration of this request and for all you have done in the past to raise awareness of domestic violence and to support our organizations. If you require additional information please let me know. If you plan to issue a proclamation or use other means of supporting this campaign please let us know as we would be happy to participate and assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Gwenn Alves  
905-708-5718

Advocacy Committee, CFUW Welland and District

On behalf of Birchway Niagara (formerly Women's Place of South Niagara), Niagara Region  
Sexual Assault Clinic

16 Days of Activism beginning November 25 International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence Against Women until December 10 Human Rights Day

**Whereas** violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls, and gender-diverse people and

**Whereas** November is Women Abuse Prevention Month in Ontario and

**Whereas** Our community is committed to ending all forms of gender-based violence

**Now therefore, we proclaim and declare**

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender- Based Violence to begin

November 25 and continue until December 10

And urge all citizens to recognize these days to increase awareness and to take action to support survivors of gender-based violence.



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October 17, 2023

Received October 17, 2023

C-2023-353

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

Dear Hon. Doug Ford:

**Re: Intimate Partner Violence**

Please be advised that the following resolution was adopted by Committee of the Whole at its meeting held on September 25, 2023, and subsequently ratified by City Council on October 16, 2023:

" WITH RESPECT to Report 299-2023-City Manager's Office-Strategic Initiatives & Engagement, we recommend that Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) / Gender-Based Violence (GBV) be declared an epidemic;

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification."

CARRIED

Should you have any further questions relative to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Dana Earle  
Deputy City Clerk

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cc: all Ontario municipalities



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Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
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Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Sent by Email

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income**

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Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on October 16, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from the Town of Grimsby regarding establishing a guaranteed livable income:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, That in consideration of correspondence received September 11, 2023, from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, Council of the Township of Clearview 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 Simcoe-Grey, and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

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

Regards,

Sasha HelmKay-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC  
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe Grey  
Terry Dowdall, MP Simcoe Grey

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Sent by Email

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Illegal Car Rally – Provincial Task Force**

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Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on October 16, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding illegal car rallies:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Whereas, the prevalence of unsanctioned car rally events has grown in recent years throughout North America; and

Whereas, the Town of Wasaga Beach has been the target of unsanctioned car rallies over the past four years resulting in property damage, threats to public order, and significant risk to people's safety and enjoyment of their property;

And Whereas the protections afforded by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are being violated by unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants, thereby infringing on the rights of others and undermined the response of enforcement personnel; and

Whereas, unsanctioned car rally activity crosses multiple jurisdictions requiring a province wide coordinated response framework to protect all communities from the same disruption and risk to public safety;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Wasaga Beach requests that a provincial task force be assembled to create a municipal response framework to protect communities from unsanctioned car rallies with a mandate to include, but not limited to:

- Investigate legislative enhancements and tools to assist municipalities in responding and enforcing unsanctioned car rallies.
- Investigate expanded powers for municipal law enforcement officers.
- Develop a proactive approach to awareness, prevention, enforcement and collaboration across all enforcement personnel, including police, municipal law enforcement officers and other provincial offences officers.
- Investigate harsher penalties and increased fines for unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants; and

That the Province provide funding to municipalities to assist with the cost in enforcing unsanctioned car rallies; and

And Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, MPP Brian Saunderson, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, County of Simcoe, FCM, and AMO.

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

Regards,



Sasha Helmky-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC  
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
Premier Doug Ford  
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario  
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation  
MPP Brian Saunderson  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique, Ontario Provincial Police  
County of Simcoe Council



Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
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Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queens Park  
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Sent by Email

**RE: Municipal Codes of Conduct**

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Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on October 16, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence regarding Municipal Codes of Conduct.

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Whereas all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

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

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

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

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 Township of Clearview 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;

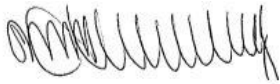
Also, Be It Resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- 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;

And that the above resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Regards,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC  
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
MPP Simcoe Grey, Brian Saunderson  
Ontario Municipalities



# **Township of McKellar**

Received October 18, 2023  
C-2023-357

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October 19, 2023

Hon. Doug Downey  
Attorney General  
McMurtry-Scott Bldg 11th Flr, 720 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

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

## **RE: Call for an Amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006***

Dear Mr. Downey,

At the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 17, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar carried the following resolution:

### **Resolution No. 23-671**

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

**WHEREAS** Metroland Media Group has sought bankruptcy protection and will cease the print publication of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario, moving to an online-only model; and

**WHEREAS** Neil Oliver, Chief Executive Officer and President of Metroland Media Group, said the 71 Metroland community publications will be digital only going forward; and

**WHEREAS** the *Legislation Act, 2006* provides a definition of “newspaper” which applies to every Ontario Act and Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that, (a) **is printed in sheet form**, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; (“journal”); and

**WHEREAS** Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

**WHEREAS** communities such as the West Parry Sound Area cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Parry Sound North Star news publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper”; and

**WHEREAS** some small, rural, Ontario Municipalities may not have the means to bring an application to the Court to ask for directions and approval of an alternate manner of providing notice;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby request the Provincial government to make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

**FURTHER** request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

**FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**

Regards,



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cc:

Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka  
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)  
Neil Oliver, CEO & President, Metroland Media Group  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Township of East Hawkesbury  
Regular Meeting**



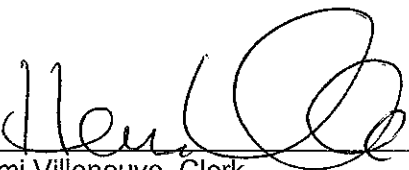
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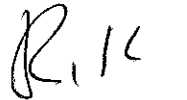
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**Moved by:** Monique Desjardins  
**Seconded by:** Stéphanie Sabourin

Be it resolved that Council support Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

  
Hemi Villeneuve, Clerk,

**Carried**



**Canton de Hawkesbury Est  
Réunion Extraordinaire**



**No. du point à l'ordre du jour:** 16.  
**Résolution #** 2023-50  
**Titre:** Correspondance  
**Date:** le 10 octobre 2023

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**Proposé par:** Monique Desjardins  
**Appuyé par:** Stéphanie Sabourin

Qu'il soit résolu que le Conseil soutien le projet de loi 21 qui modifie la Charte des droits des résidents énoncée à l'article 3 de la loi de 2021 sur les soins de longue durée en ajoutant le droit des résidents de ne pas être séparés de leur conjoint au moment de leur admission, mais de disposer d'un logement pour les deux conjoints afin qu'ils puissent continuer à vivre ensemble.

  
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Hemi Villeneuve, Greffière,

**Adoptée**

